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THE DYER BILL

THE New York Age in its issue of last week puts the duty of concerted action in striving to secure passage of the Dyer Bill so forcibly and plainly that we quote it here as our editorial advice to our numerous readers, and urge our people to act at once. It is a bill, concerted action now. We endorse every word of the editorial which says:

"The time is now at hand to strike the final blow for an anti-lynching bill. The House of Representatives will be in session next week and will probably remain in session up to the time of the opening of the session of Congress in December. Between now and then every possible ounce of pressure should be brought to get this measure through.

The Dyer Bill, the one which has the best chance of being passed, is still in the hands of the House Committee on the Judiciary. The bill has received the approval of the Department of Justice. The Attorney General himself has suggested certain changes in the phrasing which in his opinion might move such objections as might be brought on the point of unconstitutionality. The majority of the members of the Committee on the Judiciary appear inclined to report the bill.

The bill must not only be reported out of committee. It must also be placed on the calendar so that it will receive consideration before Congress adjourns and not die with a lot of other unconsidered legislation. Pressure to have the bill reported out and to have it go to vote can be brought by a single action. Colored people all over the United States must at once bestir themselves and make Congress feel that this is a matter upon which it must act and act at once. This can be done by every colored man and woman who takes any thought at all regarding the race making himself or herself a committee of one to see that members of Congress are flooded with letters and telegrams demanding the passage of the bill.

First, let each thoughtful colored person send a telegram. A telegram will receive a hundred times more consideration than a letter and it is worth fifty cents or a dollar of any Negro's money to help make this bill a law.

Second, let each one make it his business to get as many other people, white as well as colored, to send similar messages.

Let the ministers tell the people that this should be done.

Furthermore, let the ministers, educators and other leaders make a list of the names of their Congressmen to whom the people should send their communications, because there are many who do not know who their representatives in Congress are.

The official title of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill is H. R. 13. This official title should be mentioned in the communication sent.

Act at once. The time is short. The opportunity is great and we can grasp it if we act together, twelve million strong.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHARLEY.
CHARLES E. Black, who is to be Omaha's next postmaster, from the standpoint of civic service is justly entitled to the position. The Monitor extends him heartiest congratulations.

'Twas Ever Thus.
The hotel dweller longs for the comforts of home. And the home dweller longs for the comforts of a hotel.—Brooklyn Ensign.

CREPE HANGERS

ARE you one? A crepe hanger, of course? Thought that was the exclusive prerogative of an undertaker, did you? It ought to be, but it isn't. A crepe hanger is one of those "It-can't-be-done-individuals" who tries to discourage every laudable undertaking or venture that seems to be a little difficult. One of those beings who says, "It is a good thing, is badly needed, and ought to be done, but is simply impossible to do it." Those people who pronounce everything a failure even before it is tried. Crepe hanger—Are you one? They are well-meaning, but timid people who are afraid to make a venture themselves and would discourage everybody else who has the courage to try.

DAUGHTER BORN TO DR. AND MRS. WHITE

News has reached The Monitor that a daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. James E. White of St. Louis, Mo., October 5. Mrs. White will be remembered as Miss Madree Penn, one of Omaha's most popular and accomplished daughters. She was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Kaffir Chemical Laboratories and its president until a few months ago. She was also associate editor of The Monitor, after her return from Y. W. C. A. work in the east and south. Something over a year ago she was married to Dr. James E. White of St. Louis.

BIRTH OF A NEW CHURCH

On last Monday at nine o'clock P. M., the Springhill Baptist Church was organized at the corner of 33rd and Pinkney streets, with the Rev. John Costella as Pastor, Messrs. John Wainwright, George Mithel and June Bryant chosen as Deacons.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Botts Moderator of the New Era Baptist Association of Nebraska; presiding and Rev. J. D. Crum acting as secretary. Reading of the scriptures was by the secretary. The Rev. Dr. Wm. Franklin, Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, delivered the charge to the church.

The Rev. Dr. H. R. McMillian, pastor of Mt. Moriah baptist church, delivered the charge to the pastor.

A song was sung and the right of fellowship was extended to the members and officers; and a neat little sum of money was taken for the young church. Thus ushering another member into the great family of baptist churches.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC

The annual election of the Omaha branch N. A. A. C. P. will be held November 6.

