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SEDUCTIVE SCHEME FOR SEPARATE SCHOOLS

A Well-Conceived Plan Has Been Devised to Introduce a Separate School System in Omaha—Part of the Segregation Policy Which Organization of Individuals Have With Some Measure of Success Been Working to Make Effective Here for the Past Few Years and Which The Monitor Has Exposed and Most Vigorously Opposed

PROPOSED TO MAKE LONG VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Original Plan, Based Upon the Success of Colonization, Was to Eventually Make Long, Kellom and Howard Kennedy Schools for Negroes—No Need for Such Special Provisions—All Races Have Attended Public Schools Without Friction—Omaha Has Had Successful Colored Teachers and Should Have Them Now to Teach All Pupils

There seems to be a clever, well-conceived plot to introduce into Omaha separate schools for the children of our race. It is of a piece with the subtle policy that certain organizations and individuals have been moving heaven and earth, figuratively speaking, to put into effect here for the last few years to force upon us segregation or colonization. The Monitor has fought this movement and intends to fight it, because it is unconstitutional, un-American and makes for racial strife and discord, rather than for racial amity and concord. The colonization plan is this: To compel or induce, if you please, all colored people to live north of Cumming street and west of Twenty-fourth street, the northern boundary being Binney street and the western, Thirtieth street. Broadly speaking, this was to be the territory in which we were to have sovereign sway and masterdom. The adjacent territory bounded by Cumming on the south, Twentieth on the east and Clark on the north was also to be conceded to our group. Within this area we must be contented to abide. Public playgrounds would be provided for colored children, with colored directors and employees in charge. Of course, there was no intention whatsoever to make these "colored playgrounds" or "exclusively for colored children," but inasmuch as the segregation program being carried out, this territory was to be populated exclusively by colored folk, what else in the name of high heaven would such playgrounds be?

colored teachers be employed. A measure is now pending by which pupils may transfer from one school district to another, not an unwise provision if honestly and fairly carried out with strict and equal applicability to all pupils; but a very unsatisfactory provision if unfairly and arbitrarily enforced. The plan is to make Long the first of Omaha's separate schools. Some short-sighted members of our race are favoring this policy which is radically wrong. If they want separate schools then they ought to have remained where they were in vogue or return thither.

For years the children of all races in Nebraska have attended the same schools and have learned to know, honor and respect one another. If the Americanization program of which we hear so much these days is to be effectively carried out, this is as it should be. American children can not be separated into antagonistic groups for their education and by that separation taught class distinctions and racial inferiority and then in later years be welded into a homogeneous nation with a national consciousness. There is no more need for separate schools for our children in Omaha than there is for Jews or Swedes or Irish or Danes. As 100 per cent Americans, we simply ask to be treated as American citizens, without any special distinction or favors.

As for teachers in the public schools of Omaha, we ought to have them. We have had them, two of them, who gave splendid satisfaction for years until they married. One of them was Miss Lucinda W. Gamble, now Mrs. John Albert Williams; and the other was Mrs. Eulalia Overall, now the wife of Dr. Leonard E. Britt. Pupils of these two teachers are prominent in Omaha affairs today and speak with pride of their teachers. These young women taught in our schools without friction. They met the required qualifications and made good. Their pupils were not limited to any race or class. The Monitor wants to see our young women meet all the requirements demanded of teachers in the public schools of Omaha and then be appointed on their merits to teach not only colored pupils but all pupils who belong to their grade in the schools to which they may be assigned.

Omaha must take no backward step in dealing with all classes of her citizens. She wants no separate schools. We do want well-qualified women of our race to be appointed as teachers in our public schools. Other cities have them and so should Omaha.

LINCOLN, NEB.

Mr. W. P. Walker returned to his home in Overton, Neb., Monday after visiting his sick daughter, Mrs. M. Stith.

Mrs. Alma Wiley left Sunday to spend a week with friends in Omaha, then to visit her parents in Plattsmouth, Mo.

Mrs. Emma Jackson is reported seriously ill.

Mr. L. P. Gates was called to Des Moines, Ia., last Thursday on account of the illness of his sister.

Mr. H. L. Anderson of Omaha, state superintendent of the Nebraska Negro Baptist Sunday School convention, made his annual visit to Mt. Zion Sunday School last Sunday. He addressed the school and gave them many encouraging words. He announced that the state convention will meet here May 10.

