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## JOHN R. LYNCH SUPPORTS PRES. COOLIDGE

## LEAVES HALF MILLION TO THREE SERVANTS

**WOMAN, HER SON AND STABLEMAN NAMED AS HEIRS—NEAREST RELATIVES BRING SUIT TO BREAK WILL—UNUSUAL STORY OF KENTUCKY SPORTSMAN WHO PREFERRED HORSES AND COLORED FOLK TO WHITE FOLK.**

**Looked Upon as Eligible Bachelor—Many a Young Maid Sought Him Out—Owned Vast Estate With Big House—Had Few Close Friends and Gave Impression He Had No Relatives.**

(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch) Lexington, Ky., Sept. 3.—They are saying around Lexington that old Colonel Hughes was no gentleman after all. The colonel's lack of gentility is inferred by his neighbors from the will he left when he died a short while back; perhaps a harsh way to judge a man, but then his will is so very conclusive. It is not a gentlemanly testament under the Kentucky code. It outrages those deencies which are traditions in the South. It flings contempt in the faces of friends and enemies alike.

The colonel left his half million dollar estate to three Negroes, cutting off his relatives with paltry sums. No one expected quite that from Col. John T. Hughes, although while he lived, there were those who did not find in him the nicer virtues which stamp a Kentuckian.

Now, reading his will everyone seems to be convinced. The colonel showed all too plainly his disregard of the fitness of things, and the fitness of things has always been one of the cares of gentlemen.

The colonel's neighbors have none but the kindest feelings for 65-year-old Aunt Ellen Davis, who served him faithfully many years. But they do not want to see her installed as mistress of Elkton, the fine Hughes' estate in the Maysville Pike. Yet if its master's will is upheld in court, Aunt Ellen and her progeny will own Elkton, with the fine Georgian colonial home, the stables and stock, the 275 rolling acres. The colonel left his home place outright to Aunt Ellen. Left her his trophies and his antique furniture, his family portraits and rare heirlooms, all that surrounded him during his 38 years in Kentucky.

Now those who have estates on either side of Elkton bear no ill will toward Alex Rankin, described by the colonel in his last testament as "the old faithful colored man who has been in my employ for 40 years." But they do not think it fitting that Alex should inherit the 100-acre tract on the Haley, Clintonville and Lexington pikes to hold for the rest of his life.

Should the colonel's will stand before the contest suit brought promptly by his white heirs, Aunt Ellen and Alex will be landed folk and neighbors to the Green Hills mansion of James B. Haggins, the handsome estate of the Philadelphia Wideners; the farm of Pennsylvania Jeffers, August Belmont's farm; Samuel Riddle's place; the Lexington Country Club and John E. Madden's Hamburg place. Such incongruities would be resented in the North and this is Kentucky!

But Col. Hughes did not stop there in his affronts to the people of Lexington. He bequeathed 160 acres on a road near his home place to Robert Henry Hughes, described in the will as "the son of Ellen Davis." Whether by this phrase Col. Hughes acknowledged paternity of Robert will be tested in court. Public opinion has already reached a conclusion.

One hundred and sixty acres of as good land as there is in the Bluegrass country to Aunt Ellen's boy, while but \$10,000 to Robert McCreary of Chicago, son of the late Gov. James B. McCreary of Kentucky. Two hundred and seventy-five acres of \$1000 an acre land to Aunt Ellen and \$250 to John Bayless, one of the colonel's two living cousins, his nearest relatives. One hundred acres to Alex Rankin and nothing to Mrs. Ella Fennell, his other first cousin.

Bayless and Mrs. Fennell brought the suit to break the will, alleging that "this document is not the last will and testament of John T. Hughes." If another document is in existence they have not produced it, nor will they

make public their plan of attack. He made his friends welcome to his home and never mentioned his relatives. Indeed, he gave the impression he was alone in the world. Of the Negroes on the place he spoke affectionately, as if they were the only creatures besides his horses about Lexington that he esteemed.

