

GROWING,
THANK YOU!

THE MONITOR

A NATIONAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF COLORED AMERICANS
THE REV. JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS, Editor

LIFTING.
LIFT, TOO!

\$2.00 a Year 5c a Copy

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, MARCH 31, 1921

Vol. VI, No. 40 (Whole No. 300)

VOTE FOR JOHN T. McDONALD, SR.

TROTTER ADDRESSES NEB. LEGISLATURE

The "Radical" Editor of the Boston Guardian and Secretary of the National Equal Rights League, Is Accorded a Signal Honor by Being Invited to Speak Before the Nebraska House of Representatives, Where By His Scholarly and Frank Speech He Makes a Most Favorable Impression

DELIVERS DINGING MESSAGE ON DEMOCRACY

Compliments Nebraska on Honor Paid Great Commoner by Progressive Commonwealth—Defines Lincoln's Doctrine—Proves He Preached Equality—Commits Solons to His Creed—Specifies Rights Reserved—Defines Democracy—Calls a Spade a Spade—Speaker Introduced by Dyball of Douglas.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 31.—Colored Nebraskans Mar. 24 made a stroke unprecedented here when they secured a vote by the house of representatives inviting William Monroe Trotter of Boston to address that body in their behalf. The speech by the corresponding secretary of the National Equal Rights League was probably unprecedented before a legislature in its non-compromise from the colored American's standpoint.

Mr. Trotter was taken to the speaker's desk and introduced to the legislators by Representative George Dyball of Omaha. For his text he took the Lincoln statue in front of the state house. He complimented Nebraska upon bestowing greater honor upon Abraham Lincoln than any other state government, from which he would conclude that it accepted Lincoln as the real teacher of the basic principles of the republic, the true meaning of the government and as the highest authority on what the founders intended and on what was true Americanism. He further concluded from the chiseling of the Gettysburg address, on the background wall of the statue that the state considered it as the best statement of governmental principles.

Then he quoted, "Our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal * * * Let us highly resolve that these honored dead may not have died in vain," which made it clear as the sun that Lincoln asserted this republic was based on liberty and equality for all. Hence Nebraska was committed to liberty of all to have a trial when accused of crime, liberty to cast a ballot under the same conditions as others, liberty to take a seat in any coach of any public conveyance

STATE WILL PUSH PROSECUTION

Recovery of Two More Bodies of Negro Farmhands in River Causes the Authorities to Prepare for Battle.

MONTECELLO, Ga., March 25.—State authorities were planning today to push their investigation of alleged peonage practices in Jasper and Newton counties following the recovery of two more bodies of Negroes from the Alcovy river here, making a total of eleven bodies found since the authorities began an investigation of peonage and murder charges against John Williams, a Jasper county farmer.

The last two bodies found yesterday were chained together and weighted down with rocks and iron, precisely as were the first three previously recovered from the river.

OPEN ELEGANT SUITE OF DENTAL OFFICES

Doctors Singleton and Singleton Have Fitted Up at Great Expense One of the Most Complete, Modern, Well-Equipped and Attractively Furnished Dental Parlors in City—Said to Be One of Best in Country.

Drs. Clarence H. and John Andrew Singleton, dental surgeons, have at a great expense fitted upon one of the most attractive and well-equipped dental rooms in the city. The suite of offices occupy the entire second

CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISES

The Monitor Continues Its Interrupted Series of Articles on Various Business Ventures Conducted by Our People—North Twenty-fourth Street Still Occupies Attention.

Last week the series of articles on business enterprises was interrupted for want of space. This week they are resumed. And a word of explanation. The intelligent reader will perceive that we are taking the city by sections and will reach all in due course of time. One or two Lake street business men were rather "hurt" because The Monitor had overlooked them. Of course, it was intentional, so they thought. But, bless your dear hearts, be patient—we will get to you in time. The Monitor prides itself upon being a fair-minded newspaper and plays no favorites.

Starting from Twenty-fourth and Blondo, block twenty, we have another lunch room, for we must eat. It is a neat little place conducted by Mrs. H. Slaughter, who has a liberal patronage. Passing on in the same block there is the enterprising North End Coal and Express Company, of which Mr. A. F. Allen is proprietor, and whose motto is, "Always on the Job." For amusement and recreation, just north of this place is the Capitol Pool Hall and Barber Shop, Charles South, proprietor. But, wait a minute, we must go back to Blondo street. Just west of Twenty-fourth on Blondo are the beauty parlors of Mesdames South and Johnson, who believe in advertising and whose pleasant faces are well known to Monitor readers. Now back on Twenty-fourth street. North of the Capitol is the well-equipped and always busy tailoring and cleaning establishment of J. H. Holmes, who also believes in advertising, and this as well as the fact that he pleases accounts for his good business. An important part of the Holmes tailoring establishment is Mrs. Holmes. The Grand Pre Soft Drink Parlor and Clear Store and the Midget Lunch complete the business enterprises in block twenty.

