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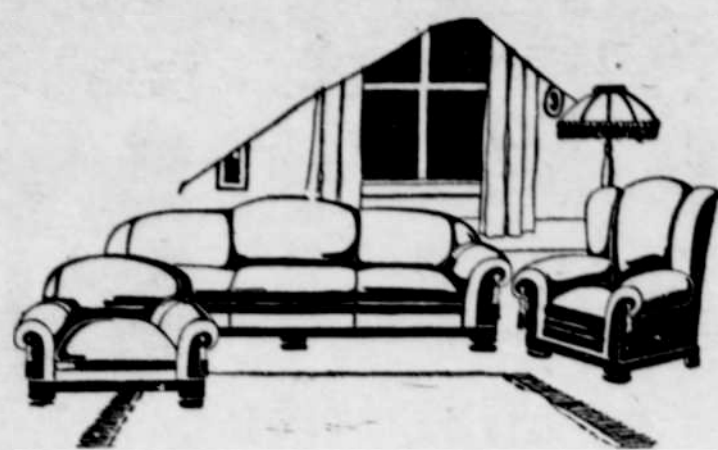
"Don't ask for rights. Take them. An don't let any man give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye fr awthin' has somethin' the matter with it."—Mr. Dooley.

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

**Out of a Cabin**

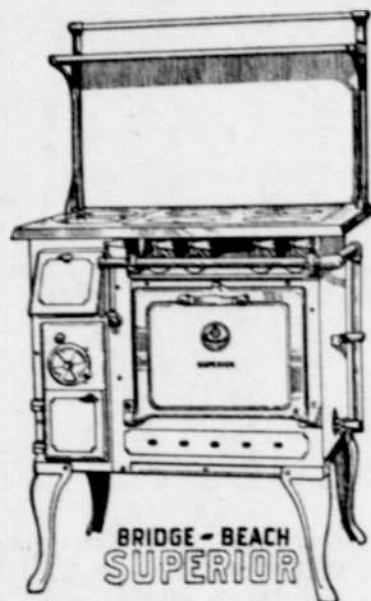
Tom Lea's cabin, down on the Arkansas shore of the Mississippi river, has completed its humble but joyous Christian duty to the thirty survivors whom the gallant black boatman saved from a watery grave following the catastrophe which befell the steamer "Norman" on its trip up the river last Friday. In the boatman's home the water-soaked travelers whom Lea rescued, single-handedly, were given food, beds, and shelter, and the chance to recover from their harrowing experience, when it seemed that the bottom of the mighty Mississippi was holding its welcoming arms open to them. Tom Lea's cabin, typical of the humble but cleanly home of Arkansas blacks, and its sister southern states, in its act of charity towards the distressed and under the pressure of critical moments, when lives were in danger, became a living example of what may be termed enforced social equality. In fact, it became a miniature hospital for the comfort of the afflicted, without regard to race or color.

Social equality, the sadly misunderstood bugbear of projectionists of racial supremacy, was left sitting on the bench, while Tom Lea and his family went to the bat, with charity for all and malice toward none, administering to the Norman's survivors. Life is sweet. Life is wonderful; and when the grave yawns openly in the faces of either whites or blacks, those things which make life sweet and wonderful come to mind without suggestion. There are many things down in the districts about Tom Lea's cabin which would make life sweeter and more wonderful to the thousands of "Tom Leas" of the Southland, who have been forced into a life of semi-darkness by the bugbear of social equality. These submerged "Tom Leas," of pride and ambition, have long awaited the dawn of the day when advocates of supremacy, who have succeeded in keeping the American Negro in his place by means of the social equality blindfold, would understand that social equality is an individual and not a racial matter. To set it up against individuals is quite right and proper; but to set it up against an entire racial group, sought to be oppressed be-



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cause of color, is an act of gross ignorance—a proof of indisputable bigotry. That it is a mere smoke screen is amply proved by the increasing number of "human admixtures" in the territory where social equality is the misnamed test of civilization.

Duplicates of Tom Lea's cabin on the Mississippi may be found all over the Southland, full of Christian love but kept apart from the freedom of America only in such times as scourges and depression beset the oppressors, when misery is not at all particular of the company it keeps. We are grateful to God for the continuing lives of the souls whom Tom Lea rescued from the muddy Mississippi; for we are optimistic that they will carry back to their constituency tales of the charity which they received in the home of the humble black hero. Perchance their message will stimulate contrition and meekness in the hearts of many who use social equality as ballast for opportunity, justice and love.

Colored office seekers in many parts of the country are getting mighty impatient with President Coolidge's delay in appointing them to office.

