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Editorials

GO TO THE POLLS ON AUGUST 9th

August 9th is the day which the law of the state of Nebraska has set aside for the voters of our great state to cast their vote for the men of their choice, men who are to make the race on November 9th, men in whose hands the government of the county and state shall be entrusted after that date. Black America of Nebraska, above all else, exercise your franchise on August 9th, by going to your respective polling places and vote—but as you vote, you are being urged to weight carefully the past record of the man for whom you vote. If he be a man who has dealt fair with all mankind regardless of race, creed or color, vote for him, but if his past record shows him to be a man who has failed to use as his measuring yardstick the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," forget him. Be not led on by flowery speeches, empty promises or baiting through beer, a custom so prevalent among the professional politician, especially when addressing you, Black America! Give his past record the acid test and if he be found wanting, leave him at the post. The time has come when the public must cease to take the word of the hired hirelings who say, "John Doe is all right," but as individuals you must analyze for yourself the record of the man for whom you vote. You must seek to know, if an incumbent, whether he has given to your group a fair share of the patronage in his department, whether he has handled public funds with which he is entrusted in a strictly business-like way and whether he has shown a conscientious desire to serve the people well.

If he be one of the outs, scrutinize his past record with the same degree of thoroughness as you do the ins and above all weigh his promise as you would a precious bit of gold and if you find his promises corroborated with his past record for the good of the people to a greater degree than the record of the ins then vote for him, but above all—VOTE!

THE THREE EMANCIPATORS

Listen not to that age old story which was heard throughout the North, South, East and West on August 4th as to the merits of Abraham Lincoln and the Republican party. A story with which the dyed in the wool Republican attempts to hoodwink the Negro of today.

Thank God for the New Negro, the Negro who has the breadth of thought to fully appreciate the stroke against physical slavery made by the immortal Abraham Lincoln, one of the trinity of Emancipators, God, Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt, yet at the same time is also able to appreciate the fact that Lincoln would turn over in his grave and condemn it, if he was allowed to pray the present platform of the Republican party as was interpreted by its last presidential candidate, Alf Landon, calling for a return to state right. A direct reverse from the original platform as founded by Lincoln, which called for the self same principles of human rights as is now being advocated and carried forward by that great humanitarian, Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Emancipator of the present age.

A NEGRO ON THE SUPREME COURT BENCH

For sometime our esteemed contemporary, "The Pittsburgh Courier," has advocated that the President of the United States appoint a Negro to the Supreme Court Bench. To this advocacy we give our hearty support.

We are firmly of the opinion that no one of another race, however, liberal, is sufficiently acquainted with the Negro and his problems to fairly and intelligently sit in judgement where Negro rights are concerned.

This advocacy, on the part of the Negro press is not sufficient to bring about the appointment of a Negro to the highest law tribunal in the land.

There is a dire need of a mass approval from every Negro in America. Let your approval be known through telegrams to the President, individual clubs, fraternities and church, All, do this now. Don't put it off.

LET'S JOIN HANDS

The world is admittedly in a state of confusion. With war in China, in Spain and war chances between Japan and Russia; with labor strife and social upheaval at our very doorstep, and with the recurrent threat of an impending European war in which ultimately America will be drawn, we members of the persecuted minorities should be formulating a constructive program for safeguarding what little Democratic rights which have not yet been taken away from us or cancelled by reactionary forces.

We should not at this crucial hour dissipate our kinetic energy and waste our time in a fight among ourselves for as long as the minority groups both intra and extra are divided by petty jealousy, racial antagonism and unjust issues, so long will the reactionaries and their fascist supporters present a consolidation and a common front of the appraised.

If they can keep us divided, if they can fan inter-racial conflicts, they will at the end destroy little gains that we have made in our meagre efforts in aligning ourselves with liberal forces.

The success of our cause, the cause of the people, depends, not only on denunciation and castigation, but also, on the indivisibility of the masses. In other words, one must stand together in the struggle for economic, political and social liberation of the enslaved minorities. We must fight side by side with those who seek a universal application of Democratic principles.

The economic and social vicissitudes of the black man are no different from those of his less fortunate white brother. Both are oppressed and enslaved by the same forces. They must therefore, join hands across the racial line, if they hope to succeed in their struggle against a common oppressor. Black America, especially should not be ashamed of their affiliation with a political party whose paramount creed is the economic and social salvation of all the people.

A NATIONAL NEGRO MUSEUM

It is a sad reflection on our vaunted progressiveness that after 75 years of freedom we have no one place where the complete record of our growth and development may be found.

