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"Don't ask for rights. Take them. An don't let any man give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye fr awthin' has somethin' the matter with it."—Mr. Dooley.

"They have rights who dare maintain them."—James Russell Lowell.

COLORED PEOPLE AS ACTORS

Writing on "Tomorrow's Stage and The Negro" in Liberty, David Belasco, the leading producer in this country, says in part:

"Fate has decreed that I should know the Negro or our modern days; that I should know him and his psychology intimately. And the contact has brought me to this finding:

"The theater of tomorrow must recon with a new force—the race of Ham.

"I say this in all sincerity, out of my fifty years of labor for the American stage: 'The Negro from today onward, will compel recognition through the sheer power of his instinctive mind power.

"I will go further and declare that no race, even the sorrow swept Jew, can surpass the Negro for instinctive stage ability. The same receptivity that drove the African ancestors to battle frenzy at the sound of war drums, has been translated by generations of contact with civilization into terms of emotion-expression, delicate and sensitive in the extreme.

"And as a climax to my prediction, I believe that another decade will see a Negro theatre in which we of the Caucasian race will witness a surprising development of this hitherto dormant nature gift. The Negro, with his submerged, instinctive voice, is a natural actor."

Mr. Balasco is correct. The Negro is a natural actor. This is true even in the case of unlettered Negroes on the plantations of the South. Their environment in the South has forced them unconsciously to develop their power as actors, as a means of protection, self-defense and self-advancement. Even the most illiterate Negro knows what type of Negro the South wants him to be, and the more unlettered he is

the more artfully he acts out that part. He takes off his hat, scratches his head, grins and chuckles, he shuffles from one foot to the other, he says "Boss" and "Mars John." Mars John calls him a "good Nigger," but what he should call him is a "good actor," for this type of plantation Negro plays the role he is expected to play and he plays it so well that he not only gets what he wants "Mars John" to give him, but makes the part he acts seem real. For example, the writer once saw a little comedy of this type enacted on an Alabama plantation. An illiterate colored farm hand who was in the prime of life was sitting beneath a tree near his cabin, when he saw the white overseer of the public highway, approaching in the distance. Every able bodied male in the locality was required by law to give several days free labor in working the road. This particular farm hand was busy with his crop and wished to escape this service. By the time the overseer had reached him the man beneath the tree was no longer young. He was old, with the aid of a stick, he tottered to his trembling feet, his head bowed forward with age, "Good even, Boss," he said in a thin cracked voice "Howdy, uncle," was the reply. "I'm looking for men to work the road. Any men folks in your cabin, besides you?" "I'm the only one, Boss."

"You're too old, uncle I'm hunting younger chaps," said the overseer, and with a cordial "good day, uncle," he drove away.

The moment he was out of sight, the farm hand dropped the cane, stood erect and powerful, cleared the wrinkles from his face with agrin, and jumped four feet in the air. He was a born actor.

KU KLUX ISSUE TO THE FRONT

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson has clearly defined why she will remain in the race for Governor of Texas. She says: "My duty to my State at this time to continue as a candidate is far greater than my personal preference for private life. God will give me courage to stand for the right in this contest and I ask the people everywhere to take up this gauge of battle thrown down to us by the Ku Klux Klan and let us win a glorious victory, August 28th."

Mrs. Ferguson declares that the K. K. K. was celebrating Moody's lead in the First Primary as a great victory.

The Moody forces are rallying to their standard-bearer and looking towards the political horizon in any direction as far as Texas is concerned from a Democratic viewpoint, the hottest days are ahead.

SHAKE THAT THING

The Columbia Record Company has announced "Shake That Thing," a record made by Ethel Waters, is the most widely sold record this company has ever made. It has passed the 800,000 mark and will go to a million.

The American people crave filth and dirt. They thrive on a diet of mud. Like microbes they grow in the dark and cavernous quarters.

They relish artistic carrion. They are prurient for songs suggestive of the vulgar. They itch for sex. We refer to the white people first, and then to their colored imitators.

Here is proof of it: For this popular song is about the most vulgar, sordidly suggestive, indecent in connotation which any company has put upon the market. Devoid of richness of rhythm, lacking in beautiful music, unspeakably low in language—this song is a tawdry, musically cheap and linguistically common composition, compared with which, "Yes, We Have No Bananas," was as a production from Bach or Beethoven.

