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EDITORIAL

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SPEAKS

Dr. Booker T. Washington, president of the Afro-American Business Men's League, in a speech delivered at New York recently made the following remarks anent the race question:

In this season of disturbance and excitement, if others yield to the temptation of losing control of their judgment and give way to passion and prejudice, let us, as a race, teach the world that we have learned the great lesson of calmness and self-control, and that we are determined to be governed by reason rather than by feeling. Our victories in the past have come to us through our ability to be calm and patient, often while enduring great wrong. If others would break the law and trample it under foot let us keep and respect it and teach our children to follow our example.

In this connection I repeat what I have uttered on a recent occasion: every iota of influence that we possess should be used to get rid of the criminal and loafing element of our people and to make decent, law-abiding citizens.

To the members of my race who reside in the Northern states, let me utter the caution that in your enthusiastic desire to be of service to brethren in the South you do not make their path more thorny or difficult by rash utterances. Before giving advice to the Negro in the South, the Negro in the North should be very sure what he advises is that which he himself would be willing to take into the heart of the South and put into practice. Be careful not to assist in lighting a fire which you will have no ability to put out.

Many think that the problem with which we are grappling will be better solved by inducing millions of our people to leave the South for residence in the North, but I warn you that, instead of this being a solution, it will but add to the complexity of the situation.

The indiscriminate condemnation of all white people on the part of any member of our race is a suicidal and dangerous policy. We must learn to discriminate. We have strong friends both in the South and in the North, and we should emphasize and magnify the efforts of our friends more than that of those who wish us evil.

The country must also learn to differentiate between black people. It is a mistake to place all in the same class when referring to labor, morality or general conduct. There is a vicious class that disgraces us; there is also a worthy class which should always receive commendation. Further, we must frankly face the fact that the great body of our people are to dwell in the South, and any policy that does not seek to harmonize the two races and cement them is unwise and dangerous.

Creation—construction in the material, civic, educational, moral and religious world—is what makes races great. Any child can cry and fret, but it requires a full-grown man to create—to construct.

EASTERN CAPITALIST HERE.

A group of capitalists of Philadelphia who are the owners of a majority of the stock of the Portland Railway Light and Power Co., are in the city looking over their newly acquired interests. Mr. Clarke the head of the party is a Philadelphia banker and promoter of large financial undertakings, whose interests and investments in Oregon and the Northwest run into many millions.

A. W. Goode and Samuel G. Reed who are largely responsible for securing the investment of the capital of Mr. Clarke and associates have done the state a great service. As Oregon

needs capital to develop her wonderful natural resources, and that such men as the Clarkes should be encouraged by fair and just treatment, so that others may come is not only right, but good business policy.

HELP THE GOOD CAUSE.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. of Portland have undertaken the huge task of raising \$350,000 for the purchase of a new home to be used jointly by both organizations. The people of this city have never been called upon to contribute money to a better cause and we hope that before the canvass is closed and the full amount is raised that some of our well-to-do colored citizens will give a substantial subscription.

There are many reasons why this work should be encouraged by us, but principally because no class distinction or discrimination of any kind is tolerated by these truly Christian institutions. Help the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. along.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

Notwithstanding the Associated Press correspondent's announcement that P. S. Malcomb is sure to receive the appointment as collector of customs at this port, the public still clings to the belief that the president will again exercise his independence and good judgment and reappoint Hon. J. L. Patterson, the present incumbent. Mr. Patterson has made an admirable record for efficiency, and since his standing as a loyal republican, an earnest, faithful and conscientious official cannot be questioned, it is but good business policy to retain him for another term. Mr. President, let well enough alone.

MAYORALTY CONTEST.

The New Age announced last week the names of many gentlemen who were willing to make the run for mayor, but only one of whom seems to have the courage to come out in the open and declare the fact. Auditor Devlin has since his return home from an extended tour of the East, stated his intention to become a candidate, and this has had the effect of bringing to a focus the question. We may expect to hear of others soon as it is known that there are many who are quietly seeking this plumb.

SENATOR FULTON INFORMED.

Senator C. W. Fulton, who delivered an address to the colored people on the occasion of the recent emancipation celebration, showed himself to be one of the best informed men in the country on the history of the Afro-American. Few white men, no matter how learned generally, take the time to inform themselves on matters affecting the Negro race, but in Senator Fulton is found an exception to this rule.

PORTLAND LOCALS

Miss Ruby Lancaster is taking piano lessons at the Oregon Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Sam Washington returned last week from a short visit to his relatives in Louisiana and Missouri.

Miss Pearl Miller has resumed her piano studies under Mrs. Dierke who, for the summer season was visiting in Europe.

A pig's feet social will be given at the Zion A. M. E. church Friday evening, Oct. 12 by Mr. LeJeune. Admission 10 cents.

The Willamette Club is making preparations for a Thanksgiving ball. The arrangements are not yet completed. Details later.

On Friday evening, Oct. 12, there will be a literary entertainment at the Bethel A. M. E. church under the auspices of Miss Monk. An excellent program has been prepared and can only be appreciated by a large audience.

On last Monday, just as the moon was well on its course, a jolly little party of young ladies and gentlemen crept to the home of Mrs. L. Goodwin at 1120 East Salmon street and surprised her on her 30th birthday. As each hour went by it found the party enjoying themselves by singing and dancing.

Channel to Stranded Vessels.
Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 8.—The Navy department will make an effort to save the war vessels stranded at the navy yard during the recent hurricane by dredging channels from deep water.

THE REASON WHY

Bourne Should Not Be Elected U. S. Senator

The New Age has said before and it now says again that it does not believe that the next legislature will elect J. Bourne, Jr., to the United States senate. It has been said that our opposition to Mr. Bourne is inspired by prejudice, and that we can give no good reason for opposing him since he was regularly named by the republican voters for the office.

