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RACIAL UNITY AN IMPERATIVE NEED

AN imperative need of our time and of our people is that of unity. We do not believe that any sane member of our race will dispute this. We are quite sure that this is a generally recognized fact. Not only is it a recognized fact, but we are of the opinion that most of our people are desirous of having racial unity an accomplished fact. The problem is how to accomplish it. Many sincere efforts have been made in almost every community, certainly in this, to unite our people for the accomplishment of some laudable purpose. Such efforts have failed and for the reason that some selfish individual for a slight counter movement which made for temporary gain for himself has proven disloyal to the cause and started disunion. But despite these failures we must keep on trying to effect unity along some one line at least. The task seems an almost hopeless one but we must keep at it until results are obtained. All our weakness lies in discord, all our strength is in our union. Forming one-tenth of the population of the United States by united action we could command anything reasonable in the matter of legislation, civil betterment, fair treatment and economic opportunity that we might demand. Locally we constitute a little better than one-eighth of the population of Omaha. In other words, one person in every eighteen in this city is a member of our race. We outnumber any other distinctive racial group in this city such as Jews, Italians, Bohemians, etc., etc., who like ourselves maintain an almost exclusive social life and are more or less regarded as separate from other citizens. Despite this fact we do not receive the recognition we deserve politically, commercially or industrially because we do not unify our forces. Twelve thousand people with the intelligence and learning capacity of our people in this city, could and should promote and sustain successful business enterprises of various kinds, or obtain anything we desire within justice and reason. Can we not learn the lesson of unity and use it for our own development and advancement along all lines? Happy will we be when it can be truthfully said of us, "THEY HELPED EVERY ONE HIS NEIGHBOR, AND EVERY ONE SAID TO HIS BROTHER, BE OF GOOD COURAGE." SO EACH ENCOURAGED THE OTHER.

FRIENDS AMONG THE OTHER RACE

YES, we have them, and thank God, for many of them. If it were not so our people would be in a sorry state indeed. They may not, and do not see things from our point of view; they may not and do not, agree with us in all things or we with them; nor is this to be expected. Nevertheless in every community there are scores of white men and women who are the sincere friends of our people and desire to see them succeed and help them succeed to the highest point of American citizenship. So when some foolish person tells you that "All white people are alike and don't want to see colored people make progress" but such ignorant charges in the category to which they belong.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST

RAISING the Community Chest has been slow and hard work. The response has not been as prompt or generous as it should be. One reason for this is because it is something new and people are a little skeptical about it. Then too, despite the efforts that have been made to have the public understand it, it is astonishing how slow the process of education has proven and how many profess that they have not heard of it. Canvassers report that our people have responded quite generously. In this we have not been disappointed. Our women and men who have been working in the drive, like all other have done excellent work. The fund is going to be raised, even though it will have taken longer than was at first anticipated. Failure in any good cause is an unknown word in Omaha's vocabulary.

WHITE WOMEN'S HAIR LEADS COLORED WOMEN'S 57 MILES

New York.—Extra! Beauty scientists have made the wonderful discovery that the colored women in New York have thirty-six miles of hair while the same number of white women have ninety-three miles of hair. But the thread of the white women's hair is frailer and will not sustain the tensile weight as compared with that of the colored women. This appears to be highly unimportant if true, but indicates that in the matter of statistics the country is running wild. From all indications the colored women are running strong.

Letters From Our Readers

Short, timely letters are invited. We prefer that writers sign their names, but in all cases letters signed with a nom de plume or as "Reader," "Subscriber," etc., must be accompanied by the name and address of the author for the editor's information.

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Editor Monitor: Will you allow me space in your paper to write about marriage and divorce?

I believe there has been something said about not allowing parties that ask for license to marry, to be married until a certain length of time that it might be found whether it would be reasonable or right for them to marry. I think that would be one of the greatest God-sent plans that has ever been known since Jesus, if it were carried out, particularly if they stop the parties that have been divorced two or three times. Such parties have spoiled their own lives and are only fit to wreck the life of some good woman or man.

I believe, too, if our preachers of the Gospel would tell the people a little more about what Jesus said about it and show them the error it would help to make things a little better. You know there are some people that it makes no difference what the Bible says, if the preacher never says a word of the word of God is of no effect with them though they themselves may read it a dozen times I believe the preacher is afraid for the reason he is guilty or may lose some money.

