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is only fair and just. Will Superintendent Beveridge and the Board of Education have the courage—if moral courage be needed—and enough justice to do the right thing at this time, in seeing that the colored citizens of Omaha are given the recognition to which we are entitled?

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Professor E. Schwartztrauber, teacher of history in the Lincoln High school, Portland, Ore., has been conducting some interesting studies in connection with the so-called "Negro Problem" with his senior classes. It is exceedingly interesting to notice the reaction of these studies in the case of the pupils. The Advocate, of Portland, has been publishing some of the papers submitted by the pupils. Names, of course, are very wisely withheld. The papers are most interesting. They disclose unanimity, or almost unanimity, in maintaining that the Negro, as an American citizen, who has proven himself loyal, should be given an absolutely square deal and treated as an American citizen, and not restricted and discriminated against on account of his color. Evidently the inquiry has sought facts, instead of attempting to bend facts to conform to a preconceived theory. The study has therefore been valuable in broadening the minds and quickening the sympathies of the students.

REGISTER

If you have moved since the last election, register so you can vote May 18 on the Street Railway franchise. This interests you and you should vote. Your vote will be needed.

CHICAGO POINTS THE WAY

The Race in Chicago points the way politically for members of our group. They

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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."

intelligently plan what they want, unite under fearless and efficient leadership, go after what they want and get it.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS.

The Other Side of the Pullman-Porter Question.

Omaha, Neb., April 23.—To the Editor of The Monitor: At present there seems to be an unusual amount of excitement over the country about this Pullman or order of sleeping car porters, and it seems as if there is only one side of the question being presented.

I, as a Pullman porter, know that the Pullman company is an employer of the largest number of colored men and women in this country—and the average wage is more than \$90 per month, which is above the average pay for unskilled labor.

There are hundreds of men each day seeking at their various offices for employment.

One of the ways to prove that a porter's job is not so bad as some try to make others believe, is that 95 per cent never quit of their own accord; and that 99 per cent of them and their families are prosperous and look good and are proud of their job and everybody knows them as good first-class men and women.

The Pullman porter is among the best class of people in any community in which he lives. The average Pullman porter's family is being better provided for and better taken care of than any group of workers in Omaha.

I wish to say in conclusion to your wives and friends of Pullman porters, who seem to be so excited in the last few months, that it is better to be employed and have a decent income than to be unemployed with no income, and that the porter who will take care of his job, the job will take care of him. A PORTER.

COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS

By Emma Jones.

Charles Burke, Sr., died April 23, at Clarinda, Ia. He was 52 years of age and had been in failing health for a year. He is survived by one daughter and two sons, Louise, Albert and Charley Burke.

Miss Ruth Pegg and Wade McRaven, both of Omaha, were married at the home of Mrs. Tillie Reese, April 22.

The Rev. C. A. Moore has been preaching in Omaha with great success.

Mrs. Ellen Rose suffered a severe accident last week and is confined to Mercy hospital.

"The Old Maids' Club," given at Beulah Baptist church, was a great success.

Mrs. A. McCullough and daughter left for Topeka, Kas., Saturday, to spend the summer.

The Interdenominational Missionary Union met with the Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday, April 25 at 3 p. m.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. C. Moore, Rev. J. P. Jackson conducted the service. After the devotion a fine program was rendered under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Jackson. Mrs. Jennie Moore read a paper on mission that was greatly enjoyed by all. Many others were at their best throughout the rendition of the program.

The monthly board meeting of the Tabernacle church was held at the parsonage Monday night. The monthly business meeting will be held Wednesday evening in the basement of the church.

The Paint club will meet Tuesday at the home of the pastor to complete arrangements for decorating the church.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will meet in the auditorium of the Tabernacle church Wednesday evening. The Pastor's Aid will serve refreshments for the occasion.

LECTURES TO STUDENTS

Greensboro, S. C.—Alain LeRoy Locke, former professor of philosophy at Howard university, was a recent lecturer to the student body of the Agricultural and Technical college here.

INSULTS WOMAN; IS INDICTED

New York City.—Thomas P. McAuliffe, white, Flatbush precinct patrolman, has been indicted by the grand jury for attacking Mrs. Stella Benson, colored, when she repulsed his advances recently. McAuliffe was off duty at the time and is said to have been intoxicated. He has been suspended pending the outcome of his trial.

Public opinion rooted in right feeling has countless victories to its credit. Its triumphs increase through the generations; if they did not men of all colors and creeds would be on the back track.—Calvin Coolidge.

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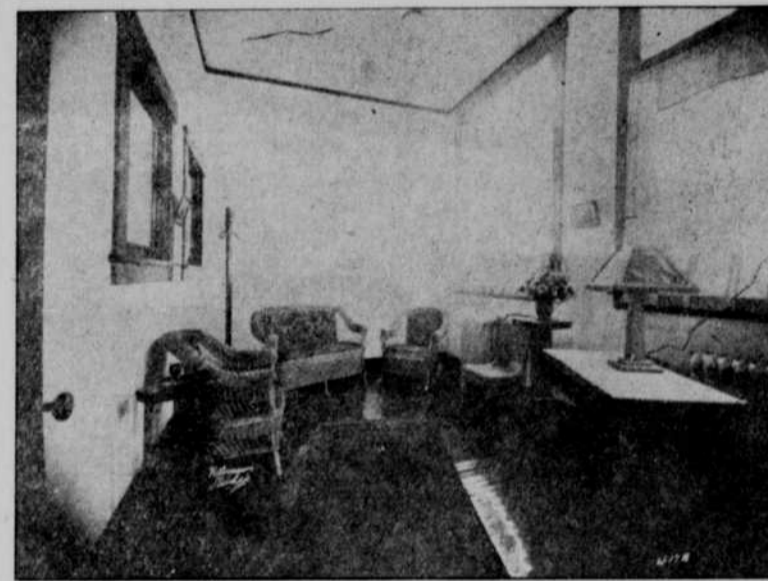
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Why Car Company Asks 40 Year Consent Now

The assertion has been made that it is unnecessary at this time for the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company to obtain a 40-year franchise.

First, it is said that there is no necessity for the company to make refinancing arrangements for another year or more. Second, that 40 years is an unreasonable length of time for a franchise to run.

These statements doubtless arise from a misunderstanding of the facts in the situation. Certainly no fair-minded man who is conversant with the steps for refinancing a large issue of bonds, such as face this company, would seriously make such assertions.

While it is true that twenty months will elapse before these bonds come due, that is not a very long time in which to arrange for refinancing a street railway security of this magnitude. It is very difficult in the present poor market for street railway securities to obtain finances at a reasonable rate even where a company holds a long term franchise. Where there is any difference of opinion about the duration of a franchise, or no franchise exists, it is virtually impossible to refinance a company.

Naturally the local company, in the interest of its car riders, wants to refinance at as low a rate as possible. The easiest way of getting a low rate is to go to the money market backed by a franchise of reasonable duration.

The necessity for a long term franchise lies in the fact that investors now favor long term bonds and will not buy bonds of a company which does not have an unquestioned franchise running well beyond the maturity of the bonds. The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, a sound and prosperous company, recently found it necessary to put out an issue of bonds running for 37 years.

A forty-year franchise period is not an unusually long one nowadays. Many states now grant indeterminate franchises.

Omaha & Council Bluff St. Ry. Co.