Mrs. Hattie Brown of Denver, Colo., is visiting parents and friends here.

Prof. W. R. B. Alexander very elegantly entertained the Utopian Art club at his home 311 South Eleventh street, last Thursday evening. About forty-one persons were present. After the transaction of the business short remarks were given by the visitors present. The professor served the crowd with a dainty luncheon and was the recipient of many congratulations.

Mrs. Ida Todd entertained the Mission Circle of Mt. Zion at her home

on South Twentieth street last Tuesday night and a large crowd was in attendance.

Messrs. Nat Hunter, G. M., Walter L. Seals, Perry S. Warner of Omaha spent Saturday and Sunday in the city on lodge business.

Next Sunday will be quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, and Presiding Elder J. S. Payne will be present to conduct services. The quarterly conference will meet on Monday night.

Services were held as usual on Sunday. The pastor preached interesting sermons. The stewardess board raised about \$50.00 to apply on pews.

Mr. J. D. Bowen left Saturday for Cheyenne, Wyo., carrying his wife to the home of her parents. Mrs. Bowen has been quite ill since the birth of her child. Her mother accompanied them.

The Utopian Art club gave their entertainment in the church Monday night. It was fairly attended and was a success.

The B. Y. P. U. will give their entertainment Tuesday, February 22, in Mt. Zion Baptist church.

Mrs. James Shelby has been removed to the hospital where she will undergo a surgical operation this week.

Mrs. Lena Williams left last week for her home in Horton, Kas. Her sister, Mrs. M. Stith, being improved. Services were well attended at Mt.

Zion Baptist church last Sunday. The pastor delivered excellent sermons at both services. The attendance was good.

Amaranth Chapter No. 54 which meets the first and third Wednesdays in the month have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Lulu B. Moore, worthy matron; Mary L. Williams, associate matron; W. R. B. Alexander, worthy patron; Maud Johnson, secretary; Grace Stanley, assistant secretary; Gertrude Haynes, treasurer; Iola Allen, associate conductor; Catherine Moore, associate conductress; Leigh James, warden; Ollen Hemphill, sentinel. Members on the Central Star are: Mamie Griffin, Lucy Levels, Annie Smith, Jennie Edwards and Ollie Colley.

Let us have your news.

Mr. Wakefield, 4430 South Sixteenth street, who has been away for over a month visiting in Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana, returned last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown are quite happy over the birth of an eight-pound baby girl.

Go to Q Street Pharmacy for your drugs and especially prescriptions. Reliable and reasonable. 28th and Q. Mrs. Alice Williams, Thirty-third and U streets, is ill at the Ford hospital.

The Pastor's Aid club of Bethel church is giving an entertainment Monday, February 21, in the T. D. C. hall. Everyone is asked to come.

Mr. N. Perkins, who was called to Parsons, Kans., three weeks ago, due to the illness of his mother, has returned leaving his mother much improved.

For latest records go to Q Street Pharmacy, 28th and Q Sts.

The funeral of Mrs. Joe Reed, who died Saturday at her home, was held Monday at the Larkin undertaking parlors.

Due to a mistake on the part of the reporter last week, it was not mentioned that Mrs. Curry, who sang "Robert" and "My Task" for the S. T. L. club, was so ably accompanied by Mrs. Rilev, pianist.

Look! Look! St. John club No. 16 will give a social entertainment at the residence of Lee Morton, 3020 R street, February 19. Everybody welcome. Refreshments served.

FINED FOR VIOLATING CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17.—Spoeber's Candy Shop and Soda Fountain, 119 North Michigan avenue, through its attorney, paid to Miss Lillian Beale, secretary to the superintendent of the United Charities, \$100 and costs of court for its refusal to serve her on August 28, 1920. Attorney Violette N. Anderson, who represented Miss Beale in the two days' contest before Judge Adams of the municipal court, has been assured by the firm representing the defendant that all who apply for service in the future at Spoeber's will receive equal and courteous treatment at all of its shops and from all of its employees.