Passing into block twenty-one, you have a chance to get a meal to give you strength for the journey, for there is the De Luxe Cafe; adjoining this is the well-equipped, up-to-date and popular Jenkins Barber Shop, the pleasant proprietor of which is P. H. Jenkins, whose advertisement in The Monitor brought him trade from away down in Alabama. Ask him about it. Mrs. Dow a very pleasant and competent young woman, is manicurist in this shop. And by the way, this building was recently purchased by Dr. Hawkins, a young physician who came to Omaha recently from Fort Scott, Kans., and has done the sensible thing of becoming a member of the Omaha Medical Association, the only member of his race. The Monitor is informed, who has joined this association. His offices are upstairs in this building.

A pool hall, Walter Craig, proprietor, is the last business place in this block. Here our northward trip among the business enterprises must end for this week. The Monitor here desires to state that we would like to see some of the money which is invested by our people in pool halls used in other channels, other lines of business. The same applies to lunch rooms and cafes. But all these are business ventures and show a desire upon the part of our people to get into the business and commercial world. They manifest the right spirit to do something constructive.

Here our northward trip among the business enterprises must end for this week. The Monitor here desires to state that we would like to see some of the money which is invested by our people in pool halls used in other channels, other lines of business. The same applies to lunch rooms and cafes. But all these are business ventures and show a desire upon the part of our people to get into the business and commercial world. They manifest the right spirit to do something constructive.

Here our northward trip among the business enterprises must end for this week. The Monitor here desires to state that we would like to see some of the money which is invested by our people in pool halls used in other channels, other lines of business. The same applies to lunch rooms and cafes. But all these are business ventures and show a desire upon the part of our people to get into the business and commercial world. They manifest the right spirit to do something constructive.

GARVEY MOVEMENT GROWING

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 24.—A local division of the Marcus Garvey Movement has been organized here. The division has a membership of 111 and was organized by Captain Gains.

A noteworthy fact in connection with the fitting up of these elegant offices is that nearly all the work has been done by colored mechanics. The plumbing is the work of Levi Jones, the electrical wiring and fixtures were done by William Holts, the painting, paper hanging and decorating are the work of Virgil Williams and Henry W. Black, the carpentry work by Thomas Kelly, the window lettering by J. Hannan.

WEALTHY CITIZEN DIES

(By The Associated Negro Press) LANCASTER, Ky., March 24.—One of the wealthiest Negroes in this part of Kentucky, Willis Turner, died at his home near Hackley last week. He was highly respected by all classes of citizens and at the time of death was rated among the wealthiest citizens of Hackley. He owned a plantation of 300 acres besides a deal of valuable real estate here. He was buried in Lancaster cemetery.



JOHN T. McDONALD, Sr.

who is a candidate for nomination and election to the city commission, is a graduate of the Prairie View State Normal College of Texas, having finished with highest honors in a class of 143. He specialized in carpentry and wood-turning and also finished the commercial course. He taught two years in the above named institution in the science and mathematics departments, giving instruction in solid geometry, plane and spherical trigonometry in the mathematical department and as instructor in biology and chemistry in the department of science.

Mr. McDonald holds a permanent teacher's certificate which entitles him to teach without further examination in sixteen (16) states, and he has taught several years in high schools of the South.

Mr. McDonald has spent the last three years in the interest of organized labor in Omaha and the country generally, and was associate editor of a weekly paper published in this city for the last eighteen months.

CALL PEONAGE MENACE TO NATION'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

Greatest Cause of Unrest Next to Lynching—Negro Association Telegrams President Harding and Georgia Governor on Peonage Cases

NEW YORK, March 29.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today made public telegrams sent to President Harding and Governor Dorsey of Georgia in which the statement is made that the murder of eleven Negroes on the Williams plantation in Georgia does not constitute an isolated case of peonage in the south but that a number of cases have been called to the attention of the department of justice in recent years.

The Arkansas riots of 1919 and the burning at stake in January of this year of Henry Lowery, are laid to the same cause and it is stated in the telegram that the practice of peonage is widespread in southern states, especially in the Mississippi delta region. It is called the greatest cause of unrest next to lynching.

In the telegram to the governor of Georgia, he is called upon not only to exercise his full power to bring the offenders in the present cases to justice, but to proceed against the widespread system of debt slavery which prevails in his state.

