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THE STAR has space to sell; the individual who satisfies us by paying our price, gets it.

IT IS SAID that politics and religion don't mix well, but there are preachers in Tulsa who evidently think differently.

LET EVERY true Race man lend his assistance in toning up the citizenship of our people. The world must be made better, and it's the duty of everyone to do his bit along this line.

FRIENDSHIP that comes only from the lips is scarcely worth claiming; there are a great many in our Race who grin, pat you on the back and talk about their friendship—that's all.

THAT PROGRESSIVE, "get-up-and-get-it" fellow, who goes after things succeeds. The dreamer, who expects some one to pour his lap full of "goodies" awakes only to discover that he had only been dreaming.

SINCE IT IS impossible to keep our schools and other public institutions out of politics, the Star is in favor of adhering to the rules of the game and crowning the victors with the spoils.

WE WANT the world to know that we put the interest of the Colored Race ahead of everything else in the world, and we will be found at the old stand, defending our people whenever the occasion arrives for us to do so.

ABOUT the biggest job that some people tackle is, "killing off" a member of the Race who is striving to do something; the fellow who is able to deliver the goods is a hard "bird" to wing. See?

THE MEANEST, lowest, and most contemptible man on earth is the fellow who plays the part of Judas with his friends. He is worse than ungrateful viper which bites the hand that feeds him.

THE STAR has always stood for a square deal for the black man, and as long as its present editor and publisher is responsible for its being it will always fight without fear or favor for these principles.

ALL NEGROES should belong to the Baptist Church, (or we might say the Methodist Church) would be a foolish doctrine to preach to the Race; it is even more foolish to preach the doctrine that all Negroes should vote the Republican ticket.

COLORED MEN must learn to differ on issues and still treat each other fair; "mud slinging" has never helped any one and never will. The Star concedes everyone the right to follow the dictates of his mind and trusts everyone will be as fair with us.

THE STAR has always been honest in its opinion about the Race being members of the various parties and we are going to stand by what we believe is for the Race's best interests, and we are confident that more thinking men and women are going to vote the Democratic ticket than ever before in the history of the country.

THE ORGANIZATION of a Colored Republican Club in Tulsa last Sunday and the announced intention of starting a newspaper, was the beginning of a concerted effort to counteract the influence of the Star among our people in this city and state, to which we offer no objection since our policy is based upon the greatest of all political principles. There has never been a time in the history of the world when all men agreed on any issue. This very fact accounts for the rapid increase of Negro Democrats in the United States. Thank God, we have learned to think and act for ourselves.

NO ONE need ever doubt the political policy of this paper. The

Star believes in and espouses the cause of Democracy—the true Jeffersonian Democracy—which holds that "all men are born equal and are endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Upon these principles we are perfectly willing to risk the political destinies of the Race. No one can deny the fact that God Race has many strong friends in all political parties and we are rightfully proud of the reputation our Race has made in that we have never been branded as ingrates or traitors to our friends. The Negro has learned the valuable lesson of thinking and acting with good common sense and will be no longer found the chattel slave of any political party. The Black man who pretends to believe that all of his Race should trail behind the banners of the Republican party is a fool, though, perhaps he may be unaware of the fact.

TULSA PROUD OF NEGRO MERCANTILE HOUSES.

Remarkable Showing Made by Elliott & Hooker Since 1917.

The Star office door was open and she waffled in, the talkingest piece of furniture that has graced our sanctum sanctorum in many a long day.

This lady had business too with us and got to it at once.

"Say, how is it you Star people haven't said anything about our great stock of goods across the street over there at Elliott & Hooker's?"

Before she rushed on we managed to interpolate, the Star had had just that very thing and for others on its mind for some time, but every time we stepped in the store, the store was full of customers and every one too busy to take the matter up.

At this the bright eyes of our visitor sparkled and a dimpling smile mounted her dark cheeks—just such a smile as Cleopatra caused Caesar to forget his wife and Antony his country.

"You have a wife and family?" asked she. We butted in long enough to plead guilty to wife but suggested a period best indicated a full stop in family line.

"Well, then, bring your wife over. We have the daintiest, nicest and most stunning ready to wear suits and dresses to be found anywhere. They are Hoveland make and just what you see on Fifth avenue, N. Y., and State street, Chicago. Mrs. S. D. Hooker has charge of this department and it's a real pleasure for her to show our great variety and array of charming waists, suits and coats, artfully trimmed with braid, beads, fur, satin, etc., the choicest products of eastern manufacturers. Mrs. Hooker, a most expert milliner, has a fine assortment of Gage hats, the highest standard quality hats in America, but there are many who prefer her taste, skill and handicraft, and she has a numerous clientele. The young high school Misses, Thelma Johnson and Irene Hooker, and Miss Carrie Davis are the capable and efficient aides in this department."

Our visitor rippled on with the evidence of a babbling brook:

"You ought to see our line of splendid shoes for ladies and gentlemen, and our display of Sophomore suits for men, hats, shirts, collars and notions, complete in detail and best on the market."

