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## Persistent Prelate Prods President

Bishop Walters Requests President to Put Question of Negro Office-holders up to Senators.

### MAKE RECORDSHIP TEST CASE.

Open Letter Quotes Wilson's Pre-election Promise to Give Race Absolute Fair Dealing.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—Since President Wilson has informed Bishop Walters that to nominate a Negro for the office of Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia would engender a bitter fight in the Senate, increasing and intensifying race prejudice, many have come to the conclusion that the President was simply using that argument as a basis for following out his own inclination.

Bishop Walters is not of this mind, and seems to be placing much confidence in the letter written by Governor Wilson from Trenton, N. J., on October 16, 1912, in which he declared that if elected President the colored people might count upon him for absolute fair dealing and for everything by which he could assist in advancing the interests of the race in the United States. In order that this opinion may be confirmed, and that the Negro Democrats may know just their status in the councils of the party, Bishop Walters has addressed an open letter to President Woodrow Wilson, begging that he nominate a Negro for the office of recorder of deeds, and put it up to the Senate to go on record as to its attitude toward Negroes holding important offices. The letter is as follows:

#### Open Letter to President Wilson.

Honored Sir—In this open letter I desire to thank you most heartily for audiences granted and favors given me since your election as President of the United States; and further I thank the heads of the departments for appointments and promotions made in their several bureaus.

There is a sentiment abroad that it is not the policy of the national democratic party to appoint and confirm Negroes to prominent offices. In the light of the following letter and the nominations of Mr. Patterson, Judge Terrell, and Mr. Curtis, it is hard to believe that your excellency shares in this statement:

98 W. State St., Trenton, N. J.,  
October 16, 1912.

My Dear Bishop Walters—I hope that it seems superfluous to those who know me, but to those who do not know me perhaps it is not necessary for me to assure my colored fellow-citizens of my earnest wish to see justice done them in every matter, and not mere grudging justice, but justice executed with liberality and cordial good feeling. Every guarantee of our law, every principle of our Constitu-

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BY  
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

**PEACEFUL life:**—toil, duty, rest—  
All his desire:—  
To read the books he liked the best  
Beside the cabin fire—  
God's word and man's;—to peer  
sometimes  
Above the page, in smouldering gleams,  
And catch, like far heroic rhymes,  
The onmarch of his dreams.

**peaceful life:**—to hear the low  
Of pastured herds.  
Or woodman's ax that, blow on blow,  
Fell sweet as rhythmic words.  
And yet there stirred within his breast  
A fateful pulse that, like a roll  
Of drums, made high above his rest  
A tumult in his soul.

**peaceful life!**—They hailed him even  
As One was hailed  
Whose open palms were hailed toward Heaven  
When prayers nor aught availed.  
And, lo, he paid the selfsame price  
To lull a nation's awful strife  
And will us, through the sacrifice  
Of self, his peaceful life.

## Something to Make You Think

### Will Engender Common Racial Consciousness.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter bearing upon the very interesting topic, the effect upon new Pan-Americanism upon the African element in the Western hemisphere.

It is a mathematical axiom that the whole is greater than any of its parts and equal to all of them taken together. The sum total of good, therefore, for all of the peoples of the two Americas must, also be good for the various elements of these peoples.

The African constitutes the controlling element in Haiti and San Domingo, and a considerable element in the Southern Republics; and an unconsidered element in the United States. It is but natural that the common consciousness of the African contingent will be engendered by this new Pan-American movement.

The American Negro will undoubtedly be simulated to learn the Spanish language as a medium of communication with his racial brethren south. South America affords a much broader field for the exercise of Negro talent, than the United States, the great difficulty at present being the barrier of language. In my judgment the breaking down of this barrier is a precedent to any general understanding and polling of interest between the Negro elements of the Northern and Southern continents and the adjacent islands of the Western hemisphere."

Yours truly,

KELLY MILLER.

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## Attorney's Eloquence Makes Impression

Lewis Makes Great Fight For His Client in the Sensational Mohr Murder Case.

### A RATHER STRANGE VERDICT.

Accused Negroes Convicted—Woman Charged With Instigating Crime Acquitted.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 11.—Aside from the astounding verdict which the jury gave in the sensational Mohr murder trial which ended her last Saturday, the feature of the closing days was the masterly summing up in his case for Spellman Thursday by Attorney Lewis.

Lawyers from all parts of the state were present and were unstinted in their outspoken admiration of his eloquent presentation of the case which consumed two hours.

They marvelled at his eloquence as he denounced Healis, the half-breed chauffeur; pathetically referred to the children of the accused woman; summed up the evidence and scored the police.

"There is a reason," he said, "why there has been no public clamor for life and liberty of man, woman or child because of the Barrington tragedy. It is because the people of Rhode Island realize that behind the man and woman who stray so far from the morality which was taught them at their mother's knee there lurks and stalks forever the spectre of retributive justice. And the joy ride becomes the ride of death."

The mighty voice quickened into a roar as he flayed the police, "who, following upon the easiest course, seized the persons most easily to be followed, charged them with the crime and then moved heaven and earth to convict them—a loving and devoted wife and two servants."

"The theory started with George Rooks," he continued, pouring forth contempt upon the brother-in-law of Emily Burger, the woman wounded with the physician. "Rooks," he said, "while not condoning the conduct of Dr. Mohr, told the suffering wife when she came to him to 'go thou and do likewise.'"

