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EDITORIALS

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BRASS FACTS

By M. L. Shakespeare

It seems, if the South was really in earnest about doing something about the racial question down there, that they would welcome the help of the federal government. Instead they accept all other help they can get in a segregated way; but they turn thumbs down on any federal legislation for better racial understanding.

With the KKK on the rampage in some of the states, it seems as though the question is getting more acute. Still we hear them pleading for a chance to righten their wrongs, but they reject all civil rights legislation. There was no lawlessness in the old West as

bad as that in the state of Georgia alone.

Just what is hoped to be gained by the Republican party, especially the so-called "secret seven," by playing in the hands of the Dixiecrats, is more than I can see. This, I think is to the further undoing of a grand old party. I'm afraid that the next election will tell the tale of who shall be able to stand. Well, some call it smart politics, but I call it on the way out for the grand old party that gave Abraham Lincoln to the U.S.A.

My hat goes off to grid Coach Ralph Graham of Kansas State for his forward step in the integration of a Negro player on the squad. He is making history.

paper. I think that it is very interesting and carries enjoyable news. Not only does Lincoln read it but it is enjoyed by the people in larger cities as well. I hope that we here in Lincoln will help to make it a larger paper so that it may continue to be enjoyed by all.

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Hazel Scott Tops Lanny Ross Guest List Tonight

NEW YORK (—ANP)— Hazel Scott, pianist, heads the guests visiting Lanny Ross on the Swift show this evening, April 21, at 7:30 on NBC-Midwest. Lanny's other visitors will include Crockett Johnson, creator of the comic strip characters, Barnaby and Mr. O'Malley; Tony Lavelli, Yale basketball star; the Yale University glee club and Frankie Paul, terpsichorean.

"My wife kisses me evenings when I get home."
 "Affectionate?"
 "No; investigation."

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

J. Sterling Morton, whose birthday, April 22, is celebrated in Nebraska and many other states as Arbor Day, is well known throughout the nation for his activities on behalf of tree-planting. While these achievements were recognized during his lifetime, he was much better known for his political activity and his position of leadership in the Democratic party, both in Nebraska and the nation at large.

When Morton arrived in Bellevue in 1854, he was 22 years old. Before he had been in the territory two weeks, however, he had attended two political meetings and had made a political speech. A few days later he was running for the territorial legislature.

He served two terms in the territorial legislature, and was Secretary and Acting Governor of the territory as well. After Nebraska became a state in 1867, however, Morton, though frequently a candidate, was never elected to public office in Nebraska.

He was a Democrat during the years when only Republicans were elected in Nebraska, and in addition, was often at loggerheads with strong elements in his own party. Particularly noteworthy were his feuds with Dr. George L. Miller of Omaha, founder and for many years publisher of the Omaha Herald, the principal Democratic paper in the state. When these men were not fighting, though, they were the best of friends.

His greatest antagonist, however, was William Jennings Bryan. Morton was much interested in Bryan's early career, but when the latter espoused the doctrine of free silver he broke with the party altogether rather than support his candidacy for the presidency.

The highest recognition tendered Morton in the field of politics was his appointment as Secretary of Agriculture by President Grover Cleveland in 1893. One of the only two Nebraskans ever to sit in a president's cabinet—the other was Mr. Bryan, Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of State—Morton attracted national attention for the vigorous and economical administration he gave the department's affairs.

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Dear Editor:
We are very glad of the things Judge Bayard H. Paine said about us concerning your publication, "The Voice." We appreciate the privilege of having such an informative and useful paper for our students and teachers to read. You have our best wishes for the continued success of the organization, and may it be a great blessing to the social and spiritual life of all who may read it.

Sincerely yours,
LAURENCE C. JONES
Piney Woods, School, Miss.

Likes Cook Book

Dear Editor:
Thank you very much for your cook book. Although our knowledge and practice of the culinary art is extremely limited, even we could not help but be impressed with the general form, style and attractiveness.

Let me commend you for your civic spirit and your active support of those ideals which are necessary for the preservation of our democracy.

Sincerely,
M. LEO BOHANON
Exec. Secy., Omaha Urban League
Unique News

Dear Editor:
I want to congratulate you on such wonderful work you are doing for the community. We are always happy to have The Voice for we read so many items that we would not know about if we did not take (it). Thanks a lot.

MRS. B. MOSS
Lincoln.

Wants Larger Paper.

Dear Editor:
I'd like to say a few words about The Voice, the big little