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LET US HAVE LETTERS

WE FREQUENTLY receive telephone calls thanking us for our editorial position on various subjects. This is highly appreciated, but we wish our readers who approve or disapprove of our editorial utterances or position would use our department of "Letters From Our Readers" to say so. This department of our paper could be made as interesting and instructive as the "Public Pulse" section of the World-Herald.

Communications of this character would show that our opinion or attitude is endorsed or unendorsed, all of which has its value in creating public sentiment.

For example, several persons complimented us upon and thanked us for our recent editorial captioned "Pointing the Way". Now, if these persons had taken time to write us for publication a brief letter voicing their approval, it would have shown that we were voicing not simply our own sentiments on a very important civic matter but that of our readers. Do you not see the point?

We hope our readers will get into the habit of using our "Letters From Our Readers" section.

SEEKING HIGHER EDUCATION

WE ARE GLAD to note that increasing numbers of our youth are going to college every year. It was not so long ago that it was an exceedingly rare thing for children of our group in this city to look forward to college and university training. There was a reason for this. Parents who had to make sacrifices for their children's primary and secondary education, seeing the limited opportunities offered them, felt little inclined to encourage them to go further. Moreover the youths themselves saw little to inspire them to continue their studies. They had not learned that it is wise to fully prepare oneself for opportunities that may come or may be made, rather than to let those opportunities come and find us unprepared. There has, however, come in the last few years a new orientation or viewpoint concerning higher education for our people. There is a thirst for higher knowledge with the desire for service. And so, like Lincoln, our ambitious boys and girls have decided that they will prepare themselves for certain callings that when their chance comes they will be ready. The increasing number therefore of our youth who are striving for higher education with high ideals of usefulness and service is a most gratifying sign of progress.

NOT HIS BUSINESS

AS ONE of the ministers of the city we were asked to sign a petition to the Governor of the State requesting him to look into the violation of anti-gambling laws in Omaha, especially with reference to "Policy". We declined to do so, for the reason that

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."

The children of black Americans will file into these institutions of learning and take their seats side by side with the various nationalities that go to make up this great nation.

Many will have come recently from the Southland, where jim-crowism, discrimination and segregation are rife. But here in this great metropolis of the Golden West, they will get their first glimpse of the sunshine of the Constitution which guarantees to every man, regardless of race, creed or color, an equal opportunity.

Here, also, they will find the spirit of true democracy which is theirs to accept, practice and fight to maintain, thereby proving the necessity of its continuance, for, if all people are to live in this great country together, they must study together, learn together, grow up together and work together for the salvation of the ideals of Americanism for which the American tree school is provided as an incubator for the hatching.—The Pacific Defender.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN NEGRO HISTORY

(This column is conducted by George Wells Parker, author of "The Children of the Sun" and founder of the Hamitic League. He will be glad to answer in this column all questions of a reasonable length. Where space will not permit, he will answer correspondents who inclose postage for a reply. Questions for him should be addressed to George Wells Parker, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill.)

Were the Pyramids built for tombs or astronomical observatories?—C. L. K. Dennison, Texas.

The Pyramids were built as tombs for the dead. That they have certain astronomical aspects is true, but these appear to have been secondary to the main purpose which was that they were built as tombs for the dead.

What building secrets did the Egyptians have which we do not possess?—F. D. G. Springfield, Ohio.

Many. Their cement, colors, rock drilling, lifting enormous weights, are but a few secrets which we no longer possess.

Was Zeus an African God?—G. C. V. Boston, Mass.

Zeus was originally Cretan. The Cretons were descendants of African colonists and it is supposed that Zeus was an African deity inasmuch as he was believed to have once dwelt in the holy land of Ethiopia.

How was the Moorish civilization destroyed?—M. M. L. Canton, Ohio.

The Moorish civilization was destroyed as a result of the religious wars waged by the Christians and the Mohammedans.

Who was Jethro?—D. K. T. Fulton, Ky.

Jethro was a priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moses. He was of African descent.

What was the greatest city of ancient Ethiopia?—G. H. Kansas City, Mo.

The city of Meroe, often called the Kingdom of Meroe, inasmuch as it was situated on an island just north of Egypt. Late archeologists have claimed the original Ethiopia stretched clear across the northern littoral of Africa, including even the Gold Coast. If this is true, then Ethiopia was indeed very extensive.

Is it true that some Negroes have been admitted to the K. K. K.?—D. N. F. Los Angeles, Cal.

Hardly. The very purpose of the Klan excludes them. If there are any Negroes in it, it is that they are passing as Nordic.