GOVERNOR OF INDIANA REFUSES REQUISITION

Declines to Turn Over Prisoner to Georgia Authorities Unless Guaranteed That the Accused Shall Not Be Lynched—Sends Commission to Investigate Conditions in Community Demanding Giddens Return

ALLEGED ACCUSED WAS DEFENDING HOME

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 17.—At the hearing before Governor Warren T. McCray on the extradition of Macie Giddens, charged with murdering a deputy sheriff at Sylvester, Ga., and recently arrested in East Chicago, Ind., the governor announced that he would hold Giddens until the state of Indiana had sent a committee of three persons, two white and one of our race, to Sylvester, Worth county, in order to determine whether the prisoner could secure a fair and impartial trial.

Show Lynching Pictures
Governor McCray stated that he did not care to place himself in the attitude of shielding crime, but neither would he turn a man over to the authorities to be lynched after he reached the state of Georgia. Attorney Lewis E. Johnson, Chicago, representing Giddens, was called in the case by the Chicago Defender, after relatives of the prisoner had appealed to that newspaper for help and advice. Attorney Johnson, armed with pictures of lynchings in Georgia and southern newspapers with glaring headlines advertising the overthrow of law and order, all collected by the Chicago Defender, made an eloquent plea in defense of the prisoner.

STRIP ACTRESSES AND HORSEWHIP COMPANY

The Benbow Darktown Frolics Company Subjected to Indecent Indignities by Louisiana Mob.

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 17.—Details of the manner in which Benbow's Darktown Frolics were stripped, nude and beaten are beginning to come to light.

The theatrical company known as Benbow's Darktown Frolics was in this city for the purpose of staging a show. During the afternoon preceding the performance Benbow's wife was out for a walk with her dog. The dog snapped at a white child, whose mother related the incident to her husband. A mob was quickly formed. In the meantime the troupe was making preparations to flee from the scene. They were overtaken near Mansfield, stripped of their clothing, and beaten nude. Those in the company who were whipped were Billy Bradford, Marion Bradford, Archie Majors, Frank Butter, Japrise Adams, Oscar Adams, Rose Whitting and Belle Waters.

FLORIDA CITIZENS PROTEST AGAINST KU KLUX KLAN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 17.—Protesting against lawlessness in Jacksonville and the tarring and feathering of F. J. Sullivan (white) as "outrages perpetrated on its citizens," Acting Mayor Frank Howen issued a call at noon Wednesday for a mass meeting.

The meeting was held for the purpose of devising ways and means by which the recent outrages, which have become more and more frequent of late, could be checked.

The maltreatment of Sullivan brought the tense situation to a climax. Sullivan, who is a chicken farm operator, attended a colored wedding and had been asked to be godfather at a christening.

According to Sullivan's statement, he and his wife were at their home about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening when two men came to his door and asked him to accompany them. A short time later the three were met by three others, with white masks over their heads. He was pushed into an automobile, under threat, taken to a lonely spot and tarred and feathered.

When asked why he was being subjected to such treatment, they replied that he had been too intimate with Negroes living near him.

As a result of the meeting 100 of the most prominent citizens pledged themselves to every effort to stamp out such criminal practices.

Resolutions were adopted calling upon all citizens to co-operate with the forces of law and order in bringing to justice perpetrators of crimes committed through a spirit of personal punishment or vengeance.

QUIET DAY FOR WOMEN

Next Thursday the Rev. Wilbur Seranton Lee, rector of St. Luke's church, Plattsmouth, will conduct the annual "Quiet Day" for women which has been a helpful feature of the Lenten services at the Church of

St. Philip the Deacon for many years. Father Lee is a man of deep spirituality and his meditations and instructions are most helpful. The services begin with the Holy Communion at 9:30; followed by the first meditation at 10:30; Litany and intercessions at 12 noon. Recess is taken for lunch and two meditations are given at 2 and 3 p. m., closing with evening prayer at 3:30. Not only the members of St. Philip's but any women who desire to receive the help that such services give are welcome.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The spring-like weather induced many to come out Sunday. As a result our services showed the best attendance since our establishment, both morning and evening.

The services in the interest of the Freedmen Board of Missions were very interesting. The select reading, "Negro in Art and Literature" rendered by Mrs. Mattie Johnson was very interesting. To sing a hymn composed by Paul Laurence Dunbar was a pleasing novelty.

On Monday evening a splendid group of the young people with a sprinkling of the older ones gathered at the pastor's residence in a Valentine social given by the social committee of the Christian Endeavor Society. The decorations were appropriate to the occasion. A short program, consisting of vocal solos by the Misses G. Johnson and Ruth Alexander, a cornet and piano duet by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chue, and a very appropriate address by Mr. John A. Hardy.

