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"They have rights who dare maintain them."—James Russell Lowell.

KEEPING GRANTS PASS WHITE

(By Mrs. E. D. Cannady.)

On the front page of this issue, we are reproducing verbatim an article published in the SOUTHERN OREGON SPOKESMAN for May 24th, 1924, and are compelled to believe with Barnum, "there's one born every minute."

First of all, let us say that whatever may follow upon this subject is said dispassionately and with apologies to the intelligent public for giving the matter so much of our valuable space, for it is obvious the article is the child of a twisted and dwarfed brain, or the braying of a jackass who, we wouldn't be surprised, does not know the World War is ended. To inform him to a degree of helpfulness about our noble race and its march to success, would be to start him from the primer up and educate him—for proper education and Christianization are what he needs. In view of this fact, we will not attempt to give an exhaustive discussion on the subject, pro and con, for he would not understand us; but we do feel it our duty to reply in such a manner that he may be able to profit a little therefrom. Again, if the editor of the Spokesman had simply mentioned "niggers" without reference to their color, we would have taken for granted he meant his own "niggers", that is "white niggers". Of course, he wouldn't know enough to know he has niggers in his race (himself being one), and therefore could not admit it. We know and admit we have "niggers" in our race and we also know there are "niggers" in every other race.

"Grants Pass has always been a white man's town... the fact this is a white man's country," etc. Let us inform you, Mr. Editor, that Grants Pass has not always been "white". History informs us (let us suggest that history would help you, too), that at one time in the past, Red men inhabited those parts. So, therefore, it could not always have been a "white man's town." The Editor goes further and says the very fact that this section is a white man's country has been the cause of the "cream" of the white race coming to that section of the country. That statement contradicts itself. No "cream" of white people would make such a statement. Moreover, it is not the statement of a well balanced, clear thinking, honest white man, let alone "cream", but is the utterance of a weak, narrow and untrained mind. Therefore, if the author lives in Grants Pass or in Rogue River Valley, that section has in it something less than the "cream" of the white people. We do not say that this editor is not educated in the orthodox meaning of the term education, but there are plenty of educated fools who have missed the real purpose of education. Leopold and Loeb are educated, but who can deny they have missed the very purpose of education, and are a menace to society?

By what right does Mr. Green say jobs in this country are for whites only? Does he not know that the so-called "Negro" was brought to this country against his own will? (Here a little study in history might be helpful to the learned editor.) The white man went to Africa and invited the black man to return to America with him. The black man declined the invitation. But the white man forced the black man against his will to leave his native home and come with the white man to his home in America. Now it is the custom (a little lesson in every-day human etiquette) when one invites another to his or her home to treat their guest with respect and courtesy and to make their stay pleasant. Then it is more incumbent upon the white people to treat the "Negro" whom he forced here, not only with courtesy and respect but with sympathetic tolerance and love! By this editor's reasoning, the "Negroes" are not due anything from the white people. Where does "Mr. Intolerance" expect the "niggers" to get jobs?

For more than three hundred years the "Negro" in this country has tilled the soil, cleared the forests and laid the very foundation of American civilization; he has fought bravely in every war under the American flag for just such ingrates as Editor Green.

The fact our forefathers made some mistakes three hundred years ago is no reason for quarrel or misunderstanding now, but we would like to say that the fact of the black man being brought here has been both profitable and helpful in many ways to both blacks and whites, as a result the white people owe the colored people a debt they can never pay and the black people owe the white people a debt which they can never pay. The Negro in this country numbers more than 12 millions; he has moral stamina, education and wealth and is still acquiring, but above all, he does not forget his God in his well doing. A few may be silenced forever by human forces, but nothing but God himself can stay the onward march of the progress of the "Negro" race to success and a place of honor in the affairs of this, its country. All this strife and intolerant attitude; all this display of prejudice and braggadocio spirit only strengthen the Race's determination in its progressive march. The Negro is here, and it looks as though he is here for good, and we advise our learned contemporary to take a different attitude towards his black brother, who is not a "foreigner" but an American citizen, 100 per cent.

"Who wants Grants Pass to be the scene of a race riot?" Three "niggers" in town and a race riot feared? Great God, what reasoning! Our contemporary shows a very "brave" streak when he is afraid of three "niggers"—but "they do say" as to how it takes at least 500 whites to lynch one Negro in sections where (white superiority) they lynch and burn men and women. Using that scale of proportions, and there being three "niggers" in Grants Pass, it would take three times 500 or 1500 whites to quell them in case of a "race riot".

So Alabama is the native home of the "Negro". Our contemporary's article is illuminating, to say the least. All our life we have been told the native home of the "Negro" was Africa, but it took the editor of an Oregon newspaper to tell us in the year of our Lord 1924 the real truth about our native home. Verily, wise men do not all come from the East, the West surely has its portion.

