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## N. A. A. C. P. BRANCH DIRECTOR WINS PORTLAND SLAVE SYSTEM IN SOUTH WILL DISAPPEAR

### Thousands of Black "Croppers" Are Leaving the South — "Slave" System Is Doomed.

Washington, D. C., June 12.—The system of tenant farming in the South is rapidly undergoing a change, and it appears that the "cropper" system, which has long held the colored farmers in a state of serfdom, is doomed. It is a system peculiar to the cotton growing section of the country and has left in its trail thousands of poverty-stricken and hopeless human beings. But the ravages of the boll weevil and the opening of industrial opportunities in the North are bringing about a change that should result in a readjustment of agricultural conditions in the South—a change that will be beneficial to all concerned, especially to the colored farmers who too frequently are the victims of the "naught's a naught 'na figger's a figger" method of book-keeping so generally used by their exploiters.

During the five years between January 1, 1920, and January 1, 1925, thousands of these tenant farmers, mostly "croppers," have left the farms and are now engaged in industrial pursuits. Sumter county, Ga., has lost 961; Fayette county, Tennessee, 808; McCormick county, South Carolina, 790; Lincoln county, Arkansas, 592; Warren county, Mississippi, 295; Giles county, Tennessee, 286; Claiborne county, Mississippi, 193, making a total of 3925 colored farmers, seven widely separated counties. If this movement continues, there is every reason to believe that conditions more favorable to tenant farmers in the South will be urged as an economic necessity.

### N. A. A. C. P. Secretary Re-Elected Member

New York, N. Y., June 12.—James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has for the fourth consecutive time been elected a member of the board of directors of the Civic club of New York, it was announced today. The Civic club is the leading liberal club of the city of New York, and has a number of colored members.

### Urban League Officer to Visit

According to a press dispatch received here this week, Eugene Kinckle Jones, the executive secretary of the National Urban League, will visit Portland in the interest of the League's work during his visit to the Pacific Coast.

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### LOCAL and FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

**Benefit Dance, July 4th, Murlark Hall, auspices "500" Club—Adv.**

Mrs. Margaret T. Rose, a wealthy white citizen of Little Rock, Ark., who recently died in that city, provided that pew on one side of the pulpit at her funeral be reserved for colored people who "have waited on me and kept me from drudgery all my life; and I have never received one act of unkindness from any of them."

Howard University enrolled this year 2,064 students from 47 states, the British West Indies, Africa, British Guiana, Canada, Central America, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Porto Rico, Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

Morrison Handsaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Handsaker, underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils Monday in a local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gilden and family have moved to 685 Kearney St., here, from Silverton, Oregon, where they have lived for several years. Their friends in Portland welcome them home.

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Professor Kelly Miller, dean of Howard University, Washington, D. C., for many years, has been discharged. The cause, as stated by the official board, is that the appropriation was insufficient to pay the dean and keep going the junior college and school of commerce. Besides Mr. Miller, a number of other professors' services were discontinued in several departments.

Scotty Williams, 40 years old, brother of Mrs. Dolly Paries, who was shot and killed in Seattle Monday, June 15, by James Lannigan, will be buried here, according to information received here today.

Benefit Dance July 4th, Murlark hall, auspices "500" Club—Adv.

Miss Dorothy Doggett played the piano for the E. Y. P. U. Sunday Children's day, at Mt. Olivet church, and displayed exceptional knowledge of music. Mrs. W. C. Buford gave her a farewell party for her little friends. She leaves Tuesday for Mexico, Texas, with her aunt, Miss Nettie Ransom.

William Duncan Allen Jr. arrived home from Oberlin College Tuesday.

Mr. Wilalyn Stovall, prominent young college student of Los Angeles, California, is visiting in the city for a few days.

Rev. J. W. Anderson, Supt. N. W. Coast Baptist association, returned home last week from Everett, Wash., where he attended the quarterly meeting of the executive board of the association. He reports a great meeting held with Dr. J. L. Murray's church, Dr. Bird, of Tacoma, presided. Drs. J. S. Moore, E. B. Ried, A. W. Williams, S. A. Franklin and Rev. Green attended the meetings. Mesdames Bird and Outen also attended. The board adjourned to meet in Seattle, July 3. Rev. Anderson will leave Monday for southern Oregon on business.

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### Moslem Fanatics Slay Persian Bahais

Outbreak of Atrocities, Similar to Those by Which Major Imbrie Was Murdered, Reported to Local Bahai Assembly.

