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

"There is nothing so heart-breaking and terrible as an outburst of human savagery! When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love. Thoughts of love are constructive of brotherhood, peace, friendship and happiness. Do not think the peace of the world an ideal impossible to attain! Nothing is impossible to the divine benevolence of God."—"Pitiful Causes of War," by Abdul Baha.

French Don't Understand

It is strange how the French persist in thinking of the United States as a civilized nation. They have had sufficient evidence to the contrary but they just don't seem to understand. Now the French League for the Rights of Man, composed of deputies, senators and other distinguished French citizens, wants to bring the United States occupation of Haiti to the attention of the League of Nations. Of course, there would be no war but the French, perhaps, feel that moral suasion can be used on the United States, "this great boaster."

For the enlightenment of the French it might be said that moral argument and appeal has never produced any tangible results in this land of the free. It couldn't stop a cabinet official from giving away government oil lands or robbing insane and sick ex-servicemen. The moral law has not interfered with bootlegging by public officials, lynching or the working of young children in factories. Then why should anyone think that morality would bring the United States out of Haiti? You see, little Haiti has no navy, no army and no airplanes. These seem to be the only things which lead strong powerful nations to take high moral ground.

The Same Old Story

Upon the ground that the South is not adequately represented in the personnel of the Interstate Commerce Commission, federal tribunals created by congress to see that discrimination on the part of common carriers is done away with, when passengers or property are transported interstate, it is said that southern senators will refuse to confirm Hon. Thomas F. Woodlock, who has just been given a recess appointment to the commission by President Coolidge. The watchfulness of the South over the personnel and activities of the Interstate Commerce Commission has always been marked. And to colored people who, when traveling interstate southward through Jim Crow states are given inferior coaches and accommodations, and are otherwise harshly discriminated against in the matter of meals, sleeping berths and day coach facilities, the keen interest of the Southland in the Interstate Commerce Commission has but one interpretation.

Southern rail and water carriers, too, know full well the scope of duties and power of the commission. They know that antiquated coaches for colored passengers and up-to-date coaches for whites constitutes the grossest type of discrimination, properly cognizable by the commission. They know, when Pullman berths are withheld from colored passengers that discrimination ensues. They remember the legal precedents, they remember the cases of Edwards and Gaines, under which the obligations of common carriers are clearly set forth by the court. And they know that the Interstate Commerce Commission has power to fine a railroad \$100 a day for practicing discrimination. Last, but not least, they know that some day some able lawyer, white or black, will sue out a mandamus and invoke a performance of duties imposed by law. And, of course, the more of the South there is reposing upon the bench of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the greater solace will be felt by railroads of Dixieland, when the day of reckoning comes—for come it must—and drowning men always grasp at straws.

If the legislature will collect a tax on profanity, it can dispense with all others.

Governor Ferguson

Governor "Ma" Ferguson of Texas has not only won the distinction of being the first woman governor of the state of Texas, but she has succeeded in vindicating her husband by having the state legislature restore him to full citizenship rights. Few women would have attempted to do what "Ma" Ferguson has done and history has never recorded a greater woman.

An Indiana village constable shot and wounded five bank bandits. Such talent is needed in Chicago.

"Negress"

Wouldn't it be a fine thing if local daily newspapers would discontinue the use of the term "negress" when referring to colored women? The term may be all right when referring to beasts, but it has never been right and proper to apply the term to human beings whom the Creator of all made in His own image and likeness. We hope our local dailies will at least, soon learn this. The Advocate, along with many people, regards the use of this term as an insult upon injury. Therefore we ask in all fairness that our local papers discontinue the use of the insulting term, "negress."

Spring's coming, but we hope poetry about it isn't.

Children's Marriages

(By M. R. T.)

A startling array of facts concerning the marriage of children in the U. S. has been given to the public by the Russell Sage Foundation in a 160-page report just issued. The investigation was directed by Fred S. Hall and Mary E. Redmond, and contains statements that should shock the mothers and fathers of the nation into some kind of vigorous action. To quote from the report:

"Americans still have the romantic idea that there is something idyllic about the marriage of a boy and girl who have fallen in love with each other. The outstanding fact with respect to the marriage of a girl under 16 and a boy under 18 is the physical and mental immaturity of these children."

A statement which may disturb the pride of some of our superior 100 per cent Americans, notes the fact that 13.3 per cent of native American girls are married between the ages of 15 to 20, but only 6.3 per cent of the foreign girls of the 2nd generation are married between these ages. Is it due to the farsightedness of the foreign girl or to the innate idea of the American that marriage will give her freedom from parental restraint? This would not seem to be the case as the report declares that:

"The marriage of girls in their early and middle teens perpetuates the undemocratic relation of the sexes. 'In such a union,' says the report, 'the husband is usually older, often much older than the girl bride, and he is in charge of her—he becomes the guardian and mentor of his wife. The transfer of an immature girl from guardianship in the home of her birth to continued guardianship in the home where—had she entered it later—she might have been one of two equal partners, inevitably cripples her personality and that of her mate as well. Neither may ever know the meaning of genuine comradeship in the marriage relation.'"

