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"Don't ask for rights. Take them. A right that is handed to you is not yours. It has something the matter with it."

NICK CHILDS SAYS STOP FIGHTING SEGREGATION

Editor Nick Childs of the Topeka (Kans.) Plaindealer, who has been heralded as one of the greatest agitators and fearless fighters for justice and equal rights for the race has, to judge by the following editorial from his paper, laid down his sword and yielded up the ghost.

"We wish to say to our readers that we have experienced a change in opposing so many silly matters that arise concerning the interests of the colored people of this country. As a race we are spending too much time and money in opposing such worthless things as 'The Birth of a Nation.'"

The Pittsburgh Courier comments: We feel more like pitying the man who thus expresses himself than censuring him. It is more of a personal tragedy, for evidently the man is honest in his conclusions.

The Birth of a Nation is admittedly a photodrama peaking with animus between the races. It shows the history, distorted, of a period that speakers and writers seldom refer to; it is founded on passions that represent far from the best in man.

The exhibition of such a picture could have no other motive than to stir up hate of some kind. It is a war picture, showing episodes of the country, fighting itself, and exploiting an innocent factor, the Negro, which unconsciously brought on the sectional division and strife.

When a Negro says that he doesn't care if a thing of this nature is shown he admits that he is totally ignorant of the influence of such a scene in public opinion. It is certain that the film propaganda will arouse ill feeling, even in Kansas, and it follows that Negroes could not prosper economically without the good will and assistance of their white neighbors.

We submit that agitation and protestation are not pleasant tasks, but here are times when this uninviting work is a necessity, and it should be faced unflinchingly.

SENATOR STANFIELD

Robert N. Stanfield, junior U. S. Senator from Oregon, was home for a few days this week. In an interview with the editor, the Senator said that Walter L. Cohen of Louisiana would certainly be confirmed as Collector of Customs at New Orleans, regardless of the fact that he had just received a telegram from Senator Pomerene of Louisiana, asking him to pair with him against the confirmation of Cohen.

POLITICS

Senator Hiram Johnson of California has promised to vote for the confirmation of Walter L. Cohen for Collector of Customs of the Port of New Orleans. That act surely ought to land some vote for him.

Secretary Denby said he would not resign under fire. It may not have been fire that made him resign. Just the same, it got too hot for Denby to hold on.

Walter Toose, state chairman of the Republican party, seems to be up

against the real thing. And if true, Mr. Toose should step down and out.

G. O. P. HEADQUARTERS

Republican headquarters have been opened for white men voters at the Imperial hotel and for white women voters at the Portland. If there are any headquarters for colored voters except at the election booths, we have failed to hear about them.

The Democratic party leaders are trying their darndest to get some of the Teapot Dome Oil on President Coolidge.

How do you stand on the bond issue to be voted on March 4th at the special election?

It would be a burning shame and everlasting disgrace, not alone to the Baptist people of Portland, but to the race in general, if through

quarrelling and squabbling the colored people should lose their handsome brick Baptist church. Why not follow the teachings of the Good Book which says something about brothers and sisters dwelling together in unity.

It is to be regretted that our people, some of them, seem not to be able to learn when nor where to smile, laugh or cry at a performance. This was demonstrated at the recent drama, "The Dust of the Earth." At some of the most pathetic points, some of the audience persisted in laughing.

A Mississippi colored man addressed the Mississippi State Legislature last week. This is the first time that a colored man has been granted that honor since the days of carpet-baggers.

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IN THE REALM of Society

(By Trizia Broussard)

Mrs. Morton Returns Mrs. Helen Morton, who has spent the past several weeks in Everett, Wash., with her mother-in-law, returned home Thursday.

