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PEACE!  
PROSPERITY!!  
UNION!!!

Mayor Dahlman has appointed Thomas Lewis a sidewalk inspector. He is showing, as we maintained he would, a disposition to give our people a square deal. This is one more appointment than we have been given under the Republicans for some time. Our Democratic mayor is doing the square thing. "Honor to whom honor is due."—*Omaha Enterprise*. So it is all along the line,—the colored vote is recognized even under Democratic mayors, and other officials, but out here in Helena, with a Republican mayor, the floor of hope for the valiant colored ally who whooped it up for his triumphant election is closed, and it is taken for granted that no colored man need apply to the present city administration for anything that resembles political office.

**We Stand Pat.**  
We have been warned and cautioned that the enmity and official displeasure of several officials in city and county have been directed toward us on account of articles which have appeared in these columns. Now we care about as little about the enmity of a prejudiced and unjust official as we do about the sands of the Sahara Desert at this distance from them. And as long as officials refuse to be fair, just and recreant to their sworn duty, just so long will they have their memory of the same jogged by THE PLAINDEALER.

At the eleventh hour a minister of the Gospel arises and says that it is just as wrong to accept money for gaming privileges as it would be for burglary, etc. Everybody knows that; but what in the high heavens have you been doing all along? THE PLAINDEALER has done and single handed been battling with the evil. When we should have had your support all along the line.

**The Independent's Position.**  
THE PLAINDEALER has contended all along that if flagrant violations of the anti-gambling law was to be permitted that the city should receive the revenue, and that case all avenues for graft should be eliminated. But now come the Independent and goes on one better, and says that gambling shall not be tolerated at all, and makes dire threats if the authorities attempt to collect fines for the same.

It is fearful that Mayor Lindsay will violate what it says was one of its issues upon which he was elected. In the same breath it says that gambling is not now going on, and that it is, and they are willing to escort the Mayor to view it, as it were, the conspirators of the very act. So varied and devious are the ways which the Journal takes to set its views before the public that we fear the Mayor may be dazzled, and not know just where he is at. We are glad to see the Independent take an advanced step, and

hope it is sincere, and that the recent alignment is not political or a pyrotechnical display for the galleries.

We do not recall that gambling was a burning issue in the Spring campaign; but we do recall that under the preceding administration gambling was run wide open, without a protest from anyone, and that same administration had no stronger defender than the Independent. It did its utmost to accomplish the present Mayor's defeat, and after his election has been, it seems, a constant applicant to be his chief advisor, in which we sincerely hope it will succeed, and that their advice on the gambling proposition will be followed to the letter. *No Games, No GRAFT*, and that peace and quietude will reign supreme.

**Tuesday's Primaries.**  
It is very important that every voter attend the various Ward Primaries to be held next Tuesday evening throughout the city to the end that they may take part in selecting the party standard bearers who will ask the suffrage of the people in November. The election of a congressman and legislative candidates present an issue which no one should shirk, and it behooves every republican to do his part to the end that the best men will be sent to the Convention to select party candidates.

Perry Witmer has made an enviable record as County Clerk and Recorder, and no doubt will receive a renomination at the coming County Convention by acclamation.

We have tried in vain to in get communication with our old-time friend, J. H. B. Taylor, but he ignores or neglects us. We will ask the Topeka Plaindealer to tell us where our friend is.

When Joe Gans went to Goldfield the citizens thereof did not think much of him, mostly on account of his color; but his manner and deportment have made for him a home in that burg. They had passed judgment on the race from the actions of the typical Western rounder whom we all despise. All we ask is a chance, and we will not only furnish finished products of the manly art, but for all lines of athletics, professions, trades and artisans.

**BUTTE IN BRIEF.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Willis arrived home Saturday evening at 11:30 o'clock from a month's visit on the Sound.

Mrs. M. E. Davis and Mrs. Geo. E. Willis received in honor of the Helena visitors at the residence of Mrs. Geo. E. Willis on Idaho St. The residence was profusely decorated in pink and lavender; a dainty repast was served, and all expressed the greatest appreciation for the hospitality of their hostesses. (A full account in our next issue)

**CHURCH NOTICE**  
Preaching at St. James A. M. E. Church, corner Fifth Ave. and Ho back St. at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., by the Pastor. All are requested to bring their Bibles to the 8 p. m. Service. The combined entertainment has been changed from the 12th to the 14th. It is called the Grand Musical and Supper and a good time is anticipated. Rev. Allen is busy trying to collect his dollar money, and asks his friends to come to his relief, as he leaves for the conference on the 17th. Jordan Allen, Pastor.  
Sunday School at 2 p. m. A. Marshall, Supt.; Carrie Dorscy, Chorister; Florence Anderson, Secretary.

