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HIGHEST COLORED MAN IN RAILWAY POSTAL SERVICE VISITS HERE HOSPITAL HAS COLORED CONTROL

COLORED DOCTOR AT LAST MADE SUPERINTENDENT AT TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA—FIGHT OF COLORED RACE WON FOR RACE CONTROL WHERE RACE PEOPLE ARE SEGREGATED

National Equal Rights League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Worked Together for This Right and Logical Result.

(Special.)
Tuskegee, Ala., July 7.—Alas, Dr. J. H. Ward of Indianapolis, Ind., has been appointed superintendent of the Veterans' Hospital. This makes Dr. Ward official head of the institution, thus ending a long fought battle on the part of the colored people of the country to have this hospital manned by colored from top to bottom.

The chief contention in the past has been that the white people at Tuskegee did not want a colored man at the head of this institution, claiming that the job was too big for a colored person, and especially so in as much as the government was paying the bills.

At one time, about a year ago, when it seemed that despite their protest a colored personnel would be placed in charge, a band of Ku Klux Klan marched upon the institution with the hope of frightening colored physicians, nurses and attendants, so as to put fear in their hearts to the end that no race person would have the courage to accept the office as superintendent against their will.

This act on the part of the Klan, it is said, came very near bluffing the U. S. Government (Gen. Hines) and for a time it looked as though the Klan had won.

But, as has been said, "All is well that ends well," and now that the last of the white attendants have been succeeded by colored, everything is moving smoothly at Veterans' Hospital No. 91, for the first time during its existence.

NEEDING MEAL TICKET, LEASE OWNER OFFERED 20 ACRES FOR TWENTY DOLLARS

Could Not Sell; Lease Now Is Worth \$320,000

Here is a little joke on the managers of the Citizens' League Syndicate of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They were offered a lease for \$20 an acre, but declined to buy it because they did not want such a small amount of acreage that was remote from one of the fields of proved production in which they were operating. Besides, it seems they were willing that some of their friends be offered the opportunity. While they were busily engaged with other interests in oil fields of Texas, it so happened that a young man who had been in the habit of visiting their office from time to time offered them a twenty-acre lease for \$20. Drilling was going on near this lease, and he was patiently waiting results, but owing to the fact that he needed the money he was willing to turn his holdings for the small sum of a \$20 bill, but no one seemed to relieve him of it. On the morning of January 21st, he got a notice that precious fluid had been struck near his property. A railway train would have carried him to his possessions in less than four hours, but that was too slow—he took an airplane and covered the hundred miles more quickly. Arriving at his destination he was immediately offered and sold his lease for \$28,000 and even this was too soon, as the lease has since become worth \$320,000.

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, NEWS

(By Arthur D. LeBon)
Mrs. Dora Serrill of 1638 Calhoun street, Alameda, was hostess at a spaghetti dinner, honoring the Misses Figeroa and Ryan of Lake Charles, La., July 19th, at her beautifully appointed home. Covers were laid for twelve guests who enjoyed the delicious repast immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Winn, 2325 23rd avenue, have as their guest Mrs. Francis of Bronham, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Terry had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. A. D. LeBon and baby Darrell for a drive over the hills of Berkeley, Alameda and Neptune Beach in their new automobile.

Presley S. Winfield is sporting a new sedan. He was also seen with a new girl. Always busy, is Pres.

TENTS, TENTS, TENTS!
For Rent—Completely furnished tents at Curry's Colony, Seaside, Oregon. Write or phone J. W. Curry, 107 N. 14th St. Broadway 1541—adv.

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Local and Foreign News Briefs

For Rent—Furnished tent; stove, bed, dishes and everything; fishing, swimming and bathing. Phone Mrs. R. F. Morrison, Sunset 2941—adv.

Stay off date August 25th—Picnic Dance by Mt. Hood Club, Rosche's Park—adv.

All kinds of artistic job printing done on our own press by The Advocate Printing Company, 312 Macleay Building, Broadway 5807—adv.

The Golden Trail—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turner are spending the summer at Warrenton, Oregon, where they are dispensing music for the guests at The Golden Trail Lodge, a popular resort.

Wanted—Men or women to take orders for genuine guaranteed hosiery for men, women and children. Eliminating darning. Salary \$75 a week full time, \$1.50 an hour spare time. Beautiful line, all colors. International Stocking Mills, Norristown, Pa.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Booker, 1522 Cross street, Little Rock, Ark., a baby boy, May 2nd, christened Robert Union Jones Booker.

The Correct Use of the English Language

Edited by Mrs. E. J. Magruder, 260 Cook Ave., Portland, Ore.

Note—Send your questions to be answered in this column to the above address, not later than Tuesday of each week.

Manners
This week I shall write a few thoughts on manners. Next week I shall take up the subject: Concord of the Infinite With the Principal Verb.

Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse, whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred man in company.

Good manners are the settled medium of social, as specie is of commercial life; returns are equally expected of both, and people will no more advance their civility to a bear than their money to a bankrupt.