"The beginning and end of the State's case," said Mr. Lewis, "is George W. Healis," and the lawyer proceeded in an eloquent attempt to tear to pieces the chauffeur's story that he had stopped Dr. Mohr's automobile so that the doctor and Miss Burger might be shot to death.

"Healis is a dog," shouted Mr. Lewis, with all of the contempt he could express in his voice. Then he stopped, lowered his voice to a soft, calm tone, and continued:

"No, Healis is not a dog. There was a dog in the automobile on the night of the murder, a gentle, pedigreed

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# General Race News

## TWO MASONIC BODIES

### APPEAL TO COURTS.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 11.—Two high Colored Masonic bodies began Thursday morning, January 27, in the common pleas court a struggle to determine the right to use the word "mason" and all that it comprehends. The suit was filed by the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Ancient Masons of the United States, through its attorneys, Emmet Tomkins and Graham Deuwell, against the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio.

The petition recites that the national organization was established in Revolutionary times in Boston, under a charter from England, that it was formally organized in 1858 and that the Ohio organization was established in 1888 and has been declared spurious by the national organization. The petition requests that it be enjoined from using the word "Masons" and that it be dissolved and that the property which is held prior to severing from the national organization be turned over to the national organization.

### SUCCESSFUL WORK BY Y. M. C. A.

Kansas City, Jan. 22.—The first annual report of the Paseo Y. M. C. A. was read at a meeting of the committee of managers last night by Robert B. De Frantz, secretary. Since the Negro association was formed a year ago, 755 members have been enrolled, 514 men and 240 boys.

A Chaffeurs' League with fifty-five members, meets weekly at the association to discuss ways its members may become more efficient. A similar organization is the Domestic Science Club, composed of thirty young men who serve as butlers, housemen and cooks. Other clubs that promote educational and extension work in the form of lectures and the giving of scholarships to graduates of the high school also have been organized.

More than three thousand men attended religious meetings in the building last year. One hundred men have become church members as a result. In addition to the regular men and boys' bible classes, a class for railroad men, who report by mail, has been formed. Seventy per cent of the 240 boys in the association are church members.

The dormitories have housed 385 regular guests and 1005 transients during the year. Plans have been made for a larger work in the employment department.

Mr. DeFrantz's report also was read a few days ago at a dinner in Chicago in honor of Julius Rosenwald, who gave \$25,000 to the building fund.

### MICHIGAN MAN WINS

#### DAMAGE SUIT FOR \$125.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 11.—Refused service in a restaurant conducted by Albert Day, Clyde B. Hayes was awarded a verdict for \$125 against Day.

Hayes was in company with a friend, a white man, but was informed by Day that colored people could not be served in his restaurant. Mr. Hayes retained Francis H. Warren as his attorney and filed suit. A jury gave him the verdict, and this was the first

time in Wayne County that a colored man has won a civil suit based on discrimination.

### PERSISTENT PRELATE PRODS PRESIDENT.

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tion, commands this, and our sympathies should also make it easy.

The colored people of the United States have made extraordinary progress toward self-support and usefulness, and ought to be encouraged in every possible way. My sympathy with them is of long standing, and I want to assure them through you that should I become President of the United States, they may count upon me for absolute fair dealing and for everything by which I could assist in advancing the interests of their race in the United States.

Cordially and sincerely yours,  
WOODROW WILSON.

Bishop Alexander Walters,  
c/o Judge Robert S. Hudspeth,  
New York City.

Certainly the hostile Negro sentiment of some who occupy high places in the Democratic party cannot be considered as expressing the attitude of the party towards us. If Democracy means anything at all it must mean the sharing in the government of every honest, intelligent tax-paying citizen without regard to creed or color.

Surely this is eminently true at a time when every man of every race in our beloved country is expected to serve the colors in case of a crisis, and a needed to insure "preparedness" for our national defense. It does appear to me that it should be the aim of the national government to inspire and intensify the warmest patriotism rather than discourage and repress the love and zeal of all citizens.

To be officially informed that Negroes cannot be confirmed in high federal positions such as they have held under former administrations, no matter how worthy, is to say the least, discouraging. We have waited long and patiently to know what our political status under the Democratic rule is to be in all parts of this country. In certain parts of the Southland a property qualification was demanded, and we met that, but to no avail. Then the educational test was required and when our illiteracy was decreased 70 per cent, and when we had met the educational qualification, we were bidden to stand aside and wait a little longer, instead of being encouraged to register and vote. In many places where we presented ourselves for enrollment we were ruthlessly turned down.

It is well to understand that the Democratic party cannot have the support of the Negro vote in the North, East and West, while it denies the ballot to the members of our race in the South; for a national party to take such a position is unfair, unreasonable and untenable.

Owing to the character of the opposition in certain quarters to a Negro being appointed Recorder of Deeds, it has become a test case and we are not contending so much for the office as we are for the principle involved, namely, the right of Negroes to be nominated and confirmed in important offices.

We do hope, Mr. President, that you

will not hesitate to make the nomination of a colored man to the office of the Recorder of Deeds, or to one of equal importance where Senatorial confirmation is required, for we desire to know whether it is to be the policy of the Democratic party to accord to Negroes the same rights and recognition granted to other citizens of the nation. Or in other words, can the Democratic party afford to ignore a half million voters who are constantly increasing on account of their color?

Most respectfully yours,  
ALEXANDER WALTERS.

