

REFUSES TO PICK COTTON, KNOCKED IN HEAD

N. A. A. C. P. FREES MAN CONDEMNED TO DIE

LUTHER COLLINS IN JAIL FIVE YEARS NOW IS FREE

Houston, Texas Branch of The National Association For Advancement of Colored People Wages Long Fight

DEATH, 99-YRS., FREE!

New York, N. Y. Oct. 14—After five years of unremitting effort, the Houston, Texas Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has won a spectacular fight resulting in the liberation of Luther Collins, a colored man who was successfully sentenced to death and then to 99 years in prison, and has spent in all, five years in jail.

Mr. Collins was convicted and sentenced on the testimony of a white woman of ill repute, and the contradictions in the testimony she gave, together with evidence of Mr. Collins' good character, made it evident he was innocent of the assault charged. The Houston N. A. A. C. P. not only raised \$2,000 to carry the case through the Texas courts on repeated appeals, but interested prominent white people in the case. Financial aid offered by the National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. was refused by the Houston Branch which declared it could and would finance the case itself.

Recently Luther Collins' 99-year sentence was reversed and the District Attorney of Fort Bend County, Texas, gave the Collins attorney authority to try the case in any County he wished. The attorney promptly named Washington County, where the attorney had practiced law for twenty five years. The bond was at once reduced from \$7,500 to \$2,500 and Collins was released under bond in March of this year. Bond was signed by four of the most prominent colored men of the city of Houston, and four of the most prominent white men. One of the white men is Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, two of them bankers and the fourth a prominent merchant. After a number of consultations between the District Attorney of Washington County, the Judge and the defense attorneys, the District Attorney moved that the case be dismissed. Collins was freed early in September and is now working at the job he held before his arrest.

Had it not been for the fight made by the Houston N. A. A. C. P., Luther Collins would long since have been dead, as he had no friends to intercede for him and the public took it for granted he was guilty.

FARINA HAS WHITE FATHER

Culver City, Calif., Oct. 14—(P.C.N.B.) In the first "Out Gang" comedy to be directed by Bob McGowan since his return from Europe, Tom Wilson the black face screen comedian seen as the Sergeant in "Across the Pacific" will play the part of the adopted father of "Farina" (James Haskins).

SUNSHINE SAM SIGNS ORPHEUM CONTRACT FOR \$500 PER WEEK

Turns Down Movie Contract To Open In Chicago

(Exclusive)
Hollywood, Calif., Oct. 14—(P.C.N.B.) Arriving home for a few weeks rest following his latest appearance at the Inter-State Theatre (Orpheum booking) San Antonio, Texas, and the Iris Theatre, Houston, Texas, J. Morrison and his famous son, "Sunshine Sammy" in a personal interview with a Pacific Coast News representative showed a telegram and contract from the E. Z. Keough Agency, Chicago, engaging "Sammy" for a 20 week engagement at \$500 per week over the Orpheum Circuit which opened Oct. 11 at the Chicago Orpheum.

Turns Down Movie Contract
Several deals including the one heretofore mentioned with the DeVillard Company were turned down in accepting the Chicago offer.

THEY CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL

According to a report received at our office from Maxville, Oregon, the colored children are not permitted to attend the public schools in that place. It is said that they have been offered the use of the school building after four P. M. "after the white children are home." At present a two-room shack is being used by the nine colored children of school age as a school building. A mother of two of them is said to be the instructor.

ENGLISH NEWSPAPER COMMENTS ON AMERICAN MOBISM

New York, N. Y. Oct. 14—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a clipping from the Western Press, of Bristol, England, commenting on American lawlessness, in which occur the following sentences:
"The Negro question in the United States is undoubtedly at the root of much of the violence and intimidation that is practiced there. We in Europe can show nothing to match the following sentence:
"A Negro to pieces or burns him alive for his crimes."
It is an odd illustration of the difference between theory and practice in the United States that thousands of men who nominally possess full political rights dare not exercise them for fear of inviting the vengeance of their fellow citizens."

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

By Mrs. Octavia Williams
The services at Mt. Olivet were well attended Sunday. In the morning the pastor spoke from First Peter 2nd Chapter and the 5th verse: Ye also, as Living Stones Are Built up a Spiritual House to be a Holy Priesthood, to Offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, Acceptable to God Through Jesus Christ.

