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A NEW DEPOT

Omaha, the gateway to the West, has many things of which to be proud. There are also many faults. Few cities are perfect. If they were, there would be no need for schools, colleges and universities where thousands of young students filled with ambitions and ideas are impatient to practice their ideas in their cities.

How many times has a salesman lost a sale, a student miss-

ed an education because he missed a train? How many minutes of your life have you wasted in going from one station to another to make a train connection. How many hours of labor would it save the baggage man if he did not have to risk all the time to get the baggage to another station? This is one of Omaha's faults. Omaha needs a new Union station and needs it badly. Loyal citizens of Omaha will recognize this need and use their influence to secure it.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Legislature

Editor Monitor: Not long ago there was a bill before the Nebraska Legislature proposing that representatives be elected from the districts which they represent. This caused quite a discussion in the legislature because the outstate representatives were for it and the Douglas county ones were against it. Their argument was that sometimes there would be a Negro in the legislature.

Well, it happened this time, only doubly, and the Negroes of Douglas county are at last represented as they should have been long ago. Now there is a bill before the legislature proposing that the county commissioners be elected in the same manner as legislators. I hope this bill passes for if it does there is a chance of a Negro holding the position now held by Mr. Kubat. I expect the same old fight against it as was made against the other bill by the Douglas county men. However, I hope they lose as before, they deserve to. They claim to be the Negro's friend until something like this comes up and then they show their hand.

I hope Representatives Barnett and Singleton work for the measure for if they do there is a chance of later on getting a bill through on the senators and other officers.

G. R.

LINCOLN-DOUGLASS NATIONAL OBSERVANCE

Prize Literary Contest

Announced for National Lincoln-Douglass Observances and Race Conference at Washington, Feb. 12-14—Congress and President to Be Petitioned.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 28—As one of the first steps in the Post-Sesqui-Centennial Race Crusade, for rights with which the colored Americans are urged to signalize the beginning of the nation's fourth half century, the National Equal Rights league announces a race patriotic literary prize contest in honor of Abraham Lincoln, the emancipator, and Frederick Douglass, the fugitive slave abolitionist, whose birthdays, February 12 and 14 are to be celebrated by the race everywhere, separately or jointly.

There are to be three contests to consist of race petitions to Congress, also to the President, in the spirit and memory of Lincoln and of Douglass, for redress of the race's just vital grievances, and one for the best equality quotations from Lincoln and Douglass contestants to select two quotations from Lincoln and two from Douglass.

Papers in Before February 11

All members of the race are invited to contest. Manuscripts must be in the hands of the recording secretary of the league, James L. Neill, Esq., 906 T street, Northwest, Wash-

ington, D. C., on or before February 11, 1927, for examination by a board of judges from several national race bodies, the board to meet at Washington on February 12 in connection with a national Lincoln-Douglass three-days observance and race conference February 12 to 14.

The race is asked to arrange to send delegates from every place to this race assembly from Lincoln-Douglass sub-committees of existing race bodies or from Lincoln-Douglass or Equal Rights leagues or citizens' committees formed for the purpose, which also arrange local observances and remain permanent.

On February 14 delegations from the race conference will present petitions to both branches of congress and to President Coolidge in memory of Lincoln and Douglass, based on the prize winning petitions. Prizes will be awarded at the night meeting.

1927 UNITED RIGHTS CRUSADE

Urge 1927 Get-Together

Racial Uniting for Common Cause Post-Sesqui Crusade by Renewed Organization and Concert of Organizations Recommended for Start of America's Fourth Half Century

Lincoln-Douglass Day for Launching Movement

Boston, Mass., Jan. 28—(Special)—From its national headquarters here the National Equal Rights league has issued a 1927 appeal for united racial action against color discrimination. The league calls attention to this country's passing its 150th year in 1926 and urges the race to a special renewal of contention for the rights upon which the new nation was based as its fourth half century begins, a post Sesqui-Centennial crusade for rights based upon a plan.

The Plan

In this plan the specified rights which the entire membership of the race is asked to agree to are:

1. Full and identical judicial rights, to stop lynching and court injustice.

2. Identical political rights, to stop denial or intimidation in freedom to vote in primaries and elections.

3. Identical civil rights, to prevent exclusion from or segregation in public conveyances, educational institutions, public places of amusement, of lodgings, of refreshment and eating, recreation and others of public accommodation and resort, or in residence, and in governmental buildings or in connection with governmental work.