Drama Brilliant Success "The Dust of the Earth," a four-act drama presented by the Bethel Players at Portland Women's Club Auditorium, Friday evening, the 15th, was a decided success from every viewpoint. Approximately four hundred people, both races, filled the auditorium before the curtain rose on the first act. The cast of characters was as follows: David Moore, of Maple Farm Cottage—Rev. A. R. Fox Susan Moore, his wife—Madeline Flowers Elizabeth, their daughter—Zepha Baker Jerry, their son—Allan Rutherford Rev. Dr. Templeton, a young divines Guy Jameson Miss Arabella, the village newspaper—Clarissa Randolph John Ryder, the young master of

The Maples—Wm. Taylor Wandering Tom, a mystery—Jesse L. Brooks Old Mose, his companion—Morris Matthews Nell, "The Dust of the Earth"—Suzanne Flowers

Under the trained leadership and direction of Mrs. A. R. Fox, the drama was well and enjoyably portrayed, and each character deserves special praise. The stage scenery was designed by Mrs. Fox, who comes in for the biggest share, and deservedly so, of praise. Between acts, the Coleridge Taylor Orchestra under the baton of Rev. A. R. Fox; Dr. E. L. Booker, tenor, and the "Musical Four," comprised of Mesdames Brown, Grayson, Fox and Freeman, entertained with delightful musical numbers. The Misses Gwendolyn and Violet Hooker presented Mrs. Fox with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The entire affair was very enjoyable, so much so that Mrs. Fox has been requested to repeat the drama. Those making the request have assured her they would be re-

sponsible for two hundred tickets. The drama was given for the benefit of Bethel church.

Dinner Dance Enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lawson entertained a group of the younger society set at a dinner dance the 16th of this month, in honor of Miss Mae Lawsons graduation from Jefferson High. All reported a wonderful time.

Mrs. Renna Gilliard, 6330 50 street, was the recipient of several delightful gifts last Thursday afternoon a week ago when a group of her friends called at her home and surprised her. Miss Corrine Mills headed the party of ten guests. A most delightful time was had, and Mrs. Gilliard is happy over the pleasure given her.

Mr. Blackburn Has Birthday In honor of his birthday anniversary, Mrs. L. R. Blackburn entertained a coterie of friends as a surprise to Mr. Blackburn Monday evening at their beautiful residence on Stanton and East 17th street.

I am on my way. Everybody is asking, where? To the Elks ball. When? Tuesday night. Where? Cotillion Hall, to dance on that ball-bearing floor.

Many a married man in every town keeps his nose to the grindstone so his wife can turn hers up at the neighbors.

Mah Jongk, because of thee, I lost my liberty; they say I am ding, East Wind and West Wind blow, Tong Chow is all I know. Oawatomawon't let me go. Who threw that brick?

Some men don't know when they have a good thing until it is too late. That's just the hole some people in Portland are digging for themselves.

WRITER SAYS COLORED SOLDIERS GOOD PRISONERS

(Continued from page 1.) was shown the warden's house by an extremely polite colored man. Another of the same hue cooked dinner, while a third served it.

"Three of the murderers and mutineers of Houston," smilingly explained the warden. "Id trust those three anywhere."

The Houston riots formed one of the blots on America's period of war participation. Despite the pleas of men of knowledge, the war department sent colored troops into the south, where racial feeling was strongest. At Camp Logan a white civilian policeman one afternoon arrested a colored woman loitering near the Negro encampment. Some objected to the roughness of the arrest. A fight started. Negroes rushed to aid of their color. Whites rushed to help the policeman. Some one shot. In a few minutes a race riot was in full progress.

No Quarter Asked or Given All of the savage buried in the Negro flashed out and quarter was neither given nor asked. Scores who had no desire to fight automatically were dragged in, first in self-defense and then in offense. Civilian authorities wanted to prosecute the cases, but the army promised "complete justice and swift punishment"—and gave at least the latter. A number of Negroes were executed. Few doubt that they deserved it. But in the desire to accentuate the first part of "complete justice" dozens of others were sentenced to the penitentiary. Some undoubtedly deserve it and deserve to stay there, but those who have investigated believe that many of the fifty-four now behind the bars do not deserve the long sentences received.

In the government records at Washington is a letter from W. I. Biddle, warden at Leavenworth, stating that these rioters have at all times shown themselves ready to back up the authorities and that only two have settled a little argument with fists. He recommended, government officials say, that the life sentences be reduced to fifteen years and the fifteen year sentences be reduced to five years. No action has been taken.

The Prisoners' Story

A visitor to the penitentiary recently noticed a Negro strutting down the yard, bugle in hand. His military training was obvious.

"What outfit were you in?" queried the visitor.

"The—cavalry, sir," came back a quiet answer.