**THE YOUNG FOLK WANT PEACE**

It should be a source of pleasure to all those who love peace and hate war, to read of the 1200 colored students at Howard University, Washington, D. C. who recently went on a strike, protesting against compulsory military training. If the students, according to the faculty edict, miss or "cut" twenty classes either in the

physical education or the Reserve Officers Training Corps classes, they are to be dismissed from the institution.

Five students have already been given the penalty. And it was this action on the part of the faculty, linked with other dissatisfactions on the part of the student-body, which precipitated the strike. The young people love peace; they are tired of wars. They cannot see any profit in them for anybody least of all for colored Americans. They were promised a lot of things (C. A.) in the last war which they have not yet received, and the blacks have not forgotten. One sign carried by the strikers



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read: "What is this going to be—an Army or a University?"

The Advocate chronicles with sorrow the passing of I. N. Day, well known business man of the city and B. S. Josselyn, former head of the P. E. P. Co., and Christian Science Practitioner. Both men were active in civic development and uplift. While they are absent in the physical; their spirits remain with us. In this thought we have pleasure.

According to a report from Bend, Oregon, the colored men in that little town have organized themselves into a business men's club. Colored Business men of Portland may well follow their example.

A bill in the Pennsylvania State Senate requiring that milk "be sold only in original containers" should certainly stimulate the livestock market.

Americanism: Sending a two-by-four to Congress; expecting him, to be a great man.

The report that King Alfonso next year will visit California is the only thing we can think of off-hand calculated to take some of the joy out of Florida.

The Advocate congratulates the Near East Relief Body upon having the services of so estimable a man as J. J. Handsaker, and congratulates Mr. Handsaker upon his recent promotion to the office of Director of the Near East Relief work. No better man can be found; not only is Mr. Handsaker prepared for the work, but his heart is in it and he loves the orphaned ones for whom he works and with whom he has worked.

The Advocate lends its voice to endorse the effort to some local religious leaders to conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School a few weeks this summer.

The Portland Woman Mutual Benefit Club held a splendid meeting Monday night in Room "F," Public Library. DuBois' "Souls of Black Folk" was reviewed by the president, Mrs. A. Brown, after which it was discussed by the members present. Presley Holliday was a visitor and expressed himself as highly pleased with the kind of work the club is doing. He promised to come again. Mr. Holliday is taking a course in public speaking, business law and accountancy here. The next meeting of the club will be a semi-social meeting and will be held at the residence of Mrs. Brown, its president, 679 Union avenue N., corner of Cook, Monday night, June 1st. The public is cordially invited.

The Associate Editor of The Advocate is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. E. J. Magruder of Sacramento, Cal., stating that all are well and doing nicely. She said they liked their new home but often thought kindly of the many friends in Portland.

Rev. and Mrs. F. X. Runyon entertained at breakfast Tuesday, May the 19th, for the pleasure of Mrs. L. K. Weeks. Covers were laid for six.

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**Colored Men Organize at Bend**

Bend, Ore., May 15, 1925.

To the Editor:  
Please allow me space in your paper to say something about that big man of our race, in the person of Dr. J. W. Anderson of Portland, Oregon, Superintendent of the N. W. Coast Baptist Association. Dr. Anderson has been coming to our city for more than five years in the interest of our race. He was in our city today and after a talk with the men of our race and leading business men of the city, he called the men together at 5 p. m. in the home of Mr. R. C. Cameron. There he organized "The Bend Colored Men's Business Club" with the following as officers: R. C. Cameron, president; Walter Green, secretary-treasurer; George Rancher, chairman membership committee. This is the first colored business men's club in Deschutes County. We are proud of Dr. Anderson as a leader of our race in the state.

**Prominent Californian Visits**

Mrs. Lida Reed of San Francisco, California, spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jerry Turner. Mrs. Reed, formerly of Seattle, a graduate of the University of Washington, is a student of the University of California law Department. As a law stenographer, she has had experience in drawing up pleadings and appearing before the bar in her state and it was while in this capacity she got her ambition to complete a law course. Mrs. Reed motored up with a group of friends, Mesdames Love and Porter and Mr. Samuel Burton, arriving here Wednesday and leaving Friday morning for Seattle, where Mrs. Reed goes on a business trip. She will spend a week in Seattle, stopping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clark.

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**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.

**WANTED**—To hear from owner of a good ranch for sale. State cash price, full particulars. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn.—Adv.

**Musicians Wanted.**—Experienced musicians desiring to join the Brown Strutter's Band are requested to phone Broadway 5807 or Main 4050, or call at The Advocate office, 312 Macleay Bldg. The band will play in the Rose Carnival parade, for which purpose rehearsals are being held several times per week.

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