The great majority of those who have been members are now delinquent. To these I wish to appeal with all of my heart, to pay their annual membership fee of one dollar. See the secretary at 1417 N. 24th St., or at the meeting place next Sunday, St. Paul Presbyterian church, 26th and Seward streets, between now and election time. And see to it that persons who have the confidence of the people, persons who are honest, faithful, and capable are elected to administer the affairs of the branch.

The N. A. A. C. P. is a great organization, designed to be of great benefit to all people, and particularly to the colored people. Therefore it would be a sin by omission to neglect so great an organization. I should like very much to see some of our prominent white members on the official staff of the branch.

J. D. CRUM, Sec'y.

Nepal, a Hermit Kingdom



Street Scene in Patan, Nepal.

Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.

Nepal, in which is situated much of Mt. Everest, the world's highest pinnacle, which is now being attacked by an elaborately equipped British scientific expedition, is the true "hermit kingdom" of today. The government purposely keeps the roads which lead from India to Nepal in bad condition, and travelers are admitted to but one small valley, and then only for special reasons upon a difficulty obtained permit.

This kingdom which holds itself so aloof from the world is a narrow strip of country about 100 miles wide and 500 miles long, extending for nearly a third of the distance between India and Tibet along the sky-piercing Himalayas. On the south it includes a very narrow strip of plains country, but predominantly it is a mountainous region. In fact, its possession of Mt. Everest and some of the other of the highest mountains in the world give it claim, in one sense at least, to be the most mountainous of countries.

The Nepalese are a fighting people, have an excellent army and organization, and are fond of show, both in military display and in their religious festivals. The latter are very numerous, and in fact seem to be interminable. The women take a prominent part in most of them.

Some of the semi-military pageants end in the massacre of hundreds of buffaloes. In one such ceremony, known as the blessing of the colors, the commander in chief dips his hands in a bowl of blood and claps each banner in turn, thus imprinting on each the mark of bloody hands. The scene is somewhat revolting, but probably has its use in keeping up a martial spirit in the army.

Voluptuous Dresses of Women.
The Nepalese women wear yards upon yards—sometimes as many as a hundred—of fine muslin plaited to form a huge fan-shaped bunch in front, the back being quite tight. When a lady of rank drives in her barouche she completely fills the carriage with her voluminous skirt of brilliant hue. Above the skirt a vivid little tight-fitting jacket, usually of velvet, is worn; the hair is dressed in a peculiar knot in front, above the forehead, and fastened to one side by an enormous gold plaque with a jeweled center. A heavy gold necklace and gold bangles complete her jewelry. Every imaginable shade is used—purple, pale blue, green, carmine, orange, white, yellow, turquoise, and deep red—and the effect is wonderful.

At the time of state ceremonies the streets are filled with processions of elephants in gorgeous trappings, horses and ponies, brilliant military uniforms, and the usual crowd of good-natured, pleasure-loving people, the whole against the background of the old temples and natural surroundings, making a wonderful spectacle.

The journey into Nepal is not an easy one. At first there is a track through the forest, but as soon as the outer hills are reached the road loses itself in the bed of a stream, up which the bearers pick their way with difficulty over and among great boulders. The official road finally goes over the very rough track across the Chandragiri pass and down the almost impassable road on the other side into the Nepal valley. The last portion of the descent is down a long staircase of roughly-placed blocks of stone, and it is marvelous how the laden men and ponies keep their footing on it.

In the Nepal Valley.
From the foot of the pass an excellent carriage road into the town of Khatmandu runs through the valley teeming with people, towns, palaces, temples, and innumerable shrines. There are miles of such good carriage roads within the valley, mostly constructed in Jung Bahadur's time, and carriages and pairs, and occasionally a four-in-hand are constantly used by the palace people.

In this valley, where the shrines alone are said to number more than 2,700, the buildings present an amazing diversity of form, derived from many sources—Egyptian, as shown in the typical form of the windows and doorways finely adapted to local traditions; Persian, Babylonian, Indo-Aryan, and even Nestorian in some of the designs.

The inhabitants of Nepal are collectively known as "Dwellers in the Hills," and are divided into innumerable castes. The Gurkhas are now the dominant race. Among the Gurkhas there are 21 castes and in addition to these, there are among the Newars, or conquered people, 41 castes and sub-castes.