WILL OBSERVE HEALTH WEEK

(By The Associated Negro Press) TUSKEGEE, Ala., March 24.—National Negro Health week begins here April 4 and continues through the balance of that week. Many notable people will participate in the elaborate program. It is expected that the meet will be a big success.

FELLOWSHIPS ESTABLISHED AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Howard university by action of its board of trustees at the recent meeting in February enjoys the distinction of being the first institution for the education of colored youth to promote graduate work by the establishment of fellowships in various fields of learning. This progressive movement is in accordance with the practice at the best American institutions.

Recipients of fellowships receive compensation from the university for limited service. Applicants must be graduates or prospective graduates of recognized colleges or universities and must have received sufficient undergraduate training in special fields to pursue graduate work. Fellows must undertake a program of graduate work leading to the master's degree. The university administration will be pleased to supply further information to interested persons upon application.

SIoux CITY, IA.

Mrs. Manley of Lincoln, Neb., was the guest of Mrs. E. J. Curtis at her home, 510 1/2 Cook street, Tuesday last. She was en route to her son at Brompton, S. D. Prof. H. J. Parker and children have returned from a visit in Selma, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. John Wall left for Chicago Tuesday last for a visit. Mrs. C. P. Williams still remaining critically ill at her home, 704 West Seventh street. The Easter services at both the churches, Malone A. M. E. and Mt. Zion Baptist, were well attended. The Willing Workers met with the president, Mrs. E. J. Curtis, Tuesday last. Mrs. Sadie Haynes will entertain the C. E. at Malone A. M. E. church Sunday at 4 p. m. Rev. A. Smith, pastor of Haddock Mission on the East Side, will soon be replaced by a young minister, a student of the Gammon School of Theology. Sioux City lodge No. 4655, G. U. O. of O. F., at their quarterly election on the 24th elected J. W. Williams, N. G.; W. Carey, V. G.; E. L. Ward, N. F.; E. Freeman, P. N. F.; H. Green, secretary; R. Curtis, P. N. G., and Rev. W. N. Chapman, chaplain.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

The Easter day services at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon were all well attended from the early Eucharist at 6:30, at which hour the church was comfortably filled, until the Children's Vesper service at 6 p. m. The altar was beautiful with its festal white frontal, its many lights and its adornment of lilies, roses and carnations. At the 11 o'clock service the music was not elaborate, but worshipful and well rendered, the solo parts in the anthem being sung by Mrs. Florentine F. Pinkston. The sermon topic was on "Witnesses of the Resurrection," in which was stressed the fact that the risen Christ appeared first unto the many rather than to the crowd, because great missions are accomplished by the few rather than by the many. Crowds are fickle. Individuals convinced of the truth are they who carry on the work of conversion. At the 6 o'clock service Mrs. Ellen Annis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Britt, was baptized, Emery R. Smith, Miss Lottie M. Bryant and Mrs. Mary E. Overall being the sponsors. The children were catechised and addressed by Father Williams. William Monroe Trotter gave a brief but effective address on the meaning of the Easter egg as the symbol of life; and the superintendent, George N. W. Bullock, spoke briefly of the objects of the children's Easter offering. Easter cards and eggs were distributed to the children.

LAURENE HOGAN ONE OF THREE PRIZE WINNERS

Over One Hundred School Children Enter Chamber of Commerce Contest for Best Essay on "How to Prevent Automobile Accidents at Railroad Crossings"—Prize Winners Are All Girls—Pupils of the Sacred Heart Parochial School Capture First and Second Prizes and Pupil of Long Third

COLORED GIRL GIVES SAFETY RULES IN RHYME

Two of Winners Choose Sober Prose to Sound Needed Warning to Reckless Drivers and Autoists Who Would Take Chances—Laurene Invokes the Muse and Cleverly Gives Her Advice in Poetry—"Stop, Look and Listen" Tells the Whole Story of How to Prevent Accidents

With an essay, short and to the point, Gertrude Whitcomb, 12 years old, 2238 Ohio street, and sixth grade pupil in Sacred Heart school, won the first prize and \$10 offered by N. C. Allen, divisional superintendent of the Burlington railroad, in connection with the traffic safety committee, Chamber of Commerce.

Pauline Wisdom, 14 years old, 2122 Locust street, and pupil in the eighth grade, was awarded second place and \$5, and Laurene Hogan, 15 years old, colored, student in the eighth grade, Long school, won third place and \$3.

be hidden from view by the train that had just passed. "Should there be a flagman at the crossing, the driver should wait for the signal from the flagman to either stop or go ahead. Should the flagman not give you a signal at once, you should sound your klaxon in order to attract his attention, and by so doing he will understand that you want the right-of-way.

