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1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

AT this time you ought to have some definite thing you wish to and will do your level best to accomplish this year. Let us make one or two suggestions. If you have been spending every penny you have earned why not plan to pinch off some definite sum each week, if it is only \$1 or even less and put it in a savings account in some bank. Be sure to put it in a bank. If you keep it in the house you will be more likely to spend it and besides that it will be earning no interest. If you put it in a savings account it will be earning interest. Suppose you do this. The important thing to do is make a start. Why not begin buying a home if you have enough money laid by to make the initial payment? Get something within reason and in keeping with your income. Don't aim at a \$5,000 house when your circumstances will only allow you to handle a \$3,000 property. Aim at becoming a home owner. Make a modest beginning and improve as means allow. Then, too, plan to improve your mind by some simple definite course of reading or study. Plan to be more consistent in your religious life. In a word do your level best to improve your condition morally, mentally, religiously and materially during this year. What will you do? Think it over.

GIVING HEED

AFTER reading our editorial about spending some of our money with coal dealers of our race a woman called and asked us the name of such a dealer because she said she did not know that any colored people were selling coal. We gave her the name of a dependable coal firm. We think that dealer got an order. This shows that people read The Monitor and are guided by its suggestions. It also shows that race firms should use dependable race publications in advertising their business. It pays to advertise. The great firms of Madam C. J. Walker and that of Poro were built up by advertising in Negro newspapers. When Madam Walker began selling her products in Denver one of her first investments was \$1.25 spent for advertising. The Walkers and the Malones are outstanding examples of the value of advertising in race publications.—Local business people will gain by giving heed to these suggestions.

CO-OPERATION

THE Colored Commercial Club and the Roosevelt Post of the American Legion did valuable work in spreading Christmas cheer among the poor and needy. These organizations working jointly distributed forty-six well filled baskets to families who appreciated them. In this connection, it may be of interest to learn that the various agencies working through the Christmas Bureau of the Community Chest sent baskets to 1,908 families. It is gratifying to know that among these agencies were several of our own group. The Colored Elks did

their part also. This spirit of co-operation in all civic and welfare activities is most valuable. By doing our part we will win the recognition of our manhood and citizenship to which we are entitled.

DECLINE IN LYNCHINGS

THOSE who love America will be pleased to be advised of the decline in lynchings during the past year. The number has fallen to 16. This is a tremendous decline from former years. It demonstrates what the Negro press and the agencies opposing this barbarity have steadfastly maintained that when the American people really wanted to lessen, if not eradicate this crime, it would be done. To the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People belongs unstinted commendation for its sane, persistent and well organized fight, since 1911, against this evil. Some day the United States will appreciate the splendid service which has been rendered to our country by the Negro press, pioneers in efforts to arouse the national conscience against this menace and the great organization, the N. A. A. C. P., which organized and carried on the campaign against lynching and whose work is not yet done. Sixteen are just sixteen too many mob murders for Christian America; but when one recalls that the number has fallen from 225 in 1892 to 16 in 1924 it will be seen that decided progress has been made in the blotting out of this menace.

COURAGEOUS COLLEGE MEN

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ness their energies to some noble social cause. The Negro Sanhedrin engages to show them the more excellent way.

In my mind two college men stand out most conspicuously for vicarious devotion to the welfare of the race. One represents the older generation from the Northern college, and the other the younger breed of the Negro college.

William Monroe Trotter is the pioneer Negro collegian who threw himself and all there was in him into the scale of race service and devotion. He has lost all and gained nothing by way of personal recompense. Others have become thrifty on comfortable incomes by reason of racial advocacy and zeal. Frederick Douglass was made all that he was or could have hoped to be by espousing the cause of the freedom of his race. Trotter, alone among Negro collegians of his day, had a choice of ways, but like Moses, the Hebrew collegian in the days of Pharaoh, preferred to cast in his lot with his afflicted race rather than enjoy the ways of prosperity for a season. I cannot espouse many of Mr. Trotter's policies and methods. I find myself at vital variance with him in most of his modes of procedure. But I know that it was none other than he who held aloft



MR and MRS RICHARD M. WADDY
Parents of Loen H. Waddy, mentioned in story on front page.

the light of racial rights when all besides were wavering. He is shot through with a zeal that will not let him go. He will die in the faith he espoused in his youth.

