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"Don't ask for rights. Take them. An don't let any man give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye is lawless."—Mr. Dooley.

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

"Outwitted"

He drew a circle that shut me out— Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But Love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle that took him in. —Edwin Markham.

It's a Shame!

Working for the uplift of people who aren't so sure they want to be uplifted is a thankless task to say the least. There is one organization in the country with branches all over the country, doing all in its power to bring our racial group into the realization of its political, civil and all other rights. This organization is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It cannot work and carry out this program any farther than the people for whom it is working are willing for them to go which willingness must be evidenced by dollars and cents and moral and personal backing. There is only one of these branches which is 100 per cent strong, that is, where every member of the colored race in the community is a member of the organization. There should be more and let us in Portland make our city the second to be 100 per cent strong. It can be done. So let's do it. Some of these people who won't join the association and who are the hardest to interest in the welfare of the race, are the first to complain to the organization when their rights have been abridged or disturbed in any way. The best thing for such people to do is to get on the inside and while the organization does not draw lines, it is only human and natural to be more keenly interested in a member of the organization than one on the outside. It costs only a dollar to become a member for a whole year; why not do it! The dollar you throw away foolishly you could be putting it to good account. What's the use, come on and join the association. There is no need for us to spend more money to get this preaching printed telling you why you ought to, for you already know it is your duty to get in and help lift up yourself, and every one around you.

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Bible Instruction Great Need

"He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly." If we are getting small results in developing strong Christian character among our young people is it not because we are sowing sparingly? Jesus said, "Feed my lambs," but the Christian church is providing very meager spiritual nourishment for them. May we not, with profit, use the Daily Vocation Bible School as a means of augmenting the work of Sunday schools? A three weeks' session of three hours a day will provide almost as much time for religious instruction as the Sunday school gives in a whole year and will have the added advantage of giving the instruction day after day, thus making the work more intensive than is possible when each lesson is separated a whole week from the preceding one. The average church, through its Sunday school, provides one hour a week religious education for the children of the flock. Of this hour thirty to thirty-five minutes is devoted to a worship service, including singing, devotions and class reports. This leaves at most half an hour devoted to real instruction in Bible truth—a total of 26 hours a year of organized religious instruction. How much arithmetic or geography could our children learn in 26 hours a year, especially if the lessons came a week apart? How long would it take them to graduate from the public schools with so limited a time for instruction?

Get wisdom, get understanding, get health, get wealth and don't forget the teachings of the lowly Christ; practice the Golden Rule and all will be well.

The Advocate chronicles with deepest sympathy to the bereaved families, the deaths of Mrs. Dorothy Holden, for many years a faithful church worker and resident of Portland; and Mrs. Johnnie Fort, for many years, also a resident of the city, highly respected and honored. The passing of these women marks the passing of two noble characters, and their presence in the community will be sadly missed.

"When the soul is full of beauty When the heart is full of love, When the mind is full of purpose, That is God."

If one can judge by the poor attendance at the N. A. A. C. P. concert Tuesday night, the colored people in the city are fast asleep. Colored citizens, arouse yourselves and let us be somebody. This concert was given in order to raise funds to send a delegate to the national conference in Denver in June, but if the way you attended that event is a sign of your interest, you certainly don't want a delegate to go to the conference.

The more we study man's efforts to judge man, the more grateful we are for the mercy of God.

Emperor of the World is a small job for the man who turns out half as well as his mother expected him to.

Satan is more decent than humans. He doesn't consign to hell those people he doesn't like. No, they are not of his flock.

If Governor Pierce enters the race for United States Senator, he is certainly not the shrewd politician that he is cracked up to be.

Will They?

According to the Associated Press, (white) the Pullman Company, builders of de luxe parlor cars and coaches for the great trunk line carriers of the United States, is about to embark in the enterprise of building de luxe aerial equipment for use in a contemplated commercial travelers' air line service, soon to be inaugurated by several aeroplane companies. Cushioned aerial compartments, commodiously appointed, and not unlike the divan bay windows of the Ritz Carlton or Hotel Pennsylvania, are to be offered to serial travelers to whom the Twentieth Century Limited or the Knickerbocker Express are merely snails.