## SPECIAL APPEAL

### To Liberty-Loving Negroes in All Parts of the United States.

**Organize! Organize! Organize!**  
The tremendous meeting held by the Afro-American Council in New York City, July 25, 1906, is an indication of the great tidal wave of indignation and resentment against the injustices perpetrated daily upon Afro-Americans of this country, and is a hopeful sign on our part that we mean to do something effectual to regain the rights which we have lost.

Secretary of War, Mr. Taft, in his address at Greensboro, N. C., a few days ago declared that the schemes adopted to disfranchise illiterate Afro-Americans without excluding illiterate whites, will not stand the test of the fifteenth amendment. Chief among such schemes is the "Grandfather" clause now operative in several of the Southern States.

Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, has asserted that the revised Constitutions of the South, if ever properly brought before the Supreme

worth of a United effort through organization. The condition makes it incumbent upon our leaders, ministers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, business men, newspaper men to lead off in this organization, and prepare to fight these injustices to the death. A local Council is needed now in every village, town and hamlet in the land.

**Our Plan of Organization.**  
Any person who has sufficient interest in the race can send invitations to leading Afro-American citizens who are interested in the amelioration of our present condition, to meet in some private house, church or hall, according to the number invited. If as many as ten assemble and are willing to subscribe to the following objects, they can be organized into a local Council.

**The Council as Organized.**  
1. Investigate and make an impartial report of all lynchings and other outrages perpetrated upon Afro-Americans.  
2. To assist in testing the constitutionality of laws which are made for the express purpose of oppressing Afro-Americans.  
3. To promote the work of securing legislation, which in the individual states shall secure to all citizens the rights guaranteed to

can have membership in the National Council by the election of two delegates and the payment of three dollars for each delegate. Religious organizations, academic schools, colleges and Afro-American newspapers can have representation in the National Council upon the same terms.

We earnestly appeal to all organizations that desire representation to see to it at once, that delegates are elected and sent to the National meeting which is to be held in New York City Oct. 9, 10, and 11, 1906.

We prefer to have the ministers and leaders organize local Councils in their churches, lodge rooms, etc., but if they cannot do so, for the sake of our outraged brothers, it is hoped that the churches, societies, etc., as affiliated bodies will take action at once to have representation in the National Council.

A. WALTERS,  
President National Afro-American Council.

**CHICAGO'S ADMIRABLE RECORD SHOWN IN DIRECTORY**  
In Fifty Occupations

VERSATILE LIST OF JOBS SHOWS HUSTLE AND ENTERPRISE IN THE WINDY CITY

Special Correspondence of the New York Age.

CHICAGO, August 27.—Mr. D. A. Bethea, a young Afro-American medical student of this city, has rendered the Afro-American people here a valuable service by publishing what he calls a "Blue Book." The title is borrowed from the real Blue Book, which has a limited circulation among the real aristocracy of the city. No Afro-American or white person of the common class can gain admission into this exclusive "Blue Book."

Bethea's "Blue Book" is a very commendable piece of work. In this great big scattering community it has been quite impossible to secure accurate information as to what we are doing, and where we are. This little directory of a hundred pages answers all of these questions and many others of considerable importance. Our first impression is that Chicago Afro-Americans are an enterprising and progressive lot of people. For example: we learn from this Book that there are one thousand Afro-American people engaged in fifty or more different occupations and professions requiring skill and training.

Some of the statistics are very interesting. There are thirty-five churches of different denominations, eighty barber shops, eight builders and contractors, thirty-five chiropractors, thirty cigar stores, one hundred and ten express and transfer men, thirty-two grocery stores, twenty-five restaurants, eight steam laundries, twelve dentists, seventy-five dress-makers, three druggists, thirty-five lawyers, one ice cream manufacturer, two razor strop factories, thirty-seven music teachers, thirty milliners, three oculists and opticians, thirty painters and decorators, forty physicians, thirty stenographers, two theatres, twenty-two undertakers, five upholsterers, one chewing gum factory, one news stand, one music store, ten tailors, five haberdashers, one dry goods store, one shoe polish manufacturer, five newspapers, five locksmiths, several electricians, plumbers, caterers, and metal polishers, one fraternal insurance company, secret societies almost without number, five real estate offices, and about four hundred men, and women in Federal offices, such as clerks, mail carriers and Custom House inspectors drawing salaries from \$45 to \$175 per month. In the city and county offices there are about seventy-five employees who are variously serving as attorneys, physicians, milk and health inspectors, smoke and factory inspectors, bridge tenders, clerks, deputy sheriffs, messengers and school teachers. This list does not include an Afro-American fire company, policemen and detectives, and one desk sergeant.