Bishop Walters has interviewed a number of Senators on the question of confirming Negroes nominated for important positions, and assurances have been given that if the nominations are made confirmation will follow. There are several prominent democrats who are aspirants for the vacant recordership, and it is thought that either of them will be acceptable to Bishop Walters and members of the Negro Democratic League. Jas. T. Howard of Harrisburg, is one of those most prominently mentioned. Prof. Kelly Miller of Howard University, is also mentioned in connection with the office, but it is not known if he would accept the office.

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# News of the Churches and Religious Topics

## Directory.

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Mt. Moriah—Twenty-sixth and Seward streets. The Rev. W. B. M. Scott, pastor. Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.

Zion—Twenty-sixth and Franklin (temporary location). The Rev. W. F. Botta, pastor; residence, 2522 Grant street. Telephone Webster 5838. Services: Devotional hour, 10:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 1 to 2 p. m.; pastor's Bible class, 2 to 3 p. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; choir devotion, 7:30 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m.

### Episcopal—

Church of St. Philip the Deacon—Twenty-first near Paul street. The Rev. John Albert Williams, rector. Residence, 1119 North Twenty-first street. Telephone Webster 4243. Services daily at 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. Fri-

days at 8 p. m. Sundays at 7:30 a. m., 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:45 p. m.

### Methodist—

Allen Chapel, A. M. E., 5233 South Twenty-fifth street, South Omaha.—The Rev. John H. Nichols, pastor. Residence, 5233 South Twenty-fifth m. and 8:00 p. m.; Sunday school, 1:30; class meeting, 12:00; A. C. E. L., 6:30; prayer meeting, Tuesday evening at 8:00.

Grove M. E.—Twenty-second and Seward streets. The Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor. Residence, 1628 North Twenty-second street. Services: Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

St. John's A. M. E.—Eighteenth and Webster streets. The Rev. W. T. Osborne, pastor. Residence, 613 North Eighteenth street. Telephone Douglas 5914. Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., preaching; 12 noon, class; 1:15 p. m., Sunday School; 7 p. m., Endeavor; Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer and class meetings. Everybody made welcome at all of these meetings.

lawyers assembled. Mrs. Mohr came from her home in the limousine, and Brown and Spellman were brought from their cells. Then a Deputy Sheriff spoke to the Judge, who announced that the jurymen had changed their minds and did not want instructions. By this time it was a quarter of 6, and fifteen minutes later, just as those assembled were about to disband, word came that the jury had reached its verdict.

The twelve men, with set, solemn faces, filed into their seats. Addressing the foreman, Charles Clark, the clerk of the Court asked him if the jurymen had reached their decision. Clark replied that they had.

"Do you find the defendant Cecil Victor Brown guilty or not guilty?" asked the Clerk.

"Guilty," replied the foreman in a firm, hard voice.

"Do you find the defendant, Henry Spellman, guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty," said the foreman in the same voice, and every one in the courtroom became rigid.

With the two Negroes charged with murdering Dr. Mohr convicted, Mrs. Mohr seemed to sink down in her chair on the verge of collapse, and everyone in the room looked fixedly at her.

"Do you find the defendant, Elizabeth F. Mohr, guilty or not guilty?" asked the Clerk.

"Not guilty," said Clark, and his voice boomed with emphasis.

Mrs. Mohr then fell forward in her

chair, sobbing. Mr. Fitzgerald, with tears in his eyes, put one arm on her shoulder and whispered into her ear. While the remaining formalities of the procedure were being completed, the woman and her lawyer held this position. Then Judge Stearns arose.

"Elizabeth Frances Mohr is discharged from custody on this indictment," he said, and the relatives and friends of the woman rushed to her side. Mrs. Mohr expressed her gratitude to the court and her attorneys.

Mrs. Mohr said nothing about the Colored condemned youths, nor would her lawyers make formal statements, although William H. Lewis of Boston, their chief counsel, was overheard to exclaim as he was leaving the courtroom:

"Well, I don't call that a square deal."

John B. Edwards of Providence, another of their counsel, said:

"I can't comprehend the process by which Brown and Spellman were declared guilty and Mrs. Mohr not guilty. All the State's evidence was in support of the theory that the two boys shot Dr. Mohr because Mrs. Mohr promised them money to do it. They were charged with no other motive. In my opinion, none of the defendants were guilty."

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Edwards will make their appeal for Brown and Spellman to the Rhode Island Supreme Court. They said the basis of their appeal would be on the exceptions taken by them during the trial.

## ATTORNEY'S ELOQUENCE MAKES IMPRESSION.

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dog. He would welcome his master with a wag of his tail; he was happiest in his presence, because he loved him. He never bit the hand that fed him. That grateful little dog is breathing for his master to this very hour."

Suddenly raising his big voice to a magnificent climax, Mr. Lewis continued:

"But George W. Healis is the Beelzebub of liars, the Ananias and Sapphira and the whole cathedral choir of liars rolled into one. Brown and Spellman did not commit this murder. They don't come from the race that betrays a domestic trust. The murder was the deed of an Apache, the kind of man who crept behind the cabin in the days of our forefathers to massacre women and children. In George W. Healis, the police have the real murderer of Dr. Mohr."

Despite the manner in which Attorneys Lewis and Edwards handled their clients' cases the jury brought in a verdict of guilty against Spellman and Brown and not guilty against Mrs. Mohr.

