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

A Bible Thought for Today

A BENEDICTION FOR THE NEW YEAR: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—Numbers 5:24-26.

Superiority

Ever since the statisticians discovered that the black peoples of the world outnumbered the whites in point of massive population the latter have been sounding the world call for coalition, and economists, sociologists and diplomats have been summoned to the "carpet" to make sure that there was no danger of the black peoples circumnavigating the political and social globe. First, alarm was sounded over the tendency of whites to flee from Africa, leaving that country to development by unadulterated blacks.

Then a movement was fostered and encouraged in this country to cause blacks to emigrate to the country south of the Sahara, in the hope that their advancement would not be a world advancement, but, rather, would move towards a center which could be easily controlled by the commercial giants of the great white world.

Finally, the thought of white supremacy was broadcast over Europe and Asia, with a secret attempt to "read out" of the so-called group of "purists" several races which were of an origin decidedly apart from the Nordics. European sociologists and others who believed in the commercial supremacy of Europe, first, and racial supremacy, last, were very loathe to lend a friendly ear to any project which might stifle the productive and financial progression of that great area. South America, with a large population of darker peoples, failed to catch the spirit of being the "monkey on the string" in any world plan of supremists, and the result has been that the white world has had to change its geographical limits and make a gesture to some peoples who, in the beginning, were considered highly undesirable, except for the purposes of exploitation. Strict lines have been erased, and the olive branch is being graciously extended to certain peoples whom learned sociologists long ago placed in the ranks of darker races. The result of the new racial equations is plainly apparent. It's just like geometry. A equals B; and C equals B. Therefore, A equals C, and no one can forecast when the plus or minus will be in order. World white supremacy and all other supremacy, based upon color or race, is on the rocks, which is the proper place for such selfish idealisms.

The Open Forum

We have been repeatedly asked to open a column to be known as "The Open Forum" in The Advocate, where readers of The Advocate may express their views on questions and happenings of the day. Acting upon the requests, such a column will be open free to the public beginning with the next issue of The Advocate. There will be certain restrictions, of course. Letters must not be too long, say not over 300 words; they must be signed by the author, even though the author wishes his or her name not used when publishing; they must reach our office not later than Wednesday of each week to be printed the following Saturday. Who'll be the first!

With a book club and a music club and a charity club and a social club and a church club and a young folks' club and a tennis club and a 500 club and a 400 club and an art club and a O, darn it, that's about all the clubs there is. With all these clubs

functioning, the colored people in Portland ought to be quite normally developed.

Man Is a Funny Being

Some white people, just as some colored people, are very funny and hard to understand. A case in point: A few years ago white people were wondering why and severely criticizing colored people because they (the colored) sought to imitate them (the white) and because many of the colored people acted as if they were ashamed of their race. Now that colored people are boosting their race; teaching their children their own proud history, disseminating race literature and teaching that black is as criterion as white, and all around developed a keener racial consciousness, some white people are still not satisfied with that. Some white editors of newspapers have even called attention to the fact that some colored editors refer to their race as "the Race", using a capital "R". What are we to do? We are criticised for not teaching pride of race and then when we do we are criticised for teaching race pride. Some people are certainly funny beings.

We commend Miss Margie Danley's efforts to organize a Banker's Club. And may we offer the suggestion to read some of the well known race literature!

Cleaning Up Portland

Mayor Baker, a number of local ministers and a few of the leading citizens, have joined hands in a movement to rid the city of its gambling clubs, bootlegging joints and houses of prostitution. In other words, they plan to clean up Portland. Not in words as has been the case too long, but in reality. To do this as Mayor Baker has aptly said, is a mighty big job, for the reason that the lawless element has held sway so long, and stands so solidly together with some of the higher-ups who have such a strong pull with some authorities, that it will require the combined effort of all who stand for good law, both authorities and private citizens. If this job of cleaning is done, it will be the saving of many young people of both races from a premature grave and a life of shame and crime. The Advocate heartily endorses the movement and hopes it will succeed.

Winners

Although the winners of two contests which are reported in this issue are far removed from us geographically they are very close to us by blood and we naturally feel justly proud over their achievements. First, a young Houston, Tex., miss wins in a music contest and is awarded a scholarship for higher musical education; then there is the young man who was awarded the second prize for the best "Safety First" slogan offered in cartoon. And then we feel proud of Miss Groo, for she has not only won for our fair city a \$15,000 electrical honor but has given inestimable advertisement to the City of Roses. Now let us have more prize winners.