It would be a fitting tribute if the college men throughout the country would undertake a race wide testimonial to William Monroe Trotter for thirty years' sacrificial devotion to his race without money and without price.

But the main purpose of this article is to set forth the altruistic service and devotion of a younger college man who is in closer touch with the present college generation.

Neval H. Thomas was graduated from Howard University in 1901. His spirit and metal showed themselves in his college days. He was always ardently devoted to reform. Immediately upon graduation he entered upon teaching in the Washington high school where he has been engaged ever since. But no pent up Uti contracts his powers. He completed a course in law, not so much with the expectation of practicing that lucrative profession, but in order that he might all the more intelligently serve the cause to which he had consecrated his chief energies. Nor was his light long hid under a bushel. Only a few years after graduation do we find him advocating equal and exact justice for the colored race in the organic act reorganizing the public schools of the District of Columbia. He was the only colored teacher of the entire corps that had the temerity to appear before the committees of Congress in this behalf. He insisted in and out of season that the colored schools should share and share alike with the whites in school appropriations, appliances and facilities. His insistence often proved embarrassing to his more moderate and restrained colored superiors. But he insisted all the more. The reformer must always take liberties with the established proprieties. Single handed and alone, Neval Thomas compelled the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to remove restrictions against colored citizens in the restaurant under the court's control. The colored lawyers who were chiefly concerned were in the mean time indifferent or apologetic of existing discrimination. He fought a great department store with large colored patronage and compelled it to remove discrimination at its lunch counter against colored patrons. He also fought segregation in the restaurants of the House and Senate in the United States Capitol.

Mr. Thomas has waged ceaseless war upon the city library for refusing to give colored girls the same opportunity for library training as is accorded to the whites. He has well earned the sobriquet: "The John Brown of the District of Columbia". More concrete advantages have come to the colored citizens of the District of Columbia through the temeritous advocacy of this college reformer than through all other agencies combined. Washington is heavily laden with college men from the North and from the South, as well as from the East and from the West, but Neval Thomas in the field of reform has wrought more valiantly than they all. He has created the growth on which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People thrives in this jurisdiction. But for him, it would in all probability have thriven here but feebly like a tender plant out of dry ground. But mainly through his courageous initiative, the local chapter is the largest in the country.

Mr. Thomas is a member of the National Board of Directors of the N. A. A. C. P. and is rapidly extending the radius and range of his potent influence. The test of sincerity and genuineness of character is determin-

ed by the response of the common people. The common people will always hear gladly any one who speaks from the heart. As in the water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to the heart of man. Mr. Thomas is the idol of the masses. He speaks their language better than they can speak for themselves. But they know a true note when they hear it. They cannot be fooled by a hollow or artificial voice, however learned or appealing it may appear. Audiences all over the country hang spellbound on his words. Thomas Wentworth Higginson used to say: "If you want to become an orator, join a reform." Mr. Thomas has the oratory of the reformer. He has no new doctrine to proclaim, but repeats the philosophy of Chas. Sumner: "Equality of rights with the 'I' dotted and the 't' crossed". Like William Lloyd Garrison, he will not equivocate nor recede one inch. He has the courage of his cause and cares nothing of the effects upon his personal welfare. He has never received one cent for his racial service, but gives freely of his own means.

As in the case of Mr. Trotter, I do not follow Mr. Thomas in all of his moods and methods, but he commands an unlimited measure of my respect and admiration.

