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LILLIAN TITUS
ANTI WINS
PHAL SUCCESS
IN SONG RECITAL

First Appearance of Great Coloratura Soprano, Lillian Titus, at Omaha Captivates Entire Audience.

Madame Lillian Evanti, coloratura soprano, presented a representative audience of both races, in her recital at Tech Auditorium Wednesday night under the auspices of St. Philip's Episcopal church, and fully sustained the enviable reputation she has obtained from musical critics both in Europe and the United States. She has a charming stage presence and immediately gets en rapport with her audience.

Her voice is real beautiful and powerful and her exceptional skill, superb style and extreme sureness conquered her audience from her first tones and she held her conquest up to the very end which was climaxed by her faultless rendition of the grand air from "La Traviata," which was sung in costume with beautiful stage settings.

Her opening numbers were "Song of Spring" by Handel and "Alleluiah" by Mozart, to which she responded graciously with an encore elicited by the applause of the delighted audience. The "Celebrated Theme with Variations" by Proch, tested her artistic ability and that she fully met the difficult test was proven by the rounds of applause which recalled her for another number.

"O Cease Thy Singing, Maiden Fair" by Rachmaninoff and "Me Company Along," by Hagemas, were rendered with wonderful refinement of interpretational and tonal mastery; while a series of spirituals, "Lamb a-Cryin'" and "Were You There?" by Burleigh and "De Ole Ark a-Moverin'," by Guion, gave opportunity for another wonderful display of interpretative vocal art.

The grand air from "La Traviata," sung by Evanti as Violetta, gave to all the most conspicuous proof of the greatness of her art.

Madame Evanti sings with a vocal style which commends itself by the naturalness of its contour of tone. Her magnificent voice, of full and equal volume, soared with sure mastery from the most acute tones to the lowest ones, always full and well sounding.

Lydia Mason, as an accompanist was splendid. Her tone quality was excellent and the very careful shading and colorful interpretations were at all times satisfying. Miss Mason as a pianist in the numbers which she contributed, each eliciting an encore, showed great talent. Her technique left nothing to be desired. In her lighter numbers, like the delightful "Japanese Etude" by Poldini, she never failed to bring out their grace and rhythmic swing. In compositions of Cyril Scott were found opportunity

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EDITORIAL

Colored voters are being told that they MUST vote the straight republican ticket for two chief reasons:

1.—"Because the colored people owe the Republican party a debt which they can never repay for the reason that the Republican party gave them freedom."

2.—"Because if they attempt to scratch or cut their ballot they will be sure to spoil it and thereby lose their vote."

In answer to the first it may be sufficient to say that Almighty God was the One Who granted freedom to the Negro slave, as He has also done for white slaves, because the Negro is not the only race that has been enslaved. True, He used the Republican party as one, but ONLY ONE, of His agents or instruments in this work. But it must not be forgotten that He also used the Negro himself to the number of over 200,000 in saving the Union and winning his freedom. By his loyalty and devotion to his country and to the Republican party the colored American has paid whatever debt he owed the party, and paid it with interest years ago. He is not mortgaged soul and body to the Republican party as Republican "spellbinders" love to insist. The claim, therefore, that the colored people must continue to vote the Republican ticket straight, willy nilly, no matter who or what the candidates may be, because they "owe a debt which they can never repay" is not true.

In answer to the second let us frankly say that it impugns the colored voter's intelligence. It says in effect, "You are so ignorant and dumb in the matter of voting, that the only safe thing for you to do is to make your mark in the party circle. You haven't sense enough or intelligence enough to do more than this, so don't take any chances or your vote won't count."

Are you willing, Mr. and Mrs. Colored Voter, to rest under this indictment of ignorance? Of course not. You have just as much ability to scratch or cut your ballot as anybody else. It is a very simple thing. In order that you may know just how to do it, we call your attention to a portion of a Sample Ballot, herewith published.