Preachers

Before a preacher is found who can please all the members of his flock in Portland, some plan must be worked out whereby he can be "made to order", and each old timer must be on hand to witness the cutting of the pattern and the making. If this suggestion were workable, we hardly think there would be so much fault finding and grumbling about the pastor; staying away from church threatening to quit and joining other churches.

Elks Grand Lodge Meeting

We are told that a proposition will soon be submitted to all lodges of Elks as to whether or not they favor the annual or biennial meeting of the Grand Lodge. For our part we go on record now in favor of the biennial session, and we believe that a majority of the members of the lodges will rise and assert themselves by voting to do away with the annual meeting, substituting the biennial session. We would also like to see inaugurated a different method of representation at the Grand Lodge. Say reduce the number of delegates to one from each lodge and do away with the extravagant, senseless method of a delegate for every hundred or a part of a hundred members of a lodge. If the money which is annually spent by the lodges to send a number of delegates to the annual convention were totaled it would be found to reach a sum that would in no way be commensurate with the good accomplished. Therefore, the best interest of the order demands that each lodge register its vote in favor of the biennial session of the noble order of Elks and use the money spent in having the annual sessions with big delegations to

strut their stuff in a dress parade, towards buying and fitting up creditable lodge halls and assisting unfortunate, worthy members and building business enterprises.

The Case of Erickson

August Erickson, once the largest gambling house conductor in Portland, the largest saloon keeper, and the recognized boss of the underworld, whose wealth was estimated at more than a million dollars, died in a local hospital last week, penniless and friendless. The sad end of Erickson is the sad end that comes to most men who commercialize vice, who make their living off the shortcomings and weaknesses of men and women. Who by running gambling hells, where husbands and fathers congregate and lose their hard earnings, thus causing misery and want in their respective families; where young men go and lose not only their money but their most priceless possessions—health, ambition and character. To all of these sorrows and miseries, Erickson and all others of his kind, are blind, but Erickson's end is the final end of all gambling and underworld bosses.

Hon. John Clarke, one of the oldest and most widely known attorneys in Philadelphia, is serving a jail sentence of nine months for extortion and embezzlement. There was a man who, not only held high and honored positions in Philadelphia, but who has been honored with well paying positions in Washington. Clarke is credited with leading many successful fights in Philadelphia against discrimination and segregation of his race.

Auto rides, good dinners and wine make lots of friends, but in the time of adversity, not one of those friends is to be found.

We have seen few people who could see their own faults and convict themselves at the bar of their own conscience.

Some folks think they are making good when the truth is, they are only making noise. The secret of success in this world is a man's ability to aim straight, hold tight, and keep hitting the spot ahead of him.

Following a stormy session with some of the members of the ministerial union opposing him, and Mayor Baker and others pleading for his coming, an invitation was extended to Billy Sunday, the great sensational evangelist, to perform in Portland some time during the year.

HOTEL NOTES

Joe Herman, formerly assistant manager of The Portland, has landed a fat job as steward at the Chamber of Commerce which pays a princely salary.

The Oregon Grille closed its doors on New Year's eve. This is the hotel where colored waiters were promoted jobs only to be turned down later because of the protest of the union.

Edgar Douglas, a dining car waiter of Columbia, S. C., who was accidentally shot last September by a dining car conductor, has brought suit against the Southern Railroad company for \$25,000. Stanley, head porter at The Portland, sustained a fractured or badly sprained ankle a few days ago when he slipped and fell.

Joe Crane, private waiter at The Portland for a number of years, and later a janitor in the main dining room for several weeks, was let out Wednesday. Joe is among the fastest waiters in the city, and was paid a larger salary than any other waiter. Joe is well liked and it was because of this that his many shortcomings were overlooked for so long a time by the manager, heads of departments and guests. In losing out, Joe has no one to blame but himself.

WAITERS wanted at The Portland January 15th and January 22nd. See head waiter for further information.

All kinds of plumbing work and trouble shooting. Call SEllwood 1021.