In the evening the pastor spoke from the 7th Chapter of Jeremiah, 9th and 10th verses.
The Sr. and Jr. Missionary Societies met at the church. A very interesting meeting was held. Every one is busy preparing for our annual Bazaar to be given Nov. 3-4-5. Those looking for bargains in art work for Christmas will find them at the bazaar. Our next meeting will be at the church. All ladies are invited to bring their thimbles and needles and join the quilting which will begin about noon Monday the 18th.

Stay off date Nov. 11th, Armistice Day. Particulars later Adv.

Roland Hayes writes The Advocate from Munich, Germany, that he is having great success with his concert U. S. A. Saturday, October the 16th.

MEET BILL ROBINSON

He Danced All The Way From The Streets Of Old Virginy To Broadway

(By Trixie Breaux)
From a box overlooking the stage I saw "Bill" Robinson dance Tuesday night at the Orpheum Theatre. I have seen lots of sorts of dancing during my life, but I have never seen any that equals Bill's dancing. His is the tap which he does in trebles. He dances the Charleston—in trebles; he dances with such ease and grace that scarcely can one realize there is work in dancing.

His breathing he has under perfect control which enables him to dance for hours without tiring. He dances with a finish that positively excels. "Bill" is truly an artist and does with his feet what many another artist does with his voice. Robinson doesn't dance with abandon and that carefree manner so typical of the colored dancer but gives loving attention to each detail and seems to reap as much real joy and pleasure out of his dancing as does his attentive and enthusiastic audience.

"Bill" ought to dance well; he came into the world nearly a half century ago (although he looks only 30)—dancing. His mother died when he was only seven—that was down in Richmond, Virginia. His father deserted Bill and several other younger than he—but a kind old Judge gave shelter and a measure of kindness in return for the chores that Bill did about the place.

But always "Bill" was dancing. He danced in the beereries and cheap restaurants and on the streets of Richmond for what he could get and eventually danced his way out to the largest vaudeville stage in the world. He dances at home, he dances abroad; he dances in and out of season. It was just last June when he and his beautiful Tennessee wife went to Europe, and of their seven weeks' vacation in London and Paris, "Bill" danced three times. It was the charming Mrs. "Bill" who explained that it was her husband's fondness for his work and his desire to make others happy which prevented him from turning down an offer while vacationing.

It was a great experience when in August two years ago, "Bill" went to Richmond during the great Elks' convention—it had been at least fifteen years since he had visited the place where he was born—During the progress of a mammoth social gathering attended in great numbers by both colored and white in their best evening attire that "Bill" was called on to dance. He responded by the place on up bodily and carried around on the shoulders of white people, some of whom had no doubt in former years tossed dimes to him as he danced upon the public streets.

A few years ago, "Bill" accidentally ran across a brother in New York whom he had not seen nor heard from since they were separated when their mother passed away. This brother had developed into a very fine musician. His sister, well, he has never heard what became of them.

"Bill" has never had a dancing lesson in his life although he has given many. At the close of his performances he is usually besieged by admirers who want him to give them lessons. The closing of the evening I had to wait until he had given a lesson to a prominent professional man et al before I could get an interview. So that I might not become too impatient Mrs. Robinson explained: "It's just like that all the time."
Mrs. Robinson takes just pride in her talented husband's accomplishment and travels with him. She declined a front seat in the box we occupied—"You just sit there where you'll have a view of 'Bill'." I watched him dance for the past six years.

It's pretty "little Bill" who is always present at her husband's performances. She explained that she felt he needed her when "things do not go well." Although "Bill" is an amiable fellow—the kind every body can get along with, there are times when the music doesn't go just right and there's where the madam has to soothe out the wrinkles. The success or failure of his work depends a great deal upon his music. Each note has a special part to play.

I asked what was his favorite hobby and Mrs. Robinson explained that she didn't know unless we could call eating ice cream a hobby. For "Bill" must have a quart a day at the least. It was interesting to learn that Mr. Robinson does not smoke nor imbibe any sort of liquor.

"Bill" did the dancing but I got the flowers—a huge basket of the prettiest reddish brown autumn ones—at least Mrs. "Bill" was presented them by the manager—and she gave them to me.

When in London, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Harold Browning. Mr. Browning has charge of the Four Harmony Kings quartet. Both the Brownings and their daughter Haroldine, send their best to friends back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left Wednesday morning for San Francisco. The whole Orpheum bill was good and I am going to ask the manager to be sure and get "Bill" for a return engagement.

Mrs. Pauline Youngs who went to Cleveland, Ohio last August to attend the annual Elks' convention has not completed her interesting report. Mrs. Young resides at 749 Harold Avenue and is the Daughter Ruler of Dahlia Temple.