When she said "shoes" we glanced up. Noting it, she said: "That's all right. I got you. You are like the rest, you are thinking of the high prices." "Well, yes," we said, "it is like this, we saw in a window a hat marked \$10 and shoes \$10 a piece, and we felt sorry that we didn't have one foot just like we had one head." She smiled disclosing a double row of pearls for which an East Indian would dive for a year to obtain.

"Here's the big idea," she said. "Shoes are higher than before, but wages and salaries are also higher, there's more money going around. Then, the Elliott & Hooker firm pay \$6,000 today for the same stock of shoes they paid \$3,000 for several years ago. Thus, they must invest double the original amount of capital invested to make about the same, or perhaps less profit, than before. But our stock of Stetson hats and shoes, and Strong-Garfield and Crosssett shoes, Arrow shirts and collars are standard and by the time our affable Mr. A. J. Williams gets through showing the goods, the prices will be forgotten."

"This firm started in 1917, the Messrs. Elliott & Hooker, then both of Muskogee, putting in a \$7000 stock. Today that stock has increased to \$30,000, covering in every detail the line of goods carried by ladies and gents' furnishers. During the

past year our sales approximated \$60,000, a volume of business more than creditable to Mr. Hooker, manager of our store, which is one of the chain of Elliott stores carried on at Muskogee, Tulsa and Okmulgee, and Messrs. Elliott & Hooker and Mrs. Hutton are proprietors. Come over and see us."

Then the telephone rang and when we turned back she was gone. She had not given us her name, and out we rushed over to the Hooker-Elliott store.

Mr. Hooker met us. No one had passed in and he had sent no young lady over to the Star office. As we turned away, our eyes fell upon her hiding shyly in the large show window of the store.

"There she is," we said. "No," Mr. Hooker said, "that is a dummy. She speaks volumes for our business, but I have never heard her speak a word!"

"HO, EVERYONE THAT THIRSTETH COME YE TO THE WATERS."

(Isaiah 55:1.)

In all of God's dealings with His creatures, one principle is marked and prominent, and that is the dignity with which He maintains His own prerogative while granting freedom to His creatures, in the exercise of their God-given powers. Thus, having made man in His own likeness—with reason, will, judgment, etc.—He does not afterward defend or ignore that image, but on the contrary He honors it.

God never demands of man a course of action out of harmony with His reason, or at the sacrifice of His judgment or in opposition to (man's) will, but in every case God satisfies reason, appeal to judgment, and leaves the decision subject to a free will, enlightened by an understanding of the inevitable final result in either case. He sets before us inducements or rewards for righteousness—punishment for unrighteousness—but does not compel either course. With dignity and patience He waits a sufficient time for our enlightened decision, and then carries out His own purpose with respect thereto, in the event of that decision.

In accordance with this principle is the above invitation through the prophet Isaiah: "Ho, everyone that thirsteth come ye to the waters," (truth). Water is unobtainable except to the thirsty, and food produces nothing if forced upon one who is not hungry; so truth is unobtainable to those who prefer error. Therefore, God only gives His good things where they are desired and never compels the acceptance of His favors. But blessed is the man that hungereth and thirsteth after truth, for his soul shall be satisfied thru the Divine bounty.

"Ah," says some anxious Christian, "but there are so many who have no thirst whatever for the truth, and if we don't compel them to hear and accept it we fear they will never get it." And so they attempt to force the truth upon them and the result is always the same—more harm than good.

It relieves the earnest hearted Bible student of all anxiety concerning the world's blindness when they note that God's plan is so broad and generous that its gracious provisions cover all the interest of every creature. None are so small or so degraded, or so mean as to be left out. If at present they are so filled with the husk of human traditions, and the muddy waters of human philosophy, there is little use in trying to fill them with anything else. But in the near future (in the great time of trouble just ahead of us) God is going to give them such an emetic and rid them of so much of their filth that they will be prepared and glad to receive the truth in its purity.

While we may thus rest in faith in the sure promises of God with reference to the unbelieving world, it is our privilege to herald the blessed invitation, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." In due time they will be thirsty enough to gladly receive the water of life. God does not now, neither will He in the future, during the Millennial Age, compel any to accept His favor of life everlasting, but if when it is offered, they will have it O, how freely they may have it—"He that hath no money: come ye buy and eat—without money and without price."

God does not address Himself to any one who will not stop, think and reason, and it matters not how religious one may think he is if he is not able to give a clear reason "in harmony with the attributes of God—justice, wisdom, love, power" for the position He takes is not an order the influence and instructions of the Lord but (though ignorantly)

is under the hypnotic influence of the devil and his evil spirits. Be wary of all forms of religious salvation under the name of religion that is filled with inexorable emotions.