Those who sought to question Ellen Davis and Alex Rankin found that their master's taciturnity had sealed their lips. Too bewildered and frightened to discuss their legacies they are living with relatives in Lexington until the court decides the fate of Elkton. As for "Robert Henry Hughes" the third principal is still an enigma, and naturally enigmas do not give interviews.

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**Oregon Boy or Girl Has a Chance to Win \$15,000 Electrical Home.**

**Great Nation-wide Essay Contest On Good Lighting Open to School Children Over 10 Years of Age.**

One of the greatest educational undertakings ever launched by any industry in America will be inaugurated on October 1st, and will have the attention of millions of school children in the United States and Canada.

There are about 100,000 boys and girls in the state of Oregon who will be eligible to compete for the magnificent series of prizes that have been offered. In Portland, alone, about 35,000 children will have a chance to take part.

The great enterprise is a gigantic essay contest, fostered by the light and power industry with the fullest co-operation with the educational forces of the country. The subject of the essays will be "Better Lighting in the Home."

Back of this elaborate movement is the fact that scientific investigation shows that while the general adoption of electric lighting has greatly benefited humanity in relieving eye-strain as compared with former conditions, there are still about 25 per cent of all the children of school age in the United States who are suffering from defective eye-sight. Hence, the fundamental object to be achieved by the contest is to assist in the wide-spread restoration of normal vision by improving lighting facilities in the home.

Thousands of cities and towns are already laying their plans to take part in the contest, the first announcement of which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post of September 13th.

The first prize will be a \$15,000 model electrical home, which will be erected in the city or town where the writer of the first prize-winning essay lives, or any place where he or she desires. Ten valuable university scholarships worth thousands of dollars are the other prizes.

The director in charge of the contest in Oregon is A. C. McMicken, Portland Electric Power Company, Portland, Oregon, from whom additional information may be secured.

Already a large number of cities and towns in Oregon have made plans for taking part. Many attractive prizes will be awarded to the winners in this district, in addition to the grand national prizes.

All boys and girls, 10 years old or over, attending public, private or parochial schools are eligible to take part.—The Open Window.

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**MR. MITCHELL WRITES**

Portland, Ore., Sept. 16, 1924

To Whom It May Concern:  
I wish very sincerely to thank all who aided in every way to help Mrs. N. J. Mitchell to restore her health, which for more than 3 years has failed her. But God who does all things knows best, and is truly able to take care of everything, for a friend when you are in need is a friend indeed. I again thank you very, very much.  
May God add much to your success.  
Yours very truly,  
C. I. MITCHELL.  
6315 84 Court.

**GOES TO WASHINGTON**

John Jamison left Thursday the 10th for Washington, D. C., to resume his day course at Howard University.

The Carnival—the Elks' Carnival—Sept. 22-23, at the Stag Club.

**Some People You Hear About but Seldom Meet**

**C. O. Coffey**

C. O. Coffey, who resides with his wife at 189 West Farragut Street, was born in Shasta County, California, in a family of eight children. A. A. Coffey, his father, drove an ox-team from Pike County, Mo., in '49 during the great California Gold Rush and settled in Shasta County. The Coffeys were among the first colored people to claim California as their native state.

Mr. Coffey's father was a member of the Pioneer Association of California, being the only colored man in the association. Mr. Coffey came to Portland in 1900 and operated a grocery store on Seventh and Davis Streets (Seventh is now Broadway), and sold out following the death of his wife.

He then opened a restaurant on Glisan Street, between Ninth and Tenth, which he successfully operated from 1908 until 1911. At present Mr. Coffey is employed at the Swift Company in the fancy meat department. He married Mrs. Jennie Harper of Greenville, Tenn., his second wife, in 1908, in Sacramento, Cal. When asked to tell something about himself, Mr. Coffey insisted that there is nothing to tell. He smilingly said: "I am a 'used to be,' a plain-laboring man now, and I rather stay in the background." Mr. Coffey is an interesting man and those who knew him in earlier days say he was handsome to look upon. The writer thinks those days have not gone forever.

