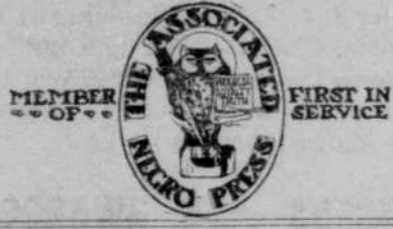


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### EASTER

EASTER stands for a fact. That fact is the Resurrection of the Body and the life of the world to come. This is the keystone of the arch of the Christian religion. It proclaims the truth for which sages long sought that if a man die, he shall live again. And this truth has been brought to light by the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, "Who for us men and our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate (Made Flesh) by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried and the third day He rose again." Millions and millions of people on Easter Day will repeat the faith that sustains, cheers, comforts, uplifts and ennobles them in these historic words, "I believe in the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the World to Come."

The confession of this belief should impel us all to ascend to a higher plane of living here as a preparation for that life to come to which we hope to pass through the grave of death through which our Saviour has gone before to illuminate the way. May Easter joy and Easter gladness, deep, sincere and abiding be a reality to all who read these words.

### TRANSCENDING ITS AUTHORITY

THE Board of Public Welfare of the city of Omaha is undoubtedly trying to function for what it conceives to be the best interests of the city. But The Monitor begs leave to state that in some instances oversteps its powers and prerogatives. One of the most recent and most flagrant examples of this occurred last week when it granted a license to Columbia hall on Lake street for dancing. It granted a permit to the proprietor with the proviso and understanding that it should be conducted for and patronized exclusively by Negroes. This The Monitor contends the Board of Public Welfare had no right to do. It has no right under the laws of the state of Nebraska or the ordinances of the city of Omaha to say who shall and who shall not patronize properly-conducted public places of amusement. Its duty is to see that places are properly conducted. If dance halls, theatres and other public places of amusement are run properly orderly and according to law that is all that is required and no Board of Public Welfare has any right to say who the patrons shall be. This autocratic action of the Board of Welfare is not worth the paper upon which it is written. It is in direct violation of the Civil Rights bill of Nebraska. The Board of Public Welfare has in this instance clearly transcended its authority.

### THE NATION

THE Monitor desires to commend to its readers The Nation, one of the foremost, fairest-minded and most fearless champions of right and justice for all mankind published in the United States. It is a weekly publication of which Oswald Garrison Villard is editor. It is one of the most powerful allies we have among our friends in the dominant group in this country. Not only does it plead for justice and fair play for the colored American in common with other American citizens, but there is rarely a month passes without some notable contribution to its columns by some capable writer of our race. For example the issue of March 23 contains a striking article entitled "The American Congo," by William Pickens. This is the only one of many which have appeared from our own writers. The Nation is one of those publications which should be read by all our people.

### WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

FIGURES VERSUS IMPRESSIONS  
 After several centuries of association the people of the United States naturally think that they understand the American Negro, but nevertheless scientific study of the Negroes frequently results in a surprise for the white folks. Statistics indicate that pauperism is relatively uncommon among colored people notwithstanding the general belief that they are shiftless and lacking in foresight. They make fewer demands upon charitable institutions than white people do. It has been found that Negro children in proportion to their numbers, are rare in asylums. This is partly because Negro families take in orphaned dependent children and are generally

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 Another discovery upsetting to ordinary belief is that Negroes, at least in Detroit, are decidedly thrifty. Ninety-eight per cent of the families visited had bank accounts which averaged, in round numbers, \$400 each.  
 In the south the burden of illiteracy is charged to the Negro but no such indictment lies against him here. The Community Union study shows that there are few illiterate Negroes in Detroit and that just as they have taken advantage of the schools, so also they have taken advantage of opportunities to learn trades. They are not, as they are often accused of doing, seeking work where they can wheedle nickels out of white men, but are working as craftsmen in many trades.  
 All of this contrasts sharply with the Negro of literature, of the minstrel show and of the current newspaper joke. It is a good thing to get down to statistical facts once in a while and realize that where the Negro has a fair chance to develop in the United States he tends to develop as a useful member of society.—Detroit Free Press.

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### ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN

St. Paul's Presbyterian church has been holding well-attended services nightly during Holy Week, with sermons on the "Seven Last Words of Christ." Easter services, which begin at 11 o'clock, include a well-arranged musical program, among the numbers being two anthems by the choir, "Low in the Grave He Lay" (Lorenz) and "The Days of Victory Dawn" (Wilson), and solos by Mrs. J. M. Hutten, "Open Ye the Gates," and Mrs. Adaline Barrows, "The Resurrection." The sermon topic will be "Our Lord Liveth." At 3 p. m. there will be a special service by the Sunday school, entitled "Easter Chimes." The evening service at 8 o'clock will be in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society. At this service there will be special musical features and addresses by Arthur Bryant of Council Bluffs and Mrs. B. B. Corliss of the First Christian church.

### THE DUBOIS PLAYERS ARE ENTERTAINED

The Dubois Dramatic Club, of which Mrs. Cecelia Jewell is manager and Andrew T. Reed, director, were entertained at the residence of Miss Raylee Middleton, 2816 Grant street, March 17, Mr. John Griffin serving with Miss Middleton as host. The house was artistically decorated with St. Patrick's colors, shamrocks being place cards for the ten guests who sat down to a well-prepared luncheon. The Players will have a line party at the Swastika Club entertainment Monday night, followed by a banquet at South & Thompson's cafe complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Killingsworth.

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