"Shake That Thing" was sold to white and colored people. It is a record breaking record of a great record company. It is what the American people want. Risky, daring and bold—it parades without tights, stockings or lingerie. It is naked and voluptuous. It is Joyce Hawley, nude and drunk in a tub of wine. It is jazz, stark mad.

George Schuyler, celebrated satirist of the Messenger, calls it the Negro's National Anthem. We think he limited its possession too much. It would seem to be America's national anthem. More Americans claim it than any other song. Millions shake to "Shake That Thing." And "that's that."—The Whip.

Dear God: Please do not grant anything I ask of thee for I do not know what is best for me.—Socrates.

One of the many handicaps of the lodges and other organizations among our group is that too many of their members allow their feelings to govern their conduct. If they like a brother or sister even though that brother or sister's character may be rotten to the bone, they will support any thing they advocate; but if they dislike any one, and are envious of their success, regardless of their standing, qualifications or integrity, they will knock, and oppose any thing fostered by them.

We, as a race, must learn to support worth and fitness and let the other fellow follow. That is the only way we can ever hope to be able to hold our own with the other races.

FREEDOM

Editor Mitchell, of the St. Louis Argus who recently returned from Philadelphia, had the following to say:

The visitors at the Susquehanna Centennial Exposition now

being held at Philadelphia, are met with the sign "Freedom" displayed upon, not only bill-boards, but this word is also found in official advertising in the daily newspapers.

Of course, the word "Freedom" used on this occasion is used as a subject for one of the many pageants being staged at the Stadium during the Exposition; but some how it is the one subject which appeals to the many who daily visit the grounds. The people seem to try to take on anew, the full meaning of the word as was applied by the forefathers. It meant then a new nation born free, with equal citizenship for all.

The Declaration of Independence was signed a hundred and fifty years ago, with freedom as its watchword. Yet today, the word freedom still rings in our ears. We saw the steps of thousands of men, women and children quickened, as they caught the spirit of the occasion, and yet we saw hundreds of men, women and children of color look with despair. They declare that the word does not mean now, what it meant then. It meant then freedom for all the citizens, while now it seems to mean freedom for part of the citizens.

The two words: "Freedom" and "Liberty," which are frequently seen at the Susquehanna centennial could, so far as we are concerned, be made very, very less conspicuous. We were made to look upon these words in a rather indifferent manner; holding them up as meaningless or in a contemptible way.

Nothing affects an individual or a group, more than to display constantly before one's eyes, that which by every right is his or theirs, and yet that very thing is being arbitrarily and maliciously withheld from them. One would be a thousand times better off, if he had never seen such sentiments or expressions. A new consciousness has been awakened in the Negro of America.

We are beginning to look upon these things with a suspicion deeper than mere mischief. We view them as an effort to cover our spirits. Therefore, we must remember these things; submitting only in case of forced necessity.

Meekness and humility are the hall-marks of faith. As soon as a person believes himself the least bit superior to others the beginning of his spiritual decline commenced, all unaware to himself.—Abdul Baha.

POLITICS

Bert Haney, candidate for Senator on the Democrat ticket is making an aggressive campaign in every part of the state, speaking once and sometimes daily.

Congressman Maurice E. Crumpacker appears to have little opposition for re-election, but you never can tell.

The Judges who are to be elected at the November election are keeping mighty quiet about it.

I. L. Patterson, candidate on the Republican ticket for governor, is reported to be engaged in harvesting fruit on his ranch up Salem way.

That was a mighty fine piece of campaign dope put out by Governor Pierce, in having the Telephone rates investigated. It looks like he means business, as he put a good business man on the job, Col. A. E. Clark.

Attorney Uren is making some belated charges against Mr. Steiwer, who is the Republican party nominee for United States Senator. We wonder if Mr. Uren is working to try to bring about the candidate's defeat? In favor of who?

G O P and the Colored Vote

The Colored voters, the thinking ones especially, know that it has been more than a half century since the 14th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified and for that length of time our group has been voting for the Republican party, in defeat and in success. They now declare that the Race has paid that party all they owe it; and that they owe the colored voters. The slavery question brought the party into power; and it is the colored people's vote that keeps them in power. But the worm may turn, next November.

MERCHANT SAVES U. N. I. A. SHRINE

Casper Holstein Advanced \$10,000 Saves Liberty Hall

New York.—Coming to the rescue of the organization that he once denounced Casper Holstein, merchant and philanthropist, advanced \$10,000 cash for a mortgage on Liberty Hall, 128 West 138th street, which is the property of the U. N. I. A., Friday morning.