### Jury Out Seven Hours.

It was a galvanizing moment in the Superior Court room when the jury came in. The twelve men had been deliberating more than seven hours. Following Judge Stearns' charge this morning, the jury retired at 10:49 o'clock. A few minutes later Mrs. Mohr, being free on bail, went to her home with her two lawyers, John J. Fitzgerald and Arthur Cushing. Brown and Spellman were taken to their cells. All day the courtroom remained crowded with the spectators who had followed the trial from the beginning.

Shortly after 5:30 o'clock the jurymen sent out word that they wished further instructions from the court, and Judge, officers, defendants, and



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## SOUND BODIES AND

## SOUND MINDS.

The fact that Howard Drew has again come into his own and that his nearest competitor was Loomis, another colored American, naturally brings to mind the splendid records that the athletes of our race have made in recent years. In every field of honorable manly sport in which they have been permitted to take part they have made good. It cannot be said of Drew that he holds "the Colored championship," but the championship of the world. He holds the world's record as a runner. Jack Johnson, although he belongs to an entirely different world of sport from that which we are now considering, was not "a Colored champion," but the champion of the world in the pugilistic arena. No championship in any line is worthy of the name unless it is willing to compete with all in that class the world over who challenges the title and are willing to compete for it. Our athletes are making good in every line. Nebraska is not without its college athletes, notably Flippin, Johnson and Ross, of football fame.

Nothing makes more for manliness and clean living than good, clean manly sport. Feats of strength and tests of endurance not only develop the muscles but work off the unrestrained animal spirits which lead so many growing youth into sins of impurity, sins that are sapping the life blood out of our American youth and menace the stability of the home and the perpetuity of the family upon which the fabric of the nation rests.

It is therefore gratifying to note what splendid records athletes of our race are making everywhere. It speaks well. It means that despite restricted opportunities in many places for athletic training our youth are, in increasing numbers, appreciating the fact that sound bodies are a most valuable asset and mean sound minds. Sound bodies mean clean bodies, and clean bodies mean, as a rule, clean minds; and clean minds and bodies mean cleanliness of life. A people who stand for cleanliness of life can never be overcome.

Every reasonable opportunity, therefore, should be given our growing youth for manly sport and athletic training. It is not a waste of time or a needless expenditure of energy. It helps conserve manhood, the chief asset of any race or nation.

It is here where such institutions as the Y. M. C. A. serve a good purpose. And it is to be regretted that the narrow policy of that well-equipped institution bars our youth from its privileges. It is to be regretted that our youth have no well-equipped institution in Omaha for physical culture and athletic training. In school athletics the Colored boys of Omaha have

a brilliant record. More good athletes might be developed if we had an institution that would afford them the necessary facilities, such as obtain in other large cities, for the fullest physical development. We hope the day is not far distant when some of our wealthy and philanthropic citizens will give liberal aid in supplying this need. In the meanwhile we urge our youth to embrace every possible opportunity they have for developing their bodies and keeping them clean and strong. Develop sound bodies and cultivate sound minds.

## THE MOHR MURDER CASE.

We are not as a rule interested in murder cases. We wish there were none; but unfortunately there are. Generally we are content with glancing at the headlines of the reports of such cases and letting it go at that; feeling sorry, of course, for all concerned in the tragedy. We have, however, followed the Mohr case in Providence, quite closely for two reasons: because three Colored youths, it was alleged, had been hired to commit the crime by the wife of the victim, and because for the first time to our knowledge two of the brainiest and best-equipped lawyers of our race were pitted against a galaxy of the best legal talent of New England. We were interested in seeing how the trial would issue and what impression Attorneys Lewis and Edwards would make.

Of course, despite the verdict of the jury, people everywhere will have their own opinion. To us, at this distance, the verdict seems a most remarkable one. We do not know all the evidence that was introduced, but we do know that the state endeavored to show that Spellman and Brown shot Dr. Mohr because they were hired to do so by his estranged wife. Heals himself being privy to the plot, saving himself by turning state's evidence. In the light of these facts it impresses us as a strange verdict which finds the principals, or two of the principals, for Heals was one also, guilty and the alleged accessory innocent. It impresses us as a remarkable verdict.

We are particularly pleased, however, with the unstinted praise given the splendid attorneys of our race for their conduct of the case. They were not one whit behind the able attorneys against whom they were pitted, the press freely conceding this fact. Attorney William H. Lewis, ex-deputy United States attorney, whose membership in the American Bar association caused so much trouble a few years ago, was easily the dominating figure at the trial. If the Mohr case brought into the limelight a criminal and weak-willed element of our race,

it also brought into the limelight the higher type of the race and has demonstrated the fact that we have men in the legal profession who can hold their own with the best the other race can produce. Such men are by no means confined to New England. They are to be found in every section of this country. This fact should give us race confidence in the ability of our well-trained professional men.

Bishop Walters' dignified "Open Letter" to President Wilson which we publish elsewhere in this issue, puts the subject of the appointment of Colored Americans who belong to and have worked for the success of the Democratic party, right where it belongs. Let the president appoint and then let the Senate act. He has not shown much temerity of the Senate's attitude or actions in other matters.

Local candidates for office are reminded at this very early stage of the game that the Colored Americans in this vicinity are by no means satisfied with the political recognition they have been receiving. You want our votes, but always find some excuse for giving appointments to every other class of American citizens except us. In the state, county and city the appointments given our people are almost as scarce as hens' teeth. Think it over. We are thinking hard, too, and intend to act. Vague, indefinite promises won't go.