"Grants Pass can boast of a community that is made up of peaceful white people," etc. We believe it. We are acquainted with some white people who live in Grants Pass who do not approve of the attitude of such men as the author of the article mentioned, and it is due to their superior intelligence and tolerance of his ignorant ignorance and sophistry no doubt that the editor of the Spokesman himself has not been run out of town and back to his "native heath."

"Foreigners and niggers will lower the standard of our community morals." That depends on a lot of things which the lack of space will not permit us to discuss. But let us ask our "angel" contemporary, where did the Negro learn his vices? Not in his native Africa, but from white people with whom he has lived in this country. One of the greatest menaces to our race and to this country is the white "gentlemen" who run after and seduce colored women. Some of them go so far as to have two families, one white, the other black, and often the black family fares the better. Mr. Editor, you will know whether or not we speak the truth. The white man's race is laid at the door of that poor little Indian Maiden Pocahontas, a red girl, who was vamped by a white man. If Pocahontas could only come back today she would be surprised and chagrined on knowing of her many "white" offsprings, you know. The fact is, Negroes do not have the money nor the opportunity to sink to the low depths some white people do morally.

Now, we are going to be charitable to our white brother. We do not judge and are not going to judge the entire white race by this one freak. Every race has its share of such people. If we even thought the author of this article was writing the sentiment of the good white people of Grants Pass and Southern Oregon, or if we thought they would continue to feed such propaganda, we would indeed feel very sad and disappointed. But knowing and enjoying the highest respect and friendship of some of the best people in the white race, some of whom live in that section, we feel certain of the fact that the author does not represent the thought of the best element, but belongs to a very mediocre class. Therefore, with malice towards none but with a heart full of pity and love, we ask our Father who art in Heaven this day to lead that poor, misguided editor of the Spokesman into the sunlight of His love.

SUCH IS THE END
The recent tragic death of Baron Wilkins of New York, one of the best known sporting and wealthy citizens of our group, has stirred Harlem as nothing else could. Wilkins was shot down in cold blood by a gambler and a dope fiend whom he had refused the loan of an hundred dollars. However, this is usually the fate which overtakes the man who grows rich and powerful from the earnings of the underworld.

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A splendid letter from our friend Wallace Battle, president of Okolona Industrial School, Okolona, Miss., encloses a check saying "to help along the cause of your great publication."

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BAPTISTS' UNION CELEBRATION

Next Sunday is to be a memorable day in the history of the Baptist churches in Portland. On that day a religious and patriotic celebration will be held that the ties of unity now existing between the several Baptist churches will be more firmly cemented, and that the principles of brotherly love will be more firmly established in the minds and hearts of the members and friends of that great religious body. The union of the churches is brought about by the untiring efforts and sacrifices made by the pastors, officers and members of both churches. The uniting of these forces should not only be gratifying and the cause of rejoicing for the acting pastor, Rev. E. C. Dyer, and the members, but should include every member of our group as well as the white friends and supporters of the church. For, as matters stood, it was a great financial burden and a mighty hard struggle for the pastor and members of each church to make ends meet; besides, it lessened the spirit of friendship and brotherly love, the foundational principles of Christianity. Those who love, honor and respect the great church of Christ are happy now that the union of the churches is a reality.

Let all who can go out tomorrow (Sunday) and worship and rejoice with the re-united membership of Mt. Olivet Baptist church.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the progress and advancement of our group in social and fraternal circles is the sad mistake we too often make of placing small brains and narrow souls, unrepresentative men and women at the head of those organizations, forgetting that the organizations are judged by their leaders.

Local and Foreign News Briefs

Mrs. Martha J. Strain, 225 Meade street, is confined in St. Vincent's hospital, where she underwent an operation Saturday, May 31st.

L. B. Stewart and his young son, Lewis Jr., left Saturday, the 31st, for Sacramento, Cal., where the former will attend the Masonic Grand Lodge, after which they will journey to Los Angeles for an indefinite stay. Mr. Stewart is a member of Excelsior Lodge of this city and also of several organizations and is a member of Bethel church. Before leaving the city, Mr. Stewart resigned from the Portland Post Office as mail carrier, a position he had held for many years.

A Shooting Bee. Gladstone Agard and Grover Johnson staged a shooting bee Tuesday night at the corner of First and Sheridan streets. It is said that Johnson fired three shots at Agard but none of them hit the mark. Agard, it is said, attempted to shoot Johnson first, but his gun failed to fire. It is said the two men were rivals for the affection of the woman whom it is said that the late Paul Davis committed suicide about.

