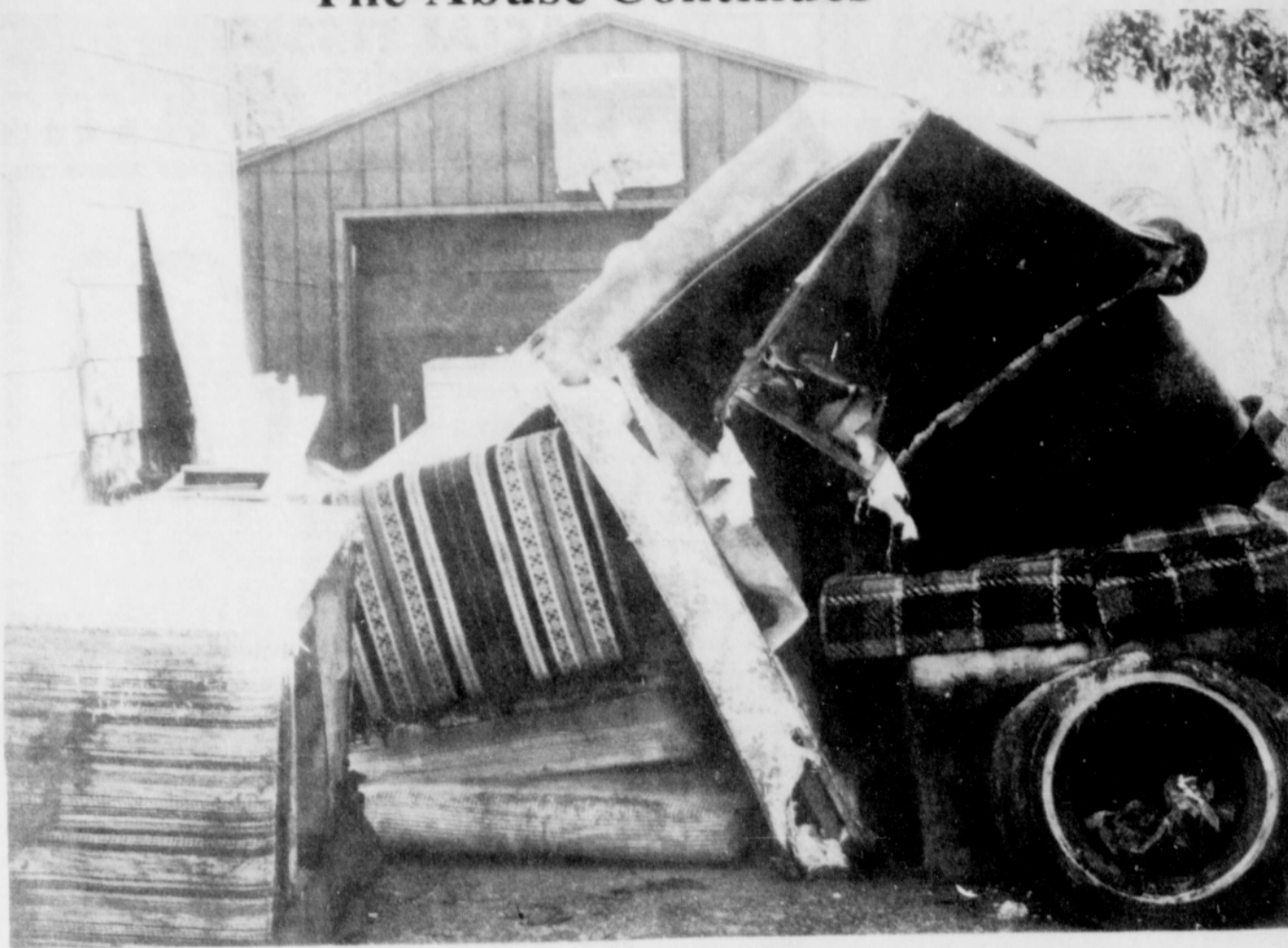


The Abuse Continues



The above photograph is an indication of what little regard some businesses have for the impoverished and the elderly. A.G.G. Enterprises, Inc., a drop box service in North Portland dumped the debris on the lawn of the residence of

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris, 4746 North Mississippi. According to Mrs. Harris, the driver of the drop box truck stated the dumpster was overloaded and refused to accept a check for the extra debris. Upon being contacted by the Portland Observer,

a spokesperson for the business conceded that the trash was dumped but refused to discuss the matter any further. The incident was reported to the City Nuisance Bureau which requested a photograph of the trash and promised to investigate

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News Around Town

Links will Present Debutants in Starlight Cotillion



The Portland Chapter of the LINKS, a service oriented group of African-American women will sponsor their 12th annual debutante ball to be held Sunday, February 19th at 7 p.m. This gala event will take place in the Chiles Center of the University of Portland which is located at 5000 Willamette Boulevard. The University is accessed via Portland Avenue.

Last Sunday the press and special invited guests had an opportunity to chat with these 19 young women and their escorts just before they went into final rehearsal for the "Starlight Cotillion." All of the debutantes are graduating seniors and plan to pursue further studies after their graduation from high school.