BE BEAUTIFUL

(This column is conducted by Madame Katherine Wilson, author of The Successful Hairdresser and founder of the famous California Sun Parlor and School of Beauty Culture in Omaha, Neb. She will be glad to answer in this column all questions of a reasonable length. Where space will not permit, she will answer correspondents who inclose postage for a return reply. Questions for her should be addressed to Mme. Katherine Wilson, Associated Negro Press, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill.)

Mrs. G. C. H.—My dear lady, don't you know that pure white hair is all the style. Nothing is more beautiful than a head of prematurely gray hair, especially when the possessor has a youthful face and figure.

Although I have always had great success with hair dyeing, I always advise the customer against the practice, but there are always people who will try anything once.

Since your hair has been ruined, why not cut it as close to your head as is safe and wear a white transformation until it grows out again. In a few months it will be grown out and be a solid color, and then your hair will not contain all the colors of the rainbow.

Helen—Plucking the eyebrows is a painful process. Why not shave them if they must be shaped. However, a little witch-hazel applied with a cotton pad just before plucking may soothe the tender skin around the eyebrows.

Miss Jacqueline—There seems to be quite a divided opinion among the authorities as to whether or not we should wash our faces with soap or use cold cream to cleanse our faces.

Personally, I think the constant use of cold cream alone clogs the pores. Each night, before retiring, I would wash my face in fairly hot water, using a pure castile soap. A fine camel's hair brush or a coarse wash cloth should be used vigorously, especially in Chicago, where dust and grime gather quickly.

Never use a sponge. Sponges are unclean and they invite infection. Cleanliness is the greatest asset to good health.

Of course, the face should be rinsed in several waters until no soap remains. After that, if the skin is inclined to be dry, a little cold cream can be applied with good results.

"It is generally the man who doesn't know any better who does the thing that can't be done. You see the blamed fool doesn't know that it can't be done so he goes ahead and does it."

LINCOLN NEWS

Mrs. Flo. Forbes is yet confined at home, suffering from recent injuries caused from an auto accident. She is said to be improving.

Merle Stith is able to be out after his auto wheel accident.

Mrs. Alma Wiley, Mr. John W. Marshall, accompanied by Miss Blanche Clark, returned from an auto trip to Plattsburg, Mo. Mrs. Wiley's auto trip included St. Joe, Kansas City and Leavenworth.

Mrs. Mary Nichols is reported to be confined with illness this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Miss Cozy May Smith and brother motored over from Kansas City, Mo., last week, visiting kin here.

The chicken supper given at Mt. Zion last Friday night was a big success. A very enjoyable musical program was given in connection.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin left Saturday for the national Baptist convention, stopping at Chicago Sunday, thence to Baltimore, Md.

Rev. H. W. Botts left Sunday night for Omaha where he joined a delegation to Chicago. At Chicago they met the president, Dr. L. K. Williams, and delegation, and left for the National Baptist convention at Baltimore via Washington, D. C.

Miss Ella Botts, accompanied by Mrs. Holiday, arrived from a visit at Plattsburg, Mo., Saturday.

Miss Carmel Botts is home from Omaha.

Mr. H. L. Anderson and family of Omaha are here on their annual state fair visit.

The Utopian Art club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. Adair on last Thursday night. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Mary King's, 2123 T St.

Rev. M. C. Knight is preparing to leave for the annual conference which convenes in Leavenworth next week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Westbery, a fine baby girl Monday.

Cornhusker Lodge No. 579 initiated another class into Elkdom last Friday night.

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Sunday, September 13th, will close this conference year's work at Allen Chapel.

Sunday morning's subject will be "Contending for the Faith" and the subject of the evening sermon will be "The Passing World But an Abiding Soul". I will appreciate the presence of my many friends upon this closing day.

EMANCIPATION DAY
CELEBRATION MONDAY

The annual Emancipation Day celebration which has been held for several years under the auspices of St. John's A. M. E. Church at Krug park and which was scheduled for last

Tuesday, but postponed, will be held Monday. A parade of automobiles and floats will be a feature of the day. Speeches, music and games will be other features. Mayor Dahlman has asked that a half holiday be ordered so that employees may take part in the celebration.

BOY INJURED BY AUTOIST

William, the six-year old son of Mrs. Gertrude Harris, 2218 Paul street, was knocked down and injured Thursday night at Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets by an automobile driven by L. Harris, real estate agent. Billie's leg was broken in two places and it was at first thought that he was injured internally. Mr. Harris took the child to the Methodist hospital where it is said he will have to remain for several weeks.

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