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RADIATING SUNSHINE

THERE is one class of persons whom none of us envy and that is the grouchy, dyspeptic, querulous, fault-finding class. There are some people who take delight or seem to, in being grouchy and "knocking" everything and everybody, excusing from the blameworthy and worthless only themselves and theirs. Have you not met such people? We are quite sure you have. We are equally sure that you have not admired them. In striking contrast to the chronic grouchy is the sunny-dispositioned individual who seems to radiate sunshine and good will. Who, although not blind to the fact that there are many things in individuals and society which are not right and need correction, nevertheless, does not permit these foibles and imperfections to sour his disposition or to induce him to be continually "singing the blues". He realizes that it is his duty to be hopeful, cheerful and sunny. To help his fellow men by a kind word and by manifesting friendliness. Things would be much better and life much happier if we all tried to radiate sunshine rather than dispense gloom and cloudiness. Suppose we try.

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LOOKS LIKE A THREAT

LAST Sunday's edition of the Omaha Bee contained an excellent editorial under the caption "Employment for the Negro". The position taken by the Bee relative to Pullman porters' just plea for a living wage is most sound and will win the approbation of all right minded people. This same position was voiced by the Monitor some months ago in speaking of the Caption "Employment for the Negro". For his bravery in a wreck by naming one of its cars after him. The experiment that the Pullman company is making by employment of Filipinos as porters looks to us very much like a threat to deter the Negro porters from pressing their claims for increased wages. The tipping system is absolutely wrong in principle and makes for mendacity rather than for manhood and what America needs today among all classes is upstanding manhood. The Pullman company owes it to itself as well as to a class of men who have loyally served it to see to it that the Pullman porter receives fair treatment as to wages and working conditions and be given the opportunity for honorable promotion wherever it is merited. Improvements have undoubtedly been made in the past few years, but there is room for vastly more improvement.

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TEAM WORK

IF there is one thing that we, as a race need to learn it is team work. This is the crying need of our people in Omaha, as elsewhere. Movements of various kinds with the same general objective are started, and are not effective because there are several groups working separately instead of unitedly for the same purpose. For example, some few years ago the Colored Commercial Club was organized for the encouragement and development of business enterprises among our group. This was one of its chief purposes. Subsequently a group of those who stood outside and criticized instead of coming in and helping boost, organized "the Business and Professional Men's Club", with the avowed object of "encouraging the patronizing and building up of race enterprises." Now this may differ radically from the avowed purpose of the Colored Commercial Club, but we confess we haven't the mental ability to grasp the difference. This, however, is a fair example of the way we do things here, or attempt to do them, because as a matter of fact neither the Colored Commercial Club nor the Business and Professional Men's Club has been the success they should have been or could have been—along the lines proposed—if they had united. The Free Employment Bureau operated by the Colored Commercial Club has rendered invaluable service in finding employment for our people, but it has not been able to do as much as it hoped to do in the development of commercial enterprises and yet, it has done what it could in this direction. So long, however, as this divisive spirit here illustrated remains among us we will continue to move in a circle. What we need is team work to get anywhere. Let us stop this childish foolishness of forming rival organizations aiming at the same objective and show ourselves men by uniting our forces.

IMPETUOUS BUT SHOWS GOOD METTLE

STINGING under an act of discrimination and injustice solely because of his race a young man said hotly, "Damn these white hypocrites, they make me tired. All white people are alike, they are hypocrites and liars and they are all against us."

When the impetuous youth's choler had cooled a little he was reminded of personal acts of kindness which he had received at the hands of white people, which clearly showed their friendliness. There was also called to his attention the attitude of many others towards other individuals and the race in general which disproved his sweeping indictment. He admitted that he was wrong, but added, "Well, of course, there are some good white people, whom I believe are real Christians, but they are mighty few!" He said he was ashamed of himself for his outburst of anger, and would profit by the mild but just rebuke he had received. Such a fellow as this shows he has good stuff in him.

