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We, as publishers, MUST comply with the law or pay the penalty.

### LET'S NOT SLEEP AT THE SWITCH

We have hitherto made the mistake of waiting until too late to bring our demand, a reasonable and just demand, before the Board of Education, for the employment of some of our people in the public school system of this city, for which we pay our proportionate share of the taxes. We want to begin now in importuning the Board of Education for the employment of some of our young women as teachers in the public schools. Several have applications on file and we hope others who measure up to the required standard will also file, so that at least somebody may be appointed. We have been told by certain members of the Board that they are favorable to making such appointments as soon as funds permit. No doubt in June new teachers will be elected and among the number there ought to be some young women of our race. It is time Omaha was getting on the map as a liberal-minded and progressive city in this matter. Let us not go to sleep at the switch now.

### TIME TO WAKE UP!

It is time for the Omaha Chamber of Commerce to wake up and protest against the economic loss which the city is receiving at the hands of some of the railroads. This may seem like a small matter, but is it? A year or so ago, the Northwestern-Union Pacific decided that the terminals for a large number of its waiters and cooks should be Chicago and Oakland. This compelled more than 200 substantial colored citizens to give up their homes here and remove to Chicago or Oakland. Little as may be thought of it this meant a substantial financial loss to the

city. Now the same road is substituting Chinese porters on its buffet cars. How many city residents this will affect we do not know. Some certainly. How much money will these Chinese porters spend in Omaha?

### A JOURNALISTIC TRIUMPH

We doff our hat in admiration to the Nashville Globe, Tennessee's leading race journal, which covers Tennessee like the morning dew, upon its splendid—no, we've made no mistake, this is the right adjective to use in this case—special Christmas edition. It contains eight sections, totalling sixty-four pages, one of which is a beautiful photograph section, with a full page cut of the late Rev. R. H. Boyd, founder of the National Baptist Publishing Board's printing plant. The edition is well illustrated with cuts of leading citizens, attractive homes and business institutions. It contains several two-page and whole-page advertisements, after the fashion of leading metropolitan dailies. Its new columns and feature articles are of the highest order. In its beautiful Christmas edition the Globe has undoubtedly scored a journalistic triumph, upon which we extend sincere and hearty congratulations.

### THINK IT OVER

Chicago has just appointed a colored woman as principal of one of her largest schools, the Keith, which has a large enrollment of pupils of our race. Omaha is not asking for principals YET, although that ought to come in the course of time, but for teachers in some of the grades. Chicago, Detroit and many other northern cities have colored teachers on their corps, why should Omaha remain a back number?

## ARROWS

By R. A. Adams

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 (For Preston News Service)

### MY BEST

If I may not do the great things,  
 That win unmeasured praise,  
 If it be mine, by word, or deed,  
 Some fallen soul to raise,  
 To help some wandered astray,  
 To find again the righteous way,  
 Or friends estranged to reconcile,  
 I shall have done some things worth while.

If I may not on battle field  
 Win honor and renown,  
 Or by some deed illustrious  
 Merit a victor's crown,  
 If my own spirit I control,  
 Win mastery of my own soul,  
 I've conquered a dread enemy,  
 And won a glorious victory.

If I cannot do what I would,  
 Reach heights I would attain,  
 If, in my efforts to be great,  
 I struggle but in vain,  
 When I shall do the best I can,  
 In interest of my fellowman,  
 I shall have wrought in noble cause,  
 A work that merits Heav'n's applause.

So I shall always strive to do  
 Whatever my hands may find,  
 Whether the tasks be great or small,  
 With heart, and soul, and mind,  
 And strive, in ev'ry given test,  
 To give unto the world my best,  
 That may be said, "For human good,  
 He did and gave the best he could!"  
 —R. A. ADAMS.

### WE SPEND OUR YEARS

The thing of which the author was writing was the period of human longevity which is commonly called life, and which is chronologically divided into years; and the thing which he affirms of years is that we spend them.

Now, spend is a verb in the active voice and is equivalent to use; so we might as appropriately read, we use our years. The term years is modified by the adjective "our" and is significant of the fact that these years are ours and it is with us to determine how they shall be spent, or used. Moreover, it indicates necessity for the proper utilization of these years.

Forceful are the sayings, "Not days, but deeds;" "We live in deeds, not years;" "It matters not how long we live, but how." In this connection, one thing is certain, we cannot hinder the passing of the years; we cannot prevent spending our years; we can only determine the nature and character of life's activities.

One might spend his money for trash, for paste diamonds, for unsatisfying pleasures, bringing penury, regret, and remorse, or he may spend it for things substantial and beneficial—since it is his money, as these are our years!

On the other hand, one may spend his years—his life—in idleness, frivolity, or in destructive pleasures, or he may spend these years in usefulness, in service to mankind, thus adding to the sum total of human weal and happiness.

Let it be considered that WE, do this spending of our years; we determine what shall be done and how; we control our actions; we decide our destiny! Fate is a myth; fortune is an illusion; good luck is a mirage; we sow and we reap; we surrender to the highest or the lowest in us;

we waste or conserve; we live or just exist; our efforts, activities, and our accomplishments decide our fortune rather than the signs of the zodiac; we spend our years, we determine our destiny!

The complete sentence reads: "We spend our years as a tale that is told."—that is, every life has its story with the beginning, period of development, its climax—its end. In a story, the end, whether happy or unhappy, is the result of the activities of the characters, especially the chief character, during the period covered by the story. And so it is with life!

We who live now are spending our years, living our lives, utilizing or wasting our opportunities, making our lives worth while or useless; and when we face the setting sun and view the shadows gathering, our peace, our comfort, our contentment, our hope, and our hold on things eternal will depend on HOW WE HAVE SPENT OUR YEARS!

Another year of our life has passed into eternity; we are face to face with a new one, bringing new opportunities, new duties, new responsibilities; and this may be the last of "Our Years." So let us profit by the mistakes of the year now passed and strive for greater accomplishments during the New Year!

Mrs. B. B. Cowan returned Monday from Pratt, Kans., where she was called last week by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Ruth Tanner.

### K. U. STUDENT WINS CUP WITH "NEW NEGRO" ORATION

Lawrence, Kans.—Charles Stokes, Pratt, Kansas, a student of the University of Kansas, won the third annual campus problems oratorical contest held at the university recently and was awarded the loving cup offered by the Women's Self Government association of the university.

Mr. Stokes was one of the eight speakers selected from the twenty-four who competed in the preliminary contest. He was the only colored speaker. He chose for his subject "The New Negro."

### CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

The Christmas services at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon consisted of the midnight mass Christmas Eve; holy communion at 7:30 a. m.; church school at 10; choral eucharist with sermon at 11, and evening prayer at 8.

The children of the church school had their Christmas tree Wednesday

night, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Each child received a present and a generous box of candy. The adults present were also presented with boxes of candy. The customary services will be held Sunday at 7:30, 10, and 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

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### EPISCOPAL

Church of St. Philip the Deacon

21st near Paul

Rev. John Albert Williams, Rector

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30 a. m. Holy Communion

10 a. m. Sunday School

11 a. m. Sung Eucharist With Sermon

8 p. m. Service and Sermon

The Church With a Welcome and a Message, Come