T. H. Williams, E. R. of Rose City Lodge of Elks, proprietor of the Stag Club and head of some other things, is back from a three weeks' vacation to some place. But just where, he refuses to tell. However, he must have gone to a good place and treated finely to judge by his good looks and the same old "Texas" smile.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cannady and George and Ivan were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Cady Sunday at their ranch home eight miles below Oregon City on the Mollala Rd. At the conclusion of the dinner the hostess presented a pretty Birthday cake bearing eleven flaming candles in honor of Ivan Cannady's 11th Birthday. Before moving to their ranch, Mr. and Mrs. Cady were next door neighbors to the Cannadys in Irvington.

Harry Willis was decisively defeated by Jack Sharkey, a younger and lighter weight man, in 13 rounds in their scheduled 15-round fight Tuesday night in New York.

Annual Bazaar, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, First and Schuyler Streets, November 3-4-5. All kinds of booths and amusements. Luncheon and refreshments. Come one, come all. Mt. Olivet Missionary Societies, Adv.

Rev. Louis B. Stewart is in Anaconda, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Brown of Longview, Washington, were in the city Sunday seeing friends. They were the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Scott at their home on S. 13th Street.

The rooming house at 376 Williams Avenue has changed hands from Mrs. Rachel Young to Mrs. Louis Jones. Furnished rooms reasonable. Phone East 1633—Adv.

Mrs. Charles Mumford and Mrs. George Mullen spent several pleasant days in Seattle last week. Mrs. Mullen visited Ted. They report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Williams were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford on E. 31st St.

On Friday afternoon, October 8th at the home of Mrs. A. H. Beeson, on Glenn Avenue in Alameda, Mrs. E. D. Cannady spoke for forty minutes on how to solve the race problem to more than half a hundred women of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church. Her address was well received and at its close, she was presented a beautiful bouquet of gladiolus and asters by one of the members who, in fitting terms thanked the speaker for her timely discourse.

In the evening of the same day, Mrs. Cannady made a brief talk before a regular meeting of the Balm at 405 Yamhill Street and introduced Mrs. Shirley McCann who gave a talk on Negro music and demonstrated some of the spirituals. Miss Faye Swain accompanied Mrs. McCann on the piano.

Her talk and singing made a deep impression on the mind and hearts of her hearers who expressed their appreciation in many ways.

A very nice ice cream parlor and lunch room has been recently opened for business by Messrs. T. Allen and Baldwin on Williams Avenue near Broadway. It is a place where ladies and gentlemen can go and receive courteous service and the best delicacies. It is centrally located and in close range of the various places of social and civic activity of the colored people and is receiving a large share of their patronage. Both the proprietors and their wives have lots of friends and acquaintances who will be glad to know of such a place run by them.

Dahlia Temple held a most enjoyable and successful whist party at the Stag Club Wednesday night. Mrs. Dolly Paries captured the first prize with 61 points and Mr. Luscher the booby with 16 points to his credit. A delicious lunch was served by the members of the Temple.

E. H. Morris of Chicago was re-elected Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows at the Convention held recently in Baltimore.

Very truly,
B. E. HANEY

Please pay your Subscription.

Mrs. H. A. Duke graduates this month from a beauty course and will open a modern parlor down town.

SAN DIEGO GETS PREMIER OF HOCKWALD'S NEW SHOW

San Diego, Calif., Oct. 14—(P.C.N.B.) Truttin Sam from Alabama, the new colored musical comedy produced in Los Angeles by Arthur Hockwald had its world premier Friday October 8th when it opened for a two day run at the Spreckles Theatre, the largest and finest house in the city.

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 McMillen Sts. LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y. J. A. EWING, Pres.

HE JUST OPENS HIS MOUTH AND—SINGS!



Em Merr Booker, of Seattle Who Delighted A Portland Audience Last Fri.

On Friday evening, October 8th, Mr. Em Merr Booker of Seattle, a pupil at the Cornish School sang a concert at Bethel A. M. E. church to a representative audience.

He sang a varied, well balanced program which ended with a group of Spirituals. While he did them all well, the Spirituals captivated his audience and they begged him for more.

Mr. Booker possesses a very rich, clear and fascinating voice which he handles wisely. He knows his range and the things best suited to it, and he uses the good sense to abide by his knowledge.

Those who heard the young singer are anxious that he come to us again. He explained to an Advocate reporter that he was just giving a student recital and that reporter is still wondering to what excellence the artist would sing his program after he had "finished."

