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## "NO" SAYS TELEPHONE COMPANY

The committee from the Ministerial Alliance which recently waited upon the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, respectfully requesting them to give employment to some of our young people as operatives or in some like capacity were given their answer Thursday morning. The answer is a positive refusal to do anything of the kind, so we have been informed. This categorical negative was not what the committee expected. It had hoped that the officials of the company would have found some middle ground, at least, upon which this reasonable request for employment could have been granted. The brutally blunt refusal and apparent disposition to give our people no consideration in the premises was not anticipated.

There is no fairness or justice in the attitude of the Telephone company into whose coffers our group in the city pays many thousands of dollars yearly. We deserve better things at the hands of this company. As little as they think about it, and as incredible as may now appear, the day may come when even the powerful Telephone company will need our services which they now seem to scorn.

An appeal to their sense of economic fairness and right seems futile. Would an appeal to their pocketbook prove more effectual? Possibly so.

Despite the tremendous inconvenience it would entail, we wonder if there could be found among the several thousand telephone subscribers in our city 500 or 1,000 of our people who would be willing to make the sacrifice the exigency of the case seems to demand? We simply ask the question. Think about it.

There is one man whom we know, amply able to pay for a

telephone, who had his removed some three years ago and took the stand that he would never have a telephone put in until some colored people were employed by that corporation. "Crank." Perhaps. "A damn fool." Mebbe. But if there were only 500 more "damn fools," as consistent and determined as this man, we might get some tangible results and favorable consideration even at the hands of a powerful and hard-boiled corporation.

## BEST WISHES, "MET."

We have noted with pleasure that our warm personal friend of nearly forty years of ever-deepening friendship, Richard L. Metcalfe, "Met", as he is familiarly called, has been drafted, yes, that's the proper word to use, by hundreds of friends and admirers who signed his petition—to seek the nomination on the democratic ticket for United States senator from Nebraska at the April primary.

We venture the prophecy that he will not only seek but find the nomination when the returns from the primary are in. And in our humble judgment, in the event of his nomination and election, which is by no means an impossibility even in republican Nebraska, Richard Metcalfe will honor the senatorial toga, by serving conscientiously the highest and best interests of all the people. "Met" is built that way.

He is a man of decided intellectual ability and culture; idealistic, some call him, yet practical; a trained journalist, he has a grasp and understanding of public affairs which such a career gives, and then, too, he has rendered valuable public service to his country. However, what we prize most highly in him is his warm-heartedness, his keen sense of justice, and his broad sympathy for all mankind. These are the traits

which would be valuable even in a United States senator. We have known him for nearly forty years and he has rung true and that is why we sincerely wish Richard L. Metcalfe success in his political career.

## LEST WE FORGET

Lest we forget that black man who graduated from West Point and rose to the rank of colonel in the regular army who did not become a general only because of the prejudice of the Americans whose government he served to the bitter end. Lest we forget that man who overcame prejudice because he would not let prejudice overcome him, whose soul was invincible; that brave man, who to show his soldiers that a horse would not trample them if fallen, threw himself on the ground in front of his troop and permitted half a hundred charging horses to pass over his prostrate form. That man who in the Philippine insurrection led his men during a terrific tropical storm, wading a river, clothes tied in a bundle on his head, revolver held high, through a hail of bullets from both banks to the rescue of other troops with food supply and ammunition. Lest we forget that man, who during the world war, when ordered into retirement for alleged physical disability flung himself into his saddle and rode from Xenia, Ohio, to Washington—a sick man—while thirty-seven officers junior to him on the active list were promoted to the rank of general officers. Young was then placed back on active duty. Lest we forget that the authentic military map of Haiti is the work of his hands. Lest we forget the strains of sweetest music which he could extract from so many varied instruments. Lest we forget his shining example of perseverance under persecution while at West Point and throughout his bitter career. Lest we forget his spirit of uplift as shown by his aiding needy students while stationed at Wilberforce. Lest we forget his scholarship which enabled him to converse so freely with foreign visitors in the Texas camp to the chagrin of many there present. Lest we forget his manhood—which never faltered. Lest we forget Colonel Charles Young, all chapters are requested to hold memorial services on the Sunday preceding or following March 12, the anniversary of his birth—Reprinted from February Omega Bulletin.

## THE REAL "NEW NEGRO"

According to Prof. Melville J. Herskovits (white), professor of anthropology at Northwestern university, the real "new Negro" is a physical reality rather than a being merely possessing new mental aspects and ambitions; for, says Prof. Herskovits, "80 per cent of the American Negroes are mixtures of white, American Indian and original Negro stock. My studies have shown that between one-third and one-fourth of the Negroes measured have American Indian ancestry in addition to the well established fact that many of them have white heritage," said the anthropologist; "and," he continues, in his new book, *The American Negro*, from this mixture, white, negroid, and mongoloid, three widely divergent bloods, there is being welded and is already discernible a different physical type which may be called the American Negro. The American Negro has found himself a black man in a white culture, and has consequently sought to adjust himself as best he can," concluded Prof. Herskovits.



The vesper service program held Sunday, February 26, at North Side Branch, Y. W. C. A., in charge of Mrs. Ricks and the retiring membership committee, with Mrs. Randall presiding, was a rich treat and was highly enjoyed by the 63 persons in attendance. The next vesper service, March 11th, at 4 p. m., is looked forward to with great interest. The religious and general education committee, with Mrs. Hiram Greenfield, chairman, will have charge of another one of their soul inspiring programs. The subject, "What Kind of Service Should I offer God," will be discussed as a topic, by the audience, together with a wide awake sacred program of musical and literary merit. Program in full in next issue of The Monitor. Plan now to be on time and talk about our "Y". You will be uplifted.

The religious and general education committee is planning an excursion to California starting the last of March. Liberal stopovers allowed. A wonderful educational feature. Watch for the details.

Mrs. Minnie Dixon, who was formerly chairman of the fellowship committee, is now secretary of the committee of management.

Seven members of the Girl Reserves of North Side Branch, and two of the sponsors, with the branch secretary, Miss R. O. Collins, attended the Girl Reserve conference held at Central building last week-end. The girls rendered two Negro spirituals, and received very high compliments for their performance. Many interesting features discussed by the girls from visiting towns were accepted and are to be put into practice.

The Elite Whist club met at the residence of Mrs. H. J. Pinkett, Monday afternoon, at which a program and discussion on the history of the Negro was held.

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