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WHY JIM CROW IS FLYING NORTH

COLLIER'S, The National Weekly, in its issue of December 8 begins the publication of an interesting series of articles under the above caption in which W. O. Saunders, "a Southern white man, reared with a Southerner's aversion to the black man tells how he was awakened to the new problems that the new type of Negro has created." The writer, judging from his first article and his very apparent frankness and open-mindedness disclosed therein, has a very earnest and serious purpose in undertaking his task. He calls attention to the fact, which all thoughtful people must recognize, that the great northward movement of the Negro has nationalized what has largely been considered a local or sectional problem. He frankly points out the responsibility of southern white people for the exodus and recognizes the fact that while "the old happy-go-lucky shiftless Negro still exists—a new type is growing up beside him." Collier's with its circulation is rendering a patriotic service by the publication of these articles. We hope that a large number of our people will read and digest them.

OF RACIAL IMPORTANCE

THE recent marriage of the granddaughter of Madam C. J. Walker with the lavish expenditure of money necessary for such an elaborate function and social event deserves more than passing notice. The fact that a social event of this character, magnitude and beautiful and harmonious setting, such as wealth and culture alone can give, were possible among our people is of itself most noteworthy. When it is known that the foundress of the fortune which made it possible, and if you please, justifiable, to carry out this elaborate affair, was scarcely more than forty years ago, a humble, but ambitious washerwoman, wonder, astonishment and admiration grow. Consider, too, the fact that the Walker fortune has been made exclusively from members of our race; and in recognition of this fact the Walker money has been used and is being wisely and generously used for the advancement of our race along many constructive lines. The Walker fortune is being recognized as a trustee ship. This is borne out in the nuptials which have attracted not only national but international attention. Let no one think for a mo-

ment that in the planning of this ceremony its importance from a racial viewpoint as demonstrating capacity and ability was overlooked. Racial ability and skill was in evidence everywhere. The beautiful gowns of the bride and her attendants were purchased from, designed and made entirely by colored people, the designing and making of the coronets and everything else possible was by members of the race. Catering, music, decorations and the like were all done by our people. Is any one so blind that he cannot see the value of all this? Here was one of the most elaborate and select social functions ever given in New York, famous for its social affairs, beautifully carried out by representatives of a racial group, but a few generations removed from slavery, and regarded as a non-progressive and inferior people. It demonstrates the possibilities before us in the United States, despite many limitations, and shows the substantial progress we are making. The Monitor extends congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous life to the principals in this epoch-making event.

TROPHY WINNERS

THE Monitor congratulates the Long School for winning the Omaha Bee Grade Soccer city championship. For two weeks Comenius school and Long were tied for the championship. On Tuesday Long won in a splendidly contested game by one point. It happened that this year Long's entire team is composed of colored students, for the first time in its history, and Comenius wholly of white, and largely of foreign parentage. An unusual and rather significant situation. The significant fact is that in Omaha schools, all pupils, irrespective of racial descent, compete in an open and fair field in athletic events and the best win places upon the competing teams, and the victories they win are not individual, group or racial, but for their respective schools. This is contributing in a real way to true Americanism.

JOKING ABOUT DAN

THAT'S a pretty good joke that some one is circulating about the pug-nacious Dan Butler, the militant city commissioner, who is always bringing his ever ready shillalah down upon the heads of his fellow commissioners. Some one is circulating the story that Dan is a mem-

ber of the Ku Klux Klan Shades of Simmons, Evans and all the other Imperial Gizzards or Wizards of the Sheet and Slit Pillow Slip cohorts! Dan is of Irish descent and a Roman Catholic. Since only "WHITE, PROTESTANT MALES" can qualify for membership in the K-K-Kluxies we can't just see how Dan could get in, can you? He has about the same eligibility for membership in the Klan as the editor of The Monitor or our learned and good friend, Rabbi Cohn. Somebody's joking about Dan and the Klan.

WE GAVE

IT IS very gratifying to notice the number of the homes of our people which have the little red-hearted center card in the window bearing the legend "Omaha Community Chest Charity Welfare, WE GAVE." This is a badge of honor which all should covet.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mrs. Vashti Mosby is confined at a local hospital and is said to be quite sick.