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WASHINGTON BOY HOME FROM NEAR EAST



ALFRED MERRITT

Alfred Merritt, who has just returned to his home in Tacoma after three years service for the Near East Relief in Russian Armenia. "Unless you have been over there and have seen thousands upon thousands of children gradually develop from practical savagery, to which they had been reduced, into happy useful self-supporting members of humanity you can never know what that country owes to America. The work is not finished yet but after this year should begin to diminish. With thousands of children still hungry in refugee camps this is no time to think of reductions or withdrawals."

Ted Gannaway, a boy from Medford and Seattle, is busy distributing clothing in Greece. He pays the refugees women, many of them expert needlewomen, a few cents a day for making over the clothing. Then if a man is able to pay any price whatever he is expected to pay all that he can afford, although often only a few cents, for the clothing. We are determined not to pauperize these people, who, until a few years ago, were prosperous and self-respecting. So carefully does Ted Gannaway handle this clothing that he actually turns back a profit each month, a profit which is used for the purchase of food for the children of whom there are thousands and thousands hungry in Greece today.

The same sort of miracles are wrought with old clothing across the Black Sea in the Russian Caucasus where about half of the expense of the work is met through contributions of old clothing from America. The Russian government pays a stated sum for these tons of clothing, and they are furnished to workers who make them over and put them in shape for sale to the bazaars or shops. Again the people are not pauperized for those who can pay, pay a small amount, and only the cases of the most desperate need receive free gifts.

At present, Mr. Merritt says, the state of the Armenians is most unhappy. They are being tormented of Greece, and, as they are not allowed in Turkey or Russia, they have nowhere to go, but are gathered in refugee stations along the shores of the Mediterranean sea, waiting for the League of Nations to decide what is to be done with them. "Why the allies allowed the Turks to get off so easy is more than any of us can understand," he said, discussing the situation in the Levant. "That was certainly a most terrible mistake, and we have not begun yet to know how terrible it was."

Stay off date, January 26th. A four-act drama, "Al Azar Temple"—Adv.

NOTICE

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

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

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Scott's Official History of The American Negro in the World War, by Emmett J. Scott, A. M., LL. D., special assistant to the secretary of war, can be purchased at The Advocate office, 312-313 Macleay Building, Broadway 5807.—adv.

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LYNCHINGS SHOW A DECREASE

Officers of Law Prevent 45 Lynchings

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 31, 1924.

To the Editor: I send you the following concerning lynchings for the past year as compiled by Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research. I find there were 16 persons lynched in 1924. This is the smallest number lynched in any year since records of lynchings have been kept, and is 17 less than the number 33 for the year 1923 and 41 less than the number 57 for the year 1922. Nine of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, six from jails and three from officers of the law outside of jails.

There were 45 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Two women, one white and one colored, were among those thus saved. Eight of these preventions of lynchings were in Northern states and 37 in Southern states. In 36 of the cases the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In 9 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would-be lynchers. In four instances during the year persons charged with being connected with lynching mobs were indicted. Of the 19 persons thus before the courts only five were convicted. These were given jail sentences.

Of the 16 persons lynched all were negroes. Seven or less than one-half of those put to death were charged with rape or attempted rape.

The offenses charged were: Murder, 1; rape, 5; attempted rape, 2; killing officer of the law, 2; insulting woman, 3; attacking woman, 1; killing man in altercation, 1; wounding man, 1.

The states in which lynchings occurred, and the number in each state are as follows: Florida, 5; Georgia, 2; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 2; Missouri, 1; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 1. Yours very truly, R. R. Moton, Principal.

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News of the Churches

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ST. PHILLIPS MISSION Rodney at Knott St. 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.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Rev. E. C. Dyer, Pastor BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH Larrabee and McMillen Streets Rev. F. X. Runyon, Pastor. E. L. Jameson, Assistant

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH 76th and E. Everett Sts. Preaching every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Take MV car. Everybody invited.

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Stay off January 19th. Dahlia Temple will have a Hard Time Ball.