Sermon topics for Sunday are: Morning, "Spiritual Investments." Evening, "The Democracy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

HOTEL PORTER LEAVES ESTATE WORTH \$40,000

KANE, Pa., Feb. 17.—Robert Miner, one of the most widely known men in central Pennsylvania, died here Friday. He was born in slavery. Shortly after the close of the civil war he came to this section, working as a hotel porter. He left an estate worth \$40,000.

TRIES TO AROUSE DEAD WITH ALARM CLOCK

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 17.—Joseph Thomas, an aged "spiritualist," is being held to the grand jury on charges of receiving money under false pretenses. Thomas took \$15 from the wife of a deceased man, and the dead man's watch. The "spiritualist" then took the dead man's watch and an alarm clock and buried the man's watch in his grave. It appears that the watch did not tick loud enough, nor did the alarm clock ring. The dead man slept on.

INTER-RACIAL ORGANIZATION FORMED IN SAVANNAH, GA.

(By the Associated Negro Press)
SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 17.—An inter-racial organization has been formed here for the purpose of promoting relations between the whites and blacks in this city. Bishop F. F. Reese is the chief promoter of the organization.

RICHMOND BANK GROWS

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 17.—In less than three months' time the business of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company has advanced its resources to \$102,292.56. This represents an increase of nearly \$33,000 since the opening day, in spite of the fact that the twelve weeks' business included the heaviest withdrawal period of the year, the Christmas holidays. T. C. Irwin, former president of Dinwiddie Normal School, is president of the bank. M. C. Clark is cashier.

STATE BANK FOR LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 17.—The First Standard (State) Bank of Louisville has opened its doors in temporary quarters here. The capital stock, \$110,000, has been fully subscribed, and the opening of the bank is looked forward to as the filling of a long-felt need here. Wilson Lovett is the president and has associated with him some of the most prominent business men of the town. Captain Abe Simpson, an overseas veteran, is one of the cashiers.

VOTE SOLID SUPPORT OF TEXAS JAPANESE BILL

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 3.—Unanimous support of the Japanese bill, introduced in the legislature last week by Senator Dudley of El Paso, was voted at a meeting of the anti-Japanese and legislative committees of the state organization of the American Legion.

FINEST THEATRE OWNED BY RACE IS OPENED

(By the Associated Negro Press)
AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 17.—What is regarded the finest theatre owned and controlled by Negroes was opened here last Monday night. It is located in Ninth near Gwinnet street and cost \$100,000. The capacity of the house is 691.

VIRGINIA MINISTER DENOUNCES KU KLUX

Rector of the Historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Which General Lee Used to Worship Says Klan Appeal to Mob Passion and Pernicious Methods Should Be Met With Spirit of Confederacy's Great Leader and Sturdily Opposed by Christian Community

ORGANIZATION IS INSULT TO GOVERNMENT

Race Integrity Must Be Assured Not for One Race, But for Both; But Equally Necessary is the Determination to Secure for the Negro Justice, Sympathy and Cooperation in His Legitimate Efforts for Betterment Which no Secret Organization Can Be Allowed to Endanger

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 17.—The Rev. Russell Bowie, rector of St. Paul's church, Richmond, Va., where General Lee used to worship, recently appealed to his congregation to deal with race relations in that great leader's spirit rather than by the pernicious methods of the revived Ku Klux Klan, against which, the rector said, a Christian community should set its face like a flint.

Dr. Bowie referred to the release of savage instincts as an aftermath of the great war, and the increased need for patience and justice between the races. He declared the public appeal of the Klan was an appeal to mob passion and the spirit of lynch law. If in reconstruction days the order had had "the relative justification of a terrible emergency" at the present time it was "an insult to the forces of orderly government."

Must Build New Civilization

Race integrity must be assured, not for one race, but for both; but equally necessary is a determination to secure for the Negro justice, sympathy, and co-operation in the attainment of his legitimate desires for betterment which no violence, and no secret organization, can be allowed to en-

danger. The great Lee, the speaker said, "believed that the needs of the south could only be met so far as men with patience, with self-control, and with the power of Christian charity set themselves to build the new civilization. On no lesser foundation can the civilization of today rest. We want no violence. We want no secrecy. With truth and candor, and with the chivalry that makes the strong race responsible for wise, unselfish helpfulness toward the weaker one, must we build if what we build today be worthy to endure."