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## ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

The day unfurls its shining banners from the east and down the shadowy meadows of my memory the tendrils of thy valor turn green. He stood on the field of Gettysburg in tears and pressed the hearts of rebel and union soldier slain, to his gentle bosom. Amidst the whirling hosts of Vicksburg and Antietam his spirit soared like a new Christ, and the frenzied foe who struck at his life's blood he called "my children."

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Here a dark faced mother would give up her boy to her country. There on some blood-stained stretcher, from across the shining seas, would be borne the pained shadow of a son. Empty hearts! Empty homes! And Oh, the river of tears! But his sweetness took the bitterness out of strife. His justice was tempered with mercy. To those of the lost cause, he said: "Let them come back, we'll treat them as if they had never been away." This was Abraham Lincoln; half dreamer and half seer.

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## Events and Persons

In Which You Will Be More or Less Interested.  
News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

Mrs. J. H. Jasper, 2813 Cuming street, returned Thursday from a business trip to Fremont.

Mrs. M. A. Jackson, 2301 North Twenty-seventh street, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again and is busy among her customers with her hair-dressing work.

A parish social will be held in St. Philip's Guild rooms next Thursday night. Miss Lena Paul and Mrs. Sidney Miller are the committee in charge.

The Rev. John Albert Williams left yesterday for Memphis, Tenn., where he will hold an eight day mission in Emmanuel church, of which the Rev. Joseph W. Livingston, who was confirmed in St. Philip's church, Omaha, several years ago, is rector. Fr. Williams expects to be absent about ten days.

For County Treasurer  
EMMET G. SOLOMON —adv.

The Phi Delta met with Miss Blanche Nance, 2552 Spaulding street, February 2.

John N. Baldwin announces his candidacy for the republican nomination for police magistrate of Omaha, and respectfully solicits the support of all colored voters.—Adv.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Williams, D. D., bishop of Nebraska, will celebrate the holy communion and preach in the Church of St. Philip the Deacon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening service, the congregation being invited to attend the closing service of the mission being held by the Rev. Dr. Hopkins of Chicago in Trinity cathedral at half past seven o'clock Sunday night. Sunday school, as usual, at 1 o'clock.

The Dollar Rate is extended for Thirty Days. Send in your subscription. Get some friend or neighbor to subscribe. Get on the honor roll. Help double The Monitor's subscribers. Our aim: The Monitor read in every colored American's home in Nebraska. Send us the names of your friends out in the state. Business is booming, thank you.

In reporting the death of Robert Fox in last week's issue, it was stated that his mother was Mrs. Christopher Fox of Benson. It should have been Mrs. Henrietta Fox, of Benson. Mrs. Christopher Fox resides on Twenty-seventh street.

Keep your houses well ventilated. Don't be afraid of fresh air.

### COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Mrs. J. H. Mize, 1410 South Eighth street, who has been ill has recovered.

The choir of Tabernacle Baptist church gave a chattering supper Friday night.

The Tabernacle Baptist church closed a successful revival Wednesday of last week. The Rev. B. S. Cooper of Centerville, Ia., conducted it. The candidates will be baptized Sunday, February 18, at the White Baptist church on Sixth street.

Get ready for the Bungalow Apron Ball, to be given at the Alamo Hall, March 2nd. Devereaux orchestra. Admission 35 cents.—Adv.

Will N. Johnson, Lawyer, Southwest Corner of Fourteenth and Douglas Sts. Douglas 4956.

The North Omaha Woman's Club met with Mrs. Delia Brown Friday. Although the weather was very cold, there was a large attendance. Plans were laid for the Easter offering to the members of our race at the County hospital. Next meeting Friday the 11th, at Mrs. Sarah Lewis. Lulu Rountree, pres; Josephine Harris, secy.

The Elite Whist Club met last Wednesday with Mrs. Williamson, 2509 Burdette street. Luncheon was served at 1:30, after which whist was played. Mrs. Phillips won the prize.

The Social Hour Club was entertained last Wednesday by Mrs. George H. Macklin.

We are for the Hon. John L. Kennedy for United States Senator and shall vigorously support his candidacy.

The Crescent Whist Club met at the residence of Mrs. N. Hunter February 2, Mrs. Jackson being the hostess. First prize, a beautiful hand painted plate, was won by Mrs. Belle Taylor; booby prize, a golden haired doll, by Mrs. N. Hunter. The hostess was given a hand painted plate. Next meeting with Mrs. Sinia Long, February 16th. Lulu Rountree, pres.; Belle Taylor, secy.

The Queen Esther chorus will have its sixth rehearsal Tuesday night, at which time the entire cantata will be completed and the chorus will begin perfecting the same for presentation early in March. Out of the large number which enrolled 102 have continued in the chorus.

Get one. One what? One new yearly subscriber for The Monitor.

The 500 Club gave a dinner dance at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Gray, 2610 Seward street, Tuesday night. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Those present were the Misses LeCour, Shaw, Singleton, Morton and Roberts; and the Messrs. Frank Blackwell, Harry Buford, Roscoe Miller, Ben Slaughter and Earl Wheeler.

For County Treasurer  
EMMET G. SOLOMON —adv.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson, 2102 North Twenty-ninth street, Monday morning.