**Ku Klux Klan Exposed**

Have you read a copy of "Ku Klux Klan Exposed"? Discloses attitude toward Catholics, Jews, Negroes and foreign born. Other revelations. Order your copy now. Sent postpaid in plain wrapper, price fifty cents (coin, check or money order). Bates & Co., 103 East 125th Street, New York City.

The new "Negro Year Book," by Prof. Monroe N. Work, for 1923 and 1924, price 75c. The Earth is Flat, and many other articles on a variety of special subjects shall be in the 1925 almanac, price 25c. Inclose postal money order and send immediately to The Finance of Jesus Christ—Imperial Evangelistic Church, Station D, P. O. Box 3841, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Z. Triplett received a telegram from their daughter, Miss Lucile Triplett, saying she arrived at Wilberforce College safely.



Frank A. Rice, the people's candidate for City Commissioner. Mr. Rice is being backed by the people of the Peninsula and suburban districts who are doing all they can to put over their candidate.

**FOR YOUR LIBRARY**  
Scott's Official History of the American Negro in the World War, by Emmett J. Scott, A. M., LL. D., special assistant to the secretary of war, can be purchased at The Advocate office, 312-313 Macleay Building, Broadway 5807.—adv.

**Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.**

**To Be Held in Richmond, Virginia, September 29 and 30, 1924.**

Historians and social welfare students of both races will meet in annual session to disseminate information and popularize the truth about the Negro. The aim of the meeting will be to point out the good and beautiful in all branches of the human family, and especially to present the long overlooked virtues of the Negro. Race prejudice must become impossible by better acquainting one race with the other. The whole effort of the association is based on the truth that you cannot hate one whom you know.

Many distinguished persons will appear on the program.

**24th Infantrymen Paroled**

**N.A.A.C.P. Thought to Have Helped Considerably**

Leavenworth, Kans., Sept. 17.—Ruben Baxter, Washington; Douglas T. Bolden, Iowa; Gerald Dixon, Missouri; Roy Tyler and Joseph Williams, of Illinois, former members of the 24th Infantry, who were sentenced to serve life in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, were paroled today upon order from the War Department at Washington.

They were convicted and sentenced to life with 67 other colored soldiers of the 24th for disobedience in time of war and for assault with intent to kill during the Houston, Texas, riot. Thirteen others were hanged and 49 remain in prison. Four have died and others have been paroled.

**Had Perfect Record**  
The five released today had perfect records during their nearly seven years of confinement. They were counted loyal to the prison authorities and on several occasions rendered valuable assistance in emergencies.

During the five several years ago that destroyed the west cell wing of the prison, in two I. W. W. mutinies and in other disturbances, the paroled men risked their lives in aiding officials to restore order.

It is thought that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had much to do with the paroling of these men, for it was that organization which first created sentiment in favor of such steps and which drew the public's attention to the undue heavy penalties.

**Coolidge for President Headquarters Opened**

A branch of the State Central Committee has been opened at 314 Macleay Building, with Miss Helen Ruth Logan in charge. Although opened only a few days many have called, joined the Coolidge Club and received valuable information and literature about the campaign. Each day both men and women voters have spent some time at headquarters assisting Miss Logan. Anyone who has a few hours to spare during the day is asked to call Miss Logan and let her know so that she may book you for service at headquarters sometime during the campaign. Coolidge headquarters can be reached by calling Broadway 5807 until the phone has been installed there.

**Visitors Buy Property**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Washington, of St. Louis, Mo., while in the city for a few days last week, purchased some real estate here as an investment.

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**NOTICE**  
Regular meetings of the Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held every second Monday evening at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Larrabee and McMillan streets.  
J. A. EWING, Pres.  
LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y.

**FORMER MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATOR CONGRESSMAN AND AUDITOR U. S. NAVY DEPARTMENT LAUDS CALVIN COOLIDGE AND FLAYS DAVIS—SAYS DAVIS' ATTITUDE ON KLAN ISSUE A GENEROUS ONE.**

**Says Record of Coolidge Characteristic of Constructive Policies Wrought in Ideals of Abraham Lincoln—Major Lynch's Opinion Highly Prized by Party Leaders.**

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 17.—One of the many recent visitors at the National Republican headquarters in the Wrigley building was Major John R. Lynch, where Col. Roscoe Simmons and Attorney W. C. Matthews are directing the destinies of the G. O. P.

