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

A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY: GREETING TO 1924:—The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

THE BROAD AX

The Chicago Broadax, as is its yearly custom, came forth last week with its wonderful special edition. Its veteran editor, Julius Taylor, seems to have a stand-in with the business and professional men of the Windy City, greater than any other Race Journalist.

RAIDING THE RICH

Why so much noise about the raid on the home of the Labbes New Year's night? Are the authorities to raid only the homes of the poor? Look at the many homes of the poor that have been raided by the officers in Portland and not a word of censure or protest was heard from the higher-ups.

HEROES COME TO LIGHT

Two train porters and a maid, all colored, were the recipients of much praise as the result of the way they

attended the wounded in a wreck in New York state recently. They took the lead in rescue work, in some cases themselves hurt, but working heroically until all were rescued from the wreck.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE

The story goes that a little boy had been struck by the broken end of a live wire, which touched one side of his face, burning and paralyzing it.

In court, the boy's lawyer asked the little fellow to run toward the jury and smile.

He tried. One side of his face smiled, but the injured side just puckered up in a hideous and pitiful contortion.

It took that jury just twenty minutes to give him a verdict for twenty thousand dollars.

Twenty thousand dollars was thus legally certified as the value of a smile.

There's a grand thought there. If a smile is worth twenty thousand after you lose it, it must certainly be worth at least that much while you still have it.

Then every one of us has a twenty thousand dollar asset that we hadn't so considered.

Are we investing it like it had that much value? Are we making it do that much good?

Let's all put our twenty thousand dollars' worth of smiles to work during 1924. It will make the world better and brighter, and every pathway smoother.

We mean no discredit to any church that seeks to help mankind; we honor every man who believes in God; but we declare it to be our faith that when we meet a man the smile on his face advertises the peace and happiness in his heart and the love he feels for all men.

Robert Ingersoll said that "good nature is the cheapest yet most valuable of all commodities, and love is the only thing that returns 100 per cent to the borrower and lender both."

Let's trade smiles in 1924.

Eugene E. Smith, who is a power in the political arena of the state, has entered the race for Congress from the Third District.

Don't write up 1923. That date has gone forever.

Write it: 1924.

BERKELEY NEWS

The Berkeley Uplift Club had their emancipation celebration at St. Philip's chapel December 30. Many noted speakers were on hand and delivered some wonderful addresses.

gave a very interesting speech on "New Thoughts," which was far the best of the evening. Attorney J. Vance Lewis, of Houston, Texas, who has opened offices in Oakland, was introduced and gave a brief chat. He impressed the throng greatly as to his ability. The writer has had the opportunity to hear him at his best. Mr. Lewis is a great orator. Mr. B. M. Johnson sang two selections and took the house by storm. Mr. LeBon was his accompanist. Mr. LeBon played two selections, "Massenet Elegie" and "Lullaby" from Jocelyn.

Mr. Miles spoke on "Progress of Negro Property Owners of Berkeley and Their Consolidation," and urged the women to register in order to vote.

Arthur LeBon received a letter from Ernest "Rucker" Battaace of Jennings, La., giving out more news of interest than a Hearst reporter. His letters are slow coming, but oh boy.

Dr. J. J. Morrow of Jennings, La., sustained a broken rib when he fell from a ladder. He must have been watching Harold Lloyd in Safety Last. We wish him a safer New Year.

K. OF P. ELECT OFFICERS

Syracuse Lodge, K. of P., No. 1, held its semi-annual election Friday of last week, resulting as follows: E. D. Cannady, unanimously re-elected C. C.; W. J. Holliday, V. C.; Adolphus Clay, M. F.; Nimrod Jackson, M. E.; E. J. O'Riley, M. A.; H. Marshall, K. of R. & S.; W. G. Bird, Prelate; A. H. Jones, Trustee; Lee Anderson, M. W. The appointive officers will be named the first meeting in January, at which time the new officers will be installed.

IN THE REALM of Society

(By Trisix Breaux)



Halle Q. Brown, President of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, who will spend the winter in California for her health. Miss Brown was compelled to forego her trip to the Pan-African Congress on account of ill health.

Mrs. Charles H. Maxwell, popular matron of Salem, with her interesting family were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Franklyn during the holiday season. Mr. Maxwell, after

motoring over with the family, returned home to his business.

Dr. and Mrs. Cochran Hoats, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Cochran, 879 Missouri Avenue, had as their guests for Christmas dinner Mrs. L. K. Weeks and her niece, Miss Lizzie Koonce.

Stag Club Officers Dine

The officers of the Stag Club, 381 1/2 East Morrison Street, with their wives, Mesdames James Manley and Grace Williams and a few friends enjoyed a delicious five-course chicken dinner New Year evening in the Club's dining room. Decorations in keeping with the season were effectively arranged about the table and rooms. Mesdames Manley and Williams prepared the dinner, which was very much enjoyed. The dinner proved very successful in fostering good-will and good cheer for the new year.

Tennis Club Has Brilliant Dance

A gala event of the holidays was the Christmas night ball given by the Tawawa Tennis Club at the Stag Auditorium. Club colors were artistically arranged in the ball room, lending a festive background for the merrymakers. There was a large attendance and Christmas night and the Tennis Club will long be remembered by those who enjoyed this delightful affair.

Dinner Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. Simms, 324 East Pine Street, entertained at dinner on the evening of the 27th at their home for the pleasure of Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Magruder and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bradley. A delicious repast in keeping with the season was served by the hostess.