That mob violence, instigated by Mohammedan clergy, has become prevalent in many parts of Persia, causing acts of fanatical violence even more atrocious in method than the assassination of Major Robert W. Imbrie, American Vice-Consul in Teheran, last summer, is reported to the Bahais of Portland, in letters from the Near East, received by Mr. J. W. Latimer, local secretary. Major Imbrie, it has been testified by Americans in the city at the time of the murder, was put to death because of his courageous protection of American Bahai teachers stationed in Teheran.

These reports, based upon direct communication with Bahai assemblies throughout Persia, declare it is evident that the fresh outrages are part of a deliberate attempt to subject the Bahais of that country to wholesale persecution without parallel in civilized countries during modern times.

### Negro Composer Honored

(Columbian Press Bureau)

New York, June 11.—Temple Amann-El, Fifth Ave and Forty-third St., has presented to Harry T. Burleigh, a Negro, a testimonial inscribed on parchment and bound in gold rolled morocco leather, of his twenty-five years of uninterrupted service as singer and composer in the choir of the temple. Mr. Burleigh, who recently was similarly honored upon the completion of thirty years of service in the choir of St. George's Episcopal Church, received the Spingarn medal in 1917 from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The temple testimonial is signed by Louis Marshall, President of the congregation, who is also a director of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

### Dunbar Graduate Wins Sarbonne Scholarship

(Columbian Press Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16. Word has just been received from Amherst College that Mercer Cook, son of Will Marion Cook and Abbie Mitchell Cook, who graduated from Dunbar High School of this city in 1920, has been awarded the \$1,500 scholarship for brilliant work in the French course. This scholarship entitles young Cook, who will graduate from Amherst in June, to a year's study in the Sarbonne.

### Co-operation Bakery at Colon

(Columbian Press Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16. The Marcus Garvey organization at Colon, otherwise known as the Universal Negro Improvement Association, is now completing arrangements for the establishment of a co-operative bakery. Members of the local association are being asked to subscribe funds of from \$2 to \$100 to float the project, which is to be run as a supplement of the local U. N. I. A. school at Colon, which now boasts of an enrollment of 300 student-children of U. N. I. A. members.

### Clark Chosen Manager of Paper

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 11.—John L. Clark, founder of the John L. Clark Service, for many years assistant to the supt. of one of the largest (white) printing establishments in Pittsburgh, and recognized as one of the best printers in the country, has been chosen directing head of the Pittsburgh American Printing and Publishing Co., as well as manager of the American. Mr. Clark's specimens of job work for years have been receiving favorable mention and comment in the Inland Printer.

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### Special Train Takes Pueblo Chorus to N. A. A. C. P. Meet in Denver

New York, N. Y., June 12.—A special train from the city of Pueblo, Colorado, will carry the famous Community chorus of that city to the sixteenth annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in Denver, it was announced today. The Pueblo chorus will sing at the second night mass meeting of the conference, Thursday, June 25. Accompanying the chorus will be many members and friends of the N. A. A. C. P. from Pueblo, Walsenburg, LaJunta, Trinidad and other towns.

### An Appreciation

Portland, Ore., June 10, 1925  
To the Editor of the Advocate:

The issue of your paper bearing date of May 23 lies before me. I have been much impressed by your editorial "Out of a Cabin" in that number. I had intended to express before this late date, my praise for your very terse, clear, and logical statement and review of the incident of Tom Lea's gallant action in rescuing thirty or more of the survivors of the steamer "Norman" disaster, but one or another hindrance has come in my way.

My first feeling is one of congratulation to you people for the fact that they have such a very creditable agency through which to voice the sentiments which strive to inculcate self respect and self reliance among them. I for one am often impressed by the manner of the colored people now, as compared with that of twenty-five or more years ago. As I see the people of young man- and womanhood I can not help but notice the evidence of a new spirit in them, and more especially in the school children. The boys and girls no longer bear a manner of cringing servility that was so manifest years ago. Among the influences that have brought about this change probably the most far reaching and powerful are the suggestions and editorials in such papers as the Advocate. I hope your paper has a very general circulation among the colored people of this city and state. It certainly gives them a valuable means of interchanging ideas tending to the uplift and development of your people. This word of cheer is not offered in any fulsome spirit either. My reading for the past few weeks has been almost entirely books by Negro authors. "The Life of Fred Douglas," "Superman to Man," by Rogers, and now I am finishing "The Negro," by DuBois. This last is to me a most impressive book, perhaps not so much for its contents as for the great ability of the author. His exhaustive research to obtain authority and material for his book is on a par with that evidenced in Humes', Macaulay's, Bancroft's, Carlyle's and Irving's writings. Certainly it bears testimony to the fact that there is an evident ability among colored people as among any other race. The book is certainly worth while reading. No doubt a feeling comes to you sometimes as to whether the result of your work is going to be worth the effort, but rest assured that you are doing an efficient work, though the evidence of effects may be long delayed in appearing. One certainly has to be optimistic these jazz-mad days, though to dare hope that the people will ever again settle down to moderation, safety and sanity. Now in closing I wish to revert to Mr. Lea's performance. I judge that no motive prompted him, but just duty. Doing as he would be done by, carrying aid to the drowning in a simple, manful manner, or to describe it in the language that John Hay used in his poem "The Prairie Belle," telling of Jim Bludsoe, the engineer of the "Belle" holding "her nozzle agin the bank till the last galoot was ashore." He says "He seen his duty a dead sure thing, and he went for it that and then." Duty done is honor won.

