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## WAR DEPARTMENT COMMUTES SENTENCES OF HUSTON MARTYRS MAN WILLS PROPERTY TO MASSA'S KIN

DANIEL FREEMAN LEAVES \$3500 TO FORMER SLAVE MASTER'S CHILDREN AND NOTHING TO HIS OWN.—WHITES CHARACTERIZE HIM AS KIPLING'S "A FOOL THERE WAS"

Rightful Heirs Will Seek to Break the Will.—Old Man Said to Have Been Robbed by People Whose Descendants He Sought to Help.—Case Attracts Wide Attention.

(Preston News Service)  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 24.—"If a man smite you on one cheek, turn the other" finds real exemplification in the person of Daniel Freeman who disinherited his own children and willed his meagre estate to the descendants of his former slave owner.

Southern whites characterize Freeman's act as "loyalty and devotion for his old 'massa' and 'missus' that lived in the heart of the slave after their death and found expression in his will bequeathing his property accumulated during the years of his freedom to the grandchildren of his former owners in preference to his own offspring.

It was revealed in probate court here last week that Daniel Freeman, a familiar character of the "bandana" type after his emancipation, left property valued at approximately \$3500 to the five children of Mrs. C. W. Garret, white, of Montgomery. Mrs. Garret was a daughter of Freeman's former owners. The bequest, the evidence showed, was made under provision of a second will.

Freeman's three children are contesting the award under a testament drawn prior to the one giving the property to the white persons, charging that he was unsound of mind at the time the last will was made, and also that undue influence was

brought to bear upon the deceased. Freeman died in February, 1923. The case has attracted considerable attention in this section and many persons of both races are frank in saying Freeman's actions truly exemplified "A Fool There Was". Many persons claim that the old man had been robbed as a slave by the very persons, at least their kin, whom he now endeavors to become a benefactor.

### BABY CONTEST ON

In order to raise its quota of \$100 for the national defense fund, the Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is conducting a baby contest which closes Monday night, the 28th, at Zion church, with a concert by the baby entrants. Everybody is urged to attend.

Mrs. Fanny Crosby underwent an operation at the St. Vincent hospital Monday. She is reported to be resting nicely.

### THAT OPENING GAME

Baseball opened in Portland with a bang Tuesday, when the large park was filled to overflow with fans.

Stay off May 1st, Dinner by Dahlia Temple, No. 202, I. B. P. O. W.—Adv.

### Local and Foreign News Briefs

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

### MATRON REMAINS ILL

Mrs. L. Miller, Route 1, Box 343, remains ill at her home. Mrs. Miller was stricken a year ago with the sleeping sickness and has never been able to completely recover.

Senator Charles L. McNary will not be home to conduct his campaign but his campaign is being well looked after by Messrs. Page and Davis, who say the outlook for Mr. McNary's nomination is good. From their office in the Falling Bldg., a vigorous campaign is being conducted.

### NOTICE

Regular meetings of the Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held every 2nd Monday evening at First A. M. E. Zion Church, 417 Williams Ave.

J. A. EWING, Pres.  
LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y.

### PORTLANDERS IN SEATTLE

Among Portlanders who attended the Daughter Elks' ball in Seattle on Easter Monday night were Mesdames Vera Kirk, Lorraine Shaffer and Laura Webb. Webb's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Fox and Miss Roberta Summers attended the district conference and Sunday School convention at Seattle this week.



Mrs. Ida A. Finch who has returned from Tokyo, Japan.  
Mrs. Finch, who is a charming speaker, will deliver an address on the "Oneness of Humanity and How to Overcome Prejudice," at First A. M. E. Zion church (tomorrow) 8 Sunday evening. The public is invited.

the "Y." Miss Della Mays, as hostess, served a delightful after lunch-eon.

At a call meeting of local Lodge No. 26 the memorial committee submitted program in form ready for printing. Owing to the fact that Rev. A. R. Fox, D.D., will be out of the city attending the General Conference in Kentucky, it was decided to ask Rev. E. C. Dyer, pastor of the Independent Baptist Church to fill his place on the Memorial program, the third Sunday in May, at 2:30 p. m., at Bethel A. M. E. Church.