If the people of this time are to be raised up into the life of Jesus marriage and divorce straightened up will do a lot more good than a lot of the public meetings that are being held for that purpose. Let the church get busy and not be afraid of your bread and meat. For it is written, that Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God. If you yourself are guilty I don't blame you. Let me advise you and get right.

I am a believer in Jesus the truth. M. E. HAYES.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENTS

Mrs. May Morris is reported to be on the sick list.

Miss Ethel Kirtley and Mr. Wilber R. Clark were quietly married last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. Kenney. Rev. H. W. Botts officiated. Only a few friends were witnesses.

Mrs. Hattie Holiday, who has been serving as housekeeper for Rev. H. W. Botts for some months, returned to her home in Plattsburg, Mo., last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patrick entertained the Utopian Art Club at their home last Thursday night. Quite a crowd of members went out and enjoyed a most profitable meeting at this palatial home. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Griffin, 2049 N Street, December 13.

Rev. M. C. Knight and his members held their Thanksgiving celebration last Thursday night. A big dinner was served in the dining hall of the church which was attended by a fine crowd.

Mr. J. P. Palm of Washington, D. C., who formerly resided here, is in the city shaking hands with friends. Mr. Palm has recently graduated from the college of pharmacy in Washington, D. C., and is looking for a location to start a drug business.

Mme. F. Cole-Talbot, an eminent singer from Chicago, appeared before a good sized audience at the High school last Tuesday night, scoring a big success. She came in the interest of the Sorority Girls.

Rev. M. C. Knight and his members of the A. M. E. church have at last wrecked the old parsonage, preparatory of erecting a modern building.

Some young women met at the home of Mrs. L. W. Whittaker, 820 South Eighth street, last Tuesday afternoon and organized a club called Friendship. The next meeting will be 564 South Twentieth street this afternoon. They promise to do church work.

Dr. G. G. Logan of Topeka, Kans., district superintendent of the M. E. church, was with Rev. G. W. Carter Sunday and preached during the day. Interesting services were held all day.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. Rev. J. C. Hicks, P. E., was present and preached; communion was given, many members taking part. The Sunday school and A. C. E. society were well attended. Mr. Hicks remained over Thanksgiving.

The Blind Boone Concert company comprising Mr. J. W. Boone, Mr. Joe F. Hendricks, manager, and Mme. Marguerite Day-Hendricks, appeared before a large audience at McKinley auditorium Monday night, where they were most gloriously entertained by Mr. Boone and company. It is said by those who were present that Boone seemingly gets better as he grows older. The company was here in interest of the L. L. Kensington club.

Mr. J. W. Boone and his nephew, Mr. Hendricks, were given a smoker by the Masons at their hall immediately after the concert, where G. M. R. H. young and quite a number of Master Masons enjoyed speech, music, eats and smoking till late into the night. Mr. Boone is a rollicking good fellow.

Services at Mt. Zion Baptist church were most interesting. Last Sunday Rev. H. W. Botts preached two fine sermons during the day. The Sunday school was well attended. The B. Y. P. U. held a song service and program at their hour, concluding with a rally for foreign missions, which resulted in raising of \$10.25. The attendance was most encouraging. The choir is worthy of commendation for their fine music rendered during the evening.

Mr. J. A. Shelby has opened a cafe at 311 South Eleventh street, where he is serving the public with clean food.

Covenant and communion services will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist church next Sunday.

Buds of Promise harvest fair at Mt. Zion Baptist December 11th.

COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. David Emery, 2623 Second avenue, are rejoicing over the birth of a fine son.

Miss Irene Robinson, 1402 South 7th passed away Saturday of last week. The funeral was held from Beulah Baptist church, the Rev. F. K. Union, officiating.

The Art Club recently held an interesting meeting at the residence of Mrs. Estella Caldwell, 1317 West Broadway. A two course luncheon was served, covers being laid for 20.

Edward Terry, the three year old grandson of Mr. E. J. Gilbert who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis has fully recovered.

Miss Effie Allen, 2318 South 7th, has gone to Chikasha, Okla., to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Silas Adams. She will also visit in Wichita, Kans., and Nowata, Okla.

Mrs. Nana Rudd, 245 Avenue 18 returned home Saturday from Bowling Green, Ky., where she had accompanied the body of her father, Mr. George Henderson, who passed away at Des Moines, Iowa, after an operation.

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