"Calvin Coolidge is the only genuine Republican that the nation has had since the days of Theodore Roosevelt," was the assertion of this grand old man. Major Lynch pictured the former presidents—Taft and Harding—as mere demagogues, and to America's regret they made absolute failures in their administrations, the Negro having succumbed to the greatest suffering.

The distinguished major served as

member of the state legislature of Mississippi, elected to Congress in 1873, and later appointed auditor of the U. S. navy department on a motion by Henry Cabot Lodge and seconded by Theodore Roosevelt. His remarkable career as a Republican places him in a most unique position, and his knowledge and counsel is looked upon with no little confidence.

The record of Calvin Coolidge is characteristic of the high traditions, cardinal principles, heroic deeds, and constructive policies so triumphantly wrought in the ideals of Abraham Lincoln.

Major Lynch describes the anti-Klan episodes of John W. Davis as a generous and pleasing attitude on the part of the Democratic nominee.

**DOINGS OF THE ELKS**

E. R. Chainey of Seattle, E. R. of Puget Sound Lodge of Elks and P. G. L. K. of the Grand Lodge, passed through Portland last Thursday en route home from the Grand Lodge held recently in Pittsburgh.

Rose City Lodge has four members who are deserving of much praise for the manly showing of civic pride and patriotism, and giving to the lodge representation in the huge Defense parade, Sept. 12th, out of a membership of more than two hundred. The men whose names graced the honor roll are: Al Striplin, J. D. Hunter, E. W. Agee and Edgar Williams. These four received the glad hand all along the route.

It is said that the handsomest as well as the best dressed member of Rose City Lodge of Elks is the dapper secretary, Attorney E. J. Minor.

At the carnival next Monday and Tuesday nights, at the Stag Club, you can buy anything from a shoe string to an elephant, it is said, with real "Elk money."

Every member who has an interest in Rose City Lodge should also have enough interest to investigate what his money is being spent for and why. Therefore, we, the trustee board and building committee, invite every Elk, Dr. Elk and friends to meet with us at 315 Williams Ave., Saturday evening, 8 o'clock, to inspect the lodge's property. (Signed) Trustee Board and Building Committee.

Dr. Fanny Bond is ill and is now at the residence of her daughter, Dr. Irene Moore, in Rose City.

Dr. Lottie Payne is convalescing nicely.

Dr. Ethel Turner is back at her post, having returned from her summer engagement as musician at Golden Trail lodge.

Dr. Anna Brown, Marion McClear, Helen Morton, Lena O'Riley, all of whom have been sick-listed at different times, were out to the last meeting Tuesday night.

Dr. Mattie McArthur is reported doing nicely.

Dr. Anna White reports having had a pleasant trip to Seattle.

Dr. Mary Neely, who is at present at Bull Run, sends greetings to the daughters.



John McCourt, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon, who passed away Friday, September 12, at his home in Salem, Oregon. Justice McCourt was a good citizen, an excellent lawyer and a just judge, and his passing is mourned by the entire state.

**Colored Photographer Sells Out**

J. S. Bell, photographer, has sold out his studio, 608 Goodnough Building. Just what Mr. Bell's future plans are is not known. The going of Mr. Bell leaves Portland without a colored photographer.

**Noted Bahaiist Speaks at Bethel**

Howard McNutt, of New York City, author and lecturer of note, delivered a wonderful speech at Bethel A. M. E. Church last Sunday night. The full text of his speech has been sent in for publication too late for this issue. Watch next week's Advocate for it.

**A CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who in any way administered to the happiness and comfort of our beloved daughter and sister, Mrs. C. I. Mitchell during her long illness and subsequent death.  
Mrs. J. C. Allen,  
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