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POLITICAL GAIN

The fact that such a large number of our people who have run for public office have been elected is most encouraging and shows that we are coming into our own politically. Just to cite a few of these cases. Chicago has elected a congressman and sent five to the legislature, two to the senate and three to the house; Missouri has sent four to the state legislature, three from St. Louis and one from Kansas City; Kansas has sent one, and Nebraska one. Eastern states have been equally successful. In many cases where candidates of our group were defeated, it was clearly demonstrated that they were in the running. These are indications that we are beginning to take our rightful place in the political life of our country.

OMAHA SHOULD GET IN STEP

New York has more than 600 colored teachers giving eminent satisfaction in the schools of that great metropolis, and by the way, one is a former resident of Omaha—and Omaha hasn't even one. Chicago has over 200 employed in the schools of that city. Omaha has not even one. Cleveland has nearly one hundred; Detroit, Mich., over fif-

ty; Los Angeles, Cal., ten, one being a principal, and Omaha has none. Other cities from Maine to California have such teachers. Yet, we have several qualified persons who can measure up to every standard required. We have several young women attending our universities preparing themselves to teach. Is it not about time that Omaha was getting into step with other progressive cities in this matter? Is it fair that we should make sacrifices to give our children educational advantages to have the door of opportunity slammed shut in their faces? Omaha has hundreds of fair-minded, justice-loving white citizens. We wonder how long these excellent people are going to stand for this denial of privileges and opportunity to the well-qualified young women of our race? We want teachers in our public schools.

BEING PLEASANT

It costs no more to be courteous and pleasant—indeed it costs less—than to be discourteous and grouchy. We have seen this motto over the desk of a very successful and busy business man of Omaha: "Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy." It is a good thing to remember.

THE BREAKUP OF THE SOLID SOUTH

The full significance of the election of Mr. Herbert Hoover through the votes of four states of the solid south is not fully appreciated, particularly by the colored voters of the country.

It means that there will be in the Southern states in the future a two-party government. And although the colored voters have been disfranchised for many years this new condition makes certain their ultimate enfranchisement, because both parties will be interested in securing the votes of the colored people. This is as it should be, if we hope to have an enduring representative democracy in the United States of America.

The election of Mr. Hoover, therefore, ushers in for the colored people a new and beneficent era in politics and government; and all persons who contributed to this result, whether supporters of Hoover or Smith, have reason to be proud of the ends achieved.

THE REV. JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS RETIRES FROM EDITORSHIP OF MONITOR

Veteran Editor and Pioneer Journalist Retires From Field to Devote Time to Church Work

After continuous service as founder, editor and publisher of The Monitor for over fourteen years, the Rev. John Albert Williams disposes of his interests in that Colored weekly to George H. W. Bullock, one time associate, and sometime business manager. For some time the editor has found the dual service of publisher and pastor drawing too heavily on his mental and physical strength and has for a long time determined to retire. It is for that particular reason that he feels it to be imperative that he relinquish the newspaper work and devote his time exclusively to his parish work of St. Philip's church.

The new owner will take charge of the paper with considerable experience and training, having been associated on The Monitor for several years as business and advertising manager. Mr. Bullock is a college graduate, and had two years of theological training for the Episcopal ministry. He served in the army as Y. M. C. A. executive, and later as executive in charge of the Colored work in the War Camp Community service, in which capacity he came to Omaha nine years ago. Many of his articles have appeared in this paper from time to time. He will assume control and editorship with the first issue in December which comes to the readers Friday, December 7th.

Mrs. W. H. Jackson entertained with a bridge luncheon at her beautiful home, 3532 North 24th street, Thursday, in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Rodney Paul Williams of Oakland, Cal.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The Intercollegiate club, an outside organization of the city, sponsored a beautiful Japanese Tea, Sunday, November 18, from 4 to 6 p. m. Music was selected from the opera, "The Mikado." The Branch was elaborately decorated with color, and packed with the friends of the club. We welcome all other outside organizations to use the building for their entertainments.

The committee on colored work met at the Central Y. W. C. A. Tuesday, November 20, at 10:30 a. m.

Girl Reserve Department

The girls of the Up-to-Date Grade School club are planning a very interesting series of "hobby books." Each girl has a chosen subject and their discussions are to be based on the general theme, "Adventuring." The Blue Ribbon grade school girls are planning for a public program in the near future. The High School girls are going forward with their work with many interesting things in the offing for the future.