Mrs. Gertrude Tucker served a four course dinner Friday evening, February 4th, at the home of Mrs. C. D. Dodson, 2630 Patrick avenue, complimentary to Mrs. Mosby of St. Paul, Minn., who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Delia Brown. The other guests present were: Mrs. C. H. Hicks, Mrs. J. W. Long, Mrs. Robert Severe, Mrs. Annie Stewart, Mrs. T. H. Lewis and Mrs. J. Alexander.

The Eureka Art Class met with Mrs. Brushwood Wednesday, February 3. Many members were present and all very much interested in the art work. Next meeting Wednesday, 17th with Mrs. Odessa Jackson. A very interesting program will be given as follows: Remarks by the President, Mrs. Lenora Grey. Quotation by each member, from Shakespeare. Vocal solo by Mrs. Lillian Perry. Recitation by Mrs. Lulu Rountree. Mrs. Lenora Grey, pres.; Mrs. Lillian Perry, secy.

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The final topic section of the Colored Woman's Club, Mrs. Ophelia Saffold, chairman, met with Mrs. Jas. Kirby, 2805 Cuming street, Tuesday afternoon. Features of the program were interesting addresses by Mrs. Bayles Pegg on Unity and Mrs. J. E. Jeltz. Miss McKinney and Mrs. Hibbs furnished the music.

For County Treasurer  
EMMET G. SOLOMON —adv.

Mr. Joe Abercrombie returned Tuesday from a visit to Kansas City.

The Helpers' Club will give a dancing party Wednesday evening, February 16th, at Peterson hall. Admission 25 cents. The proceeds will be devoted to charity. Mrs. R. T. Walker, president; Mrs. A. D. James, secretary; Mrs. W. W. Peebles, treasurer. Committee: Mesdames L. A. Smallwood, E. Stephenson and Miss Lena Paul.—Adv.

Miss Wilmore Woods, 2618 Franklin street, is ill with la grippe.

### THE NEW ERA DRAMATIC CLUB.

Have we the need of a dramatic club in our city? All Omaha says "yes." Then be a booster, Oh, you-rooster, Don't say that you "uster;" It's already started up the hill, If you don't boost now, you never will.

BOOST

Mrs. L. C. Sayles.

Mr. John Grant Pegg left for Calhoun Tuesday on a business trip.

The New Era Dramatic Club presented its play "A Kentucky Belle," at the Auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. Friday eve., Feb. 4th, to the eminent satisfaction of all present. These young people deserve the patronage of the public. Many marveled at the ease and composure of the young orchestra of the club in their rendition of the latest and most difficult music. Little Elaine Smith as the infant in the play made a decided hit with the public. The respective roles by the girls, as especially commented upon was that of Isabelle Douglas by Miss Venus Cropp, Marie Van Halenger by Corinne Thomas, Cindy, a maid, by Miss Beatrice Majors, Miss Maria Douglass, Mrs. Moss, Miss Madden, a trained nurse, Miss Darlen Duvall, and the beautifully dressed chorus girls being the Misses Corinne Thomas, Hazel Hall, Cordelia Johnson, Pearl Ray, Olga Henderson, Ozelia Dunning and Bertie McRay. Mr. Roscoe Miller and Miss Corinne Thomas introduced Mr. Maceo Pinkard's song, "I'm Goin' Back Home," to the extreme delight of the audience. All the boys took their parts with credit. We are here to stay. Watch for our next sensation. The club will meet as usual Friday evening.

### SOUTH SIDE.

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)

Rev. J. H. Nichols of A. M. E. Church, South Side, will hold his second Quarterly Conference Sunday, February 13th, at the church. Everybody is welcome.

Everybody is talking about the Valentine Mask Ball to be given Monday February 14th, at the A. O. U. W. Temple, 25th and M streets.

Mr. Julian Costello of the "Smart Set," spent a few hours with his cousin, Mrs. Lulu Thornton, of South Side, while in our city.

Mrs. Hanna Helem of 5300 South 25th street, who has been quite sick for about two weeks, is slowly improving.



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He delighted you with stories of his rich and varied experience, or inspired you to activity by his prophecies of the wonderful possibilities of the future.

What greater incentive can the Negro youth of this generation have than is contained in the life of Mr. Douglass? What better evidence have we than is shown in his life that there is rich reward for him who can labor and who can wait?

As the years go by, let the 14th day of February be sacred to the memory of our "Grand Old Man" and let his name be familiar to every child, for our own heroes are their greatest inspiration. Contemplating his life, we will be lifted to a higher conception of duty of life. Well may it be said of him:

"As some divinely gifted man  
Whose life in low estate began  
And on a simple village green;  
Who breaks his birth's invidious bar,  
And grasps the skirts of happy chance,  
And breasts the blows of circumstance,  
And grapples with his evil star;

Who makes his force by merit known,  
And lives to clutch the golden keys,  
To mould a mighty state's decrees,  
And shape the whisper of the throne;  
And moving on from high to higher,  
Becomes on Fortune's crowning slope  
The pillar of a people's hopes,  
The center of a world's desire."

Fresh in our minds, honored in our hearts be his memory throughout the ages.

L. S. E.

## A TALK WITH MY PARENTS.

(By A Child in "N. Y. World.")

If there is one word in the English language that I hate with all the fervor of my little heart, it is that word "Don't."

If I should tell you how many times a day my mother uses that word you would not think she had time to do anything except say "Don't."