Almost every state, city and county in the United States has a historical society, and a huge number have museums which they maintain for the convenience of scholars and the education of the general public.

Knowing ones past is a necessary part of one's education, and much of the cultural lag in our group is due to the widespread ignorance of our heritage.

Now come Dean Kelly Miller with the timely proposal that a National Negro Museum be established in Washington, D. C., the national capital, a most appropriate place for it.

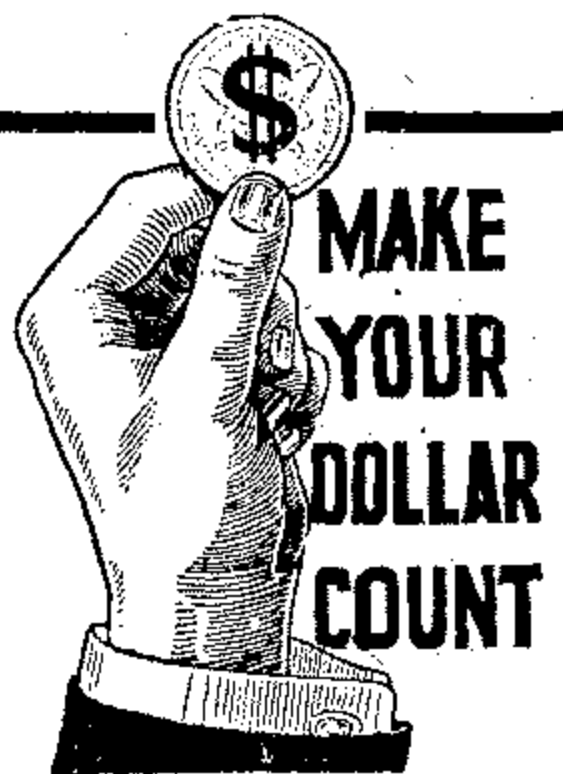
He suggests that the National Negro Museum be housed in part of the new library at Howard university.

What do the president of Howard and the Board of Directors think of that? We would like to hear from Dr. Johnson and his associates.

We cannot imagine what objection they could possibly have, since part of the library building will be otherwise unused, the museum will certainly be educational in the extreme and it will surely add to the prestige of university.

This museum would be a mecca for scholars and historians and a shrine in which the complete record of our experience and achievements for over three centuries would be preserved and readily accessible to the general public.

Here is one project so worthy that it will undoubtedly receive the whole hearted support of thinking people everywhere.



MAKE
YOUR
DOLLAR
COUNT

An Echo

From My Den
By S. E. Gilbert

Black America!

Listen to the Echo as it re-
bounds from your right as a
citizen.

"GO to the polls Tuesday, Au-
gust 9th and Vote!"

Seen Thru
A Telescope

Politics, says the dictionary, is
the science of civil government,
party intrigues, etc., one's political
sentiments.

The average citizen knows little
about politics and often cautions but
just the same he is being immersed in
it right now. In the office and
on the job, hears candidates dis-
cussed, when he buys his evening
paper, political advertising stares
at him, editorials criticize and car-
toons poke fun; when he turns on
his radio, political speeches blare
forth and then a friend calls on
the telephone and says come on
over to a big political rally given
by the such and such a place. Yes,
he is being immersed in politics.

The Kansas City Times says,
"Evidence accumulating that con-
tests for national office in this
country are sinking to low level of
cash and barter transition. Nothing
so new about area seats were trad-
ed and bartered for in the Roman
senate."

The Nebraska City Press
says in substance, "The re-
mand that words use present
day office seekers must be plain,
understandable and mean some-
thing. That a candidate must clearly
express himself on an issue and
say what he thinks instead of con-
cealing what he thinks."

Wonder if any of the Douglas
County candidates have read this?

To the uninformed Negro, the
word politics is vague and misty
in its meaning. So vague that his
interest is killed before it can be
aroused sufficiently to make him
engage in it for civic reasons.
But his interest is aroused when he
is told that he can personally ben-
efit from it, and there gentle read-
er is the proof that he is not so
dumb as some would have you
think, for that is exactly the same
that moves all engaged therein.

If the office seeker has money,
then his power or prestige he seeks
if he has no money then, its mon-
ey that he seeks. The mediocre
seeks a position of authority, the
men of the underworld, protection,
the taxpayer lower taxes. Every-
body wants something and every-
body is in it to get something, but
few do.

"What will the Negro get in
Douglas county? We need an as-
sistant county attorney."