Manners should bespeak the man, independent of fine clothing. The man or woman who has good manners, will certainly make an extra effort to speak correct English.

Good manners are blossoms of good sense and good feeling. If the law of kindness be written in the heart, it will lead to that disinterestedness in both great and little things—that desire to oblige, and that attention to the gratification of others, which are the foundation of good manners.

Emerson says, "Defect in manners is usually the defect of fine perceptions. Elegance comes of no breeding but of birth. Our manners and customs ought to go for more in life than our qualities;" that is why I have dealt on good manners first, for if we are efficient in that, I am sure we will acquire the habit of speaking correct English.

CONVICT BECOMES OIL MILLIONAIRE

Jefferson City, Mo., May 6.—D. H. Haynes, Negro convict with a string of aliases, serving a three-year term for forgery in the state penitentiary here, was notified that he had become a multi-millionaire.

Attorneys from Oklahoma City informed him that oil had been struck on a section of land in Mexico owned by him and advised him not to accept less than \$4,000,000 for the property. Haynes has served terms in the Oklahoma state penitentiary and the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

**NOTARY PUBLIC
ADVOCATE OFFICE**

Big Lake No. 10 Came in July 11 Making 2760 Barrels Daily STIMULATES BOOM ON GREAT MARATHON FOLD

Each successive producer grows larger and confirms trend of production. In other words, the closer they come towards Block 88, the larger are the wells.

Block 88 means J. A. Mercer. Good judgment is the only guide in making an oil investment. The writer has used judgment in the selection of this lease. This statement has been sustained by the development of the past week.

Thousands of people who owned leases have made money in the last few months by the bringing in of nearby wells. You could do the same in the next few months, if you only open your eyes and take a fling at fortune.

Oil men from Texas, California, Wyoming and Washington are now in the City of Portland. All are here for the sole purpose of purchasing leases on Blocks 85, 86, 87 and 88, which consist of 2560 acres and are owned by J. A. Mercer. It is out of this tract of ground that I am offering you leases, and if 95 chances out of 100 in your favor to make a quick fortune from a small investment would interest you, you had better get in touch with me at once.

You cannot hope for an inside proposition like this to remain open for an indefinite period. Substantial offers are being made for these holdings almost every day by men who are directly in touch with the situation surrounding this acreage. This tip can mean a fortune to you if you will only accept it.

Emerson said: "If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or build a better mouse trap than his neighbor, even though his house is in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door."

We have practiced Emerson's theory, and have always found it to work out successfully.

Our Lease business is proof of the fact that when you give people a "Square Deal" and furnish oil leases that are better than any others on the market, the public will buy these Leases in preference to others.

Our Leases have never been shown to a Lease man who did not say they were better than any Lease he had ever seen.

All papers are properly and legibly drawn and recorded. Every Lease is guaranteed, and our guarantee is worth one hundred cents on the dollar.

A man dealing in Oil Leases can better afford to handle our Leases, because he knows that if there should ever be a "come back" on any of them, we stand ready and willing to cheerfully make it good.

Our prices are right, our terms are liberal, our treatment of customers is all that could be desired, and our readiness to serve our patrons with information is not surpassed by any Lease dealer.

With a large and competent office force, with a well established business, with a reputation for fair and square dealing second to none, and with a large stock of leases always on hand, we offer our services to the public, and invite correspondence with all those interested in buying oil lands in America, Canada and the whole of Mexico.

We sell leases in bulk from 1000 acres to 100,000, and also furnish 10, 20, 40 and 80-acre tracts.

We give prompt service, whether filling an order, or answering an inquiry, and it is our constant endeavor to so capably and successfully manage our business as to preclude the possibility of having a dissatisfied customer. In other words, remembering Emerson's prescription for success, we are putting it to the test, and the world is "making a beaten path to our door."

Our business is booming, and yet, we want more, and we invite the buying public to get in touch with us. Write us for prices and information about Crockett leases. You can get in touch with

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OIL TAKES WIDOW OUT OF POVERTY

Los Angeles, Cal., June 17.—Mrs. Nina Smythe, Los Angeles, with several children to support, thought she was out of luck when compelled to toil as a laundress for a small weekly wage. By rigid economy she managed to save several hundred dollars with which she took a chance in an oil investment, and now she enjoys an income of \$2000 a week.

For Sale—House and four lots; terms. Call Broadway 5807 for details. adv.

JOHN D. GAINNEY OF WASHINGTON, D. C., ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK IN U. S. RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE ON COUNTRY-WIDE TOUR SPENDS SEVERAL DAYS VISITING CITY OF ROSES

Highest Position and Highest Salary of Colored Man in the Service Wins Place by Hard Work and Efficiency—Represents 22,000 Employees.—Likes Bobbed Hair.