The peculiar thing about the word "Don't" is that it does not mean anything. At least to me. If I am pulling sister's hair and mother says, "Don't," what does it mean? Why she does not use the word "Stop!" is beyond comprehension.

When I am doing something which I should not do it is worse than useless to say "Don't" without telling me what to do instead of what I am doing.

When I am writing on the walls with a pencil would it not be better to give me a piece of paper to write on than to say, "Don't" and leave me there with a pencil poised in the air, not knowing what to do next?

What I want is to be told what to do. When I see my mother sitting comfortably in a chair, the first thing that enters my head is to make her pay some attention to me. It is just human nature to want to see her get up or say that terrible word, "Don't."

## AN OLD FAVORITE.

Little Boy Blue—Eugene Field.  
The little toy dog is covered with dust,  
But sturdy and stanch he stands;  
And the little toy soldier is red with rust,

And his musket molds in his hands.  
Time was when the little toy dog was new,

And the soldier was passing fair;  
And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue  
Kissed them and put them there.

"Now, don't you go 'till I come," he said,

"And don't you make any noise!"  
So, toddling off to his trundle bed,  
He dreamt of the pretty toys;  
And as he was dreaming, an angel song

Awakened our Little Boy Blue—  
O, the years are many, the years are long,

But the little toy friends are true!

Aye, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,

Each in the same old place—  
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,  
The smile of a little face.

And they wonder, as waiting the long years through  
In the dust of that little chair,  
What has become of our Little Boy Blue

Since he kissed them and put them there.



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## Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

### FEAR AS A DISEASE-PRODUCER.

The endless chain of cause and effect in which fear and disease are the alternate links is interestingly discussed in the department of editorial comment in "American Medicine."

Fear—"one of the basic instincts of animal life,"—has been only subordinated, not abolished, by civilization. It is still "a constant detail of life," the writer tells us; and fortunately so, since it drives us to acts of self-protection that saves our lives. Did not dread keep the burned child from the fire, we should be a singed race, like the moths. And most of all do we owe our lives to our fear of disease, in which is rooted all our modern "knowledge of hygiene and prophylaxis and probably many of our ideas of treatment." But not only does the fear inspired by disease tend to curative acts and thus curb itself, but it may also produce disease in its turn, and so end in the chain of evils noted above. The influence of fear upon health is not discussed in the text-books, nor is it considered in the management of the sick, except in the most cursory manner; but the writer asserts that few mental states add more to the burden of the physician, or make his problems more difficult. He goes on:

"That fear is a potent factor in producing abnormal conditions, or at least in accentuating the baneful effects of disease, is a fact established beyond controversy; and yet in spite of its harmful tendencies, fear in some respects is a beneficent force, beneficent in that had we not been possessed of fear, self-preservation would not be the moving impulse it ever has been and is today in our life; without fear the human race would probably have perished. Courage and fear are antithetical; courage incites to extinction, fear to self-preservation. We believe courage rarely if ever exists without fear; such a mental condition, alone and unchecked by the caution naturally engendered by fear, would have prevented the survival of mankind as well as all other forms of animal life.

"A morbid fear of disease contributes largely to an unbalanced mentality; it disarranges the bodily functions, to be later followed by organic dissolution. 'The psychopathic believes himself afflicted with some incurable physical malady, such as cardiac trouble or tuberculosis; the psychoneurotic, that he is on the verge of insanity.' Siris writes that the main source of psychopathic diseases is the instinct of fear with its baneful manifestations of anxiety, anguish, and worry. Darwin writes that 'if we expect to suffer we are anxious.' James regards 'anxiety as morbid fear.' Bain, the 'anxious condition of mind a sort of diffused terror.' In other forms, concludes Sidis, 'anxiety is nothing else but the working of the instinct of fear. Religious, social, and moral lapses and superstitions associated with apprehension of threatening impending evil, based on the fear-instinct, form the germs of psychopathic affections.'"

Death from fear is very rare, but the writer narrates an interesting, although painful, incident in the experience of a noted New York surgeon—the late Dr. Robert H. M. Dawbarn:

"Some fifteen years since, a patient, a young and apparently vigorous and sound man, was referred to me at one of our city hospitals for operation in a perfectly simple case of hemorrhoids. Due preparations for the procedure were made, and he was left in a private room to wait his turn in the number of cases detailed for that morning's routine work. The case, however, did not come to operation; in fact, not even to anesthesia.

"As the nurses passed the door of his room during our work on cases which were scheduled to precede his, he would call each into his room and inquire with increasing earnestness and obvious expression of anxiety whether in their opinion the approaching operation might not endanger his life. Finally a nurse reported to us that in spite of their efforts to reassure the patient that the operation was absolutely a safe one, he had grown almost incoherent with fear or fright; she thought that I had better see him. I had been scrubbing up in an adjacent room, but went to him at once and found him at that moment dead. Careful attempts at resuscitation were at once instituted and persisted in, but without avail.

"It developed that the young man carried several life-insurance policies. Because of the anomalous condition as to the diagnosis of cause of death, representatives of these companies were at the autopsy, which was thoroughly and properly made in our presence by a careful specialist. Not a gross lesion was found. The final diagnosis was 'death from fear.'—Literary Digest.