It will be recalled that when this organization, which has been so arraigned as subversive of American ideals, first sought, a few years ago, to gain a foothold in Tennessee, one of the Chattanooga papers outspokenly opposed its methods and principles, and unified lawabiding public sentiment against it in that city. The southern press and the southern pulpit can together solidify the overwhelming majority of southern people against this "insult to the forces of orderly government," and prove beyond question that the spirit of Lee is still honored in the land he loved so much.

SIoux CITY, IOWA

Mr. Albert Williams and daughter, Rosebud, are very sick at their home, 515 Main street.

Squire Grant has purchased the double house at 602 West Eighth street.

Rev. J. A. Broadnax of Kansas City, Kans., was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rashburn Curtis on Tuesday, February 8, at their home, 510 1/2 Cook street.

Mr. Jones, district grand deputy of the York Masons, has returned from a trip over the district.

Mr. Marzette has recovered from his recent illness and has resumed his duties at the Cudahy packing plant.

Mrs. Mary Knight, who has been very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Horace Green, on Geneva street, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Allie Williams is out after a severe illness.

The Willing Workers, Mrs. E. J. Curtis, president, met at the home of Mrs. Touse, on West Seventh street, Tuesday afternoon. They are laying plans to serve an inaugural dinner on March 4.

Mr. Higgins and children spent Sunday in Cherokee, Ia.

Mrs. Anna Roberts is chairman of the Household of Ruth entertainment committee.

Presiding Elder Rev. Thomas B. Stovic of the Northwest A. M. E. conference will hold his second quarterly meeting at Malone A. M. E. church Sunday, March 13.

Sioux City lodge, G. U. O. of O. F. No. 4655, will hold a lodge meeting of instruction at their hall, 3123 Pearl street, Thursday, February 24.

Mr. John Briggs left for Mason City, Ia., to visit his wife, who is ill. They intend to move to Sioux City.

Mr. Lee Washington of Main street left on Thursday last for Los Angeles, Cal., where he was called by the very serious illness of his father, Rev. James Washington.

Mr. John Wells has started a taxi cab line.

Mrs. Susie Perry, proprietor of the Poro Hair Parlors, 507 West Seventh street, has moved to the corner of Cook and West Seventh streets, where she has a fine five-room flat, all modern.

Mrs. Bea of 508 Cook street, who is in St. Joseph's hospital, having undergone an operation, is reported as doing well.

The Willing Workers paid \$40 on the range in the parsonage and donated \$7 to the stewards at their meeting last Tuesday.

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 17.—Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the National Training School of this city, was elected grand master of the Masonic fraternity in this state last week.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, WELCOMES OMAHA VISITOR

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 10.—Dr. J. R. Lemma of Omaha was invited by the citizens of Burlington, Ia., to fire the first gun in their campaign to build a community home and a new parsonage and remodel St. John's A. M. E. church. He arrived here Thursday, January 27, and proceeded at once to the home of Rev. Mr. Rhonnene. That night at 7:30 the lady officers of the church had an entertainment entitled "Living Pictures," under the direction of Mrs. Fred Graham. This was certainly a novel production. Dr. Lemma in a brief way announced to the audience gathered his mission to their city, and enlisted their co-operation in the work to be undertaken. The people of the city of Burlington consist of about 1,900 Negro inhabitants. The total habitation of the city is about 28,000. Dr. Lemma found that there was no National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Burlington, and after his lecture Sunday afternoon in St. John's church, he suggested that there be a branch of this body in Burlington. There was a wonderful audience gathered, and they received the suggestion with much gratitude and proceeded at once to elect the following officers: Temporary president, W. C. Dickson; vice president, Ernest Cole; treasurer, Mat Ross; secretary, Ollie Folks. Members were then secured to the number of fifty, embracing some of the leading citizens. Dr. Lemma closed his campaign Monday night, January 31, with a lecture on "Human Efficiency and the Development of the Positive Qualities," at the end of which the citizens expressed a deep sense of gratitude and contributed \$26,000 pledges and subscriptions. Mr. Rand of Burlington, president of the First National bank, was elected as their treasurer, and was very grateful for the work done.

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