We opposed Mr. Bourne during the primaries for the reason that we knew him to be unfit for the high office to which he aspired.

First—That he is not a loyal and consistent republican.

Second—That he is a traitor and political black-leg.

Third—That he could not be depended upon to support Roosevelt.

If he had been a loyal and consistent republican he would not have deserted his party in the hour of its dire distress, when the blight of Bryanism and populism overshadowed the country in 1906. But as a true and loyal republican would have put self aside and rendered whatever service he could for his party and his republican friends, if Bourne's will had prevailed and Bryan had been elected who can say that there would have been today a strong, invincible republican party in Oregon to honor him for his perfidy.

The legislative session of 1895 was the most spectacular in the history of Oregon and the King Pin of that session was J. Bourne Jr., whose malodorous record is even yet a stench in the nostrils of decent people. With a goodly supply of money and other corrupting influences the trick of thwarting the will of the people and debauching the honor of the citizenry was the special mission of this political mountebank, who, now, ten short years afterward, has the brazen affrontery to seek this high and honorable position at the hands of the party, whose murder he conspired to bring about.

In the light of the past record of Mr. Bourne, who is so unsuspecting as to trust him in the future? Does anyone who knows him, save his hired henchmen, think for a minute that he can be depended upon to stand up for republican principles and policies in the United States senate, and to uphold the hands of life-long, true and tried republican leaders in that body, and to "stand pat" with the party's matchless leader, more profound statesman, patriot and humanitarian since the days of Lincoln—Theodore Roosevelt.

OLD MALIGNMENTS OF JEWS.

Long-Existent Prejudice Against Them Explained.

No other race has been so vilified as the Jew. Hatred for Hebrews has been endemic in Europe since the Dark Ages, and even to-day in France and Germany the anti-Semitic movements have considerable strength. How can this be? Is the feeling a survival of anger at a race which rejected Jesus? Or is it based on desperate hostility toward a race which can succeed in business where a Gentile fails?

The Rev. Dr. S. Schulman of the Temple Beth-El, New York City, in a recent sermon sought to answer these questions. Part of his discourse we quote:

We are the victims of the world's literature, of its prevailing creed, and the popular judgment. The greatest master in the world's literature, seeking a type that on account of peculiar conditions and circumstances could stand for cruel hatred and implacable revenge, deliberately changed the contents of a story and made Shylock the Jew the embodiment of inhuman revenge.

The poet must have felt that if ever in a human soul there could arise such unyielding hate as he desired to portray, it might, in a sense, be justified in one whose heart rankled with the memories of ages of persecution and unjust hatred to which his race had been subjected.

Here was one, the poet seemed to say, who could well execute the villainies he had been taught. He therefore produced a character dramatically consistent, but at the same time he did an everlasting injury to the Jew because he produced a character altogether historically untrue. The Jew is anything but vindictive; he forgets injuries readily; that is why he is so optimistic; he has a horror of shedding blood, and whatever vices the Jew may be capable of, the one of ferocious cruelty cannot be saddled upon him.

Nevertheless, the word Shylock has become in English speech synonymous with everything that is bad. This injustice in literature will persist until some great genius possessing the broad-mindedness of a Lessing and the dramatic power of a Shakespeare shall arise among English-speaking people and create an English Nathan the Wise.

The western world's creed centers in an event which, strictly speaking, belongs to the same category as that of the killing of Socrates, the burning of Giordano Bruno, and of Servetus. Thus classic Greek, Catholic and Protestant were all equally guilty of sacrificing the best of their time. The progress of mankind has, and to say, often been purchased by the martyrdom of some of the noblest men that walked on earth.

Yet it is the Jewish people that have been singled out to be held up to the world as Delicides, and every child at the time when the soul is most receptive is inoculated with an antipathy against every living Jew because of an event that took place nineteen hundred years ago.

It is therefore no wonder that the world is prejudiced against the Jew. The tendency of the popular judgment is to magnify his faults and minimize his virtues. He is, in plain words, the victim of a traditional violation of the Ninth Commandment. He has to prove that he is good; the assumption always is that he is bad. To such an extent is the thought and feeling of the average man pervaded by this prejudice against the Jew that it even poisons the minds of many Jews themselves who have not given serious thought to Jew and Judaism.

America's Gilded Youth.

It is the ambition of many a well-to-do father in these days to shield his son from the struggles and privations that marked his own career. The man who had to work from 5 in the morning till sundown on a farm or associate with ignorant or brutal laborers in menial callings or deny himself all the luxuries and many of the so-called necessities in order to get ahead in the world says: "My boy must never have such a hard time as I had; his way to success must be made smooth before him by the advantages he will have over those that I had," and he plans to make it easier for him. Yet it is one of the most familiar facts in life that this affectionate ambition of the rich father for his boy fails of realization. Almost every newspaper that falls from the press tells the melancholy story of a rich man's son who has disappointed the hopes of his family and whose principal service to humanity has been to serve as a warning to those who come after him. We know what the gilded youth with a fabulous income does with his money and with himself. His patrimony and his vital forces are consumed in the mad pursuit of pleasure in some new or extravagant form.—Indianapolis Star.

His Life Work.

"The 'king of chiropodists' is dead." "King?" "Yes, that's what the newspapers call him." "I suppose his career shows what may be accomplished by a man who begins at the foot?" "Yes; he began at the foot and stayed there."—Houston Post.

A Giveaway.

"Since Lottie moved to the city her letters smell of coffee and spices. I wonder what's the reason." "She lives in one of those condensed flats. The writing desk and pantry are combined in one piece of furniture."—Detroit Free Press.

Well diggers have to do a lot of deep thinking.

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