In Oregon, documentary evidence is required before a boy or girl can secure working papers, but in no state is such evidence required if they want to get married, an infinitely more serious proceeding. Out of the statistics

concerned in the investigation, we find that of 240 marriages in 30 states, in 60 cases the brides were less than 14 years old, and in a number of cases she was only eleven years old. The children's parents consented to 109 of these marriages. 129 licenses were illegally issued. The average age of all but 17 of the bridegrooms was 27 years, and all of the brides being less than 16.

The recommendations of the report are extremely interesting and may be summarized as follows:

1. Minimum age for girls should be 16. 2. Require five days advance notice of intention to marry. 3. Discourage across state border marriages. 4. Destroy fee system of license bureaus—put such officials on salary bases. 5. Systematic requirements as to proof of age. 6. Require both applicants to appear for license.

A fine example set by the school board of Boston, Mass., the other day, when at the request of the "Equal Rights League" of which the intrepid race leader, William Monroe Trotter, is secretary, discontinued the use of all text books in the public schools which contained frequent reference to "niggers" and those which contained misleading illustrations about the race. Now, it might be wise for some organization to take stock of Portland school text books.

The wives of the new band men have organized to assist their husbands to put it over big. God bless the women folk, we don't know what the poor men would do without them.

Every person who stands for equal rights and justice should be a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"A song is the interpretation of the thought and spirit of a poem through music, the most important melody of which is meant to be sung."—Cady.

HOTEL NOTES

"Chuck" Williams, bell-hop at The Portland, rode the K. of P. lodge's goat Friday night of last week, and believe me, that boy is some rider.

Chester Brady, a fat, healthy-looking boy, has been signed up as a relief bell-hop at The Portland.

Eugene Carr, captain of bell-hops at The Portland, is peddling silk ties at \$3 per, and that boy has a line of talk that will make a Chinese weep.

Mr. Crawford, a pioneer hotel man, has been given the job of official relief waiter at The Portland.

J. D. Fort has the sympathy of the waiters at The Portland where he has been employed so long, in the serious illness of his wife who is now confined in the County hospital.

DOINGS OF THE ELKS

Rose City Lodge and Dahlia Temple, I.B.P.O.E. of the W. will hold their annual memorial service Sunday, April 12th. They will assemble at their hall, 381 1/2 E. Morrison St., at 1 P. M. and march in a body to Bethel church where the services will be held. The memory of those their brothers and sisters who have fallen in life's



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Rev. L. M. Curtis preached two forceful sermons Sunday and another Monday night. Departed Tuesday morning for California. Rev. A. L. Bird of Tacoma, arrived Monday and has been preaching each evening this week and will be with us next week. The services are very well attended and much interest manifested in them.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock there will be a short sermon by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Dyer, and testimonial meeting. In the evening service beginning at 8 o'clock. The Thanksgiving sermon of Mt. Hood Chapter O. E. S. No. 26, will be preached by the pastor and the Lord's Supper will be administered. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

battle, will be recalled. The services will begin promptly at 2.30 P. M. and the public is invited.

W. T. Bell, formerly a resident of this city, returned to Portland Monday on a business trip. He will remain until the 15th of the month. While in the city he is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Golden, 448 Sherrett Ave.

THEODORE SPEIRING

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not have a friendship where a man and his art were separate. "Both are one." He added: "It takes a real sincere person to be an artist, any other kind is a failure." "There are those who are trying to fool the world by having many sides. You can pass bogus feelings, but you cannot keep people in the dark always, sooner or later the deception will react badly upon the art."

Retrospecting some of his former activities, Mr. Speiring informed me he personally knew our own Harry T. Burleigh, song writer, had served recently on a program with him in New York; of having met a daughter of the late Booker T. Washington on an ocean liner en route to Berlin, Germany, and, after promising he would send me one of his collection of 24 personal letters from the late Coleridge Taylor, for my private library, we passed on to the musician himself.

When I attempted to compliment him on his conducting, just to show you how ignorant I was, as I said before, I ventured to say something about "grace and beauty." Evidently these terms were not pleasing to the musician for he hastened to remark: "Cut out the grace." "Conductors are too often chosen for the way they wear their dress coats," he added. "Does one have to play all the instruments in an orchestra before he becomes a conductor?" was my next stupid query. "No, but he has to know the instruments; he has to know the technique to bring out the intentions of the composer; after he knows it himself . . . he has to have the men in the orchestra under control and use suggestive powers. One must be ready to exact most sensational emotions or reactions from music. He must have the technique as a medium, otherwise the conductor beats time and the men play." Mr. Speiring plays the violin and he expressed a desire to return to Portland in the future to carry out an educational program of presenting drama, music, lecture, etc. While Mr. Speiring's name is Dutch, in reality he is German, Austrian, Italian, et al, with a preponderance of German.