### EATING RAW FOOD.

Commenting on the recent "raw food" school, Dr. Toulouse, a French physician, points out some of the advantages and drawbacks of the idea of consuming all food raw. Naturally in our common practice this is often done and even in the case of animal flesh such as oysters, dried beef, and others, and such substances are well digested, even better, it is claimed, than cooked meat. Salads, radishes and all fruits are eaten raw, and while they cause more work to the digestive organs by the character of the cellulose under such conditions, on the other hand they afford ferments which greatly aid digestion. Comparing the two systems, cooked or raw, the latter is the most essential for preserving life, for when the system is deprived of all fresh food, diseases of the scorbutic type appear, especially in children. The only drawback with raw food is that it may bring disease germs, which cooking destroys, and this consideration above recommends cooking in numerous cases. However an important point is that certain aliments are quite indigestible, even though the most nutritious, i. e., dried vegetables such as beans and peas, and even the most convinced of the new vegetarian school could not consume these. In the foregoing the question of taste was not considered, but in fact, cooking develops a flavor which adds in the secretion of digestive substances; and hence it is not a simple question of enjoyment of food. The practice of eating raw food does not therefore appear to be justified beyond the point where it is already the customary practice.—Scientific American.

EMMETT J. SCOTT

ON JEANES' BOARD.

Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Institute, has been elected to

succeed the late Dr. Booker T. Washington as a member of the Negro Rural School Fund, Anna T. James' Foundation.

### THE SMART SET COMPANY.

The Smart Set company has come and gone. The impression left has caused much discussion among our people. The Monitor, having heard so many opinions as to the merits of the show, pro and con, has asked me to write my impressions, so as to try to reach a happy medium.

Nothing ever created by man has ever been pronounced perfect. But many sayings and things done by man have gone far towards making this old world a better place to live in.

Many persons say a show is bad because the comedian wasn't funny, or that the chorus couldn't sing, or that the costumes were cheap, etc. From my point of view, if an entertainment is morally clean, it deserves much credit for being so. I don't think anyone could deny that credit to the Smart Set company. The next is the individual and ensemble work of the cast and chorus. (We won't mention the plot because musical comedies do not have plots.)

What of the individuals? Mr. Salem Tutt Whitney is all a comedian should be. He is funny, has good delivery and knows how to put the punch in his jokes. His Negro character does not belittle the race. His is the old time Negro that was born with lots of mother wit and never had a chance of getting an education.

He is always entertaining without being boisterous.

Miss Hattie Akers (as Bullions Ward) more than made good. She was born an actress. She had two scene's, one pathetic and the other patriotic. Both were done with feeling and ability. Watch her she will be heard from.

Miss Blanche Thompson is the only woman (of our race) that I have seen that is fit to take up the mantle, laid down by the late Mrs. Walker. She can sing the part, dance the part, talk the part or act the part. What more can one ask?

Mr. Luke Scott displayed much ability in character parts, and he is also the possessor of a fine baritone voice, in time he will become a credit to his race.

Mr. J. Homer Tutt is graceful, delivers his lines well, and looks dandy in his clothes. Beau Brummels are not born everyday.

Mr. James Vaughn's music is of a very high order. It's a master's task to set music to action and scenes, both of which he accomplished with marked ability. His big numbers sung by the chorus were meritorious and tuneful. Vaughn was with Williams and Walker when they played for King Edward in England.

Now for the ensemble work. The chorus was well drilled and sang with that peculiar blend that only our people possess.

The drill by the guards was agile and peppery, it was in perfect keeping with the scene. The dancing was great. "The Moonlight Face" dance in the second act, was original and graceful. "The Dance of Death" by the Rajah and Queen, was beautiful in its fiendishness.

Taking it as a whole and comparing it with other colored shows, I believe it was as good as any and second to none that has visited our city.

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Zaha Temple No. 52, A. E. A. O. U. M. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings the fourth Wednesday in each month. N. Hunter, Ill. Potentate; Charles W. Dickerson, Ill. Recorder.

Shaffer Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Friday in each month. Maggie Ransom, R. M. Elnora Obee, Secretary.

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—According to requests of many prominent men and women of the race, and rejecting the recommendation of the Board of Education, the District Commissioners on Monday decided to call the new half-million dollar high school for Negro children the "Dunbar School," after the late Paul Laurence Dunbar, Negro poet laureate.

The Board of Education had recommended that the school be called the "Charlotte Forten Grimke," who was an eminent missionary and writer.

### METHODIST CHURCH BURNS.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 28.—Wednesday evening, January 19th, a blaze started in the basement of the St. Paul A. M. E. church and considerable damage was done, rendering it untenable. The loss will amount to about \$3,500, which is partly covered by insurance. At the Conference which has just concluded its work here, it was decided to erect a new structure at the cost of \$20,000. The old building has been used for twenty years.

### PROMOTED FROM 1ST LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—First Lieut. Benjamin O. Davis, U. S. A., a product of the Washington schools and a native Washingtonian, and who has made a great record in the army, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain, and has been reassigned to the 9th Cavalry.

### INVENTS ELECTRIC DEVICE.

Henderson, Ky., Jan. 21.—George Ellis, 416 F street, has invented a new electric device, for operating a clock, sewing machine and an incubator for hatching chickens. His ideas are all new and will mean much to electric invention.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar's mother is still living and quite active. She is to appear at an entertainment for charity in Indianapolis, Ind., at which she will read some of her favorite poems of her son. She will also read "When Malinda Sings," the poem having been based on her life and dedicated to her.

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