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A CLEAR CUT ISSUE

The withdrawal late Saturday of Parker, the only white candidate in the Ninth Legislative District leaves the contest squarely between Dr. John A. Singleton, the present incumbent and Dr. Aaron M. McMillan, who was induced to file at the eleventh hour, as The Monitor charged, and repeats the charge, not in good faith but with questionable and ulterior motive, and refused to withdraw despite the fact that he knew with two contending colored candidates in the field, with a white opponent neither one could win. The withdrawal of Mr. Parker leaves a fair and open field between the two Negro candidates, Singleton and McMillan, and presents to the voters a clean cut and unescapable issue which must be definitely met and decided. That issue is this: "Shall the Negroes of this community select their own leadership or have it selected for them? Shall we jump at the crack of some driver's whip like cringing slaves or assert our manhood? Are we to be mere puppets of somebody's will or whim, or are we free, intelligent men and women, whose rights and liberties are to be respected?"

This is the clear cut issue to be decided in the Ninth District April 10. The Monitor believes that our people welcome the opportunity to decide this vital question and has no doubt of the outcome.

THE POINT

A resident and voter of Council Bluffs, C. F. Davis, in a recent issue of a local publication, calls the resentment of Omaha voters at the jeopardizing of our racial political prestige, "Much Ado About Nothing."

It evidently did not occur to this well meaning young gen-

tleman that his intrusion as an outsider and non-resident into this discussion shows a lack of good judgment if not impertinence, even did he not miss, as he does, the point at issue.

No one questioned Dr. McMillan's constitutional right to file. They did question, as they had a right to question, his moral right to file at the last hour, when it could not but mean the defeat of both himself and the present incumbent. That is the point and pith of the matter.

TOO DULL TO APPRECIATE IT

For a brilliant example of trying to straddle an issue or to eat crow we give the whole bakery to our local race contemporary in its editorial of last week on the "terribly muddled political waters" in the Ninth and Tenth Districts, for which in one district, it was largely responsible. According to the statement of C. C. Galloway, made to P. M. Harris, he was responsible for Dr. McMillan's filing in the Ninth, and, according to the statement of others, he was with Dr. McMillan when he filed.

Please note the tender, soul-stirring pathos in this admission: "The last minute filing of three additional candidates in the Ninth and Tenth Legislative Districts has terribly muddled the local political waters, and the situation that a few weeks ago appeared to indicate smooth sailing to two seats at Lincoln, is now beset with uncertainty. . . . The Guide feels that every candidate in our own group should be careful not to endanger the chances of the race having a representative at our capitol."

The sincerity of this last statement must be judged in the light of the facts stated above where a "candidate in our own group" was induced to file, by a representative of this

very publication, "to endanger the chances of the race having a representative at our capitol."

But let us read on: "There are, of course, two sides to every question, and as a people it now behooves us to carefully weigh the claims of both sides in this now terrible political conglomeration, and then get together and elect the one we believe will better represent us as a race, despite our own selfishness, personal desires and personal hatred."

Atta boy! Sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

"In the Ninth District there are two of our highly respected young doctors in the race; Dr. Singleton, dentist, the present incumbent, and Dr. A. M. McMillan, physician; either of whom could no doubt serve us well as a representative, but both of them cannot be elected and both of them can be defeated.

"In the last primary Singleton won by a bare majority of 115 votes out of 1,495. . . . Allowing for either an increase or decrease which would naturally affect both sides, the reader can readily see the result of any juggling of any of the 115 votes. The necessity of getting together should be very apparent with the foregoing figures."

It was these "foregoing figures" before him, that Galloway on his own admission, induced McMillan to file, which meant "juggling" with these 115 votes, the result of which juggling must be apparent to everyone except the dumbest of the dumb.

Why then, we ask, with these figures before him was Mr. Galloway, of the Guide, so insistent upon Dr. McMillan filing against Singleton? Surely it could not have been due to his "own selfishness, personal desires or personal hatred."

Great master minds have motives and reasons for their actions which we poor, ordinary, common mortals of mediocre mentality cannot fully understand or appreciate. This, undoubtedly, is one of such cases. It's beyond us. That's all. We are too dull to appreciate it.

A SHAMEFUL SURRENDER

Central High school should not bow to Missouri prejudice. Recently we had the humiliating spectacle of the authorities of this high school shamefully surrendering to a demand that a colored player be removed from the basket ball team before St. Joseph would play. We understand that a contract has been signed with St. Joseph to play again with the clause inserted that no colored players can be on the Omaha Central High school team. This is contrary to the traditions of Nebraska. Our respect for our local school authorities is fast waning under the circumstances. We do not want to believe that Principal J. G. Masters approves of this, because we have always entertained a very high opinion of his fairness and justice and we do not want our genuine esteem for him as a gentleman and an educator lessened. But somebody is responsible for

this cowardly surrender to damnable prejudice and must bear the blame. And more than this, influence must be brought to bear upon those in authority to compel Central High school to cancel all athletic engagements with that Missouri high school until it is willing to accept Nebraska standards.

SPRING IS ABOUT HERE

Spring is about here. Clean up your premises and get ready to help make Omaha a beautiful city.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Jones' orchestra was accorded a rousing house at Mount Zion Baptist church last Monday night.

Princess Hatipha chapter ladies served a very palatable dinner in Masonic hall last Wednesday noon and will repeat it Wednesday noon, March 21.

Mr. P. L. Moore is confined to his bed with illness at his home, 2146 South Eighth street.

Mother Margaret Brown is still lying low at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mosley, 1335 Rose street.

Mr. A. B. Matthews and a friend from Omaha were Lincoln visitors last Wednesday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Pope at Tenth and Park streets, was almost totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The fire was of an unknown origin. The house was a frame structure, and consisted of four rooms. The family was absent from home at the time of the fire.

At the dedication services of the Sheridan Boulevard Baptist church, white, Sunday afternoon, a quartet from Mt. Zion Baptist church sang.

EUREKA ART CLUB

The Eureka Art club met Wednesday, March 7th, with Mrs. Ada Woodson as hostess. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Jackson and a prayer by Mrs. A. M. Harrold. A very interesting meeting was held. One hour was devoted to art work. Mrs. D. W. Gooden and Miss Amy Anderson were very pleasant visitors and gave some very encouraging remarks after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Rhieva Harrold, 2423 Binney street, Wednesday, March 21st, with a program and exhibit of finished pieces. Members take due notice. Roll call will be answered with quotations from Shakespeare.

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11 a. m. Sung Eucharist With Sermon

8 p. m. Service and Sermon

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