Myron Nelson Wilson, Democrat
for State Treasurer, is a native of
Nebraska, born on a farm in Polk
county fifty years ago. He is mar-
ried and has one daughter.

He was educated in the public
schools of Platte Center and Col-
umbus, attended Fremont college
of pharmacy and is a registered
druggist. He was in the retail drug
business in Broken Bow for fif-
teen years. Honesty and accuracy
and business experience are the
main qualifications for a state
treasurer and Myron Wilson makes
all three. He pledges an efficient
and economical administration of
state funds.

(Political Advertisement)

A delightful breakfast was
served in Elmwood park Friday morn-
ing, July 29, by members of the
Ever Loyal club. There were nine
members present. They reported
an enjoyable time. Mrs. Clara Da-
cus, president.

The Roving Reporter

The Question: What is your opinion of a business establish-
ment in your neighborhood that does not employ colored help?

Asked Dr. C. B. Lennox
Address: 2314 1/2 No. 24th St.
2527 Patrick Ave.

Occupation: Physician and Surgeon
Ans: It should not be supported
or patronized by the colored people

Asked Attorney H. J. Pinkett
Address: 2118 No. 25th St.

Occupation: Attorney
Ans: It should not be supported
by the colored people.

Asked Rev. M. K. Curry
Address: 2526 Grant St.

Occupation: Minister.
Ans: As I see it, there can be no
other answer than colored people
should only patronize those places
where they can get their equal
share of returns by way of em-
ployment. Business establishments
supported by colored people should
by all means, employ colored help.

Asked Mr. Sam Brown
Address: 1554 No. 20th St.

Occupation: Plasterer
Ans: We as a Race always talk
of Race pride and supporting of
Race projects, but we still patron-
ize places where we are not rep-
resented. I firmly believe that if
we withdraw our support from
concerns that do not employ Negro-
es, eventually we will get proper

Works Progress Admin.

Recreation's superlative enter-
tainment "Puppets on Parade,"
just returned from a weeks' suc-
cessful tour of nearby towns, will
be presented Monday from 8-9 p.
m., at Kountze Park, Tuesday at
Durand Hill school from 7:30-8:30,
Wednesday, Yates school from 2-3
p. m. Thursday, Vinton school from
3-4 p. m. and Friday from 2:30-
3:30 at Washington school.

Miss Ann Murray, supervisor at
Washington school reports consid-
erable interest in the ping pong,
baseball and horse shoe tourna-
ments now in progress at her cen-
ter and invites any who are inter-
ested in these games and sports to
come and take part. Tennis is play-
ed in the gym.

The Works Progress Administra-
tion Civic orchestra will be heard
in a city recreation sponsored sym-
phony concert from 7:15 to 8:15
Tuesday August 9 at Miller Park.

Open air dances under city re-
creation supervision will be held
Thursday, August 11 at Fonten-
elle Park, north of the pavilion, and
on Friday between 24 and 26 on
Meredith street. Dancing to music
furnished by the Works Progress
Administration dance band will
begin at 8:30 p. m.

City recreation is now offering
instruction in Archery daily from
5-7 p. m. except on Saturday at
Tech high field. Entrance to the
field is west on Cumming street. Re-
creation director, Wm. Meyers says
there is no age limit to partici-
pation in this pleasant ancient sport.
So, come fathers, come sons, and
learn how easy it is to make a bulls-
eye after you have had a little prac-
tice.

During the past two months
Works Progress Administration
City Recreation party and fun
teams have directed and supervis-
ed games and sports at picnics at-
tended by no fewer than 8,000 per-
sons.

Pat McEreen is phys-ed instruc-
tor employed on city recreation at
Hanscom Park. Besides being a
capable instructor, Pat possesses
many qualities that endear him to
his fellows. But he has his limita-
tions as he himself will readily
admit. He finds it a physical im-
possibility to pronounce Polish
names. This disability worried him
not a little until he finally hit upon
the idea of re-naming his Polish
friends. So young Monioski be-
came 'Slack Anderson, little Stolin-
ski was dubbed Ginger Green, the
Tylski youngster was ordered to
answer to the sobriquet Billy Bilge
and so on down the line. Very sim-
ple, what!