### A CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Agee of 922 N. Kellogg street, wish to thank the Daughters of Dahlia Temple, No. 202, I. B. P. O. E. of W., for remembering their infant with a beautiful and useful gift, upon its arrival into this big, wonderful world. Both feel very grateful for the kind thought as well as the gift from the Daughters.

### DIED

Mrs. Lucy Wyatt, grandmother of Roy C. Garnett of this city, died at her home in Boise, Idaho, last Tuesday.

### "GETTING MORE LIKE WHITE FOLKS EVERY DAY"

Joe Smith was arrested Wednesday night in the Willamette Fuel Supply Company's office, where he was making preparations, it is said, to blow open the safe. Smith took precautions to wear gloves, so as not to leave finger prints.



Rev. R. E. Close

Assistant Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon, who will deliver an address, taking for his subject "The Price of Victory," at the exhibition of the film "The Last Stand of Sheriff Kendall of Linn County," in the Mt. Olivet Baptist church (Schuyler and East 1st St. N.) on Wednesday, April 30th, at 8 P. M.

### HOTEL NOTES

Captain Eck, who has been holding forth in the main dining room at The Portland for some time, has been shunted to the grille room for further seasoning.

J. S. Bell was among the society hotel men who journeyed to Seattle early last Monday to take in the Easter Monday night ball.

White waiters have taken the place of colored waiters on the cabinet cars of the Southern Pacific running from Oakland to Portland.

The question as to the kind of help that will be used in the Gearhart Hotel dining room has been settled. It will be waitresses.

Among callers at The Advocate office this week were Messrs. Isaac B. Vessell of San Francisco, Cal., who paid for another year's subscription to the "old reliable," the Advocate. Mr. Vessell brought with him his friend, Noble W. O. Erskine of Oakland, Calif. Mr. Erskine is reported to be a "Mah Jongg Hound," whatever that is. We were pleased to have these interesting gentlemen call again. Both gentlemen are waiters on the dining car on the S. P. from San Francisco to Portland.

### P. P. B. A. OF A. NOTES

The social session of the L. A. P. P. B. A. of A. was well attended at

LIFE SENTENCES CUT TO THIRTY YEARS.—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION'S SECRETARY GOES TO WASHINGTON TO LET CHIEF EXECUTIVE KNOW OF PEOPLE'S DISAPPOINTMENT

Johnson Says Association Will Not Stop Fighting for Release of Men Until They Are Out of Prison or Dead.—Prisoners Eligible for Parol in Four Years.

New York, April 19.—Sentences of 17 of the 38 life-terms among the 54 former members of the 24th Infantry, in whose behalf the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other bodies recently presented a petition with 125,000 signatures to President Coolidge, have been commuted by the War Department, it was announced today. The National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. immediately upon receipt of the news telegraphed both to Warden W. I. Biddle of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth and to the War Department in Washington, asking for detailed information covering the

cases of all the men of the 24th Infantry whose cases had been reviewed by the Military Board and informing Secretary Weeks that the dispatch from Leavenworth "indicates a result bitterly disappointing to colored people in the country."

James Weldon Johnson, N. A. A. C. P. secretary, is leaving for Washington to take up the matter directly with War Secretary Weeks. Before leaving New York, Mr. Johnson said the N. A. A. C. P. would continue this fight until all the men were released from prison or dead.

### MRS. L. M. FAIRWEATHER, CHOSEN ALTERNATE TO G. O. P. CONVENTION



BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 25.—Among the delegates selected at the New York Republican State Convention was Mrs. Louise M. Fairweather, a leading social and political factor of Brooklyn, as alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, O., next June. Mrs. Fairweather is the first race woman of this state to be so honored. Race men and women of the state are well pleased with the selection of Mrs. Fairweather as she is regarded as one of the most outstanding women of the state.

### "The Last Raid of Sheriff Kendall"

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Assistant Superintendent, Anti-Saloon League of Oregon, to be delivered in connection with the showing of the motion picture—

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