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By the largest vote ever registered at a special election held in Omaha the request by the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway Company for a forty year franchise was denied by a majority of 3,666 votes Tuesday. Only four wards gave the franchise majorities, these were the Fourth, Seventh, Ninth and Tenth. The vote was quite evenly distributed showing the general sentiment. The wards returning the heaviest majorities against the measure were those like the First, Eleventh and Twelfth, containing outlying districts which had requested extensions from the company which the company had not granted. In other wards the vote was quite close. In the wards having a heavy colored vote, such as the Second, Third and Fifth, returns indicate that this vote was generally favorable. The Monitor favored the franchise because we believe and still believe that it was for the best interests of the city. It is rather difficult to analyze the situation. The business interests of the city seem to have approved the measure, the laboring classes to have opposed it. There seems to be a strong sentiment for municipal ownership. This may have been a strong determining factor in the results. What the next move will be is problematical. As we see it now, it looks like the city is confronted with additional special elections and perhaps legal delays which will not be helpful to the development of the city. We are glad the people voted in the numbers which they did, thereby showing their interest in a vital matter which affects all citizens.

JOIN THE N. A. A. C. P.

NEXT week the Omaha Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People begins its annual intensive campaign for members. With the Sweet defense victory fresh in mind, with all that important case involved, to say nothing of numberless other cases in which our rights as citizens were at issue which have been successfully won, self-respecting members of our own race, and broad-minded men and women of the other race who believe in justice and right,

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should need no urging to become members of this militant, but sane organization, which is winning the respect of the thoughtful in all sections of the country. Even the South, once actively hostile, is recognizing the usefulness of this organization. The stronger local branches are the stronger the national organization is. Is one dollar a year, the minimum membership fee, too much to contribute for the purpose of helping to secure justice for all classes of American citizens? JOIN THE N. A. A. C. P.

WANTED TEACHERS.

IF we are to secure representation on the teaching corps of the Public schools of this city which we help to support no time must be lost or stone unturned to secure this just recognition. There are three or four schools at which there is a large enrollment of colored pupils in each one of which some competent colored teacher could very advantageously be placed. Such appointments should be made in the first place as an act of justice and fair play; and in the second place, because of the inspiration such appointments would give to the youth of our race. No one is attempting to dictate to the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education where such teachers shall be placed, we are simply requesting that some of the qualified applicants, whose applications are on file, be elected, and appointed to such schools as the Superintendent deems best. Our request is right, reasonable, just and fair.

OUT OF THE ARCTIC SKY

ANXIETY over the fate of the heroic crew of the Norge after a two days' silence was turned to joy when news came of the safe arrival of the giant air ship at Teller. One cannot read the narrative of her battling with the elements in the upper regions of the Arctic sky and the surmounting of the perils to which the explorers were exposed without a quickening of the pulse and a thrill of admiration for the courage of the men who thus exposed their lives to add to man's knowledge of unknown regions. What practical value may issue from the venture is as yet problematical but it shows the undying urge for knowledge and truth implanted in the human breast.

TEAM WORK.

Team work upon the part of our people in any righteous and just request—industrial, political or civic—will bring results.

THE WORK OF THE N. A. A. C. P.

(From the Palmetto Leader, Columbia, S. C., May 8, 1926).

The 16th Annual Report for 1925 of this Association is out. Its fifty-four pages are replete with its activities during the past year and a detailed account of its receipts and expenditures. There are organizations of all kinds among and for the colored people of this country, but there is not one, the work of which is comparable to that of this Association in scope, method and importance, to say nothing of the aggressiveness and intelligence with which it battles for rights guaranteed by the law to colored citizens for justice and fair play. This is the one Association that has justified its existence by worthwhile things undertaken and accomplished. It is unique in that it almost solely depends upon the intelligence of the colored people and their desire to be real American citizens for its support. A hopeful sign for this Association as well as for colored citizens themselves is the fact that the contributions for the past year showed an unprecedented growth. "Segregation," which says the Report, "is perhaps, at this time the most important issue confronting colored Americans, has received in its various phases the careful attention of this Association."

Under the caption of "Legal Defense," the important case of Dr. and Mrs. Ossian H. Sweet of Detroit and nine other defendants is fully discussed. Thru this Association these defendants have been able to obtain the most eminent legal counsel possible headed by the great Clarence Darrow.

