

By the grape vine dispatch it is learned that Bert Sweeza may seek the mayoralty nomination of Seattle. It almost made us smile to hear it, but if he should file there are plenty of men and women who will not hesitate to furnish him all the money he wants for his campaign.

Nearly two hundred thousand food pedges have been signed by citizens of the state of Washington and we wonder if ten per cent of those who signed the pledge pay any attention to it, when they are having their meals prepared. A great many of those who have signed this pledge did so for no greater reason than that it was a popular fad and gave the idea no serious consideration.

John Clancy is a prisoner in the county jail. When will wonders cease A few years ago for a judge to have even thought of sending one of the Clancy boys to jail for the illicit selling of liquors would have proven his everlasting ruin, politically, but with Clancy in jail there is no doubt of the shattered power of the Clancy bunch. "Only yesterday and the name of Caesar would have caused the world to tremble, but today there is none so low as to do him honor."

In trying to clean up Seattle many curious things are coming to light, but none more so than the Merchants Protective Corporation, the moving spirit of which is the law firm of Gill, Hoyt & Frye. Mayor Gill says he is no longer interested in that firm though he spends his idle moments there. He is the brother-in-law of Frye and, it is said, the most of the red light business that the firm gets is due to the fact that Hi's name appears as one of the members of the firm. In our opinion the only way to clean up Seattle is to intern Hi. Gill and all of his associates.

Death has claimed Hawaii's ex-queen Lilioukalani, thus ending the mortal career of one of the world's most remarkable women, who, like Tausant L' Overture, trusted another and was betrayed. She believed the United States government would give her a square deal and she trusted her people, but learned when it was entirely too late that that is not in the make up of Uncle Sam to give a darker race a square deal. Tausant L' Overture trusted Napoleon and died in a dungeon for the confidence he had in his fellow man. Uncle Sam not only took her kingdom from her, but never so much as rewarded her in the sum of a single dollar for the vast possessions of which she was robbed.

It is unfortunate in the extreme that the president of the United States during her present world war can boast of being "fum de souf, sah." His public acts, however, all prove that he is from the South and so southernly dwarfed in his mind that he is unable to conduct the war along broad and liberal lines. Judging from his methods of doing things as president of the United States the South is the only section of this country that is bearing the brunt of this German war. We hope peace will be declared before his successor is to be elected because the North is so thoroughly disgusted with the South running things that every vestige of the present administration will be wiped out at the next general election.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF Washington for King County.
Helen Kolenc, Plaintiff, vs. Jack Kolenc, Defendant.
—No. Summons.
The State of Washington to the said Jack Kolenc, Defendant:
You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, within sixty days after the 22nd day of September, 1917, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of said action is to secure a divorce on the grounds of non-support, for custody of children, for alimony and attorney fees.
WILLIAM WRAY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Post Office Address, 90 West Madison St.,
Seattle, Washington.

HERE AND THERE

November 14th was the anniversary of the death of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, he having died two years ago.

A Chicago Catholic church for the accommodation of colored worshippers, goes on record as barring all other races.

The East St. Louis riot investigation goes bravely on each day and each hour exposing the rotten conditions that led up to that awful tragedy.

An overbearing policeman slightly wounded a member of the Eighth Illinois Infantry one day last week, which act is being investigated by the U. S. government officials.

Chicago has a Ten Thousand Colored Committee, which was organized to investigate anything that has for its object the abridgement of the rights of colored persons.

Justin M. Holland, one of the foremost colored men of New Orleans, he having been prominent in public affairs for the past forty years, died at his home in that city a few days ago.

The court martial trying the alleged refractory and riotous members of the Twenty-fourth Infantry is taking evidence and the respective Texas liars are testifying to yarns that would make a brass monkey turn green.

A colored woman seventy-nine years of age, who lives in Los Angeles, California, invested \$3,500 in liberty bonds and was ready to double that amount if necessary. She asked that her name be withheld from the press.

The city council of Houston has passed a resolution denying the Eighth Illinois Infantry the privilege of using the street cars of the city unless they submit to be "jim crowed," which they refuse to be, and the troops have appealed to the War Department.

Robert Smith, a colored physician, of Parsons, Kansas, has been convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Asa Smith, a white woman and the wife of his benefactor, who furnished the money for his education. His plea was the woman alienated the love of his foster father, who is also white, from him.

Tacoma, the city of Destiny, and judging from the tales being told about the big things she is now doing in a financial way, also the City of Wonder, has furnished but one colored man for the army. Many were drafted, but all except one found some way or another to wiggle out and so she has but one at Camp Lewis. There is altogether too much money in sight these days for the colored men of Tacoma to take time to go to war.

The United States Supreme Court, according to reports, have forever silenced the would-be segregation ordinances of Baltimore, St. Louis, Louisville and Richmond, Va., and Negroes will continue as in the past, to buy homes and property in whatever part of any city in the United States they have the money to pay for and the owners will sell to them. These ordinances were un-American from start to finish and the Supreme Court has stepped into the breach and put an everlasting quietus on them.

Eugene Harris, the only colored court stenographer and official reporter in the Northwest, who is stationed at Ritzville, Washington, was recently married to a Mrs. Mattie Miller in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Harris begun his career in Seattle, where he gained considerable fame as a stenographer and reporter, but later moved to Walla

Walla, where he was in the employ of the U. S. land office. Subsequently he was appointed official stenographer of the courts in a number of eastern Washington counties and he makes the circuit with the judge of that judicial district.

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, who succeeded Mrs. Booker T. Washington as president of the National Association for Colored Women's Clubs, about a year ago began a drive to collect \$15,000, the amount of the mortgage on the home of the late Frederick Douglas, has succeeded in raising all but \$500 and says she will have that raised by July and then will come the mortgage burning. Many unsuccessful attempts have been made to raise the necessary money to pay off the mortgage on this property and turn it over to the Frederick Douglas Historical Association, but all failed and for that reason Mrs. Talbert is to be doubly congratulated.

Some one who has observed the progress of events in the United States, since the declaration of a state of war between that country and Germany, has reached a definite conclusion that not a single pro-German Negro has been found in the length and breadth of the land. It is also stated that in many of the parishes of Louisiana every Negro, eligible under the terms of the Selective Draft Law, was not only willing but eager to go to the front. In some sections, when calls were made for volunteers, five times the number asked crowded the enlistment places. These facts form a chapter in the history of the American Negro worthy of being preserved for reference when his social and industrial status is discussed as a national problem.—Christian Science Monitor.

Whether good or bad, Seattle has had enough turmoil over the name of Hi. Gill, and it does seem that the citizens would some time tire of the nuisance and send him so far into the dimnation bow wows that he could not return in a natural life time.

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