The Works Progress Admini-
stration city recreation spinning
contest staged on the Court House
steps last Wednesday was witness-
ed by a large concourse of people
who vigorously applauded the chil-
dren's skill in rope-twirling. There
were twenty-five contestants, all
of who gave excellent exhibitions.
As a curtain-raiser, little Richard
Michaelis entertained the crowd
with what supervisor Crawford an-
nounced as a rope spinning strip-
tease performance. Spinning the
rope continuously, Richard remov-
ed several garments, including
shoes and socks, and then replaced
them without faulting one, losing
balance or ceasing to spin the
rope. This achievement won for
the performer the hearty plaudits
of his audience.

consideration.

Asked: Mrs. M. L. Rhone
Address: 5301 So. 30th St.
Occupation: Social Worker
Ans: It is an establishment that
does not want colored patronage,
therefore it should not have it.

Asked: Mr. W. B. Bryant
Address: 2314 1/2 No. 24th St.

Occupation: Attorney-at-Law
Ans: I think they should be forced
to employ colored help, but I am
against picketing because of the
limited population of the Negroes
of Omaha. In the meantime they
should conform to unity to compel
the places to employ them.

Asked: Miss Estelle Robertson
Address: 2521 1/2 No. 24th St.

Occupation: Teacher of Adult Edu-
cation.
Ans: I think they should be put
out of business if they refuse to
give us fair representation and the
best means of doing this is to boy-
cott them.

Asked: William H. Redrick
Address: 2823 No. 27th St.

Occupation: Chauffeur, unemploy-
ed.
Ans: Colored people should trade
with the business concerns that
employ person of their race.

Asked Mr. J. M. Whitty
Address: 2003 No. 22nd St.

Occupation: Janitor
Ans: Colored people should see
to it that a store in their neigh-
borhood employ colored help; and if
they refuse to do so, they should
take their trade to some other place
that does employ colored help.

Asked: Mr. Otis Hill
Address: 2531 Maple St.

Occupation: Common laborer
Ans: I don't think it is fair to
our Race for an enterprise to op-
erate in our neighborhood and not
employ Negro help. I further feel
that Negroes in said neighborhood
should stop trading with the enter-
prise until he sees fit to employ a
colored person.

Asked Mr. Ernest Caldwell
Address: 1422 No. 23rd St.

Occupation: Janitor
Ans: I think the Negroes should
ignore these places that do not
employ Negroes until they see fit
to employ one or two of our Race,
according to the size of the busi-
ness.

NOTICE

Have you a question you would
like for the Roving Reporter to
ask? Send them with your name
and address and phone number to
the Roving Reporter in care of
The Omaha Star.

Talking Things Over

BY MILDRED J. MARTIN

SUCCESS

Dear Friends—I truly hope you
have enjoyed my column for the
past two weeks and have also re-
ceived some good from them. Not
only that, but I hope it made you
decide to do something that you
had carelessly overlooked.

Two weeks ago, we discussed
"Cooperation." This week, I will
attempt to discuss "Success." By
putting these two topics together,
they should at least get a few re-
sults, because success should al-
ways follow cooperation.

Cooperation really means suc-
cess, don't you think so? Because
where there is no cooperation there
is no success. My friends, I truly
believe that the reason we are
not as successful as we should be
is that we are too easy to yield to
failure. What I mean is we can-
not stand to lose or fail. We ex-
pect to succeed along an easy path
and be successful without the ob-
stacles or obstructive problems
that must confront us on our up-
ward path.

We expect to find the going
easy and when such is not the
case, we will as commonly said,
fold up. This being the case, we
will not reach success and the op-
portunity to reach such a goal
fades away.

As a Race, I believe that our
fore-parents achieved more and
made success out of smaller things
because their opportunities were
far smaller than ours. Think this
over, look at these conditions: No
education, which is a very serious
problem to start an upward climb.
Handicapped with misdeeds, which
is a block on any upward
path, yet they were successful
enough to come from nowhere
with nothing, so to speak, to one
of the most looked upon races of
our nation. So my friends, you
can readily see that they faced
many disappointments and yet
they kept on, proving to us how
true the old saying is, "A winner
never quits and a quitter never
wins."

So let us from today, make up



ROY COCHRAN

Governor Cochran is a true
friend of Labor. During his ad-
ministration more progressive
legislation has been passed than
ever before in the history of the
state.

Some of the high lights of his
administration have been the
passing of the workmen's compen-
sation law, the passing of the Co-
operative laws passed to get fi-
nancial assistance from the fed-
eral government.

The keeping out of a general
sales tax which would lay the
heaviest hand on those least able
to pay thus cause the slogan—
Nebraska The White Spot.