Lynching, Disfranchisement and Discrimination are the other main heads under which the work of the Association has been discussed.

If there be anyone who doubts the need of this Association, or that the Executive officers thereof are not actually doing more with the comparatively small amount of money given with which to do it than could be expected, a reading of the 1925 Report will convert the "doubting Thomases."

COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS

Mrs. Elizabeth Givens won the quilt by bringing the most money, which was \$56.45. The quilt was donated by Miss Virginia Hall. A mistake was made last week in the amount of money reported.

Mrs. Mollie Jackson is at Jennie Edmondson Hospital. Mrs. Rose, Mrs. James Lee, are on the sick list this week. Also Mrs. Ella Henderson.

The Hollis Art Club gave a play entitled "Let Us Not Forget" at Tabernacle Baptist Church Tuesday, May 11. It was well attended.

Mrs. Eva Mae Bess is the author of the play. We wish her much success in the future.

Rev. H. Jackson of Atchison, Kans., was called home by the illness of his children. We hope it is nothing serious.

A splendid program was rendered at Tabernacle Baptist Church in honor of Mothers' Day.

Mrs. Daisy Fox entertained the young people who took part in the play "Not a Man in the House," Wednesday, May 12. A delightful luncheon was served.

The Baby Contest given by the Mission Circle was a splendid success. A wonderful program was rendered.

Mrs. Frances Lee and daughter spent Sunday at Avoca.

Mrs. Addie Mallet has returned from Kansas City.

LINCOLN NEWS

Rev. John W. May of Shreveport, La., spent several days in the city last week, visiting friends. Rev. Mr. May formerly pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church some years ago. Rev. May and several ministers are planning on visiting the Holy Land some time in the future. He left for Kansas City Saturday.

Mrs. Mayme Jackson of Atchison, Kans., is visiting friends here.

Mr. Frenchy Kinney is confined to his bed with illness.

Remember the big financial rally at Mt. Zion Baptist Church June 6th. Rev. M. C. Knight of Quinn Chapel and his choir, accompanied by a number of his members and friends motored to Beatrice Sunday afternoon, where services were held in the A. M. E. church for Rev. R. S. Wisner and members. P. E. and J. A. Adams led in song services, prayer by visiting white minister. The choir gave fine selections, followed by sermon by Rev. Mr. Knight, and communion.

The usual services were held in all the churches during the day Sunday, and were fairly attended.

The annual sermon for the Daughters of Bethel was preached by Rev. H. W. Botts of Mt. Zion Chapel, at the Newman M. E. Church Sunday afternoon.

The annual Thanksgiving services for the Court of Isis was held in the Masonic hall Sunday afternoon. Rev. I. Smith was speaker.

The Campfire girls under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Edwards gave a short drama, which was quite amusing to the fair audience, on Monday night in Masonic hall.

Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A. F. & A. M. has been invited by the Omaha Masonic Lodges to join them in laying a corner stone for the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 24th & Ohio Streets Sunday afternoon, May 23rd.

The chicken dinner at Mt. Zion last Monday night, and the farmers dinner Thursday night were very successful.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin entertained the Mission at her home last Tuesday night.

Word comes to us that Mrs. Fanny Young is gaining her strength down in Kansas, and no doubt will be herself again soon.

We are sorry to see some of the readers so reticent about the Monitor. Why don't you speak a good word for it? Give me the news, I will send it in.

DEFRANTZ PUSHES NEW "Y" CAMPAIGN

Germantown, Pa.—(By The Associated Negro Press).—R. B. DeFrantz, building campaign director for the national council of the Young Men's Christian Association, arrived here early this week, after the conclusion of a successful drive in Dayton, Ohio, to set in operation the work for a "Y" headquarters in this city to cost \$150,000. There were early indications that the campaign would be a success, four thousand dollars of the Negro quota being subscribed before the drive began. The leaders in the various phases of Negro life in the city have combined to assist Mr. DeFrantz. George W. Deans has given \$2,000 and Charles P. Stubbs, \$1,000.

NEGROES REFUSE SCAB WORK.

New York.—(By The Associated Negro Press).—Interviews among West Indian Negroes in this city who have not become American citizens reveals a decided unwillingness to take any part in the breaking up of the strike which now has hold of England. It had been reported that Great Britain might attempt to commandeer them to work as stevedores on the British docks.

