

YOUNG AT RE-ELECT

Walter Rich Good Re Desires

Walter R. Johnson, who represented the ninth legislative district, which comprises most of the second ward in the last session of the legislature, is a candidate for re-election and requests his friends, whom he believes were pleased with his record to vote for him at the primaries August 10. Among one of the important bills which Mr. Johnson introduced was H. R. No. 127, which provided for increasing the number of juvenile court workers from 3 to 6, urging in support of his measure that this



would permit the employment of a colored juvenile court worker to which he believed they were entitled. The bill passed the house by a vote of 81 to 15 but was indefinitely postponed in the senate.

Mr. Johnson was born and reared in the district in which he now lives. He is a lawyer, a graduate of the Nebraska University and Creighton Law school. He is a veteran of the world war and served as lieutenant in the air service. He is now a captain in the reserve corps of the air service, and was the first to make a commercial flight over Omaha.

YOUNG RACE DENTIST SEEKS NOMINATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. John A. Singleton, as is generally known, was among the first to announce his candidacy for State Representative. He was among the first to file from the Ninth district which has relatively a large colored vote. Dr. Singleton is a young man



of ability, aggressive and progressive. He would make an excellent representative. He was born, reared and educated in Omaha, and as native Omahans are seeking political preferment, he fully fills the bill. In 1892 and 1894, when Omaha had a colored population of less than 4,000, Dr. M. O. Ricketts was elected to the legislature where he served with distinction. Our population is nearly six times as large as it was then.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT ST. PHILIP'S PICNIC

Last Thursday afternoon a large number enjoyed themselves at the annual parish and Sunday school picnic of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, which was held at Elmwood park. The day was an ideal one for the outing. Quite a number of guests were present.

Miss Hadee Gordon, a school teacher of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of her brother and family, D. V. Gordon, 2863 Miami street.

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NEY SEEKS TO LEGISLATURE

Johnson, Who Made in Last Session

again Represent Ninth District

OMAHA LOCALS

Mrs. R. P. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Carrie Harrison, of 2816 North Twenty-sixth street, will leave Sunday for a short visit in Kansas City, Mo. From there they will go to Chicago to spend several weeks. They expect to return to Omaha about the middle of September.

Miss Marguerite Long motored to Atchison, Kans., Saturday evening with friends, who enjoyed a fine trip. They returned Monday morning. While in Kansas City, Miss Long was the guest of Miss Marion Richie, who returned with her for a short visit.

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Mrs. H. J. Crawford, left last Thursday morning with her sister, Mrs. Ellen Russ, who had been her guest, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Clark, Mrs. Russ's daughter and son-in-law for Denver for an indefinite stay. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were returning west from a motor trip to Cincinnati.

Mr. Isaiah Bolin of Pittsburgh, Pa., has arrived in the city to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Alfred Fox.

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Mr. H. C. Smith, 1920 North Twenty-fifth street, had as his house guest his mother, Mrs. Lucy Smith of Wells-ville, Mo., and his sisters, Mrs. Abner Byrd of Lansing, Mich., and Mrs. I. D. Goens of St. Louis, Mo. They left Sunday evening for their respective homes after spending a two weeks' delightful visit. Many social affairs were given in their honor.

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Mr. Robert Terrell of Akron, Ohio, is visiting his mother and step-father, Sergt. and Mrs. Isaac Bailey, 2816 Pratt street.

Mrs. Lizzie Buford expects to leave soon for Colorado Springs, Colo., to take a much-needed rest.

A fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Russel S. Taylor last Saturday morning. Mother and child are doing well; father feeling chesty; grandparents, paternal and maternal, smiling; great grandmother proudest of them all.

FOR RENT—One, two or three rooms for light housekeeping. Furnished. Webster 2769. tf. 7, 30-26.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Cut prices. 2024 Burt St. At. 6126. 4t-7-30

FOR RENT—Three rooms furnished or unfurnished. Web. 2474. 2t-7-30

MEZZO-SOPRANO SOLOIST TO SING AT GROVE M. E.

Mlle. M. H. Demby, prima-donna mezzo-soprano soloist of Boston, Mass., whose concerts have delighted audiences throughout the United States and Canada for several years, will be heard in recital at Grove M. E. church, Friday night, August 6, under the auspices of the choir. Mlle. Demby has excellent testimonials from all sections of the country and music lovers may expect a rare musical treat.

EUGENE GORDON TO CONDUCT COLUMN IN FOURTH ESTATE

Boston, Mass.—(By the A. N. P.)—Through his article on "The Negro Press", published recently in the American Mercury, Eugene Gordon has been offered and has accepted the opportunity to conduct a column on Negro newspapers weekly in the Fourth Estate. In writing to Mr. Gordon concerning the offer, Walter Sammis, editor of the Fourth Estate, pointed out that he felt that the column would be of mutual benefit to the Fourth Estate and to Negro weeklies.