The last day of grace for taking care of the mortgage expired Friday. The building was to be placed on sale at once. The Garveites refused to meet in a conference with the present group that is in its annual convention at the hall to consider means of staying off the loss of the property.

At the last minute, it is reported, George Weston, president of the organization, appealed to Mr. Holstein. Convinced him that the organization was operating on a strictly business basis and on a constructive industrial program, he consented to advance the large sum of money.

Leaders of various movements have been invited to address the convention. Among them are A. Phillip Randolph, organizer of the Pullman Porters' Union; William Pickens, field secretary of the N. A. A. C. P.; Fort Whiteman of the American Negro Congress, and Lionel Francis of the International Alliance of Negroes.

During this week's sessions a great deal of debate will be given to the position that Marcus Garvey is to hold with the organization on his release from the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Ga.

Sunday and Saturday Special: Fried Spring Chicken and Potato Salad.

RICHARDSON'S CONFECTIONERY in the Golden West Hotel

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

By Mrs. Octavia Williams Sunday was ladies and girls day. A large number of ladies and girls attended both services. The pastor preached a wonderful sermon in the morning from the 12th chapter of Luke; text 49th verse: "I came to cast fire upon the earth, and what will I do if it is already kindled?"

Two distinguished women of the race were worshippers and spoke at the morning service. They were: Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes, of Richmond, Va., Vice president of the State Federation and pres. of Richmond Neighborhood Association and Mrs. R. F. Johnson, of Richmond, Va., wife of Rev. R. F. Johnson who attended the Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland.

In the evening the pastor spoke from the 14th chapter of John. The text 15th verse: "If you love me, keep my commandments." Miss White of Jacksonville, Fla., was among the distinguished worshippers and spoke at the evening service. Miss White is Founder and President of the Old Peoples Home, in Jacksonville, a real estate dealer and the only woman member of the Ministerial Alliance of Jacksonville, Fla.

Next Sunday is Strangers Day. Services will be in charge of the Get-Acquainted Club.

Our annual rally is now on and closes August 29th.

The Sr and Jr had very interesting meetings Monday seven Sr and ten Jr present.

The afternoon was spent in sewing refreshments were served the Jr. Our next meeting will be at the church, Monday, August 23rd, at 2 o'clock.

Brotherhood meeting every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The men of the community are invited to attend.

A. M. E. ZION C. E. NEWS

Keren H. Mills "For Christ and the church we stand."

Our readers will miss, with regret, the spicy "C. E." news this week, but glad to say that it's not because she has the Heebie Jeebies. It may be that some of the sheiks like Eddie Watson, Francis Fairchild, Booker Washington, have tried to choke her to death because she divulged their vamping habits. She may need a body guard, for fear of death may be the reason why she let up.

However she is reported ill and we hope it is not serious, don't you? We will look forward to see the "C. E." column next week.

HOTEL NOTES

Booker Washington, bell hop at the Portland, was booked to get married to a Portland sweetie a short time ago, but for some reason a monkey wrench was thrown into the machinery. And now, Booker has gone to Butte Montana and Seattle to look the female market over, with a view to making a matrimonial deal.

Daniel Webster substituted for one of the waiters at the Portland this week. Clarence Ramsey, one of the latest bell hops to marry at the Portland is a great lover of music. Besides his Trombone, he has a Graphophone, he has a Radio installed in his home and last week he presented his wife with a fine upright Piano. And it will be no surprise if, within the next several months, we hear of there being a different sort of music in Clarence's home.

The Filipino employees at the Portland last Saturday night had an enjoyable and well attended dance, and entertainment in the assembly hall. For this great pleasure they owe it to the kindness and big-heartedness of Mr. Edward Boyce, the president of the Hotel Company. The music for the occasion was furnished by Downing's Orchestra.

Mrs. Wilson, formerly a checker at the Portland, and who is now a grass widow calling Seattle her home, motored into Portland Wednesday and was a very pleasant visitor at the Seaside.

Tolbert Allen, waiter at the Portland, so far, has been the only waiter that has found time and money enough to eat crawfish and crabs at Seaside.

WILLIAMS AVENUE 'Y'

Among the visitors at the Branch during the past week were: Mrs. C. Gaines, Mrs. A. L. Frazier, Mrs. M. E. Smith, Mrs. J. R. Scott Jr., and Mrs. Ida Register, of Miami, Fla., Rev. E. N. Canley of Liberia, Mrs. M. E. Littlejohn, Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. O. M. Randolph, Charleston, S. C., Miss Willie Capenning and Mrs. Maggie Foster Jones of Asheville, N. C. and Mrs. Porter of Arizona.