Old Rose Club Entertains

Sponsoring one of the holiday balls, the Old Rose Club proved an attractive host New Year's night at the Stag Club. A large crowd enjoyed dancing and refreshments until a late hour. This affair was said to be one of the most enjoyable. Some of Portland's most attractive and accomplished matrons are members of the Old Rose Club, who were patronesses of the affair.

Big Three Entertain

"Three of the boys" were hosts again at a delightful dancing party New Year's eve at the Stag Club. Many enjoyed this affair as they did previously when "the boys" gave their initial entertainment.

FOUND A GUN

Edgar Williams, janitor at the city jail, according to the Police Bulletin, found a .32 caliber Johnson revolver recently in the lavatory and turned it over to the department. The owner, if he is looking for trouble, can call for it.

"Amusements. Handle With Care." Many good things are in store for next Sunday. At 6 o'clock in the evening the Christian Endeavor is planning an old time song service. The Forbes Presbyterian, the Piedmont Presbyterian and the Bethel A. M. E. Christian Endeavor Societies will be represented and a great time is planned.

The pastor and family were made to feel happy because of the many things they received during the Christmas holidays. A purse of \$52, led by Mrs. M. P. Crawford, and lots of good things to eat, led by Sisters H. Jackson and J. D. Patton, and many other things very useful by the many friends and members.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, East First and Schuyler Sts., Rev. J. W. Anderson, Pastor, Res. 429 Tillamook St., Telephone East 8088.

Last Sunday marked the closing services on Sunday for the year, 1923. Our pastor preached two able sermons during the day. All the departments were up to full efficiency in their exercises. Brother S. B. Tillman united with the church at the morning services. He is the teacher of the Bible Class and the ever loyal group of the B. Y. P. U.

Last Monday the watch meeting services were good. The pastor preached a splendid sermon from the subject, "Twelve Months' Struggle With Jesus." One young lady came forward and asked the pastor to pray for her. The Covenant meeting was good.

The pastor had a busy evening. At 8:15 P. M. he and his Missionary Quartette sang at the Swedish Baptist church, and at 9:30 P. M. rendered three songs at the Watch meeting in the Central Methodist church, 12th and Taylor, then came to our own church.

The pastor will preach next Sunday from the subject "My Partner." Covenant Meeting will be held in the morning special services of the B. Y. P. U. next Sunday at 6:30 P. M. Program by the True and Tried Group, Mrs. A. Anderson, leader. Do not miss the services next Sunday at E. First and Schuyler streets.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH, Larrabee and McMillan Streets, Rev. A. R. Fox, D. D., Pastor, Phone East 1107, E. L. Jameson, Assistant, Phone Walnut 3900.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 62 1/2 N. 10th Street, Rev. E. C. Dyer, Pastor.

The services last Sunday were well attended and a good spiritual time was enjoyed by all. Monday night the watch service was interesting. Many strangers attended. We are still going ahead. The members have taken hold of the program as outlined by the pastor for 1924. This is expected to be a great year for the Independent Baptist church in every way, with the help of the Almighty. We have good services each Sunday. You are invited to worship with us. This being the first Sunday, there will be a short sermon and covenant in the morning. At the evening hour the Lord's Supper will be administered. Don't miss the service of the first Sunday in the year. Attend somewhere.

St. Phillips Mission, 24th and Savier Days, St. Phillip's Mission has announced extraordinary services for Sunday. Miss Friets Shaw will be soloist. Morning service, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 12 m. Archdeacon Black in charge; Mr. B. Coles, lay reader. A cordial welcome awaits you at St. Phillips.

Seventh Day Adventist Mission, 242 Russell Street, Mrs. K. O. Johnson, leader. Sabbath School (Saturdays) at 10 A. M. Bible study at 11 A. M. Y. P. M. V. S. at 2:30 P. M. Visitors welcome.

Pentecostal Mission of the Church of God in Christ, "The House of Prayer", 28 Union Ave. N., Elder Robert Seacole, Pastor. Sunday services: 10 a. m., Sunday school; 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., preaching. Week day meetings: Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, for testimonials, prayer for healing the sick and for tarry meetings. All are cordially invited to attend.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

By James N. Simms, LL.D., Author of Simms Blue Book, Etc.



CONTRACTS

Agreements entered into between two or more persons to do or not to do a certain thing or things should always be reduced to writing. It should also be borne in mind that all contracts to be binding in law must be supported by a reasonable consideration. A contract that is not based upon some consideration is voidable and may be avoided by any of the parties to it at will. A contract that is not in writing (an oral contract) if supported by a reasonable consideration is just as binding as though it were reduced to writing, if its terms can be proved by competent witnesses. To avoid unnecessary unpleasantness, misunderstandings, expensive law suits, and often the destruction of the business itself, you should by

no means enter into contractual relations until all agreements pertaining to the matter have been reduced to writing by a competent attorney. Some contracts to be binding at all must be reduced to writing. These contracts come within what is known as the Statutes of Frauds. The terms of these statutes vary in the different states, but I think there are some general rules that apply to all of the states alike. These embrace: All contracts for the sale and purchase of real property, contracts to charge another with the debts or obligations of a third person and contracts that are not to be performed within one year from the making thereof. These must be in writing to be binding in law. There are other provisions that come within the statutes that your attorney will take care of. They need not therefore be set out here.

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