Many men of many minds. We do not desire that all college men should be like Neval H. Thomas in all of the idiosyncrasies and peculiarities of his mind. But if all possessed the full measure of his sacrifice and devotion our cause would be well on the way of solution. Fifty well-trained, well-poised, consecrated college men turned out yearly from our colleges, well distributed among the callings and professions throughout the mass of the race would put a new edge on the problem in the next half generation. But as things are now trending in the direction of narrow efficiency and selfishness the immediate outlook from the college group fills us with a mixed feeling of hopes and fears.

I would place Neval H. Thomas on a pedestal and invite young college men and women to look upon his like, and imitate his courage, his consecration and his zeal for his race.

December 22, 1924.

These business and professional firms, many of whom belong to our group, extend New Year's Greeting to patrons

HAPPY NEW YEAR
LAMEBERTON HAT 3/4
NUBONE CORSET SHOP
2511 North 24th Street
Phone Webster 6028

WE WISH YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Friedman Bros.
BOOTERIE
1510 North 24th St.

BEST WISHES FOR A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Drs. Singleton & Singleton
DENTISTS
2411 North 24th St.
Web. 0256

HAPPY NEW YEAR
THE GAEBEL
FLOWER SHOP
2511 1/2 North 24th Street
Webster 2057

H. J. Pinkett
ATTORNEY AND
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
Suite 19, Patterson Block
17th and Farnam Sts.
Office Phone At. 9344
Res. Web. 3180

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Crouse Booterie
1514 North 24th St.

We thank you for your past patronage
May prosperity be yours for this year
J. BERNSTEIN
GROCERIES and MEATS
24th and Lake Sts.
Web. 1788

W. B. Bryant
ATTORNEY AND
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
Suite 19, Patterson Block
17th and Farnam Sts.
Office Phone At. 9344
Res. Web. 2502

T. A. and P. Cleaners
All Work Guaranteed
We Call for and Deliver
2120 North 24th St.
Web. 1020

Your patronage has been appreciated and we wish you a Happy New Year
The North Side Bazaar
2114 North 24th St.
Web. 5566

W. G. Morgan
ATTORNEY AND
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
Suite 19, Patterson Block
17th and Farnam Sts.
Office Phone At. 9344
Res. Ja. 0210

M. LYNCH,
THE TAILOR AND
HABERDASHER
Work Called for and Delivered
1807 No. 24th St.
Web. 2088

HAPPY NEW YEAR
"If it swims, we have it"
Alaska Fish Co.
J. Finkenstien, Prop.
1114 North 24th St.
Web. 6512

HAPPY NEW YEAR
HOLMES
The Tailor
2218 North 24th St.
Web. 3320

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

by dealing with

Herman & Killingsworth
GROCERIES

24th and Erskine

Webster 6915

WE APPRECIATE THE LIBERAL PATRONAGE

of the past year and wish our patrons a
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Killingsworth & Price

BARBER SHOP

2416 No. 24th Street

Webster 5784

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Start the New Year Right by Purchasing a Home

WE HAVE IT

L. C. Broomfield

REAL ESTATE AND RENTALS

2425 No. 24th Street

Webster 1091

I WISH MY MANY COLORED CLIENTS and FRIENDS
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Ed. F. Morearty

ATTORNEY

700 Peters Trust Bldg.

Jackson 3841

L. L. Porters North Side Market

Wishes you all a

Happy New Year

Our resolution for the New Year is to maintain our policy of
Quality and Proper Service

Remember Our Past Record

QUALITY, SERVICE, CAREFUL ATTENTION
AND COURTESY

Thanking you for your past patronage,

Signed, "BUDDY"

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

BURBON & CO.

Distinctive Apparel for Women McCrory Bldg.

Take Elevator to Second Floor
16th, Between Douglas and Farnam

Announcing

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

COATS 1/2 PRICE

NOTHING RESERVED

Every new shade, all sizes, lavishly
fur trimmed

Don't fail to take advantage of this
wonderful opportunity