The most striking buildings of Nepal's comparatively modern capital, Khatmandu, are, perhaps, those composing the Durbar palace, with its many quadrangles and pagoda-shaped roofs, full of chambers and courts with small communicating doors easily closed, which enable the inhabitants to defend themselves in case of political disturbances, which are not infrequent. Some of the windows are very fine and there are some striking bits of wood carving.

Patan, the old Newar capital, where Buddhism was the accepted religion of the country before the invasion of the Gurkhas. Although the largest town in Nepal, it is a quiet, sleepy place, much of it falling into ruins, but still most picturesque. It stands in the center of the beautiful valley, against a background of green mountains and snowy peaks—a network of narrow, twisting little streets packed full of shrines, temples, and pagodas, many of them deserted and falling into ruins, but still with exquisite bits of carving and wonderful doorways of all shapes and sizes and wonderful designs.

Many of Patan's buildings are decorated with sheets of embossed copper gilt, and everywhere the shrines are guarded by pairs of fearsome animals of enormous size. Carved stone pillars are surmounted by animals, birds, or fish modeled in metal; bells of all sizes are everywhere, and huge lotus thrones in bronze hold bronze Thunder-Bolts or Dorgis.

The art of the Nepalese, or, properly speaking, the Newars, is worthy of special consideration. It was the Newars who brought art to its highest state of perfection, and their influence has extended through these hills into Sikkim, Bhutan, and Tibet. Indian influence has penetrated from the south with the advance of Buddhism and has spread through the hills, along the Brahmaputra valley, to Lhasa, the capital of Tibet. On the other hand, Chinese influence is also strong and there has been intercourse with that country for many centuries.

Beautiful Wood Carving.
Nepalese wood carving is extraordinarily beautiful and ornate. Every scrap of wood is carved in some manner; the struts upholding the eaves of shrines represent satyrs and dragons, while windows and doors are examples of workmanship of every conceivable design. The verandas and overhanging balconies are highly ornamented and the work on some of the pillars is very bold and striking.

In weaving the natives are deficient, the only cloth made being a coarse cotton of no artistic value. The feudal system, which has prevailed among these hills for many years, is in a measure responsible for much of the artistic work of the natives, for it enables a man to put his whole energy into his work. He has no care about food or housing; it is to his master's and his own advantage to produce the most artistic work possible.

Nepal maintains a well-drilled and efficient army of about 32,000 infantry and 2,500 artillery, with about 100 serviceable and 150 unserviceable guns. The Maharajah is not permitted to have any intercourse with Europeans, and should the British resident or any official have occasion to interview him it is always in the presence of some Nepalese official.

NOTICE OF PROBATE WILL

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Ida May Johnson, deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court, praying for the probate of a certain instrument now on file in said Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 6th day of October, 1921 and if they fail to appear in said Court on the said 6th day of October, 1921 at 9 o'clock A. M., to contest the probate of said will, the Court may allow and probate said will and grant administration of said estate to Silas Johnson or some other suitable person, enter a decree of heirship, and proceed to a settlement thereof.

Bryce Crawford
County Judge

31-9-15, 22, 29-21

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

DOC. 156 No. 27

NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Ernest C. H. Wicke, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of an order of the Honorable L. B. Day, Judge of the district court of Douglas County, Nebraska, made on the 2nd day of September, 1921, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder and upon the following terms, one-third cash, and the balance on three years' time, with interest at six per cent per annum the premises sold, at the east door of the court house in the city of Omaha in said county, on the first day of October, 1921, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. the following described real estate: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4), in Block Two (2), in Hyde Park, an addition to the city of Omaha, Nebraska, as surveyed, plotted and recorded. Said sale will be dated the 12th day of September, 1921, remain open one hour.

Frederick J. Wicke
Administrator of the Estate of Ernest C. H. Wicke, deceased

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH, 24th & OHIO STS., Rev. H. R. McMillian, Pastor.

All services were well attended on Sunday. The Pastor's Aid will meet every Tuesday night. There will be a Halloween entertainment at the church Monday night, October 31. A prize will be given to the person who is the best dressed and to the one wearing the most comical mask. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. There will also be a Box Social given by the Art Sewing Club, on Thursday night, November 3. All members and friends are asked to prepare a box lunch and the gentleman who buys your box will be your guest for the night.

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