Methods and Means

The methods of the crusade as put forth are:

1. Daily prayer to Almighty God for deliverance from race hatred and the persecutions and proscriptions, with special public prayer annually

in connection with Thanksgiving Day services.

2. Publication in every race paper, posting in every meeting room and assembly hall or edifice, social, MONITOR—Five

civic, fraternal, or religious, of the preamble of the Declaration of Independence.

3. Emancipation from slavery to political parties and voting as free persons for men and for measures to ensure the crusade's objects, also full registration.

4. Renewed racial organization for rights and to further the crusade as by branches of the National Equal Rights league, etc., and membership of everybody with some civil rights organization.

5. Racial union, by co-operation and united action of all civil rights organizations and by bringing together all political, fraternal, civic, social and business bodies for combined political and civic force and finance against injustice and for equality.

For this earnest effort to mobilize the total power of the proscribed, the race press is asked to publish this explanation of the crusade. The league urges immediate appeal to congress to press the anti-lynching bill and repeal the Segregation Beach statute and to the president to abolish departmental segregation.

Launch Movement February 12-14

Public inauguration of the crusade on a nation-wide scale is suggested at Douglass or Lincoln-Douglass Day observances at which the arrangement committees will initiate permanent organization for the crusade by Lincoln-Douglass or Equal Rights leagues, citizens' committees, or sub-committees of some organization, with a national observance race conference and petitions.

Historic leaflets on Douglass will be sent for the postage (4 cents) by the league, 9 Cornhill, with the Post-Sesqui-Centennial declaration and plan of crusade.

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH IN NEGRO HISTORY

WONDERFUL ETHIOPIANS OF FAMOUS CUSHITE EMPIRE

II. Foreword—The Origin of Civilization, from the Black Race of Antiquity

By Drusilla Dunjee Houston

In this series of "Wonderful Ethiopians" in three volumes, we study the races of Western Europe and we learn to understand the hatreds of Europe that underlaid the World War. We learn that when Celt and Teuton call the Ethiopians of the New World "Uncle" and "Auntie," that they are using titles that are scientifically true. Our story passes on to another remnant of the ancient Cushite empire, that baffling race, the Iberians, now represented by the unique Basques of Europe, then on to the Berbers of North Africa, another heroic branch of the Cushite race. Some scientists have called them the descendants of the people of "Atlantis."

Next succeed the singular facts about the life of the mysterious Etruscans of old Italy, who were the civilizers of the Romans; then we follow the life and tragedy of the fleeing Pelasgians, who were the fountain out of which the later Greek culture welled. They were the people of the flashing pictures of the legends of Greek mythology. It is almost impossible to find anything but scanty fragments in the world's literature about any of these people of pre-historic days; but our text has compiled these fragments, so many of them, as to form fascinating chapters. Today all these subjects remain unexplained mysteries in the average book.

We linger a while to gaze upon the marvels revealed of the lost civilization of the Aegean and stop to study the enchanting Greece of Homer and the subtle meaning of the Greek legends. All having direct relation to the ancient Cushites. Historic Greece in all her glory, but viewed from new angles, passes before us with the older and superior civilization of Asia Minor, which has been almost entirely overlooked in modern literature. Next we come to the fact that the Phoenicians called themselves Ethiopians and that the Hebrew writers gave them the same name; then we reflect upon the strange relationship of the family of Cushite tongues to the so-called Indo-European group of languages.

Our trail of the Cushites leads us high up where we get a breathless view of the astounding Ethiopian of today. Next follows the chapter on the "Wonderful Ethiopians," who produced fadeless colors that have held their hues for thousands of years, who drilled through solid rock and were masters of many other lost arts; and who many scientists believe must have understood electricity, who made metal figures that could move and speak and may have invented flying machines; for the "flying horse, Pegasus" and the

"Ram of the golden fleece" of the legends may not have been mere fairy tales; but may have pictured fact.

Next out of the forgotten wastes of the dark continent rise before us in volume three, lost ancient African empires, representing other missing civilizations of the time of the Cretan age. Then across the screen comes flashing the "Ancient Cushite Commerce," who before the dawn of history had blazed out the ocean trails that the Phoenicians later followed. The ancient Cushite ships appear on the sculptures of all ancient ruins, they were larger than the later Phoenician ships. We find irrefutable evidence of their presence as daring conquerors in the religion, legends, customs of primitive America.