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THE DEFENSE FUND

GRATIFYING as the results have been in responding to the National Association for Advancement of Colored People's Defense Fund when one considers the urgency of the case and the wealth and earning power of our race it does not seem that money would pour into the Fund very rapidly and that instead of raising \$50,000 ten times that sum would be given. White friends of justice and fair play have set good examples by their contributions to the laggards among us.

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."

GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST

OMAHA has not raised the money needed for the Community Chest which takes care of thirty-one charitable and welfare organization. The sum asked is \$511,000. Less than four-fifths has been subscribed. This means that something over \$100,000 must be raised to complete the quota. It's everybody's job and everybody who is in good health and has a job should give something. The money will eventually be raised because Omaha cannot afford to fall down. It will make the job easier if everybody will give as generously as he can.

Smile and the other fellow will smile, too.

One friend got sore with another friend because this first friend said precisely what the second friend had said on another occasion, namely, that gambling is a bad thing and young men should be advised to fight shy of forming this bad habit.

SOMETHING BESIDES FUNERALS

A GOOD suggestion has been made to the effect that our wealthy fraternal organizations invest some of their money in building modern and sanitary homes for our people which can either be purchased upon reasonable terms or rented. Suggestions of this nature show we are beginning to think seriously about bettering the economic conditions of the present life rather than stressing funerals and a decent burial for the lodge brother.

"The shortness of life is not, to any rational person, a conclusive reason for wasting the space of it which may be granted him."

COUNCIL BLUFFS NOTES

By Mrs. Erma Jones.

The Tabernacle Baptist Church is planning to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their pastor, Rev. J. P. Jackson, December 3. Everyone welcome.

The Baptist Association of Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota will convene at the Tabernacle Baptist Church December 8th.

Rev. J. P. Jackson will preach Sunday morning and evening. Sunday School at 10:30, services at 11:00, B. Y. P. U. at 6:30, services at 7:30.

Mr. Jeremiah Scott is ill at his home. He is a former employe of the Rock Island.

Doc Jordan has left for Missouri and Chicago. He will make his home in the latter city.

Mr. Leonard Jones is ill at his home, 712 Twelfth avenue.

The Hollis Art Club will hold a rummage sale and chicken dinner at Bethel A. M. E. Church December 1st.

Mr. Hopkins is very ill at his home.

Rev. C. A. Moore left Thursday evening for Chicago. While there he will attend Copin Chapel's revival meetings. Will be gone ten days.

The Sir Knights of Tabor gave a concert and dinner at the Bethel A. M. E. Church. Program was well rendered by all taking part.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ghalie left last Wednesday for Columbus, O.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson entertained Rev. C. A. Moore and family and a few more friends. Covers were laid for twelve.

Mrs. Frank Newby has returned from her trip to Chicago.

Mr. Will Chesney has returned from St. Paul after attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. A. McGregor.

Mrs. Liza Baker has returned from her trip to California after a pleasant visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. Fountain was called to Harrisburg, Kent., to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. M. Fountain.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

During Advent-tide which begins Sunday there will be special Advent services held at St. Philip's with sermons and music appropriate to the occasion. The services will be at the regular hours: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Public invited. The Men's Club will meet at the rectory next Wednesday night.

Mrs. William Newsome, formerly of Omaha, enroute from Buffalo, N. Y., to Colorado Springs, spent two days with Mrs. J. C. Donley, 2413 Enkline street, last week.

Mr. Leslie Shipman spent the week in Omaha.

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Philip's church was held last Thursday at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Lewis, 2818 Miami street. Their annual sale will be held Thursday, December 17.

Mrs. Robert Taylor, of Davenport, Ia., who has been the house guest of Mrs. Larry N. Peoples for the past two months left for her home Wednesday morning.

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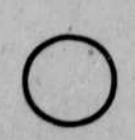
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