"And," says the A. P., "these Pullman compartments for aeroplanes are to be manned by Negro porters, to be taken from the Pullman service." And when we read those lines we know that there was something wrong in Denmark. Black porters in the air! We know, of course, of Lieut. Julian, dare-devil aerialist and parachute jumper, who is qualified for Pullman air service, but who makes a dollar a minute giving thrills to the public. And after looking over his record, we delved into the Negro Year Book for notations of the brethren's exploits as deep sea divers and aviators. No, not one. Then we remembered grand-dad's oft-repeated statement that a brother is happier when his feet are on the ground; and right away we resolved to bet our block of Liberty Life stock against one first-class ticket from Memphis to Little Rock that the Pullman porters in the air service-to-be will be of purest white, serene.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10th, has been set apart as Mothers' Day. Don't forget her on that day at least. Send her flowers, growing plants or any token of love—but send her something on May 10th.

German residents in America express the belief that the new President of Germany, Von Hindenburg, will give the people a just administration. The overwhelming majority vote polled by the German idol tells plainly of his popularity with his own people.

The Bahai Movement in America is one of the greatest agencies of peace and good-will amongst men of all races and colors. Long may the movement live and spread.

Now that the voters in the small towns of Oregon will not be given a chance to swat the proposed International Exposition which is to be held in 1930, it looks like a go this time.

The Bee, a Chicago paper, has made its appearance at our office for the first time. It is a twelve-page journal, well edited and brimful of newsy news. The Advocate is glad to place it on the exchange list.

There are but 8,632 people who really think they know it all, and most of them are locked up.

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Care of Rabbits Food

Rabbits are very fond of corn and oats as well as wheat and grass, hay, carrots, turnip tops, apple and potato parings, peas, beans, celery and all green vegetables. As these little animals are almost always nibbling they should have some food in the hutch all the time. At night especially they should have a good supply of green stuff in the hutch as they are likely to eat many times during the night. There is little danger of overfeeding, as they will eat only what they want. Always leave a dish of fresh water in the hutch where the rabbits can easily reach it. It is true they get considerable moisture from the green food they eat, but they do need to have fresh water in the hutch all the time. See that the hutch is always clean.

Never lift a grown rabbit by its ears. The ears are very sensitive and it is a mistaken idea that it does not hurt the animal to be lifted in this way. A baby rabbit may be lifted in this way, but when a rabbit is grown, its hindquarters should be supported when it is handled. It is cruel to lift a grown rabbit by its ears, just as it is cruel to lift a grown cat by the back of its neck. Always support the hind-quarters.

Treat all animals kindly, whether you own them or not, and make it your business to protest against cases of cruelty or neglect which come to your notice. —M. L. H.

Williams Ave. Y. W. C. A.

The Grade School Reserves will meet at the Y. W. C. A. Saturday at 9 A. M., May 2nd, to go on a picnic. Each girl will bring 25 cents and her lunch and may bring other girls with her. Back home by 5:30 P. M.

The Social Hour of the High School Reserves will be held on Sunday at 4 P. M. Miss Margie L. Danley, the executive secretary, spoke on "Race Relations" before two classes in Sociology at Lincoln High School Tuesday morning.

The Committee of Management held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April the 29th. The Bible Class will close the latter part of May and Mrs. C. E. Cannon has planned some special events before the class closes. This class has lost a member since its beginning and a most devout woman in the person of Mrs. Dorothy Holder, who passed away on Monday morning.

The Rosebud Study Club closed a most successful card tournament Wednesday afternoon.

News of the Churches

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A LAUGH FOR YOU (By George!)

Sad Story—"How did you first break into politics?" "It's a sad story," answered Senator Gofrocks. "The people-out home got kind of riled at the Government in Washington and decided to send me to Congress out of spite."

The Ananias Club—"I wish the women would get over this bobbed hair craze," growled the barber, as he called for a truck to take the day's receipts to the bank.

A Good Point Father—"Suppose a boy should hit you; what would you do?" Jimmy—"Well, first, father—how big is the boy supposed to be?"

Dumb-Bell He—"I'm afraid you are cold; shall I take off my coat and put it around you?" She—"You may put your coat around me, but why take it off?"

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