There is nothing in the religion of Jesus Christ which is out of harmony with the human reason and the most refined judgment. Its methods, according to the scriptures and biblical examples, with exhortation words and actions that bring the children of God down to the level of those they seek to reach. Its methods are an dignified and elevating as are the precious truths it bear. And both the truth and the truth-bringer who follows in the Master's footsteps, will command the reverence, even though they incur the persecution of men. Of Jesus it was said: "He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street." (Isaiah 42:1-4). We are not heard, either in God or men, for our much speaking. (Matt. 23:7); therefore we shall endeavor to present God's truth in all its native simplicity and beauty, and trust its inherent power to win its way in due time to every honest heart. RICHARD J. HILL.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPINGARN MEDAL ARE NOW IN ORDER.

The Committee of Award of the Spingarn Medal which every year is awarded to the man or woman of African descent and of American citizenship who shall have made the highest achievement during the preceding year in any field of elevated or honorable human endeavor, announces through its chairman, Bishop John Hurst, of Baltimore, that it invites recommendations for the award of the Spingarn Medal for 1919. These recommendations, the committee requests, should contain a statement as to the qualifications of the person nominated for the medal with a specific account of the achievement or achievement which in the opinion of the person who nominates him would entitle the nominee to the award.

The medal is the gift of Mr. J. H. Spingarn, for several years the chairman, now Treasurer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Committee of Award is as follows: Bishop John Hurst, chairman; Ben William Howard Tift, Mr. John Roper, Dr. James H. Beard and Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard.

COLORED TEACHERS NOW DESERTING SCHOOL ROOM.

H. C. Lee and Low Salaries Drive Them Into More Lucrative Fields.

Tulsa Star News.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 30.—A pamphlet issued by the National Association shows up in a forcible fashion the facts concerning the shortage of teachers in the United States. According to this report, more than 100,000 teaching positions in the public schools are either vacant or filled by teachers below standard, and the enrollment in teachers' training and normal schools has fallen off about 20 per cent. Seven hundred superintendents sending in their information from every state in the union, report a shortage of 14,675 teachers and more startling still 23,000 teachers admittedly below standard. The actual shortage, then, is 6 per cent, and 10 per cent of those now employed are more or less unfit for the positions they hold. From the same source it is learned that 52,000 teachers dropped out during the past year. This is 22 per cent. The most unstable occupations are supposed to hold men and women longer than this. It is evident that teaching has ceased to be a profession and well-nigh ceased to be a stepping stone.

In regard to the training of new teachers to fill the places vacated by this 22 per cent the situation is even more discouraging. In seventy-eight normal schools of thirty-five different states were 33,000 students in 1916. In the same schools in 1919 the attendance had fallen to 20,000. The total of graduates fell from 10,000 to 8,000. In 1920 it will be 7,000.

Of the many remedies proposed for this state of affairs—such as higher standards and a more general recognition of the importance of teaching—there is probably none that will be effective unless accompanied by higher salaries. In so far as the school system of New York or Los Angeles are superior to those of other sections of the country it is usually due to the higher average of economic return.

New Year's Greeting
To the Many Friends OF THE Ardmore Lubricating Oil And Refining Company OF TATUM, OKLAHOMA, WILL Celebrate The Opening of Its Laboratory FEBRUARY 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 '20
IN ITS OWN BUILDING AT 319 East 2nd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
A Big Four Days' Feast and Public Entertainment - Prominent Men and Women of the State will speak on this occasion. - Good Music - All Stockholders and Their Friends are urged to attend this gala opening. The general public is cordially invited to come and see Kerosene, Automobile Oil and kettles made from one crude oil. The Laboratory's chemists who will have charge of this opening are A. P. Bell, owner Bethel Drug Store, Oklahoma City and Dr. E. L. Dickens, who has recently sold his drug store at Tulsa, and will be with this opening all the time; Mrs. Dr. E. C. McCoy of Sapulpa, and Charles D. Harris. If you are behind on the payments for stock in this Company, PAY UP.
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anywhere not even in the large centers where the pay is best. But standards must be raised and the occupation must be made attractive to the best talent we have. We shall have to raise wages or accept an insufficient supply of inefficient instructors. It is only a question of time—a question of how long it takes us to adjust ourselves to the necessity.

WANTED—Three or four large families to work share crop with me on my farm 8 miles south of Dewey, Okla., in Creek county. Call or see T. H. Boynes at Boley, Okla.

LOST—Ladies shoe, mouse colored, heel broken. Finder please return to 312 N. Franklin st. and receive reward.

FOR RENT—Two room house in the Fairview addition No. 2. See J. J. Lewis, 720 N. Lansing.

Nasty colored families were rendered homeless in Harlem, N. Y., through a big fire at 59th street, brickmen house last Monday. One mother with her six months' old babe, was rescued with difficulty.

Mr. Charles H. Anderson, the well known Negro bank promoter, of Jacksonville, Fla. has recently purchased a site for a bank in Harlem district, New York City at a cost of \$75,000.

In its annual message to the Colored people of the nation Tuskegee (Ala.) Sociological Commission points out that the year 1919 has been filled with anxieties, unrest, disturbances and strife; it urges better railroad facilities, discontinuance of lynching and the improvement of school opportunities for Negro youth.