Now we turned our attention to Roland Hayes. "Just what one thing above another impressed you about Roland Hayes singing?" I timidly asked. This time my question must have been intelligent because my subject proceeded sans correction: "His culture . . . his deep understanding of the very essence of the song and his ability to sing his interpretation." He continued: "The thought went through my mind as I listened to Mr. Hayes, I can well understand when he sings his German songs why a German audience would appreciate them. I do not know Mr. Hayes personally, and while I am sorry to admit it, it is the first time I have heard him sing, but I know, however, he must be a man of culture, a very sincere man, a spiritual man." And then assuring me that he thought Roland Hayes was doing a "tremendous" lot in overcoming race prejudice, and after I had slipped a copy of The Advocate into his hand, he, the splendid man and musician, took his leave to make ready for his train to New York, and I to record what I had learned from him, and to reflect that, after all, there are many real sincere persons in the world, and that all the noted musician had told me served to stimulate my belief that all our paths cross, re-cross and often parallel in our journey towards universal understanding and peace.

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Mrs. John McCue, Lakeside, Ore., appendicitis.

Henry Westfall, Ontario, Ore., ulcer of stomach.

Mrs. E. C. Bates, Baker, Ore., eczema.

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The Misses Catherine and Nellie Franklin, English Hedspeith and Danley returned from the Mid-Winter Conference at Vancouver, Wash., Sunday afternoon. Miss Nellie Franklin was one of the speakers at the G. R. Banquet representing the Portland Federation and delivered one of the best talks given during the entire conference.

Miss Velma Cochrane, Miss M. Flegel, Mrs. J. Shaw and Miss M. Danley were the secretaries from Portland who conducted group discussions. Over 200 girls attended this conference. Conference reports will be given on Thursday at 5.30 before the club and Girls' Work Committee.

The Grade School Reserves will meet Saturday at 1 P. M.

The High School Reserves will have their regular Social Hour on Sunday at 4 P. M.

The Bible Class will have a speaker on Monday evening, Mrs. J. Murphy, teacher of Bible Classes at the Main Association. The public is invited.

The Mothers' Club held a meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

The W. C. T. U. held the first meeting of the year at the Y. W. C. A. on Wednesday afternoon.

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Having for its speaker Maurice E. Crumpacker, United States Congressman from Oregon, and music by the Misses Dorthula Williams and Barbara Hubbard, the Portland Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. will again serve the public with an open meeting Tuesday night, the 7th of April, at First A. M. E. Zion church, 417 Williams Ave. Everyone is welcome.

Rev. W. D. Carter, formerly pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church, Seattle, is now pastor of Friendship Baptist

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church, Pasadena, Calif., according to a report in the Pasadena Star News, of that city, has launched a campaign to raise funds to erect a church building at the cost of \$65,000. The write-up, which contained a cut of Rev. Carter and a prospectus of the building, was through the courtesy of Miss Margie Danley.

Get Acquainted Club Notes

(By Genevieve Mallen)
One of the largest social affairs ever given at Mt. Olivet Baptist church was had Friday the 27th by the club. Mrs. Mable Cooper sang her best, and every number was highly appreciated by the large audience which taxed the seating capacity of the church. Miss
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April 25, at 12.15 noon, and we shall appreciate your inviting any whom you think would be interested in trying to find out how better to get along with each other.

Your recent address on the "Peace Problems of Portland" before the Fellowship was greatly appreciated and I believe will be productive of much good and will help us all to learn that no matter what the pigment of our skins we are all "just folks."

Our Fellowship is a sort of spontaneous growth and as a recent meeting we had Bahais, Roman Catholics, Protestants, preachers, teachers, lawyers, a letter carrier, housewives, merchants, editors.

We are trying to learn how to live on the same street, in the same town, in the same country and in the same world without musing up the place where we live with all sorts of fights and anyone who know whom you think would help in such discussion I wish you would invite. As the size of the room is limited, we shall appreciate it if any of your readers who plan to come will make reservations through your office. Cordially yours,
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B. Y. P. U. 6.30 p. m.
Rev. J. W. Anderson, superintendent N. W. Coast Baptist Association, returned from the field last Saturday, preached at Shiloh Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Tuesday he left for Spokane. From there he will go to Seattle, returning to Portland in time to preach at Shiloh next Sunday at 11 a. m. and in Longview, Wash., at 7 p. m.

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.

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