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EDITORIAL

We have a fighting chance to nominate at the August primary and to elect in November a member of our race to the State Legislature; but let us bear in mind that it is only a fighting chance and by no means a certainty. We gain nothing by deceiving ourselves or others. We are too easily deceived and make claims of political strength which an examination of hard, cold facts does not justify. When we cease to rely upon our imagination and deal with facts we will get somewhere. While we talk others figure. Let us talk less and figure more.

Facts and figures tell us that we have a fighting chance, and only a slim fighting chance to send one of our group to the legislature. That chance, as we see it, is in the Ninth District—which includes 12 precincts of the Second Ward, the boundaries of which Ward are Lothrop-Bristol street on the north; the Missouri river on the east, the north side of Charles street on the south and the east side of Thirtieth street on the west.

But please bear in mind that the Ninth Legislative District does not include all of the Second Ward. By a skilful geremander the Fourth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth precincts, which embrace the territory between Clark and Charles from Eighteenth to Thirtieth, and between Burdette and Charles from Twenty-fourth to Thirtieth are excluded. You never thought of that, did you? Now Precincts 14 and 15 are almost solidly colored, and Precinct 4 very largely so. These heavy colored precincts have been detached from the Ninth District and attached to the Tenth District. This clever trick or maneuver has largely reduced our vote in the Ninth District. Had these three precincts been included you can see what an advantage this would have been to our people. It would have made us the dominant political factor in the District. Our registered voting strength in the District is only about 1,000, while in the Ward it is 1,690. The unregistered voters will largely increase this. Our registered vote in the Tenth District is about the same. Weigh well these facts. Not guesses, but carefully collected facts.

These facts show that in both districts if we could poll even our full present registered voting strength, centered on one candidate, and enlist the support of a few hundred white voters, which can be done for a strong candidate, we could elect a representative in either one of these districts, perhaps in both; but that is doubtful. In one certainly. If we could get all our people to register and vote there would be no question about it. In other words, in neither one of these districts, have we enough colored votes to nominate or elect one of our own. This can only be done by combination; and since we have enough votes to defeat any republican candidate in either district such combination can be made. These, then, are the plain facts: With our race vote centered upon one candidate, it is possible to secure enough support from white voters to nominate and elect one of our number in either of these two legislative districts, but it must be a united and concentrated vote. It cannot be done by scattering our fire.

Viewing these facts, we believe our best fighting chance to nominate a candidate at this time is in the Ninth District, where only one candidate has filed in the person of Dr. John Andrew Singleton. He is a young man, 31 years of age, born and reared in Omaha, a member of a respected pioneer family, and of good education, being a graduate of Central High school and Howard university. He is married, has three children and is a homeowner and taxpayer. Like the rest of us, he has his faults of course. He has a good opinion of himself, which is not the worst of failings, and has a good deal of self-conceit—like the most of us have when we are young, but which is knocked out of us as we grow older. He is a church member and also a member of the American Legion and of several fraternities. These facts are all in his favor.

Laying aside petty, personal likes and dislikes, which we must learn to do, if we ever expect to come into our own politically or otherwise, there is no reason why we cannot get unitedly behind Singleton, not because he is Singleton, but because we ought to have a representative in the House and regain the political prestige we once had in this state when our numbers were one-sixth less than they are now, and he is the available candidate. Getting unitedly behind him we have a fighting chance of nominating him and so demonstrating our ability to put over some one program and by so doing win the respect of those who, because of our divisions, underrate our ability to do and largely regard us as children, pawns or playthings. This is going to be no easy job; for Singleton's rival for the nomination, Walter R. Johnson, who represented the District in the last session, is an excellent young man, deservedly popular in the District.

We hope to see Singleton win, because we believe we have got to continue fighting until we again have a representative in the House, and the Ninth District seems to us, at this time, to offer the best opportunity. If we had only one candidate in the Tenth District, where, unfortunately, we have two—in the persons of Mrs. Jabourness Alice Stewart, a most capable woman, who, if she can be elected, will be an excellent representative; and F. L. Barnett, the chances for winning would be as good, if not better than in the Ninth. But this division, as we see it, radically weakens our chances to win in the Tenth.

The Monitor is anxious to have our people see the situation exactly as it is and not be deceived or deluded by false hopes. We ought to have about 4,000 voters registered and voting in the Ninth and Tenth Legislative Districts—2,000 in each district. We have only 2,000 now registered in both, which means about 1,000 in each district. It is upon this basis that we have to figure our chances for nominating and electing a representative to the State Legislature. Knowing the facts, let us act wisely and intelligently.

Since this was written Mrs. Stewart has died, which alters the situation in the Tenth District.

LINCOLN NEWS NOTES

Remember each man and woman should register before August 1st to vote in the primaries—and vote for T. T. McWilliams nomination for representative of the Thirty-third district.

Remodelling of Quinn Chapel is fast progressing. Services are being held in Adventist Chhsh, Seventh and A streets.

The relaying of the cornerstone of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. will take place Sunday, August 1, at 3:30. The M. W. G. lodge A. F. & A. M. will have charge of the services.

PLEASE REMIT FOR YOUR PAPER.