A Night In Monte Carlo

The Wagon Wheel sport club
was sponsor of a unique party last
Friday evening, July 30, known as
"A Night in Monte Carlo," held at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. George
Porter, 2204 Burdette street. De-
spite the inclement weather, a very
fine time was reported, and we un-
derstand because of the enthusias-
tic manner in which this party was
received, another is being planned
for the near future, to be known as
a night in "Old Mexico," and of
course, the Omaha Star will carry
a full account of particulars, so
watch our pages for the announce-
ments.

3,079 Awarded Degress;
Crisis Magazine Compiles
Figures for Nation

New York, Aug. 6—There were
3,079 members of the Race gradu-
ated from mixed and all-colored
institutions of higher learning in
the United States, during the ac-
ademic year of 1937-38, according
to the twenty-seventh annual edu-
cation edition of the Crisis ma-
gazine for August.

Of this number, 2,451 were
graduated with the bachelor de-
gree. There were nine who re-
ceived the Ph. D. degree last June.

Mrs. Ione Hanger is recovering
from an operation.

THIRD TERM?

WHY NOT?

(Pittsburgh Courier, July 30, 1938)
The question of a third term for
President Roosevelt is agitating
the country.

Last week 4,000 Colorado steel
workers petitioned the President
to seek a third term.

Last week also the American
Institute of Public Opinion con-
ducted one of its usually accurate
polls of a cross-section of Republi-
cans and Democrats which reveal-
ed that while only 36 per cent
thought the President would run
for a third term, 51 per cent
thought he would be elected if he
did run for a third term.

When a similar poll was taken
last year by the same agency, only
28 per cent thought he would run
for a third term, and the majority
then as now, believed that he
ought not to run.

There is no law against a Presi-
dent seeking or accepting a third
term, and we can see no reason
why a good President should not
so serve.

The masses of American people
are convinced that President Roo-
sevelt has been an exceptionally fine
Chief Executive.

Against great opposition from
the forces of conservatism and en-
trenched wealth, he has fought to
better the condition of the sub-
merged one-third of a nation.

Conditions today are far from
ideal. There is still much suffer-
ing, privation and insecurity all
over the nation, but hope has every-
where taken the place of hopeles-
ness, and even the most pessimist-
ic sees sunlight through the clouds.

One has a right to ask who would
make a better President from 1940
to 1944 than Franklin Delano Ro-
osevelt?

Certainly there is no one of his
stature today on the political hori-
zon, and with the problems the
country must face in the coming
years, what better man could be
at the helm of the Ship of State?

Letter From
Our Readers

August 2, 1938

The Omaha Star
2022 North 24th Street
Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Your new paper is great. I can
see no reason why this venture
shouldn't be an unusually success-
ful one. With two go-getters like
Mrs. Gilbert, and you at the helm,
I can easily visualize the Star as
the Midwest's leading paper in
but a few short years.

Hoping you noting but success,
I remain,

Respectfully yours,
Millard T. Woods,
Executive Secretary
Urban League of
Lincoln, Nebr.

What Other
Papers SayCONTRARY TO
CATHOLIC CREDO

(Pittsburgh Courier, July 30, 1938)

Pope Pius has twice taken oc-
casion recently to assail all racist
ideas as contrary to Catholic credo
because Catholic means universal,
not racist or nationalistic or separa-
tistic.

"This conception," he recently
told a group of Italian Catholic
Actionists, "is greater than won-
derful. And is one of true democ-
racy in opposition to all the fool-
ishness and blasphemy that is ut-
tered nowadays with such facile
levity on this subject."

"The spirit of faith," the Pontiff
concluded, "must fight against the
spirit of separatism and against
the spirit of exaggerated national-
ism which the detestable and which
just because they are not Christian
end by not being even human."

This is a brave and true and
Christian statement much needed
at a time when race prejudice and
prosperation are receiving much
encouragement from many pagan
sources.

It is to be hoped that the Catho-
lic church in the United States will
ponder deeply this statement of
the head of the church, and act
accordingly in its attitude toward
colored people here.

There are still many Catholic in-
stitutions in this country where
Negroes are not welcome and
where, indeed, they are discrimi-
nated against in obedience to the
anti-Christian attitude prevalent in
America.

Such discrimination is not as
widespread as it once was but it
is still far too general.

The manful and courageous fight
of the Catholic church against pro-
scription and persecution of mem-
bers of the Faith elsewhere will
have far more weight when it is
not guilty of the same thing against
its dark brethren here.

Racism is a menace everywhere
to the forces of Christianity, both
in the United States and elsewhere.
The best way to fight it abroad is
to take a firm stand against it
here.

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