Paula Jordan already has been accepted at Oregon State University, while Shanda Watts and Ursula Madden-Williams have not yet made up their minds where to study next year.



Valerie Peterson is interested in studying nursing while Robin Beavers is looking forward to studying at the University of Arizona. Levan Pierce, one of the escorts, is anticipating an exciting college career at Grambling University in Louisiana. He also hopes to make their famous football team in that historically African-American institution.

According to Mrs. Kaye Toran, publicity director, attendance at the cotillion is by invitation only. The major fund raiser for the LINKS will be a fashion show to be held the last Friday in April. All of the proceeds from the latter endeavor will provide at least six college scholarships for local area young women. In greeting the guests, Mrs. Freddie Prophet, president of the local chapter said.

"Thank you for letting us have your children. They have been a joy to all of us just as they must have been a joy to



you. We expect much from them in the future because they represent the hopes of our destiny."

Underscoring the words of their president were Jeanne Hertzog, Sandy Jackson, Phyllis Gainer and Marlene Fuller. Mrs. Hertzog's daughter participated in such a cotillion more than 10 years ago. She now lives in California and looks forward to having their 16 month old daughter follow the same pathway laid down by their elders. The Portland LINKS represent a tradition that has endured a great number of challenges in their 32 year history. For the last 12 years they have presented some of the bright aspirants of the community to the general public. In the years that followed, each of these young African-American women has assumed a responsible place in our society. The Portland Observer salutes this tremendous success story



Granville T. Woods.

Electrical genius

GRANVILLE T. WOODS

(1856-1910) BLACK

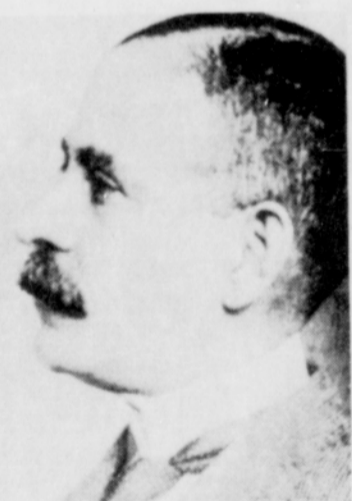
Many of his sixty inventions were bought and used by General Electric, Westinghouse and Bell Telephone. Among them are: the alternating current telephone; "telephony" (conversion of an ordinary telegraph key into a telephone); railway telegraphy, which made use of the telegraph wires along train tracks to transmit messages to other trains and stations;

a theater light dimmer that reduced wasted electricity by 40%; overhead electric power sources for electric trains; the "third rail" used in New York's subway trains; the automatic air brake, the electric chicken egg hatcher. Woods was called the "Black Edison."



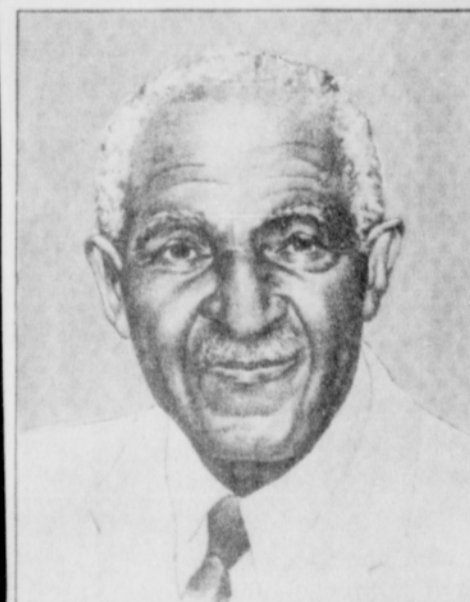
Isaac Myers

Freedom and the the new unions :On December 6, 1869 at the union league hall in washington a delegation of more than 200 delegates met to form the colored national labor union union. Issac Myers was part of that organization. Working on the premises that until the necessity for seperate organization shall be deemed unnessary in our organization We make no discrimnation as to nationality,sex or color.



Daniel H. Williams (1856-1931)

"Sewed Up His Heart" was the Chicago paper's headline in 1893 when Dr. Williams performed the world's first successful heart surgery on a man who had been critically stabbed in a brawl. Doomed to die, the fortunate man recovered and lived fifty years after the operation. Dr. Williams founded Providence Hospital in Chicago, the first interracial hospital in America.



George Washington Carver

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

(1884-1943)

Carver is known as the "Savior of Southern Agriculture" for developing over 300 different products from the peanut and 100 different products from the sweet potato, which grow on the mineral-depleted soils of the south and return the nitrates needed for next season's tobacco crop. Among his products were: cream, buttermilk, butter, shampoo,

bleach, ink, plastics, instant and dry coffee, face powder, wood stains, mucilage, flour, starch, tapioca, and synthetic rubber. He extracted 75 products from the pecan and hundreds more from cotton and corn wastes. His clay dyes were superior to Germany's aniline dyes. Carver refused to patent most of his inventions.



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