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BROADCASTS IDEALS OF COLORED WOMEN

President Beckley of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Speaks Over Station WBFE

FANS HEAR GREAT PROGRAM

Cincinnati, Ohio—Among the outstanding features of the recent eighth annual grand chapter convocation of Delta Sigma Theta sorority which met in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 27-30, 1926, was the splendid radio program given on December 28th at 8:15 p. m. from Garfield hotel, over station WBFE.

Dorothy Pelham Beckley, Washington, D. C., national president, spoke on the ideals of Delta as embodied in high scholarship, noble womanhood and worthwhile achievement. Listeners in praised her pleasing voice and the effectiveness with which the message was gotten over, and complimented as well the high artistry of the following musical program rendered:

1. Piano—"Rigoletto" Transcript, Verdi, Liset—Miss Eloise Lowe, supervisor of music, public schools of Nashville, Tenn.

2. Voice (basso)—"Thy Sentinel Am I," Watson; "Cato's Advice"—N. W. Ryder.

3. Quartette Delta Sigma Theta Sorority—"Oh Lovely Night," (a capella), Kremser—First soprano, Miss Marguerite Isby; second soprano, Miss Ruth Alston; first alto, Mrs. Lillian Drayton, and second alto, Mrs. Mable L. Smith. Mrs. Anna Howard Matthews, Cosmopolitan School of Music, accompanist.

4. Three-minute talk—Miss Dorothy Beckley, Washington, D. C., national president, Delta Sigma sorority.

5. Voice—"Exhortation," Will Marion Cooke, "Deep River; arranged by Burleigh—N. W. Ryder.

6. Piano—"Ballade in G Minor",

Chopin—Miss Eloise Lowe.

7. Quartette—Delta Sigma Theta Sorority—"Bridal Chorus" from "Rose Maiden", Cowen—Mrs. Anna Howard Matthews, accompanist.

Mayor Seangood Welcomes

The public, program and reception given at Mount Zion M. E. Church Monday, December 27th was well attended. Mayor Seangood gave a splendid speech of welcome complimenting the sorority on its constructive program and urging that it stress the full participation in civic affairs by all women. "In this way only," said Mayor Seangood, "can civic affairs be properly administered to the end that we all may reach a higher place of living and enjoy to the full our inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

An appropriation was made by the grand chapter in response to the acclamation sent out by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History whose purpose it is to inculcate a higher appreciation of the Negro's contribution to civilization and to secure him the recognition belonging to all men:

1. By collecting, publishing, and popularizing the materials of Negro life and history.

2. By producing a series of historical stories, as textbooks, and pictures depicting the civilization of the Negro in Africa and America.

3. By inducing boards of education to adopt these works as optional texts and supplementary works in public schools, and

4. By having libraries provide an adequate number of reference books presenting the various aspects of Negro life and history.

In order to co-operate with the Circle for Peace and Foreign Relations a resolution was passed whereby the sorority voted to appoint two representatives to serve on the American committee, to make an appropriation and to endorse their program for holding the Fourth Pan-African Conference in New York next August.

A resolution was passed endorsing the recent book published by an honorary member of the sorority, Hallie Q. Brown, and the book was placed on the study calendar for the year. The book bears the title "Homespun Heroines and Other Women of Distinction."

Officers for 1927

One hundred delegates and visiting members were present at the eighth annual convention of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Cincinnati was most hospitable, the local committee's arrangements perfect and the social affairs brilliant. This convention represents the end of the Grand Chapter's most constructive year. Dorothy Pelham Beckley, Washington, D. C., grand chapter president for three years refused reelection. The following grand chapter officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ethel Cali-

mese, Cincinnati, Ohio; first vice-president, Anna J. Thompson, Washington, D. C.; second vice-president, Vivian O. Marsh, Berkeley, California; secretary, L. Beatrice Morton, Cincinnati, Ohio; treasurer, Annie M. Dingle, New York City; journalist, Madree Penn White, St. Louis, Mo. Washington, D. C., was unanimously chosen as the next place of meeting.

BANKERS' FIRE DECLARES DIVIDENDS

Durham, N. C.—The board of directors of the Bankers' Fire Insurance company, the only Negro fire insurance company in the country, in their annual report of the affairs of the organization, closing the year as of December 31, 1926, made public here recently, showed that the company has a most successful year. The board declared a dividend of \$5 per share on its outstanding stock.

Mrs. S. Wilford is reported quite sick at this time.

Robert Henry Hucless Consistory No. 32 elected officers for the ensuing year Sunday.

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