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**BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY.**

In speaking of a person's faults, Pray don't forget your own; Remember, those with houses of glass Should seldom throw a stone. If we have nothing else to do But talk of those who sin, 'Tis better we commence at home, And from this point begin.

We have no right to judge a man, Until he's fairly tried; Should we not like his company, We know this world is wide; Some have their faults—and who has not? The old as well as young; Perhaps we may, for aught we know, Have fifty to their one.

I'll tell you of a better plan, And find it works full well, To try my own defects to cure, Before of others tell; And though I sometimes hope to be No worse than some I know, My own shortcomings bid me let The faults of others go.

Then let us all when we commence To slander friend or foe, Think of the harm one word may do To those who little know, Remember curses, sometimes like Our chickens "roost at home"; Don't speak of others' faults until We have none of our own.

**PORTLAND LOCALS**

Miss Mabel Walker-Davis left last Sunday for Tacoma on a visit to her mother.

Mans' Day, which was held at the Bethel church last Sunday evening, was an exceptionally grand affair. Their program was excellent and well rendered.

Mr. Moses is expected to leave Friday for a short visit to Los Angeles. The rumors were that he was to be married there, but Mr. Moses flatly denies the statement.

Mrs. M. McAfee, the organist of the Bethel choir, is expected to leave soon for California to visit her mother. Miss Oran Rhodes will act as organist until Mrs. McAfee's return.

Miss Mattie Ashby, who was voted the most popular young lady at one of our contests, left very unexpectedly Thursday evening for St. Paul, chaparrated by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Procter. Mrs. Ashby will follow her in a few days.

Mr. Jackie Jones, one of the most prominent gentlemen of our city, has accepted the position as soliciting agent for the Oregon Laundry Co. When you wish any laundry work done ring up East 13 and ask for him. All calls are promptly answered.

Last Tuesday evening the ladies of the Bethel church tendered a reception in honor of Dr. Grant, presiding bishop of the Presb. Synod, district in the fore part of the evening he delivered an address which showed much thought and preparation. During the latter part of the evening Bishop Grant, accompanied by Rev. Tolliver, left on the 11.45 train to attend the annual conference.

**RICH COLORED GIRL.**

Tusla, I. T., Aug. 1.—The boundary lines which separate the lands of the Creek, Cherokee and Osage Indians converge to a point to the north central part of the new state of Oklahoma. A few miles south of this point, in the Creek Nation, lives a little Negro girl named Isabella Lewis, the daughter of a Negro who was formerly a Creek slave. The little girl owns 80 acres of land, part of her allotment, in the new "Glenn Pool" oil district which is giving her an income such as only millionaires can have. There are three oil wells on her land, each of which is producing 1,000 barrels of oil per day, and each of which is capable of having its daily capacity doubled.

It is the announced intention of the company that has leased her land to put down seven more wells. If they each produce as much as those already drilled, and there is no reason to doubt it, her royalty of one-eighth of the entire amount produced at 52 cents per barrel, the present market price of oil, will give her a daily income of \$650, or an annual income of \$237,000. At 5 per cent that amount would be the interest on a capital of nearly \$5,000,000.

Under the laws which Isabella Lewis has granted to the operators who have leased her land and which was approved by the secretary of the interior, the oil which is her daily share is turned into the pipe of the Standard Oil Co. and the money it represents is at once placed to her credit.

Josephine Morrison, another little Negro girl 12 years of age, the daughter of a Creek freeman, has an allotment of 16 acres in the oil-producing district surrounded on all sides by flowing wells. The Morrison girl has her tract leased on a royalty of one-eighth of all oil produced. The lessees of this tract intend to drill at least 20 wells as fast as the oil can be taken care of by the Standard Oil people.

The father of the Morrison, as well as the father of the Lewis girl, has been appointed guardian of his daughter. Their guardianship, however, is only nominal, for the reason that every act of the guardian must be approved by Secretary Hitchcock. This scrutiny of accounts, particularly in the expenditures of money, by the United States secretary of the interior cannot help but result in making both the Morrison and Lewis girl very wealthy when they arrive at legal age.

**PROFESSOR W. T. VERNON,**

Registrar of United States Treasury, Makes a Notable Address at Young People's Congress in Washington, D. C., August 2.

At the session late yesterday afternoon W. T. Vernon, registrar of the United States treasury, delivered an address on the theme, "The Work of the Negro Minister in the Solution of Pending Problems," in the course of which he said, in part:

"For more than nineteen centuries the gospel of the Nazarene has been proclaimed to erring mankind, and the best hearts and best brains of the world have been given to its fostering. I take up no pessimistic strain—I rather cite unvarnished truth when I say that there are wrongs to be righted that shall yet call for the supreme efforts of the good, the pure and the holy.

"We believe the pulpit is calculated to be, as ever, one of the greatest forces in social progress. No one doubts the work to be done. Furthermore, we know it will not be done of itself. The law of cause and effect inexorably require effort for the accomplishment of results.

"An intelligent diagnosis of the condition affecting society as a body has revealed a mortuary list doubly increased because of a disregard of the laws of health, and the promoters of public morals and human rectitude are astounded to find our great cities incubators of crime. The disclosures thus manifested can but arouse to activity those desiring a betterment in the condition of mankind.

"Against such condition and results our present leaders must battle. Rectifying of ills.

"The causes that lead to a rectifying of humanity's ills must be the result of a growth of sentiment having its hopes centered in the words, 'And if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me.'

"I observe here that the greatest efforts for reform socially, for the betterment of the oppressed of earth, have come from efforts to put in force the teachings of Him who died to make men holy.

"'Twas the golden rule that turned humanity's batteries on slavery and wiped the tears of four million slaves from their faces. It will be the golden rule in force, when it comes, which will make the whitest man and the blackest man of America shake hands and say, 'Verily, all we are brethren.'

"Daniel Webster once said, 'Where have the life-giving waters of civilization ever sprung up, save in the track of Christian ministry?' Further, he said: 'I contend that no literary efforts, no adjudications, no constitutional discussions, nothing that has ever been done or said in favor of the great interest of universal man, has done this country more credit at home and abroad than our body of clergymen.'

Application of Laws. "The supposition that laws externally applied can rectify ill is decidedly erroneous. Laws can be repressive in the case of the criminally inclined, but nothing can be substituted for the creation within of a clean heart, the lifting up of a soul out of the quagmire of low thoughts and vicious aims. To this end all are bending energies to the confronting of the mind of the individual to the better things of life, to the planting within of a hope of greatness—the result of goodness. We have learned this, that men can only be made wise and strong from internal causes working outward in accordance with an awakened conscience.

"Out of the effectual effort for improvement has come the acknowledgment that God gives men certain inalienable rights—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—and that the man who overrides or usurps these is worse than a thief and a murderer. Christ taught the duty of man to man. To this more and more we must come. The sea-born gale, the rolling plain for hundreds of years have brought the echo of the tocsin of war—but the wars of this latter day have not been for the sport and jest of kindly murderers. They are the results of some dispute as relates to the liberties of a people who would no longer be enslaved.

"To train out of the lower self to the higher self, to rise out of the ignoble into the noble, to direct aright the ever-growing mind, to make better the ever-evolving soul, to put to work the idle hand, directed by the enlightened brain, inspired to nobler deeds by an illumined spirit—tis that which makes man, no matter what the race or color, God's noblest workmanship and earth's all."

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