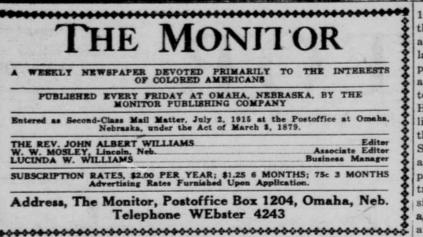
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# AN OPEN LETTER TO HENRY DUNN, POLICE COMMISSIONER miliation. Be it said to the credit of

Dear Sir: I desire to call your attention to the fact that on more than one occasion managers of local theaters have called in police officers for the purpose of having them eject from the theater or to intimidate and compel the removal to other seats in balcony or gallery, respectable and well-behaved colored patrons, who had violated no law, created no disturbance but were acting within their civil rights bill of Nebraska when lawful rights as law-abiding citizens they are breaking no law, and will of this state.

The civil rights bill of this state provides that, "All persons within the state shall be entitled to full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, THEA-TERS (caps mine) and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person."

of this law.

Now, sir, when a theater advertises its seats at a given price and a patron pays that price, he is "entitled to full and equal enjoyment of the tion has engaged to bind the G. O. P. failed to uphold prohibition for its accommodation" paid for. So long to the unequivocal enforcement of own essential merit. How greatly as he behaves himself no one has any the 18th amendment. Borah and this would have strengthened their right, in law or morals, to interfere Butler met. The exponents of the position. It is a much greater virtue with his enjoyment of that right. drys and the wets locked horns. to uphold law as law rather than to And whoever does so interfere is a Borah won before the republican con-select designated portions of the law lawbreaker. This must be perfectly vention as he did last year in public promotive of our peculiar interests, obvious to any one with any reason- debate. The 18th amendment in- for emphatic advocate able degree of intelligence. And yet, volves a double moral issue. The there has grown up in this communi- very nature and essence of prohibi- the principle of the civil war amendpolice officers are brought in to in- constitutes the only great moral com- former. timidate and embarrass them. A mitment of the republican party

the officer that his gentlemanly bearing and conduct was in marked contrast to that of the blatant and loudmouthed assistant manager who called the officer.

jected to this embarrassment and hu-

Will you kindly see to it, sir, that police officers decline to be used for the unlawful purpose of embarrassing and humiliating respectable and well-behaved colored patrons of theaters and other places covered in the you not also make it plain to theater managers and others that police officers are not to be summoned by them save to quell disturbance and terms. However, I have not learned preserve order and not to help and of a single Negro participant, either uphold them in their violation of the law?

With marked personal esteem, believe me

Respectfully yours, JNO. ALBERT WILLIAMS, Editor of The Monitor.

# EXPEDIENCY

### By Kelly Miller

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18th amendment at this time focuses committed in general terms, to the We face the coming campaign with Houston endeavor to outdo its repub- tution were fully enforced. "This proposition. lican rival in avowing allegiance to ye ought to have done, and not to the constitution. It is a safe bet that have left the other undone. But the Smith will outdo Hoover in lip hom- doing of this will keep ye mindful age to this great instrument. But of the moral obligation of the other." party platforms are designed to at-As I said in a previous release, I tract voters rather than to express have little hope that the enforcement sincere conviction. This is the hom- of the civil war amendments will be age which vice pays to virtue. There brought about by direct action. are sincerely dry democrats and re- There is nothing in the present tempublicans. On the other hand, both per and purpose of the American peoparties have an ample contingency of ple to justify such optimism. They genuine wets. But on the whole, the rather, the American people, the disrepublican party has a more com- | posed to persuade themselves to say prehensive purpose than its demo- with Senator Borah, that these cratic rival in regard to this great amendments are not being disobeyed. moral reform. Hoover's purpose with at least in the letter. But there is a reference to prohibition is construct- gradually growing sense of conive; Smith's is destructive. We must science. Even the southern people interpret platform phraseology in will sooner or later forget to rememlight of the spirit and determination ber the alleged horrors of reconstrucof the parties and persons behind tion and the fancied dread of Negro domination. But more than all, deep-