One arrow points to the Republican circle. Mark a cross in this circle. If you make only this one mark, which some people are telling you you have only sense or intelligence enough to do, then you have voted the straight republican ticket. You have voted for every republican candidate on that ticket. But suppose there is some republican candidate you don't want to vote for, then what? Are you compelled to do so, or else have your ballot thrown out if you scratch him? Of course not. Please notice that an arrow points to the name of John Hopkins, Democratic nominee for Sheriff, and another to that of Otto J. Bauman, Democratic candidate for County Treasurer. These arrows show that there is a cross before each of these names. This means that if you want to vote for either or both of these candidates all you have to do is to put a cross in the square in front of the name of the candidate or candidates you prefer. Suppose you have put a mark in the party circle as indicated and a cross before both Hopkins and Bauman's name, it means that you voted for these two in place of the republican candidates for these offices. Or in other words, it means that you have voted for every republican on your ticket with the exception of McDonald for Sheriff and Beisel for County Treasurer. It means you have "scratched" or cut these two men. Isn't this plain and easy.

The same is true of other candidates. Suppose you want to vote for Charles W. Pool, democratic nominee for re-election for Secretary of State, who has always been popular with our people, and who was the only democrat in the last election to carry the wards in which the colored vote predominated, instead of the republican nominee. Put a cross in the square in front of his name.

If you are a democrat and want to scratch your ticket, it is done in the same way. Put your cross in your party circle and a cross mark in the square before the name of the candidate you wish to substitute for your party nominee. Again we ask, is not this simple and plain? Haven't you brains enough to do this? Of course, you have.

Then demonstrate that you can use your ballot intelligently by voting as your conscience and good sense direct, for candidates whom you honestly believe will best serve the interests of the community at large and will be absolutely fair to all classes.

The Monitor is a republican newspaper, but we believe that it is to the best interests of our people, at this time, to vote for John Hopkins for Sheriff, Otto J. Bauman for County Treasurer and Charles W. Pool for Secretary of State, who are on the democratic ticket.

HAS NOT CHANGED

The same crowd that imported and circulated a "Special Omaha Edition" of a Kansas City newspaper, urging colored voters to defeat McDonald at the primaries, charging that he was a

klansman, are now insisting that these same voters must now support him. What do they take us for—fools and imbeciles? If McDonald should have been defeated at the primaries, he should be defeated now. He has not changed.



His Record

Is it not significant that in the rising heat of this campaign, the record of the present County Treasurer has never been questioned, even by his most ardent adversaries?

Re-Elect
Otto J. Bauman
Democrat
County Treasurer

Owing to demand for advertising space this week, several important news items must be carried over until next week.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Many of our readers may think that the position of State and County Superintendent of Education do not particularly concern them. This, however, is a great mistake. So interlinked is our educational system, that it is very important indeed that well qualified and broad-minded men should be elected to these offices. We desire to call particular attention in this connection to Henry M. Eaton, candidate for County Superintendent. He has raised the standard of education in his district which includes all of Douglas County, outside of Omaha. He has the unanimous endorsement of superintendents and teachers in his district who are anxious for his re-election. Patrons and teachers whom he has served so well want him and the voters of Omaha to vote for him. The Monitor has known Mr. Eaton for several years. We count him among our warm personal friends. We know where he stands in respect to our people. He belongs to no organization that is unfriendly towards us. We therefore urge our people to vote for Henry M. Eaton for County Superintendent.

Madame Lillian Evanti was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Haynes, 2859 Corby street during her stay in Omaha.

TAKE NO CHANCES!

Where there's smoke, there must be fire!

Charles McDonald, republican candidate for sheriff, denies that he is a klansman. Former klansmen, however, say it is part of the oath for members of that organization to deny that they are members.

McDonald's most active workers are men like C. L. Nethaway, Lyman Wheeler, Emil Larson and F. L. Cook. The names of all of these men are frequently associated with the Klan.

Listen to this: On July 23 the Omaha World-Herald printed a news item which stated, "At a meeting last night in the hall at Forty-first and

YOU WILL NOT SPOIL YOUR BALLOT!
Certain persons are attempting to tell Negro voters that if they attempt to scratch their ticket by voting for John Hopkins and Otto Bauman, their ballot will be spoiled.

This is an absolute falsehood! By placing a cross in the Republican circle, and a cross before the names of John Hopkins for Sheriff and Otto Bauman for Treasurer, you vote for all of the Republican candidates except the opponents of Hopkins and Bauman.

Don't be misled! Here is an official communication from Election Commissioner William McHugh, in which McHugh tells you that by voting as described above, you DO NOT spoil your ballot:

October 25, 1926.