Respectfully,  
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### "Arrow Tips" (By Kits Reid)

"I will not invade the rights of others. You have no right to erect your tall gate upon the highways of thought. You have no right to leap from the hedges of superstition and strike down the pioneers of the human race. You have no right to sacrifice the liberties of man upon the altars of ghosts. Believe what you may; preach what you desire; have all the forms and ceremonies you please; exercise your liberty in your own way; but extend to all others the same right."

I'll bet a nickel against two pennies that not one out of ten of the readers of this column can guess who wrote those eloquent words. And lest much gray matter be wasted in the guess, I'll tell you it was—that arch-infeld, Robert W. Ingersoll. They came to me the other day after I had been reading about Bryan's scrap with the evolutionists. I expect that Wm. J. would just about froth at the mouth and tear the air into smithereens—whatever they are—if any one should suggest that Ingersoll might be in heaven when Bryan floats by St. Peter. I fully expect to see him there, but I'm not at all sure about Bryan, and this is the because—

I don't think that Bryan is showing the proper respect towards the Creator. Just think—suppose that we did come up (or down) from the apes; didn't He make the apes too? And is there anything in the Scriptures that says that Adam was not an ape and that one of his ribs was taken to make a lady ape? I'm sure I'm perfectly satisfied to have apes for ancestors if it pleases the good Lord to do it that way. But Bryan isn't—he's busy telling the Creator-of-all-living-things that he does not want to be a descendant of the "horrid creature—and nothing quite so much convinces me that he is, as the fuss he is making against it. If there ever was a more senseless waste of words than is going on at present between the evolutionists and the Adam-and-Eveites, trot it out for our inspection.

What difference does it make, anyhow, whether my ancestor swung from the cocoanut tree by his tail or whether Adam woke up one day minus a rib? Again quoting Ingersoll anent the rib story, "Considering the amount of raw material used, I look upon it as the most successful job ever performed." So what difference does it all make if you and I live today as God intended we should live—doing our best, giving our best, to make the world just a little better?

### King and Queen Hear Fisk Jubilee Singers

(Preston News Service)

Windsor, England, June 19.—The jubilee singers of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., sang before the king and queen at Windsor castle Friday.

Prof. W. Sherman Savage, Lincoln University, who has been attending the University of Oregon, received his master's degree on Monday, June 15. Prof. Savage is head of the history department at Lincoln and plans to spend the summer in the Northwest.

Mrs. Marie A. Hedgmon, of St. Louis, Mo., Grand Worthy Matron of Missouri jurisdiction, O. E. S., who spent several days in the city last week, was the recipient of several social functions during her stay here Saturday evening she was the inspiration for a beautiful reception at the home of Mrs. Gardner on E. 68th St., sponsored by several members of Wagona chapter. A delightful time was had. On Sunday morning last she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turner on an auto trip over Columbia river highway. She left Sunday night for her home.

### presses Appreciation for Advocate Help Near East Relief Head Ex-

June 10, 1925.

Mrs. E. D. Cannady, The Advocate, 311 Macleay Building, Portland, Oregon.  
Dear Mrs. Cannady:

I want to thank you for the generous space you gave for the sale of our Mother's Day handkerchiefs and for Bundle Day. The cooperation of the Oregon press made possible the sale of more than twenty-five hundred handkerchiefs and the collection of twenty tons or more of an unusually fine quality of clothing.

The clothing is being carried free by the Great Northern Railway to Seattle, from there goes to the Near East by Government transport, while local Near East governments help in the distribution, one government alone last year carrying 1,252 carloads of various sorts of relief supplies.

The need will continue for only a few years we believe. If no further war breaks out our task should be completed in three or four years, or as soon as the children are large enough to care for themselves. We are bending every energy to bring the children to self support and when that is done our task will be finished. Until the task is accomplished we believe that you, in common with other Americans, wish us to continue our God-given task.