Too much praise cannot be given Mr. Raymond Case, who accompanied the singer for his good work and complete accord with the singer.

Others on the program were Miss Eloise Hood who gave a reading and Mr. Raymond Case who played a piano piece.

Mrs. Edmonia Moore of San Jose, California, is the guest of Mrs. Geo. Mullen, this week.

MR. HANEY TELLS KITS REID HE'S A PACIFIST

Portland, Oregon, October 11, 1926.

Kits Reid, The Advocate, Portland, Oregon. My dear Kits Reid: Your "Arrow Tips" was called to my attention in the last issue of The Advocate. It was breezy, snappy, logical, and right to the point. In one paragraph, you referred to me as supporting ship subsidy and then "his pronounced militarism." May I have the privilege to correct you on these two points. I am a pronounced pacifist, but until the other fellow becomes a pacifist, I believe in maintaining sufficient force to protect my country and my people from inroads of foreign military powers. The only object of our military activity should be that of protection.

As to ship subsidy, you evidently saw the charge made by the Oregonian and did not see my answer. I have never at any time in the past, do not now, and never expect to advocate a ship subsidy. I oppose it. I do advocate for a merchant marine flying our flag, the privilege of carrying our own mail a reduction in tariff on goods shipped on our own vessels, and other similar privileges now enjoyed by foreign ships, but no subsidy.

I am delighted that I am able to clear up the only two points of difference that you seemed to hold. Please hold in mind that when reacted to the senate I shall be just as true to the people of my state as when a member of the Shipping Board. I am not actuated by political expediency, but by conviction. Very truly,
B. E. HANEY

ARROW TIPS

(By Kits Reid)

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits Reid's views, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane, and logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with Kits and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

In another column is the letter of Mr. Hanev, democratic candidate for United States Senator. I am very glad to be corrected on the ship subsidy question. Very glad. But confess myself saddened over his attempt to prove himself a pacifist. Mr. Hanev, we do not admit those of your type of pacifist principles into the fold. You are a "preparationist" militarist. So was Emperor William. So was the whole German nation—so wonderfully "prepared" to "protect" the Fatherland and its people "from the inroads of foreign military powers." Even against the American army which did its share "inroad" and helped France as part of the forces of occupation after the Armistice and even "inroaded" Russia with whom we had no quarrel at all, at all.

My friend your pacifist vigenar will catch no pacifist voting flies. Especially as you are waiting for the "other fellow" to become a pacifist. If upon such logic—if I didn't know you and respect your intelligence, I'd say something real catty.

Just when will you join our ranks and declare that war—jealous murder—is the most uncivilized of all efforts at civilization. May I quote from an editorial by Henry Ford in the September 25th issue of the Dearborn Independent, "when money finds its profits in causing idleness or war or obstruction, it misuses a power which cannot be left in its hands." And it is money and greed for money which has caused all wars.

It is American and English money which is causing all the ferment in China. It is English money which is trying to crush the life out of India. It is American money which is making a hell out of the life of Haiti, which is denying the Philippines lands, their long promised independence—and the army and navy are the tools of action that are used by the money powers. Let me close with a quotation from Harford MacNider: "the fact remains that the military mind has a childlike faith in a huge army and navy as a means whereby we are not only safe from attack but are in a position where we can dictate peace to the world." History and the great war have taught us that such a position has always ended by dictating war. Economic boycott will stop warlike gestures quicker than all the guns, airplanes, brass buttons and Sam Brown belts that can be manufactured.

But, Mr. Hanev, I do admire you immensely for the way you held out against the mouthpiece of the money-powers called the President. Just that bit of courage may decide my vote. The west needs a kind of courage in the U. S. Senate. But how shall I reconcile my vote with my pacifist conscience? Oh, please answer this question—do you believe in conscription and compulsory military training in our schools and colleges?

Of course Steiwer does, or he could not be the candidate of the Oregonian—that lives, moves and has its being in the doctrine of Force.

By the way, I heard a most interesting bit of news the other day and I found it confirmed in my last copy of the Christian Century. A woman repeated a remark she had heard made by a man wearing the title of major to the effect that "had we (America) known of the secret treaty between France and Russia, we would never have entered the war struggle."