"Our Gang" (By George) "Fatty" Smith rose unusually early one morning; he was going to surprise his mother by having breakfast ready before she came downstairs. He began by "making the cereal." He was looking around in the cupboard when his eyes fell upon "cayenne pepper." "Fatty" said to himself that it had such a big name, that it ought to go well with the cereal. So he mixed a goodly portion of "cayenne pepper" with his "cereal." Then he set about frying the bacon and eggs. He put them in the frying pan and set the pan over a brilliantly lighted gas plate and went outside to see if any of his neighbors were up as early as he was. Just as "Fatty" was about to return to see how his "bacon and eggs" were "coming up," he heard his mother's angry voice calling him. He hurried to see what was the matter. Well, the bacon was crisp and black as charcoal and there was the "remains" of what formerly were eggs. The cereal had boiled over on the floor and all over the range; the air was smoky and very smelly and poor "Fatty's" mother turned tables and surprised him with a right good licking on the rear of his brand new corduroy hiking trousers. And from that early morning until this, "Fatty" has never again attempted to surprise anyone, least of all his MOTHER. (Another story next week)

FOR RENT—Furnished 3-rm. apartment, 652 E. Morrison St. East 8888.—(Adv.)

COLORED Men wanted to qualify for sleeping car and train porters. Experience unnecessary. Transportation furnished. Write T. McCaffrey.

Manhattan Lodge of Elks Not Suspended New York, Dec. 31.—Contrary to rumor, Manhattan Lodge No. 45, I. B. P. O. E., has not been suspended, according to J. R. B. Whitney, of the trustee board, and Attorney Richard L. Baltimore. "The lodge has not been suspended and we have no evidence that it will be," they said, in a statement to The Amsterdam News. According to Messrs. Whitney and Baltimore, the disturbance at Imperial Hall, was not caused by the members of Manhattan Lodge, but by the grand lodge "Manhattan Lodge," they said, "was not in session at the time. The trouble was caused by the setting-up of the grand lodge. As soon as that was adjourned, Manhattan Lodge proceeded in its usual quiet way to the election of officers." They also deny that anyone was badly or even slightly hurt, and that no chair or other furniture was broken. "The affair was exaggerated. The injuries John Lovett is said to have sustained were mostly rumor. He is walking the streets now," they declare. Brothers Edgar Williams, Prince Parties and George Saunders are on the sick list. Brother Williams and Parties are improving and B-other Saunders remains about the same. Attorney Ceruti, E. F. of the Los Angeles lodge of Elks, while attending a ball last week given by the order, was relieved of his automobile by a thief, and so far he has failed to locate it. The officers of Dahlia Temple, Dr. Elks were installed at their meeting last Tuesday night by the newly elected District Deputy, Beatrice H. Cannady. Dr. Pauline Young will wield the gavel for the next six months as the newly-elected Dr. Ruler. Dr. Alice Schaeffer, 600 Powell St., who has been ill for a long time, died at the family residence Wednesday night. The funeral of Dr. Alice Schaeffer will be held Saturday, January 10th, at 1 p. m., from Finley's Mortuary under the auspices of Dahlia Temple, No. 202, I. B. P. O. E. of the W. and the Court of Calanthe. Dr. Schaeffer was a member in good standing of both orders. PAULINE YOUNG, Daughter Ruler. LULA HUBBARD, Daughter Secretary. E. J. O'Riley, a good Bill of Rose City Lodge has accepted a position on the Railroad at Longview, Wash. O'Riley was in the city visiting his better half Monday, and reports the little town of Longview as a prosperous place and that the two hundred or more colored people down there are all working and doing well.

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HEIFETZ, NOTED VIOLINIST, TO PLAY HERE AGAIN

Presented by the Elwyn Concert Bureau

Jascha Heifetz, the great violinist who will play here Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Auditorium, under Elwyn auspices, is no longer the boy wonder in velvet jacket and long curls. He is now a man of the world, a student of affairs, and a connoisseur of art and literature. In his New York studio apartment, surrounded by rare books purchased in London, Berlin, Paris, Tokio, Pekin, Sydney and his collection of Oriental curios, rugs, carvings and strange decorations, the distinguished violinist tells the story of his short but wonderful life.



Mr. Heifetz was born in Vilna, Russia, February 2, 1901. He began to play the violin at the age of three, and his father, a teacher of the violin in the city, spent his days teaching his remarkable son. At the age of five Jascha entered the Royal School of Music at Vilna, graduated, having learned all they could teach him before he was eight.

The boy was then taken by his family to Petrograd to enter the Conservatoire. He played the Mendelssohn Concerto for the violin at the age of six and gave his first public recital at nine in Petrograd. Soon after, he was soloist with the orchestra at Pavlovsk before an audience of 5000.

Jascha Heifetz made his American debut October 27th, 1917, at Carnegie Hall, New York, with sensational success. His second recital was sold out weeks in advance and he gave six recitals in New York that winter without once repeating his program.

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