Vesper News

Everybody is invited to attend the Vespers, Sunday, November 25, at 4 p. m., at the North Side Branch, Y. W. C. A., in charge of the religious and general education committee, with Mrs. Hiram Greenfield, chairman. Those who attend will hear Mrs. I. S. Wilson, formerly of Denver, for the first time in Omaha. Mrs. Wilson is the efficient and accomplished wife of Rev. I. S. Wilson, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church. An excellent program will be rendered as follows:

- Devotionals, Miss Margie L. Danley, executive secretary of the North Side Branch.
- Piano Selection, Vonecil Anderson. Reading, Mrs. Ardena Watson.
- Piano Selection, Edrose Willis Reading, Mrs. Estelle Craig.
- Vocal Selection, Male Chorus of Pleasant Green Baptist Church.
- Address, "The Abundant Life," Mrs. I. S. Wilson.
- Vocal Selection, Junion Choir, Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Social hour follows, when you are invited to linger and enjoy the hospitality of the committee.

Class Announcements

The Opportunity School is still enlarging its enrollment. The Art Class is also increasing in number. An afternoon Dressmaking Class will be opened for those who wish it, providing that a sufficient number register. The Gym Class period has been changed to Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. There is still room for YOU in any of the classes.

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of the Urban League, and Miss Margie L. Danley, executive secretary of the Branch, spoke before the American Citizen Department of the Omaha Woman's Club, Monday, November 19th.

PLEADS FOR FAIR PLAY AS MOUMENT TO NEGRO SOLDIERS IS UNVEILED

Chicago, Ill.—(By the A. N. P.)—A thirty-five thousand dollar memorial monument to the 137 members of the 370th Infantry, who lost their lives in the world war, was unveiled and dedicated here recently while the sun shone kindly and thousands of persons gathered around gold star mothers at Thirty-fifth and South Parkway to attend the exercises in connection with the dedication.

Hon. George T. Kersey, representative in the state legislature from the Third district, who was the chief sponsor of the bill for the monument, paid appropriate credit to all those who aided him in a short speech, introducing the chairman of the monument committee, the Hon. Edward H. Wright, former member of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

The dedicatory speech was made by the Hon. Len Small, governor of the state, who paid high tribute to the valor in war and the service in peace of the Negro.

State Senator Adelbert H. Roberts, one of those who aided Mr. Kersey so much in his fight for the monument, made the chief address, painting a vivid picture of the sacrifices Negro soldiers and mothers had made in the war that they might share the benefits of peace. He declared that it was a travesty on the American sense of justice that those who were willing to die for their country in war were not able to live as other citizens in their country in peace.

Two of the regiment's colonels, Colonel John R. Marshall, the first, and Colonel Otis B. Duncan, the present, spoke for the long line of illustrious heroes which the regiment has furnished from 1898 until the present day. Colonel Duncan accepted

the memorial on behalf of the regiment.

The monument was unveiled by Mrs. Bertha Roberts, one of the gold star mothers.

FAIR SHOWS NEGRO PROGRESS

Montgomery, Ala.—(By the A. N. P.)—Exhibits in the colored department of the state fair here last week presented a representative cross section of the life of the Negroes of Alabama. Their contribution to the agriculture of the state was abundantly attested by pyramided tiers of fine appearing farm and garden crops. The home crafts of the women, the products of the vocational and academic departments of the schools, and the wares of business enterprises were all on display. Officials of the fair declare that the exhibits surpass those of any previous years.

Thousands of visitors of both races passed through the building which housed the colored exhibits and commended the exhibitors on the fine showing made. Among these were Gov. and Mrs. Bibb Graves, who, together with their party, carefully inspected the exhibits. The governor congratulated the Negroes of the state upon the progress they have made as evidenced by the exhibits.

EMINENT SPEAKERS DISCUSS "INTER-RACIAL FRIENDSHIP"

Chicago, Ill.—(By the A. N. P.)—"Interracial Friendship," particularly between white and colored people, was the theme for the meeting of the Chicago Forum, Sunday afternoon, November 18. The speakers were John Herman Randall of New York, director of the World Unity Foundation, and William Pickens, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. Randall, formerly associate of John Haynes Holmes at the Community church of New York, is now devoting his entire time to promoting friendship between all groups, classes and races.

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