Whose catpaws were we—I had always suspected England—but I am believing now that we pulled France's chestnuts out of the German conflagration. Poincare doth protest too much of the innocence of France and of Germany's guilt as to the match starting the flame. And as to England, let me quote the Christian Century of October 7th: "The invasion of Belgium dastardly as it was, does not have the same decisive significance that it had before we knew that Germany had in 1906 kept out of Belgium if England would remain neutral, and that in 1906 England had tried to negotiate with Belgium for the landing of expeditionary forces on Belgian soil in the event of war with Germany."

And we thought we sacrificed our boys to save the world for democracy. But Mr. Hanev, do you believe in conscription and compulsory military training?

HOTEL NOTES

Henry Gibson who recently returned to the city is the official mule for the waiters at The Portland.

Joe Bland one of the private waiters at The Portland met with a serious accident Saturday night while descending the back steps of the hotel. He missed his footing and fell upon the iron covered steps. As a result he sustained a deep cut in his head which required a number of stitches. At first it was thought that his skull was fractured but an X-Ray examination revealed different reports of his condition. At this time it looks favorable for his early recovery.

The bell-hops at the Portland came forth a few days ago with new dark blue uniforms decorated front and shoulders with silver buttons and cute little straps to match; soft shirts and Tate collars. It sure does make the boys look keen.

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COLORED LABORER FORCED TO WORK WITH FRACTURED SKULL

Reports of Ill Treatment And Forced labor prevalent in Southern States

FEDERAL AGENT BUSY

(Preston News Service)

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 8—Claiming he had been struck over the head with an automobile pump by an East Texas farmer and forced to work the remainder of the day in the field, a man applied Monday night at the emergency hospital for treatment. Physicians found he had a fractured skull and sent him to a sanitarium. The man said he is George Evans 23, Big Sandy, Texas.

Numerous reports of ill treatment of Negro cotton pickers and violation of the peonage act are being investigated by federal agents, who Tuesday took up Evans' case. Evans said the man struck him because he would not pick cotton and wanted to go to another farm.

WHITE WOMAN REPLIES TO "NEGRO RAPIST" SLANDER

Asserts Colored Women of South in Danger of White Men's Attack

New York, N. Y. Oct. 14—Following William Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who lately nailed, in the columns of the N. Y. Tribune, the old lie that white women cannot walk with safety in the South for fear of attack, a white woman has written the same paper.

This woman, Dr. Carrie K. Bartlett, not only reports that for years she taught and moved freely among Negroes in Arkansas and North Carolina without ever receiving anything but courteous treatment and assistance; but adds that it is the colored women who fear attack from white men, not the white women who need to fear attack from Negroes.

Says Dr. Bartlett: "I never received from a Negro man or woman anything but the most perfectly courteous treatment, but I learned from from the colored maids of the friend with whom I was living, of a situation for which I wish we might find a remedy. These colored women are afraid to walk on the streets alone after dark for fear of attack by white men. Most of the maids go home at night. They believe that they do not have as good police protection as do the white women, and for mutual protection get together and go home in groups. It seems to me that it is the colored, not the white, women of the South for whose safety we should be concerned."

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stewart have purchased a very lovely home on 1805 Spruce Street in LaGrande. They have moved in and report themselves very comfortably located.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Washington of St. Louis, Mo., sent in a two years' subscription to The Advocate.

Mrs. Leon Gregory is reported to be very low at her home, 937 Rodney Avenue.

WILLIAMS AVENUE 'Y'

The first Vesper Services to be held in the new building will be Sunday afternoon September 17th. Miss Essie Maguire, Industrial Secretary who has recently been abroad will be the speaker. Social hour will follow. The Committee of Management will serve dinner Thursday afternoon to the men of the community. All Reservations must be phoned or sent to the Y. Remember the date, Thursday afternoon, October 20th at 6:30.

A current event and study class was organized on last Friday morning. All ladies interested in this class meet at the Y at 10 o'clock.

The Crystal Club sent delegates to the Setting Up conference at Rock Creek Camp this week end.

The local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. presented little Benita DeLacy in piano recital Monday evening at the Branch. The affair was well attended.

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Stay off Hollow'en night—Adv.

COME TO THIS UNUSUAL TREAT

You are cordially invited to attend an illustrated lecture depicting the progress of the colored people in the United States since their emancipation from chattel slavery a little more than three score years ago, by Mrs. E. D. Cannady, Associate editor of the Advocate and Northwest Supervisor and Organizer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at First Congregational Church, 252 Park Street (West Side) Friday evening, October 22, at 8 o'clock. Admission free. A free-will offering will be accepted for the benefit of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Mrs. Cannady urges her friends both white and coloured to come out, especially those whom she has assisted in their various activities.

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