Mr. Wm. Trusty is seriously sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White, 2245 South Seventeenth street.

Mr. L. A. Sawyer of Chillicothe, Mo., spent Thanksgiving in the city, guest of Mrs. M. Beech, also of Chillicothe, and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Odesa Patrick, here.

Roland W. Young was over from Omaha Thanksgiving attending the foot ball game and visited his folks.

The Mary Magdalene Mission had a profitable meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scott last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Whittaker went to Kansas City last Saturday where they remain for the winter. Mr. Whittaker has a run out of there on a C., B. & Q. diner.

The Coleridge Taylor Sextette sang at the First M. E. church at University Place last Sunday night. They scored much applause.

The union Thanksgiving service at Mt. Zion Baptist church was largely attended by members of the several churches with their pastors. Revs. M. C. Knight, A. M. E.; G. W. Carter, M. E.; H. W. Botts, Mt. Zion; P. E. J. C. Hicks of Kansas and Nebraska conference. Rev. M. C. Knight delivered a most excellent sermon on gratitude to God which was highly enjoyed by his hearers. He spoke words of commendation on the union service of the churches and said it will have a tendency to cement brotherly love among the children of men. God speed you. Dinner was served

by the churches in the afternoon and evening. The choir of Mt. Zion Baptist church rendered a most interesting musical and literary program at night, which was largely attended. The members of the choir and volunteers were given much applause. The entire day was given over to rejoicing and Thanksgiving to our Most High.

Services at the A. M. E. church Sunday were as follows: Sunday school 9:30, attendance good. Sermon by Rev. J. T. Brown, evangelist at eleven o'clock. A. C. E. Society at 6 p. m. Sermon by Rev. I. B. Smith at 7:30. An old folks' concert was given in the church on last Friday night which was fairly patronized.

Services at the Newman M. E. church Sunday were: Preaching by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Carter, morning and night. Sunday school and aid society services at usual hours. — Thanksgiving dinner by the church proved very successful.

Praise and covenant meeting was conducted at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday morning. The Sunday and B. Y. P. U. had fine and instructive lessons. The pastor preached a fine sermon at 8 p. m. after which communion was partaken of by a large crowd of members.

The Utopian Art club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Griffin, 2040 N street, Thursday night, December 13. A paper will be read by Mrs. L. D. Forbes.

The churches are planning to launch revival meetings the first of the New Year.

The condition of John L. Wright at the State hospital is about the same.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By J. H. Beveridge, Superintendent.

Every morning between eight and nine o'clock more than 35,000 bright-eyed children leave Omaha homes to attend the public schools, and before these children are on their way to school, over 1,200 teachers, principals, supervisors and nurses are traveling to all parts of the city to teach these 35,000 children. (Before the end of the year the enrollment will probably reach 38,000, exclusive of evening schools. Earlier still, 141 janitors and engineers have arrived at the various buildings to heat and make them clean and comfortable for pupils and teachers. More than 25,000 parents also play their important part. Children are awakened, dressed, fed and started off to school. At "seven o'clock in the morning" the office of the Superintendent of City Schools is open for transaction of business.

Omaha maintains four high school plants. A fifth will be ready for occupancy in September, 1924. Omaha maintains, in addition, fifty-three elementary school plants. These buildings and sites are valued at \$14,216,044.08.

The average annual increase in enrollment in the Omaha schools is over thirteen hundred pupils, exclusive of evening and part-time schools. In order to take care of new pupils alone, it would require two seventeen-room schools each year.

It requires \$3,826,000.00 to operate the Omaha public schools this year. The schools are not only in operation one hundred and ninety days a year, but, in addition, there are summer and evening sessions. One high school is in session forty-eight weeks per year.

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A rooster hasn't got a lot
Of intellect to show,
But none the less most roosters have
Enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts,
Has a persistent way
Of letting folks know he's around
By his insistent bray.

The busy little bees they buzz,
Bulls bellow and cows moo,
The watch dogs bark, the ganders quack,
The doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks,
Pigs squeal and robins sing
And even serpents know enough
To hiss before they sting.

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