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## WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

We were asked in all seriousness this question, "Do you believe the time will ever come when the strong will not oppress the weak?"

What do you think our answer was—what would yours have been? We really would like to know.

Our answer was "Yes, we do believe that that time will come. It is no doubt very, very far away. We believe, however, that it will eventually come because we believe in the ultimate triumph of righteousness."

"You predicate your faith, then, I see, upon the fulfillment of the Gospel and from that viewpoint you may be right; but, sir, as I review history and study human nature as it is today, always has been and it seems to me always will be, I can never conceive of a time, as long as the world lasts when might will not be considered right by those who have power," replied our questioner.

Are we right or is our questioner right? We would like to have an expression of opinion from our readers.

## CROSSING THE LINE

A speaker at the recent annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People made the statement, that passed unchallenged, that five thousand persons who, by America's peculiar reversal of mathematical principles, are classified as "Negros," cross the line and "pass" as "white persons," which as a matter of fact they are. They merge their racial identity with that of the dominant group not willingly, but reluctantly, because of economic pressure. They "pass" because of the economic and industrial advantages thus accruing. Having ability for certain lines of employment they know full well how extremely difficult it is in the vast majority of cases, should it be known that

they are "colored," to secure such employment that they "cross the line," with many heart breakings and misgivings at first for blood and race cause a tugging at the heart-strings. We know whereof we speak for we have had the confidence of some, both in high and more lowly, but successful, stations, who have crossed the line, sometimes only partially, and temporarily, sometimes fully and permanently.

We had a godson who held high official rank in the service of the government whose racial identity was never suspected. His brother and sister, too, naturally "crossed the line" and married on that side. This is fact, not hearsay, which can be duplicated in thousands of cases.

Some suggestive facts in this connection are given by Prof. Reuter of Iowa State University, in his able and impartial volume on "America's Race Problem" and by other students of this subject.

It would seem, then, that the very thing America seeks to avoid, or pretends it would like to prevent, mulattoizing the nation she is hastening by her short-sighted policy of excluding from certain occupations persons on the ground of color and race.

A study of the census which reveals that many "Negroes" "made themselves air into which they vanish," will disclose the fact, no doubt startling to many, that instead of there being 5,000 who annually "cross the line" and "pass as white," this figure is far too low.

Enlarged industrial, social and cultural opportunities will check this at present increasing whiteward racial flow for none, paradoxical though it may seem, has a greater love for his sun-liveried race, than he who from his color would seem the least to be bound to it by blood ties.

## DIFFERENCE IN NOISE

The democrats caged the sympathetic colored brother at Houston and the republicans jim-crowed him at Kansas City. The jackass brayed and the elephant trumpeted. Sweet music in neither case. Difference in noise, that's all.

## DELIBERATE

Religious prejudice would be struck a telling blow by the election of Smith, but would that be adequate compensation for the doctrine of States' Rights advocate by his party? There are certain paramount issues to be seriously considered in the presidential election. Deliberation is needed.

## EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The funeral of Mrs. Verna Scott was held from Zion Baptist church Thursday, July 5th at 2 p. m., with the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Young, officiating. Mrs. Scott's death was the result of an automobile accident that occurred in Chicago Heights, Chicago, Ill., Friday night, June 29th.

Verna was the daughter of the late Mrs. Florence Elizabeth King and Mr. J. H. King of this city. She was the sixth child of a group of ten children. The family is deeply indebted to its host of friends for their many acts of kindness shown and the many beautiful floral offerings.

"We realize that a precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is still,  
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Sadly missed by:

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MR. FELIX KING, brother.  
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MRS. J. E. TUDDLE,  
MRS. VIVIAN MITCHELL,  
MRS. THELMA OWENS,  
MISS LOIS KING, sisters.

## JAMES TYREE LEWIS, B. S., M. D.

Though success is a relative term, it is more or less, a definite object toward which humanity strives. It is like an ideal rising as it is approached. One encouraging feature of success, however, is that it is not necessarily an attribute of old age, affording reflections of contentment. It may come early as an inspiration to others who strive.

One prominent evidence of successful achievement among our younger men is that of Dr. James Tyree Lewis, who was recently graduated from the University of Nebraska college of medicine. He will be remembered by his genial disposition, and his remarkable ability to forge ahead.

Dr. Lewis was born in Monticello, Ark., and came to Omaha when he was 2½ years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lewis of 2604 North Twenty-fifth street, and the brother of Joseph D. Lewis. In 1921, Lewis was graduated from Omaha Central High school, and it was while attending this school that he first exhibited those characteristics which

were destined to carry him to higher achievements. While in Central High, he was one of the very few to be commissioned an officer in the high school regiment, attaining the rank of captain of commissary, the highest rank ever held by one of his race. He was a member of the inter-class debate, Hi "Y", and was "Captain of Plymouth," in the road show, positions never held by a race student before. In athletics, his career was equally as remarkable, holding a position on the track team, as well as on the football squad. Lewis, after finishing at Central High, took up his pre-medical work at the University of Omaha and while there he continued with the same spirit which made him prominent at Central. He was treasurer of the University Glee club. There he again won the admiration and respect of both races, by his genial disposition and studious nature.

Dr. Lewis is the first of his race to graduate from the University of Nebraska college of medicine, receiving his degrees of Bachelor of Science, and Doctor of Medicine. He has secured an appointment from the Kansas City General hospital, No. 2, at Kansas City, Mo., as an interne, where he will serve for two years, to further equip himself, before he enters into the practice of medicine. Surely such a character of progress-

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A. W. MELLON,  
Secretary of the Treasury.  
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iveness, in fitting himself for the life work, will serve as an inspiration for other young men of our race. Dr. James Tyree Lewis, Omaha is truly proud of her own.

## TWO WOMEN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Mrs. Vernie Scott and Mrs. Nina Teeters of Chicago were killed by a big oil truck which hit her husband's car in Chicago Heights on June 30th, at 12 m. Mr. Vern Scott, who was driving his car, is in a critical condition in the hospital. Mrs. Scott was a member of one of Omaha's pioneer families and a sister to Mrs. Duncan, and a sister-in-law of Mrs. Susie Yancy. Mrs. Nina Teeters of Chicago is an aunt of Mrs. Yancy.

Mrs. Scott's funeral was a very sad affair. Zion church was packed to capacity with many of Omaha pioneer families. She leaves a daughter and many nieces, besides sisters and a brother to mourn her loss.

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8 p. m. Service and Sermon

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