"Do not be so unreasonable as to try to speed across when a train is approaching. If you do not hear Reason, she will rap your knuckles."—Franklin.

An Essay in Couplets It seemed to be more interesting and more fun to Laurene to write to put her essay into rhyme. This is the advice she gives motorists in regard to the best way to cross the railroad crossing:

"Hello there, friend John! Won't you come take a ride, Just over the tracks and down the lake-side." "Very well," answered he, "I will gladly jump in. On a fine day like this I am here for a spin."

Now let us observe these joyriders gay, Skimming along in a light-hearted way; Not far in the distance comes a train at good speed, But the riders drive on and do not give heed.

They meet there's a wreck; their lives are snuffed out. The train is derailed, all aboard are turned out. Dear reader, allow me to say this to you: Think quickly, act wisely in all things you do.

O'er tracks never venture by the breadth of a hair; When lives, auto and all you can easily spare. For you know at some crossings great danger lurks near; Then stop! look! listen! till the signal you hear.

Don't crab if the crossing hasn't any bell, Just what you should do is very easy to tell. Do not drive over until you make sure, Think first if you're hurt what pains you'll endure.

And the money you'll spend for good medical care; All because you were reckless and didn't play fair. Why boast about speeding in front of a train? You and your liver may not win the fame.

The chances are slim on getting across, You'll rue it, I'm sure, and your auto is lost. In the dark never drive without any lights, Or if they are on, please dim them just right.

To the drunken speed demon just let me suggest; Leave off use of liquor and fast driving—it's best. Drive slowly, act wisely, and keep your wits cool; A fiver's unsafe when the driver's a fool. Live and learn, as all must, this old safety motto: Stop short, look and listen, as any man auto.

APPOINTED CITY PHYSICIAN

(By The Associated Negro Press) WILMINGTON, Del., March 24.—Dr. Henry Clay Stevens has been appointed one of the city's vaccine physicians at large. He is the first Negro to receive this signal honor in the state of Delaware. His appointment was procured through the efforts of Councilman Dr. John O. Hopkins. The colored people of the city are much pleased over the appointment.

IS CURIOSITY IN TEXAS TOWN

(By The Associated Negro Press) COMANCHE, Texas, March 24.—This town was turned topsy-turvy recently when a Negro stepped off an inbound train and announced that he would have to stay in our midst until he could make money enough to pay his fare to Teague, a place about 100 miles south of here. He is the first Negro to be seen in this burg since 1887. He was a genuine curiosity to many of Comanche's citizens.

FARMERS EXTENSION COURSES SUCCESSFUL

(By The Associated Negro Press) NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 24.—Successful extension courses for Negro farmers and their families were held in several sections of this state during the past year. The courses were conducted in connection with the Negro agricultural schools.

What thou canst do today leave not off for tomorrow.



LAURENE HOGAN

Kathryn McEvoy, 1905 Wirt street, a pupil of the eighth grade, Sacred Heart school, won honorable mention.

The essays submitted were all on the subject, "How to Prevent Automobile Accidents at Railroad Crossings," and was open to all school children of the city. More than 100 essays were submitted in the contest.

Gertrude Whitcomb and Pauline Wisdom, winners of first and second places, wrote prose, but Laurene Hogan, the colored girl, versified her ideas of how people may prevent being killed or killing others by carelessness at railroad crossings.

"Stop, Look and Listen"

"To avoid accidents at railroad crossings the driver of a machine should slow down so that he can stop at once if he should see a train approaching, and should be careful to look both up and down the track before attempting to cross. Should he have to wait for a train to pass, he should not cross the tracks until he is sure there is no other train coming from the opposite direction that would

DIG UP SIX BODIES ON PLANTATION

ATLANTA, Ga., March 26.—Bodies of six Negroes were found today on the Jasper county plantation of John Williams by department of justice agents led by Clyde Manning, a Negro, who was employed by Williams, and who, according to the authorities, has confessed he aided Williams in the killing of the Negroes.

The bodies found today brought the total discovered in connection with the peonage investigation in Jasper county up to nine. The department of justice agents announced tonight that they would continue the search for two more bodies, said by Manning to have been thrown into the Alcovy river.

One of the bodies found today was taken from the Alcovy river. It had been weighted down and chained. The other five were dug from shallow graves, the heads of four of the Negroes having been crushed. The fifth Negro, officers said, had been shot to death. Williams, owner of the plantation on which the bodies were found, is in jail on a state warrant charging murder, and his three sons were arrested today.

What thou canst do today leave not off for tomorrow.

SLOGAN: "The Monitor In Every Home And I'll Help Put It There"