Mr and Mrs. R. A. Adair entertained the Utopian Art club at their home, 1236 North Twenty-second street Thursday evening. A good membership were out, and a fine meet. The annual picnic will be given in F Street park August 12th.

The Around-the-World Trip by the B. Y. P. U. of Mount Zion Monday night was a big success.

Ye correspondent is on a vacation now—hence am brief.

The city of Lima, Peru, experiences an earthquake on an average of once a week, but during the last 10 years there has been no loss of life.

LAUGHTER, THEME OF WAR PICTURE AT LAKE THEATRE

Laughter, not slaughter is the ruling theme of "Behind the Front", Paramount's contribution to the story of the Great War, which comes to the Lake theatre Sunday.

"Behind the Front" is a comedy of the A. E. F., which features the humor, adventures, and disillusionment of a couple of dumb doughboys, played by that inimitable character team, Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton. Their roles are taken from life, for every battalion had two such characters, who served to furnish laughter for their buddies and plenty of mixups and trouble for their superiors.

Through the whole story runs a fine thread of romance, with beautiful Mary Brian playing the role of a Red Cross worker in France.

The picture was directed by Edward Sutherland, who directed Raymond Griffith in "A Regular Fellow". The supporting cast includes Chester Conklin, Richard Arlen, Louise Lorraine and Gertrude Astor.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The Garden club will hold its annual one-night carnival Tuesday evening, August 3rd at the north side branch at 22nd and Grant Streets. A beautiful embroidered bed spread will be given to the one holding the lucky number.

RECREATION SCHOOL NOW IN SESSION

Philadelphia, Pa.—Sessions of the annual summer school held for community service workers, are being held here under provisions made by Director of Public Welfare Charles H. Grakelow, in the Seger recreation center. The school is promoted under the special bureau of colored work of which Ernest E. Atwell is director, in conjunction with the Recreation and Playground Association of America.

THE BEAUTIFUL NEW LAKE THEATRE WILL OPEN SUNDAY NIGHT

The beautiful new Lake theatre will open Sunday night. Mr. Maurice D. Micklin, proprietor, has not spared money to give the people in that district one of the most attractive and



Maurice D. Micklin

up-to-date movie houses in the city. Its cooling system makes it a place to be sought for comfort in hot weather, and its pictures are the best to be obtained.

Mr. Micklin says, "As you will see I have given the people a place of amusement, entertainment and recreation which is as beautiful, complete and attractive as money can make it. It has taken lots of money, but I believe the public will appreciate it and give us the patronage which it deserves."

William H. Bergman, "Bill", as many friends call him, is manager.



William H. Bergman

Not only is he a young man of large experience in the movie business, but is a man of fine personality who makes friends. He will always be in charge and assures all patrons of courteous attention.

PROMINENT WOMAN IS CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. J. Alice Stewart Passes Away at Family Residence Wednesday Noon After Brief

CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION

First Woman of Race in Nebraska to File for Political Office. Endorsed by Civic League

Mrs. Alice J. Stewart, aged 51, wife of William T. Stewart, government inspector, prominent and active in musical, church and political affairs, and first woman of Negro race to file for political office in Nebraska, died at the family residence, 2515 Parker street, at noon Wednesday, after a brief illness. Mrs. Stewart had not been in the best of health for some months, but so cheerful, sunny and uncomplaining was she that few, even of her most intimate friends



knew it. She took to her bed only a few days ago, but as this was not generally known, her death, wholly unexpected, came as a great shock.

Mrs. Stewart, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Shipton, of Denver, Colo., was born in Chicago, June 5, 1875, shortly before her parents removed to Denver. She was graduated from Lincoln institute, Jefferson City, Mo., at the age of seventeen and married Elijah Lovejoy Hamlin, residing in St. Louis, until Mr. Hamlin died in 1902. She then went south to teach music and was head of the music department of Clark university, Atlanta, Ga., for three years and of the same department at Philander Smith college, Little Rock, Ark., for four years. In 1910 she was married to William T. Stewart in Chicago, the couple coming directly to Omaha where they have since resided.

Mrs. Stewart has devoted herself teaching music and has left her impression upon the community by the inspiration and help she was to many who are now good musicians. An ardent suffragist she took an active part in civic and political affairs. She had accepted a filing for nomination on the republican ticket at the approaching primary for State representative from the tenth district for which she had received the endorsement of the Civic league. She was an active worker in religious affairs and was a member of Hillside Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by her husband, two sisters, Mrs. John Crawford of this city, and Mrs. Ellen Russ of Denver; two nieces, Mrs. Florentine F. Pinkston of Omaha, and Mrs. Benjamin Clark of Denver; three nephews, J. Dillard and Lovejoy Crawford of Omaha, and Eugene Russ of Los Angeles, Cal., and other relatives.

The body was taken to St. Louis, Mo., Thursday night for interment. Mr. Stewart accompanied the remains.

Mrs. Charles H. Stanton and little son, Richard, are visiting relatives and friends in Portland, Ore. Mr. Stanton expects to join them during his vacation next month.

Sergt. Philip Letcher leaves Saturday for a two weeks' visit in Kentucky.

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