ATLANTIC CITY HAS NEW HOTEL.

Atlantic City, N. J.—(By The Associated Negro Press).—A new eighteen-room hotel has just been erected on Drexel Avenue, near Pennsylvania Avenue. It is modern in every particular, and is understood to be for colored patrons. It was erected by the Bacharach Realty Company, but the company will not operate it.

U. S. IS GAINING IN WORLD TRADE

Increase Is Shown Since Pre-War Days.

Washington.—A striking picture of the foreign, commercial and financial transactions of the United States during 1925 is given in the fourth annual international trade balance statement made public by the Department of Commerce.

In a foreword to the statement, which takes into account the huge visible and so-called "invisible" or less tangible items of trade, Secretary Hoover pointed to the increase in total international transactions from around \$6,000,000,000 in 1924 to nearly \$6,800,000,000 last year as "showing very strikingly the enormously increasing importance of our foreign commercial and financial relations."

The figure was a gain of approximately \$1,100,000,000 over the 1923 total and nearly \$5,000,000,000 more than the annual prewar average.

"Increasing economic stability in foreign countries," the secretary said, "was reflected by a net import of fully one-fourth of the estimated amount of American currency held abroad and by the fact that the movement of foreigners' bank deposits in this country declined for the first time since 1921."

"During the year the United States further strengthened its international investment position. Our total foreign holdings now amount to about \$10,400,000,000, having increased by more than \$1,200,000,000 during the year. Our total returns from foreign investments are now greater than at any time in our history."

In the absence of complete and accurate figures total exports and imports, both visible and invisible, to be equal, the statement, allowing for "errors and omissions," estimated the final residual balance last year at \$94,000,000 against the United States. The same balance in 1924 was \$74,000,000 in this country's favor.

Although the excess of exports in merchandise dropped \$304,000,000 from the 1924 figure and a marked increase of \$125,000,000 in imports of new foreign securities was shown over that year, these were balanced by equivalent credit changes.

MONTANA COLORED CHURCH DECLINES K. K. K. \$100

(By N. A. A. C. P. Press Service)

New York—The Wayman Chapel of the A. M. E. Church in Billings, Montana, has declined a proffered gift of \$100 from the local Ku Klux Klan, according to a report sent to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People by J. L. Tankersley, Secretary.

The Billings Klan visited the church, and together with the gift of \$100 left a letter claiming that the decline in lynching in America was due to the organization of the Klan.

To the Klan communication and gift the colored church wrote as follows: "We the members of the Official Board and Pastor of the Wayman Chapel, A. M. E. Church, have listened to the reading of your communication and your generous donation offered our people, but wish to state that we cannot conscientiously accept the offer, this being the unanimous vote of the Board."

WON'T PROSECUTE MAN FOR CHOKING WOMAN

New York, May 14.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has received a report from its Phoenix, Arizona, branch, stating that Phoenix authorities had refused to prosecute a local white man who had attacked a colored woman, choking her into insensibility.

Mrs. Ada Walker, Secretary of the Phoenix N. A. A. C. P., reports that a local attorney in the County Attorney's office had said no white man could be found who would convict another white man for choking a "Nigger woman."

Mrs. Walker writes: "The case was decided against us but an example has been set that means much to us as we are led to believe that they know we are not asleep." The white man who committed the assault is said to hail from Oklahoma.

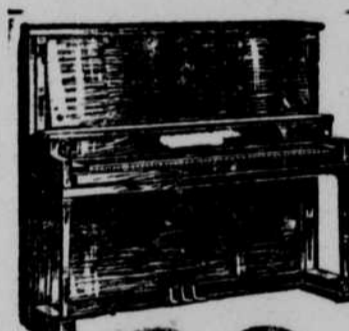
COPIES READY OF SUPREME COURT DECISION IN LOUISVILLE CASE

New York, May 14.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, announces that its reprints of the U. S. Supreme Court's Decision in the famous Louisville Segregation Case, are now ready and will be sent to applicants upon request.

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER HONORED

Philadelphia, Pa.—(By The Associated Negro Press).—William T. Coleman, director of the Wissahickon Boys' Club, Pulaski and Coulter Streets, Germantown, was appointed last week as Field Secretary of the Boys' Club Federation, an international organization with a membership of 255 boys' clubs.

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