Portland was honored this week with the presence of Hon. John D. Gainney, second assistant chief clerk at large U. S. Railway Mail Service. Mr. Gainney's appointment is the first time in the history of the postoffice department that a colored man has held such a high position. He has offices in the Postmaster General's office at Washington, D. C. Mr. Gainney's special duty is to look after the welfare of the colored employes, hear their grievances and be their good friend in helping them to overcome their difficulties that are inevitable in such a big business. Mr. Gainney owes his appointment to the desire of the colored men in the service for such a position for one of their group, and to the fairmindedness of Honorable Paul Henderson (son-in-law of Congressman Martin B. Madden, whom Mr. Gainney believes to be the "best friend the Negro ever had in Congress"), who readily gave the race official recognition in Mr. Gainney receiving the position. Mr. Gainney has been in the department in his present capacity for a little more than a year and during that time he has been so successful in bringing about a better understanding between the department and the employes that his work has attracted the attention of the Postmaster General and the First Assistant Postmaster General, and they have requested him to do similar work for all colored employes in the service. He is the Postmaster General's personal representative to 22,000 colored employes in various departments of the service throughout the United States.

Mr. Gainney is now working to do away with the photographic identification of employes, because while it was not intended to be unfavorable towards the race, he believes it has become so, and feels that if he accomplishes this during his tenure in office, that he will have done one of the biggest jobs and most helpful ever undertaken. Mr. Gainney not only holds the highest office of any colored man in the service, but he receives the highest salary of any colored man in the service. His advancement reads something like a novel. He came from the lowest position in the service to his present exalted office by sheer hard work and good luck. When a young man his mother wanted him to be a physician, so he studied at Flint Medical College, New Orleans, La., his native city, and after plodding through his studies for a couple of years, he finally decided that anatomy was too dry for him and so he just came into the mail service—he hardly knows how. He took the civil service examination for railway mail clerk in New Orleans and passed. He then went to Missoula, Montana, where he entered into the active work as railway postal clerk. He remained there for seven years and then transferred to Chicago, where he worked in the Railway Mail Terminal Postoffice for twenty-two years. Mr. Gainney says that there are many men in the service who are capable of doing the work as well as he, and attributes his appointment to the fact that Mr. Henderson set eyes upon him first.

Mr. Gainney left his offices at Washington on the 15th day of May and has covered nearly every state in the Union, coming in personal contact with nearly every colored employe in the territory covered. This personal contact with the employes, Mr. Gainney believes, will help raise the morale of the men. He has the happy and almost rare faculty of knowing and remembering every man in the service, and invariably meets them with a happy "Hello, John," or "Howdy, Ben." He even knows the names of every member of some of the families and if there is a divorce and a second marriage, he also knows the name of the first as well as the second spouse. He likes the fellowship of his co-workers and is happy when in their midst. As a result, everywhere on his tour he has had all kinds of courtesies shown him.

Mr. Gainney travels on a pass issued by the Postal Department and bearing the official signature of Henry S. New, Postmaster General. It says in part, referring to the bearer: "He will be obeyed and respected accordingly by mail contractors, postmasters and all others connected with the postal service."

While Mr. Gainney made his trip expressly on official business, he took time to inquire into the general welfare of our group everywhere he went, and it was particularly refreshing to hear him say that colored people in many of the Southern States were getting along finely. He noted that better relations existed between the two races, that colored people were prosperous generally, many owning beautiful, magnificent homes and businesses. He had particular words of praise for the people of the Lone Star State.

Mr. Gainney is single and on the eligible list, girls. He says, "let 'em bob their hair if they want to, smoke, too, if they wish." He also thinks hiking trousers look good on the female species and the appropriate garb for outing and the like. He is strictly modern in his views concerning the ladies.

While in the city Mr. Gainney was extended special courtesies by W. S. Reed, 350 Ivy street, railway postal clerk for 16 years. For seven years Mr. Reed ran from Portland, Oregon, to Roosevelt, Washington. The lines are divided into classes, A and B being the highest class. There are four grades in the A and six grades in B. Mr. Reed has made all the grades except one, and is aspiring to it.

There is an interesting story connected with his work and how he came to go into the railway mail service. He did not intend to. He came to Portland after hearing and reading of its being a great lumber center, to do day work, making fancy embellishments for porches, stairways and the like, but upon answering advertisements for men who were wanted to do that kind of work, his color barred him, and he finally decided to take the civil service examination and out of a class of 110, all white but himself, 50 passed and out of that 50 Reed stood 13th.

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Mrs. Josie Boulware of Lewiston, Idaho and Mrs. Lee of Los Angeles, Cal. are stopping at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Fuller, 839 Tibbetts streets.

A card from Mrs. G. E. Westbrook of Fort Worth, Texas, announces their safe arrival back home after a very pleasant trip to the Pacific Northwest.

Mrs. W. P. Morrison is a recent arrival in the city from Dallas, Texas, and is stopping at the residence of Mrs. Collins, 228 Schuyler street. Mrs. Morrison is a graduate beauty culturist and herself a founder of a system of beauty culture. She plans to open a beauty shop here if the outlook is good.

Mrs. Jerry H. Turner, 1201 East Grant street, has just returned from a trip to Los Angeles, Calif., where she went to visit the sick bedside of her sister, Mrs. Bargenner whom she reports as seriously ill.

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