The regret is great that the G.O.P. seated and far-reaching political, indid not choose to be as specific in dustrial and social forces are steadily its avowal to enforce the 14th and making for the observance of poli-15th amendments as the 18th. Here- tical equality. The enfranchisement in lies a moral inconsistency. On this of women, the shift of Negro popuscore we must rest content with the lation to the free states of the north, declarations of George Washington the lessening of racial pressue on the and Abraham Lincoln as to the ob- southern area, the enforcement of ligatoriness of the constitution as the 18th amendment, all tend tosuch. But these 40 years of sad ex- wards this grand consummation deperience makes us skeptical of the voutly to be wished. I believe that modern day American's sense of this the election of Mr. Hoover will conobligation so ardently espoused by tribute powerfully in the righ directhe father and the savior of the na- tion. It is too much to hope that he tion. It is well, however, to renew will stress with equal emphasis all our allegiance to basic principle, al- three of these amendments. I hope though our practice may deviate he will, but can hardly expect it. The therefrom. We gather from press reports that stands does not do so. Let the race

them.

the Negro contingency of the conven- no longer deceive itself, nor allow tion, some 50 strong, fought man- the wily politician to deceive them. fully for the inclusion of the 14th and 15th amendments, along with the 18th, in the specific declaration. In this they were defeated. Their attitude must be applauded in general at the convention nor in the preliminary campaign, who openly and avowedly advocated prohibition, on basic principle, with the single exception of the national committeemen from Georgia. Their tactics were rather vindictive and retaliatory. They declared to the managers of the party, "If you insist on enforcing the A penalty is provided for violation A MORAL ISSUE AND POLITICAL 18th amendment, then we will also insist on the enforcement of the 14th and 15th amendments." The moral force of their contention was im-The national republican conven- measurably weakened because they

the issue of the integrity and inviol- 14th and 15th amendments. Let the eyes wide open. The chief proposiability of the constitution and the Negro enter the campaign with un- tion so far as we are concerned is the law. No party can hope to bid for reserved devotion to the cause of 18th amendment, with the 14th and week activity, a committee composed public favor and openly advocate the prohibition, with the kind of zeal and 15th amendmens as correlaries. We of members of the Ministerial Alliannulment of organic law. I expect ardor that the true reformer would would, if we could, reverse the order, ance, co-operating with business men to see the democratic convention at exhibit, if all the rest of the consti- and make the correlaries the leading of the city have worked out plans for

> Washington, D. C. June 14, 1928. Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The members of the Blue Ribbon club held a vesper service, Sunday afternoon, June 17. The attendance was not large, due to the rainstorm, but encouraging to those who were on the program.

The house committee musicale and hall, Thursday evening, June 21. All spectfully urged to be present and are cordially invited to be present.

The second annual membership picnic of the North Side Branch Y. W. C. A. will be held at Elmwood park, Wednesday afternoon, June 27, from 2 to 8 p. m. All members and friends are urged to be present. At a field meet. This is also a day in honor of our secretary, Miss Ruth O. Collins, who is soon to leave the branch for another field of employment soon after the first of July.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT!

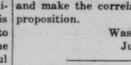
Growing out of the Negro trade the formation of a permanent organization, the purpose of which when perfected will be to promote, instill and agitate harmonious support of Negro business enterprises.

July 17th has been selected as the date upon which a mass meeting will be held for the purpose of adoption of the plans, creation of a permanent organization and the election of officers. The place of meeting will be announced in a later issue of this June frolic will be held at Dreamland paper. The public in general is re-

lend it moral support. The committee is composed of Milton L. Hunter, Jacob C. Cary, and M. Lynch, chairman.

The annual sermon of the Sir this time the Girl Reserves will hold Knights and Daughters of Tabernacle was held in Newman Methodist church, Sunday, the Rev. S. H. Johnson officiating as the speaker. The attendance was fair, owing to rain.





ty, which is supposed to rank rela- tion is moral. The inculcation of ments to lapse into complaisant oblivtively high in intelligence and en- habits of temperance and sobriety is ion until revived in memory by the lightened citizenship, a custom which a moral duty which the state owes prohibition issue. The political forbids colored citizens, no matter the citizen. It is also incumbent up- rights of the Negro will inevitably how refined and well-mannered they on the state to forefend the young benefit by the enforcement of the may be, of occupying any but certain from self-hurt by whatever measure 18th amendment. Of course we designated seats in given sections of of coercion may be necessary. In all would bind the two to the public these public places of amusement. If, of the ages of history strong drink conscience by a common chain, if we therefore, such patrons quietly take has been looked upon as an evil; could. The attempt is worth the efseats in other than these designated temperance has been regarded as a fort, if no more. Whatever moral sections, they are annoyed and order- virtue. A firm and determined es- purpose may be engendered by the ed to move, and when they decline pousal of the cause of temperance latter will inevitably react upon the

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But now the issue has been drawn. flagrant case of this character oc- since its original adoption of the The republican party and its candicurred Sunday afternoon when two cause of human freedom and man- date have been firmly committed to highly respected women were sub- hood rights. In the second place, the the 18th amendment. They are also

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