"And how many did you kill at Camp Logan?"

"O, I must of killed 1500 or 8000 from the time they gimme here," he answered with a laugh, "but so far's I pusonly knows I suddenly heard a lot of shootin' and tryin' to get out of it I got right in. I'se here from now on—life."

He raised his bugle to his lips, clicked his heels together, and sounded mess call.

Every official who came in close contact with these prisoners—part of the 176 serving for sentences imposed for wartime violations—is ready to recommend clemency for the majority, but thus far recommendations have been of no avail.

For Rent—6-room house, one block to good car service. A. H. Morrow, Broadway 5807.

Those who missed the annual automobile show at the City Auditorium this year missed a wonderful treat, to say the least! Cars, big cars, little cars, red cars, black cars, blue cars, expensive cars, cheap cars and medium priced cars. A car for every taste and every pocket book were there. Those who considered buying cars found the show extremely interesting because the men in charge of the various exhibits took delight in pointing out all the new features and new equipment put onto the new cars. The fashion show on Wednesday evening brought a record breaking crowd and the styles in latest wear, from teddys to evening gowns, were shown on pretty models. Singing and dancing added to the entertainment. The auto show was under the direction of Ralph Stahl, and was bigger and better than ever.

EX-GOVERNOR'S CONDITION IS IMPROVED Colored people of the city who remember ex-Governor Geer and his fair administration, are pained deeply at his continued illness, but will be pleased to learn that a slight change for the better has been noted in his condition. Mr. Geer was stricken with paralysis a few weeks ago.—Later: Mr. Geer passed away Thursday.

Furnished Rooms for Rent—Close to two carlines. Call Mrs. Yates Howard, At 3639—Adv.

Return Engagement by Overwhelming Popular Request of the 4-ACT ROYALTY DRAMA—"THE DUST OF THE EARTH" Given by THE BETHEL PLAYERS at the PORTLAND WOMAN'S CLUB BLDG. 448 Taylor Street Friday Evening, March 21, 1924 MRS. A. R. FOX, Directress Tickets, 50 Cents

Willie Williams, formerly fancy dancer in the "Struttin' Along Co.", was convicted in Federal court last week on a charge of white slavery and sentenced to thirteen months in McNeil Island.

Nicholas Broussard, alias Bruce Green, a pullman porter on the Santa Fe railroad between Los Angeles and Chicago, was arrested a few days ago in Portland on a charge of having narcotics and other drugs in his possession. The drugs were valued at more than a thousand dollars.

John H. Washington, brother of the late Booker T. Washington, died at his home in Tuskegee, Ala., February 5th. Mr. Washington was associated with his brother Booker T. in making Tuskegee the great institution that it is.

Ladies, if you are going to the Elks Ball next Tuesday night, don't fail to read the Eastern Outfitting and the C. H. Baker Co.'s advertisements in this week's issue of The Advocate.

BOTZMEYER HANDLES BAKER O. C. Botzmeier has been selected to manage Mayor Geo. L. Baker's campaign for U. S. Senator. Mr. Botzmeier is one among the finest men we have ever met, and it is our honest opinion that his connection with the Mayor's campaign will be the cause of many people casting their vote for the Mayor, which they would otherwise perhaps not do.

For Rent—Furnished rooms. Phone East 7453.—Adv.

If the Teapot Dome oil scandal keeps spreading, it might result in President Coolidge getting a whole new cabinet.

For Sale—Fur coat, \$5. Broadway 5807.—Adv.

Federal Post Given TO CHICAGO REPUBLICAN CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 22.—Morris Lewis, active Chicago Republican, has just been appointed to a field position in the United States Department of Labor, with headquarters at Chicago.

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 Searle, Pastor

Independent Baptist Church 62 1/2 N. 10th Street Rev. E. C. Dyer, Pastor St. Phillips Mission 24th and Savier Days Service last Sunday came up to the usual high standard. The pastor delivered two soul-stirring sermons. At the evening service, Mr. L. Lawson favored us with a lovely trombone solo, "The Holy City." Increasing interest is manifest in all departments of the church. Come and worship with us.

St. Phillip's Mission has announced extraordinary services for Sunday. Miss Priests 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.

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