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THE N. A. A. C. P. CONFERENCE

WE HAVE devoted considerable space in this issue to a report of the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which closed last week in Denver. We have given this space, because of the far-reaching importance of such a gathering and because we believe that most of our readers are interested, or should be interested, in what was done at the conference. The addresses were of such a high character and the proceedings considered of such news value that the press of Denver generously devoted column after column to the work of the conference and published several editorials upon utterances of certain speakers. The value of such favorable publicity as this in the formation of public opinion cannot be overestimated. It shows the silver lining to what too many of us are inclined to think is a very dark cloud of our racial problems and perplexities. No one could follow the deliberations of the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the N. A. A. C. P., and mark the sanity, earnestness and spirit in which racial handicaps are being attacked without thanking God and taking courage. The N. A. A. C. P. is doing a great work not only for our racial group, but for all America, which some day will be appreciated at its full value.

The admirable manner in which the big job of entertaining this conference was handled by the people of Denver, our group there, numbering only about 6,000, is subject to congratulation. It shows what intelligent leadership, team-work and co-operation can do. Our people showed initiative and earnestness and the white people of that city, officials and private citizens, backed them up wholeheartedly, believing that it was worthwhile to do so.

PREPARING FOR THE LEGION

OMAHA is preparing to entertain the American Legion Convention in October. The Roosevelt Post, acting in conjunction with the Omaha Post, is doing its part to contribute to the success of the convention. It goes without saying that civic pride will move all our citizens to co-operate in whatever way they can to extend most cordial hospitality to the thousands of guests who will enter our gates.

MONKEY BUSINESS

FRENCH SCIENTISTS are urging the production of monkeys in large number to supply rejuvenating monkey glands for the indigent and feeble specimens of the genus homo who would renew their youth. This would seem to prove that there is some close kinship between monkeys and men after all. Please call William Jennings Bryan's attention to this. After all there may be something to this monkey business.

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."

DENVER A PLEASANT AND MOST GRACIOUS HOST

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"This association is fighting for these principles of democracy upon which this country is founded. If those principles prevail for every man then America is safe and will endure; if they fail then America is lost. The black American is saying to you today,

"How will you have us, as we are

Or sinking 'neath the load we bear? Our eyes fixed upward on a star,

Or gazing blankly at despair?

"Rising, or falling, men or things? With dragging pace or footsteps fleet? Strong willing sinews in your wings,

Or tightening chains about your feet? Monday morning's session was devoted to "The Crisis" and Monday afternoon to a most profitable consideration of young peoples' work, in which the young people were invited to freely express themselves. Mrs. Elliston of Denver presided. This was considered one of the most helpful sessions of the conference.

Monday night's mass meeting was presided over by Dr. Waller of Springfield, Mass. The speakers were the Rev. Father William F. O'Ryan, pastor of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, Denver; Judge Ben B. Lindsay of the Denver Juvenile Court and William Pickens of New York. Father O'Ryan in his address on "The Dangers of Intolerance" traced the history of racial and religious intolerance and made a plea for active co-operation in helping the colored people to advance. "I am a firm believer," he declared, "that justice is always wrought by God and that justice will always be wrought here. The unendurable day of the Negro is over; his night of darkness is over and his sun of hope is risen. Soon he will enjoy the fullness of his power and glory in the noonday of his existence."

Judge Lindsay speaking on the Ku Klux Klan, cited instances which had been brought to his attention where seeds of dislike against their playmates and schoolmates had been sown in the hearts of children. Deplored this evil he said, "One of the lessons we are to learn from the Ku Klux Klan is that the white man is becoming a common sufferer with the colored man because of intolerance and injustice to the Negro. If the Negro can, as he has been, denied his constitutional rights, why may not the same thing be done to the white man? As in the past the colored man had little right with any hope of success, no matter how competent, to aspire to public office or to freedom and respect socially, so now we find this restriction being imposed upon members of the white race. But this intolerant, un-American organization cannot survive. Williams Pickens, with his usual eloquence, captured the meeting and at the conclusion of his address was given an ovation.

Attacking the idea of segregation, which he said had resulted, and always results, in mutual suspicion of the white and black races, Mr. Pickens urged his hearers to keep up the fight against discrimination in the schools and in social privileges and institutions and incipient ghettos. He declared that "of all the contributions which the struggle of the Negro has so far made to his country, he is now in a hard fight to make one of the greatest, namely, to keep the public school a common school, open to all people, regardless of race or class. It is the mission of the Negro in America to prove that we cannot have jimcrowism, segregation, disfranchisement, inequalities of citizenship, and at the same time have justice, civilization and peace."

Tuesday morning's session was devoted to reports from branches; the afternoon to the receiving of reports and the adoption of the address to the country, which among other things called for the withdrawal of armed American forces from Haiti; and the selection of the next place of meeting, Chicago being chosen.

Tuesday night's mass meeting was a fitting climax to this great conference. Isadore Martin, president of the Philadelphia branch, and member of the board of directors, presided. Robert W. Bagnall, substituted for Mr. Spingarn, who was detained, delivered an eloquent address on "The Negro's Cultural Gifts to America." Dr. DuBois presented the Spingarn medal to James Weldon Johnson, who, visibly moved and touched, responded modestly and in well-chosen words pledged himself to continued devoted service to the cause which means so much to our race and country.

With the singing of "God be with you 'till we meet again" and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev. Father Rahming of the Church of the Redeemer, the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, declared to be its best, passed into history.

The usual services next Sunday at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon: Holy communion 7:30 a. m.; matins 8:30; Church school 10; sung eucharist with sermon at 11; evensong at 8. If you think it is too hot to come in the middle of the day, then come at 7:30 when it is cool.

The Omaha National Bank

A Statement of

June 30, 1925

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Category and Amount. Includes I. Cash, II. Government and Land Bank Bonds, III. Municipal and Corporation Bonds, IV. Banking House, V. Dues from U. S. Treasury, VI. Loans and Discounts, VII. Miscellaneous.

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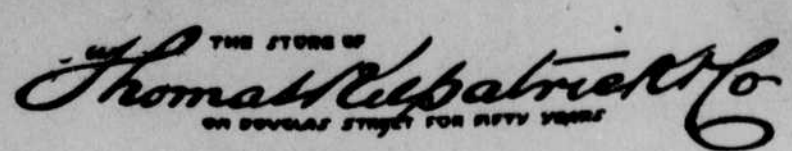
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July Sale of White Goods

- Hope Nainsook 36 inches wide; per yard, 22 1/2c
Corded Madras 32 inches wide; per yard, 49c
Imported Dimities 32 inches wide; per yard, 49c
Imported Madras 32 inches wide; per yard, 59c (Floor Below)

July Sale of Wash Fabrics

- Imported St. Gall Swisses, Yard 89c
Full shrunk Irish Linen, 50 shades, Yard 85c
Fine Printed Voiles, all new styles, Yard 49c
32-inch Imported Gingham, 65c grade, Yard 39c
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