Joseph A. Wisdom is on his vacation from May 28th to June 7th. Mr. Wisdom has been employed in the Custom House for more than 23 years and at the age of more than 76 years, over the age limit for his service, will be let out in September permanently with a pension from the government for life, and at his death the pension will go to his widow as long as she remains unmarried. Mr. Wisdom is one of Portland's finest citizens, and an ardent church worker. He and his charming wife own a beautiful home on Union Avenue.

P. P. B. A. of A. NOTES

The meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary at the Y. W. C. A. was well attended Monday, June 2. Definite plans were decided upon relative to a Charity Ball. Watch The Advocate for the announcement. The Social Meetings of the Auxiliary will discontinue during the summer months, but there will be a business meeting the first Monday of every month, at 8:30 P. M.

Local Lodge No. 26 expects the Grand Chairman, Mr. Perry Parker, and Director Mr. R. L. Williams of Chicago and San Francisco respectively to be with them at the third tri-monthly meeting, June 17. Every Pullman porter in the city is expected to be present.

P. S. Delacy, 63 East 60th street, North, was a pleasant caller at our office Wednesday last week on business. Mr. Delacy brought us a very illuminating publication.

Edgar Robinson, well known Portland man, who now resides in Oakland, Cal., was a Portland visitor Wednesday.

DOINGS OF THE ELKS

Joe Prescott, one of the charter members of Rose City Lodge of Elks, is ill and confined to his home.

Bob Lawrence, who has been on the sick list for several months, left this week for California to recuperate. William McKinley Taylor, Loyal Knight of Rose City Lodge, tendered his resignation at the last meeting of the Lodge for the reason he would not be able to be present at the lodge meeting prior to the next election.

All the Bills and their Brothers will be out to the meeting Wednesday, June 11th, the same being election of officers night.

Visit Seattle. Memorial Day a number of Portland citizens motored to Seattle returning the next day. Known members of the party were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Morton and Fred McClear.

Mrs. Stevens, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Williams, visited her husband in Seattle last week where he is interested in the restaurant business.

Ice cream parlor. Within a few days a finely equipped ice cream and confectionery parlor will be opened in the Broadway and Everett street store room of the Hotel Golden West. E. Richardson, who is the promoter of the badly needed enterprise, promises service equal, if not better, than any to be had in the city. His motto will be: Nothing too good for my customers.

Editor writes. W. T. Andrews, one of Baltimore's most prominent attorneys, editor of the Baltimore American and good citizen, writes to the editor of The Advocate that he contemplates a visit to the coast this Summer and has placed Portland especially on his list. Attorney Andrews is a widower and will be a "whale of a catch" for any woman.

The "Portland Bees" will play the Oswego baseball team at Oswego, Sunday, June 8, at 2:30 P. M. John Jamison has returned home from Washington, D. C. Mr. Jamison looks well and is enthusiastic over his law work there.

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.

SUMMONS

In the District Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah

N. W. Legal Adj. Co., an Oregon corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
Ed. Kleinschmidt and Harriet Kleinschmidt, his wife, Defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, on or before the 19th day of July, 1924, the last day of six weeks' publication hereof, or for want thereof plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: For judgment against you and each of you in the sum of \$93.50, interest on said amount at 6 per cent per annum from November 3, 1923, until paid and costs and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published once a week for six consecutive weeks, pursuant to an order of the Honorable Martin Hawkins, a judge of the above entitled court, made and entered in said suit on the 4th day of June, 1924. The date of the first publication hereof being June 7, 1924, and the date of the last publication hereof being July 19, 1924.

B. F. LINDAS,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

517 Abington Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

Saturday, June 7, 1924

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah
Probate Department
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the Estate of Virginia Butler of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at 312 Macleay Bldg., Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

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EDWARD J. MAGRUDER,
Administrator.

Mrs. E. D. Cannady, Attorney.

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J. S. Bell, photographer, has received an invitation from Eastman's Kodak Co. of Rochester, N. Y. to attend its school of professional photography, to be held at the Multnomah Hotel, June 15-16-17; also to bring his registered employees. But Mr. Bell says that the colored people of Portland have given him such poor support or patronage that he will be forced not only to attend the school alone, but thinks it will soon be necessary for him to seek a city more thickly populated with colored people who have more race pride to support race industry than they show in Portland.

The Cotillion Club closed the season with a brilliant dance at the Stag Club Monday evening when a large number of couples danced to their hearts' content to music furnished by Turner's orchestra. Delicious refreshments were dispensed by the committee on entertainment and attractive paper caps were given as souvenirs of the occasion. Old fashion dances were also a feature.

The Advocate is in receipt of an invitation from Walter White, Assistant Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., to attend the annual conference of the Association at Philadelphia, beginning June 25th.

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