Cordially yours,  
J. J. HANDSAKER,  
N. W. Regional Director.

### President Coolidge Laments Death of Noted Woman

(Tuskegee Institute, Ala., June 9.—

Hundreds of friends and admirers of Mrs. Margaret J. Washington, wife of the lamented Dr. Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, came from all parts of the country to attend the funeral services of the highly esteemed woman whose sudden passing produced such a great shock to the country last Friday evening. Prominent friends of both races were noted among those who gathered here to pay the last tribute to Mrs. Washington who contributed so much in the way of assisting her husband in developing the finest educational institution for Negroes in the world and who has rendered such a great service to the institution since the passing of her husband.

Including in the messages of sympathy sent to the family was one from President Coolidge, in which he lauded the fine character of Mrs. Washington.

The death of Mrs. Washington occurred after a brief illness. Although her illness was not considered serious, the best medical aid was summoned to her sick room, at the family home here, when she suffered the attack. The immediate relatives surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Sydney Pitman, of Dallas, Texas; two sons, Booker T. Jr., of Los Angeles, Calif., and David Washington.

The body was laid to rest along side that of her husband on the campus of the institute, near the chapel.

Stay off July 3rd.—Adv.

Mrs. E. D. Cannady addressed the evening meeting at the First Congregational church, 252 Park St., last Sunday, on the race question. She pointed out the various prejudices existing between men and offered as a solution to them contact, co-operation, good will and love. She said that while the Negro had been brought to this country against his will he had gained in many ways even though severely handicapped. She contrasted the status of the American colored people with those in the interior of Africa, and pointed out that each race owed the other a debt which they certainly could not pay by fault finding and by hatred of one another. She also pointed out local conditions in which the race is made to feel the "problem" here, and pleaded for a better understanding and more sympathetic relations, one with the other.

### Dr. Robert W. Bagnall Makes Fine Impression on Portland's Colored and White Citizens.

Perhaps no visitor to Portland during the many years past has received more courtesies and honor than did Mr. Robert W. Bagnall of New York City, who spent four days in the city last week in the interest of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, of which he is branch director.

Mr. Bagnall was the guest of the local branch of the association and house guest of Editor and Mrs. E. D. Cannady of The Advocate. He was met at the train on Sunday morning by Mr. and Mrs. Cannady and Lee C. Anderson, secretary of the branch. At 9:45 he was the breakfast guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowers at their residence, 293 Ivy St. The hostess, assisted by Mesdames M. Simpson and M. Turner, served a delicious course breakfast. Additional guests were Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. John Guy, Miss Margie Danley and L. A. Ashford.

From there Mr. Bagnall was hastened to St. David's Episcopal church, 12th and Belmont Sts., where he delivered the sermon at the morning service to a large and appreciative audience. He was well received and made many friends for the cause of the Race. Several colored people were noted in the St. David's congregation, including Attorney and Mrs. E. J. Minor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cannady, J. A. Ewing, Miss Margie Danley and a few others whose names the reporter did not ascertain. From church the party proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ewing, 6522 94th St. S. E., where Mrs. Ewing, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Lula Gragg, had a sumptuous dinner ready. Seated about the dining table were Mr. Bagnall, Mr. and Mrs. Cannady and sons, Miss Margie Danley and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing. Immediately following dinner the party rushed to the People's Restaurant, 4th and Burnside Sts., where Mr. Bagnall delivered a splendid address to more than two hundred men representing all walks of life. The theme of his talk was hope. On the program appeared Mrs. Eumura, wife of the Japanese minister, who sang a solo, and Mrs. Chin's class of young Chinese singers.

At 7:45 p. m. Dr. Bagnall preached at Centenary-Wilbur Methodist Episcopal church, of which the Rev. Charles MacCaughy is pastor. Here he told of the progress of the Negro in America, shedding much light upon the race's noble history. Dr. MacCaughy warmly thanked the speaker for his illuminating address and invited him to return again. At the close of the service the party drove to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ashford, 509 Tillamook St., where a coterie of the host's friends awaited the honored guest. A delicious buffet supper was here enjoyed. Mesdames James Wasson and J. W. Ingersoll served the salads and ices from an elaborately decorated table in the dining room amid flowers and soft rose shade lights. Those who met the distinguished guest here were: Mrs. Pearl Stewart, Mrs. A. J. Franklyn, Miss Nellie Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wasson, Miss Grant and G. V. Grayson.

Monday morning at 9:45 Mrs. Ada McGill was hostess at a delicious breakfast at her pretty home on Union Ave. Covers were laid for Mr. Bagnall, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cannady, Mrs. Pearl Stewart and the hostess. (Continued on page 4)

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