Rev. John Albert Williams,
1119 No. 21st Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of today, will say that a voter may vote a straight party ticket and then go down the ballot and scratch other candidates outside his party.

As an example—a Republican voter may make a cross in the Republican circle at the top of the ballot, and then go down to the group for "Sheriff" and "County Treasurer", and place a cross in the square before the Democratic candidates for these offices. A ballot marked in this manner will be counted as a vote for every Republican candidate on the ballot, except the Republican candidate for Sheriff and County Treasurer, and will be counted as a vote for the Democratic candidate for Sheriff and County Treasurer.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) WM. D. McHUGH, Jr.
Election Commissioner.
By A. E. MAY, Deputy.

Farnam streets, Charles McDonald was endorsed for sheriff by the Omaha Ku Klux Klan."

McDonald has never repudiated this endorsement. Neither has the Klan.

Where will the Negro be, do you suppose, if McDonald is elected sheriff? What consideration will the Negro receive, with men like Nethaway, Cook and other klansmen continually whispering in the sheriff's ear?

The Negro race has too much at stake to take a chance. We do not want hundreds of klansmen patrolling Omaha streets as "special deputy sheriffs."

We KNOW where John Hopkins stands.

Let's make sure of our position in Omaha by voting for John Hopkins for sheriff.

THE Candidate for Sheriff.



John Hopkins

VOTE TO PROTECT YOURSELF!

This marked ballot shows you how to do it!

SAMPLE BALLOT

General Election, November 2, 1926

To vote a Straight Ticket make a Cross in Party Circle

REPUBLICAN
 DEMOCRAT
 PROGRESSIVE
 LA FOLLETTE INDEPENDENT

LEGISLATIVE TICKET

Vote for ONE For State Senator—Fourth Senatorial District

WM. N. CHAMBERS.....Republican
 FRANK R. KEEGAN.....Democrat
 HENRY HOFFMAN.....Progressive

Vote for ONE For State Senator—Seventh Senatorial District

JOHN W. COOPER.....Republican
 GRACE L. BURGER.....Democrat

For State Representative—Ninth Legislative District

Vote for ONE

JOHN A. SINGLETON.....Republican
 JOHN J. BARRY.....Democrat
 FRANK HAINS.....Progressive

For State Representative—Tenth Legislative District

Vote for ONE

F. L. BARNETT.....Republican
 RALPH BROCK.....Democrat
 C. D. BAUER.....Progressive

COUNTY TICKET

Vote for ONE For Sheriff

HARRIS B. McDONALD.....Republican
 JOHN HOPKINS.....Democrat
 H. KENT.....Progressive

Vote for ONE For County Treasurer

L. BEISEL.....Republican
 OTTO J. BAUMAN.....Democrat

Vote for ONE For County Clerk

GRACE BERGER.....Republican
 HARRY K. EASTON.....Democrat

Vote for ONE For Governor

ADAM McMULLEN.....Republican
 CHARLES W. BRYAN.....Democrat
 ROY M. HARROP.....Progressive
 OSMOND F. BYRON.....La Follette Independent

Vote for ONE For Lieutenant Governor

GEO. A. WILLIAMS.....Republican
 FRANK A. DUTTON.....Democrat

Vote for ONE For Secretary of State

FRANK MARSH.....Republican
 CHARLES W. POOL.....Democrat

Vote for ONE For Auditor of Public Accounts

L. B. JOHNSON.....Republican
 WM. H. SMITH.....Democrat

Vote for ONE For State Treasurer

W. M. STEBBINS.....Republican

If you want to vote the Republican ticket and still protect your own interests by voting for our friends, John Hopkins for Sheriff, and Otto Bauman for Treasurer, all you have to do is to mark your ballot as shown above.

Put a cross in the Republican circle. Then be sure and put a cross in the little square in front of Hopkins' name. Then do the same in front of Bauman's name.

DON'T PUT ANY ARROWS ON YOUR BALLOT. The arrows are on the ballot above only to show you where the three crosses are put, in order to vote for Hopkins and Bauman.

Just three little crosses and the job is done.

Don't forget—don't put any other marks on your ballot except the three crosses.



Miss Grace Berger
Republican Candidate
for
County Clerk

SOLICITS YOUR VOTE
Election November 2nd
20 years experience in
County Clerk's office — 7
years Chief Deputy under
Frank Dewey.

Present County Clerk