Others visiting enroute to their homes from the Convention at Oakland were: Mrs. Blanche Beatty, Tampa, Fla., Madame Camille Cohen-Jones and Mrs. Ethel Gavin of Chicago, Ill., and Miss E. M. M. White of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Firely club went hiking Thursday morning. An interesting experience was the cooking of breakfast over an open fire. The club will hold its regular meeting Saturday, at one o'clock.

Miss Margie Danley has returned

from her vacation which she spent in California. She also attended the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs at Oakland.

DEMPESEY-TUNNEY GO AT PHILADELPHIA

New York, Aug. 18.—Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney will fight for the heavyweight championship of the world in a 10-round match to a decision at the gigantic aqueduct stadium in Philadelphia on the night of Thursday, September 23. Tex Rickard made this announcement to-night after weeks of fruitless effort to stage the bout, first in Chicago and then in New York. In shifting his battleground again the promoter abandoned contemplated court action, his last resort in an attempt to force the New York state license committee to issue a permit for the match at the Yankee stadium.

MRS. BETHUNE IS RE-ELECTED HEAD OF N. A. C. W. C.

Oakland, Calif., Aug. 18.—(By A. N. P.)—At the conclusion of the most enthusiastic and valuable convention in the history of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President of Bethune-Cookman Institute, Daytona Fla., was re-elected President. Washington, D. C. was chosen as the meeting place for the next biennial of the Association. One of the new features of the Association, born at this biennial, is a Young Women's department, which was organized to interest young women throughout the country in club work with the Phillips Stewart of Toledo, Ohio, as Chairman of the work among the young women.

New Vaudeville House For North Carolina

Newbern, N. C. August 16.—One of the most modern Colored theatres in North Carolina is being built in Newbern. The equipment will include complete stage and orchestra necessities for a program of vaudeville and pictures.

YOUR WANTS

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For Rent—Housekeeping Rooms suitable for men and women, 931 Rodney Avenue.—Phone Walnut 4250.

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Stay Off Labor Day. Particulars later.

For Sale—8-room house, good location. Call Broadway 2025.

For Rent—5 room unfurnished flat. Call Walnut 8052.

For Sale—House and lot, see owner, at 1404 Delaware Avenue.—Adv.

For Rent—5 room modern house, at 272 Wheeler Street, \$24. per month. Call at 430 E. 37th Street N.

3 rooms to rent to single men or a man and wife, rent reasonable on account of the distance. 4211 E. 91st St. between 42nd and 45th Ave. Mt. Scott car. Phone Sunset 3447.—adv.

For Rent Newly furnished apartments and rooms. 313 Halsley Phone East 1661.

For Rent—Furnished rooms 143 E. 18th St., Call E. 8888.

For Rent—Well Furnished rooms 1/2 block of the Baptist church 390 E. First Street.—Phone Selwood 2009. Trinity 1683.

Mrs. B. J. Fuller

LADIES' POPULARITY CONTEST

(Married or Single) The N. A. A. C. P. will give the following awards to the most popular ladies entering this contest.

1st prize—Ladies fitted suit case. 2nd " " brief case. 3rd " " hand bag.

CONDIIONS Contest will start July 15, 1926 and will close September 6th (Labor Day) at ten o'clock p. m.

Contestants will be furnished coupon books. Every membership of one dollar to N. A. A. C. P. will count as 10 votes.

Winner of first prize must have more than twenty-five dollars. Prizes are on exhibition at 410 Washington Street.

For further information concerning contest, call: J. A. Ewing, pres., Sunset 5886. Lee C. Anderson, Sec., Walnut 3480. E. D. Cannady, Broadway 5807.

Note: The contest will close with a grand ball. Send in your name! The following ladies have entered the N. A. A. C. P. popularity contest. Mrs. Francis Turner, Mrs. Charles Redd and Mrs. "X".

NOTICE

Regular meetings of the Portland Branch of the National Association of Colored People held every second Monday evening at Bethel A. M. E. church, LaGrange and McMillen Sts. LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y. J. A. EWING, Pres.

THE SUNFLOWER-SEASIDE NOW OPEN

The Sunflower furnished tents and cottage at Seaside, Ore., is now open. Crochet grounds, Swings, Horse-shoe court and Fishing with in an hundred feet of the door. Write or phone J. W. Curry, 107 N. 14th Street, Portland, Ore. Phone Broadway 1541.

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