It can be truthfully said that this list of workers in the trades, the professions, and in

politics is being added to almost weekly. In thus scanning over this little directory, one cannot resist the impression that the Afro-American in the second largest city on the continent is a hustler in a way that is greatly to his credit. He is constantly crushing the limitations set in the way of his progress. The future is full of hope for this kind of progressive, pushing and daring Afro-American.

Very few people living right here in Chicago had an idea of the large number of different things, requiring honesty, intelligence, skill and aptitude, which our people are doing and trying to do every day. In a few years it is safe to predict that these small shops, stores and factories will have so increased and enlarged their business needs that thousands of young men and women, boys and girls, will find the kind of employment that will not only pay good salaries, but will demand a skill, dignity and efficiency that will in turn lift the entire race to a standard that will command respect of all who see them.

FANNIE BARRIER WILLIAMS.

The Montana Plaindealer Pleases One of Its Subscribers in the Sunflower State

PLEASANTON, KANS.,  
Aug. 28, 1906.

MR. EDITOR,  
Kind Sir:

Will you please find some vacant place in the columns of your good paper for a few of these awkward people of ours. I must say, since I have been reading this paper of yours that I am more convinced than ever before that we, as a race and class of the American citizens, should patronize each other more in the different walks of life, both professional and industrial; and very particularly we should buy, sell and trade with each other. We should take more delight and perseverance in reading after our own editors, either books, pamphlets, or papers. The first reason is from my experience that we can learn more importance and profitable news reading after the editors of our papers in three months than we can reading after the white editors twelve months. Even the children themselves can obtain responsibilities therefrom,—duties and rights, and obligations that cannot be derived from any other source. Your paper has been a great help to me during the last few months past. Another reason why we should patronize each other is that the New Testament informs us that "the first shall be last, and the last shall be first;" and the Scripture is fast fitting itself to the American negro. We, the dark Sons of Ham were the first to ascend the acorns of Christian civilization. It has pleased God to make us the last of all the civilized people of earth. This is the fulfilment of his word, for he says, "I am a jealous God, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. These results were from the Fall of Egypt. While the world is now revolutionizing itself, Christian civilization is now on her way back to the Antilles of Africa, where Christian civilization was first cradled, and we see that it is

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## GAMBLING STILL GOES ON.

*Indications are that the city will either receive revenue for the games which are running, or gambling will cease. If such is the case, the PLAINDEALER'S fight has been of avail. The INDEPENDENT'S inconsistent position, it seems, is solely political. It in one line claims there is no gambling going on, and in the next offers to escort the officers to where it is going on. It extolled the previous administration when gambling reigned supreme, and now threatens to send this administration to Deer Lodge. "Consistency, Thou Art a Jewel!"*

Court, must be declared unconstitutional, and has expressed his astonishment that the Afro-American people have never effectively utilized this remedy which lies in reach of their hands.

Our duty is to organize, secure friends, employ able talent, white or black, and knock out the "Grandfather" clause at least. "Heaven helps those who help themselves." If we can obtain from the Supreme Court an opinion that the Grandfather Clause is illegal, a victory, which profoundly important as it would be, can, by standing together, achieve such a manifestation of prosperous enterprise as would thrill the North and again enlist its sympathies with us, at the same time strike dismay into those Southern politicians who are fattening on the Race Problem, and counting their positions and careers secure because they believe we shall never have manhood enough to drag them face to face with the Federal Constitution.

**Opportune Time for Organization.**  
The need of a strong organization through which to make our fight should be apparent to all lovers of the race who know the

them by the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

4. To aid in the work of prison reform.

5. To recommend a healthy migration from terror-ridden sections of our land to states where law is more generally respected and maintained.

6. To encourage both industrial and higher education.

7. To promote business enterprises among the people.

8. To educate sentiment on all lines that specially affect our race.

9. To inaugurate and promote plans for the moral elevation of the Afro-American people.

10. To urge the appropriation of school funds by the Federal government, to provide education for citizens who are denied school privileges by discriminating laws.

The following is a list of officers which must be elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and an Executive Committee, consisting of five members.

**Affiliated Membership.**  
Delegates representing organizations of similar plans and purposes

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