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VICTIMS STRIPPED AND BEATEN UNMERCIFULLY BOOKS OF POEMS WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON

Two Colored Poets to Publish Books of Verse Next Fall

(Exclusively by N.A.A.C.P.)
New York, N. Y., May 26.—Books of verse by two young colored poets are to be published in the coming fall, it was learned today. The two poets are Langston Hughes, recently awarded first prize in the "Opportunity" contest, for his poem "The Weary Blues," and Countee Cullen.

The title poem in the Langston Hughes volume will be the prize-winning contribution to the recent poetry contest and the volume, to be published by Alfred A. Knopf, will be known as "The Weary Blues." A foreword for the book is to be written by Carl Van Vechten and the jacket designed by the Mexican caricaturist, Miguel Covarrubias.

Countee Cullen's book of verse will be named "Color" and is to appear under the imprint of Messrs. Harper & Brothers in the early fall.

LOCAL and FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Mayor George L. Baker has hit the trail for a vacation in California. How long he will be gone will be determined by the size of his bank roll, it is said. And the Mayor should be pretty fat by this time.

For the 31st time, Mr. Harry T. Burleigh sang "The Palms" on Palm Sunday at St. George's Church on Sixteenth Street, New York City. Mr. Burleigh has been the soloist at this church for 31 years.

Musical Marvel Presented

Little Miss Maxwell, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Maxwell of Salem, Oregon, was presented in a musical number recently at Bethel church by Mrs. Alice Jamison. The little 4-year-old miss surprised her audience by playing several duos on the piano with her sister and then playing her accompaniments on the piano while she sang.

Died.—Little Miss Irene Turner, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Turner, 1120 E. 22nd street South, Sunday morning May, 24th, at the family residence. Funeral was conducted from Finley's mortuary Tuesday morning, Rev. X. C. Runyon in charge.

The N. A. A. C. P. Banquet. Those who desire to attend the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's banquet are advised to buy their tickets at once, for there is a limited number only. No one will be admitted without a ticket and the number is very limited.

The Associate Editor of the Advocate was well received on last Monday morning when she addressed a graduating class in history at Lincoln High School on inter-racial matters. At the close of the period, several young men and women remained to seek more light on the subject of the racial group of which Mrs. Cannady is a member. She was heartily thanked by the teacher and the students for the several talks during the term which she has given them.

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Pullman Company Appoints Expert Mediator

(Preston News Service)
Chicago, Ill., May 29.—In order that its Negro personnel may have representation and a voice where their relations to the company are being considered the Pullman Company has appointed C. C. Cornelius Webb, veteran Pullman porter, of Washington, D. C., as special investigator and mediator in the company's Bureau of Industrial Relations. Webb's duties will consist of investigating service conditions and acting as an arbitrator between the company and its 11,000 service men, operating in Pullman cars all over the country. This is considered by Pullman porters as a long step forward in the promotion of their welfare and safeguarding their wages and working conditions.

Mr. Webb, young in years but old in the service, is a graduate of Howard University and well qualified to fill his role. His selection from the 11,000 Pullman employees is a fine tribute to his loyal and efficient service, fidelity, and years of exacting experience with the Pullman company. His offices will be in the General Office of Bureau of Industrial Relations, Chicago, Ill., where he will work in eight Pullman zones under the immediate direction of Supervisor F. L. Simmons.

A City Councillman. Berge Bates a colored man, has been elected City Councillman of Murphysboro, Ill.

Rev. H. Leo Johnston left the first of the week for Oakland, for a week's visit, it is reported.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Washington-Oregon Jurisdiction will hold its annual convention in Portland on the 13th, to and including the 16th of July. Local Masons are making large preparations for the entertainment of the delegates, a number of whom are expected to attend.

The Portland Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. will meet Monday night, June 8th at Bethel A. M. E. church.

S. E. Hill returned last week from his trip to points in Texas. He reports having had a very fine time shaking hands with old friends and meeting new ones. He brought a special message to The Advocate staff from their relatives in Houston, Texas.

W. D. Allen, proprietor of the Hotel Golden West will leave on the 1st for Seattle for a week's recreation. He plans to spend most of the time playing golf.

Miss Gladys Anderson who has been visiting in Seattle, has returned home looking the picture of health, and is back at her desk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prescott have moved from 540 E. 22nd S. to 555 Overton street corner 17th.

Special Notice

Portland, Oregon, May 25, 1925.
To Whom It May Concern:
This is to certify that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my former wife, Mrs. Olivene Lucas-Hopper, having been granted a divorce decree from her Monday, May 25th, 1925.

Signed
Edgar Hopper.

A Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved Irene. Especially do we thank Rev. and Mrs. X. C. Runyon and Earl Scott for their services, Mesdames Lula Gragg, W. B. Brown and Miss Freita Shaw for singing, and all those who sent the lovely flowers.

Signed,
Mr. and Mrs. George Turner
Mrs. Mary Turner
Mrs. Zepha Baker
Mrs. Ella Robinson.

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Robert W. Bagnall

Director of Branches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Headquarters, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Robert W. Bagnall, born in Norfolk, Va., educated in Norfolk Mission College, Temple University and the Bishop Payne Divinity School, ordained as a presbyter of the Episcopal Church in which he yet retains orders, pastored successfully churches in Virginia, Maryland, Ohio and Michigan; contributor to "The Survey", "The Nation", "The World Tomorrow",

"Opportunity", "The Crisis" and "The Southern Workman"; contributing editor of "The Messenger Magazine"; Director of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1921, conducted its most successful drive; engineered the successful fight for the Civic Rights bill in Michigan and the Segregation Fight in New Orleans; member of the American Negro Academy, Kappa Alpha Psi and the Civic Club of New York; well-known as lecturer on subjects relating to the Negro.
Will be in Portland 6-10 of June, inclusive.



MR. ROBERT W. BAGNALL'S SCHEDULE WHILE IN PORTLAND

Arrives in Portland Saturday, June 6.
SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
9:30 A. M.—Breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowers, 293 Ivy Street.
11 A. M.—Preach at St. David's Episcopal Church, 12th and Belmont Sts.
1:30 P. M.—Dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ewing, 6522 94th St. S. E.
4 P. M.—Speaks before group at Men's Resort, Fourth and Burnside Sts.
7:30 P. M.—Preach at Centenary-Wilbur M. E. Church, E. Ninth and Pine Sts.
9:30 P. M.—Supper with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ashford, 509 Tillamook St.
MONDAY, JUNE 8TH
9:30 A. M.—Breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGill, 641 Union Ave. N.
11:30 A. M.—Talk to Reed College students, Lunch at College.
2:30 P. M.—Executive Board meeting in Grey Room, Y. M. C. A., Sixth and Taylor Sts.
5 P. M.—Dinner with Attorney and Mrs. E. J. Minor, 538 Mall St.
8 P. M.—Mass meeting, Bethel A. M. E. Church, Larrabee and McMillen Sts.
TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH
2:30 P. M.—Trip over Columbia River Highway.
5 P. M.—Dinner at Multnomah Falls Inn.
8 P. M.—N. A. A. C. P. Banquet, Stag Auditorium, 381½ E. Morrison St.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH
9:30 A. M.—Breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown, 708 Maryland Ave.
12 M.—Speaks before Oregon Social Workers, and lunch, Y. W. C. A., Broadway and Taylor Sts.
2:30 P. M.—Speaks before Oregon Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Williams Avenue Branch Y. W. C. A.
5 P. M.—Dinner with Editor and Mr. E. D. Cannady, 520 E. 25th St. N. Leaves Wednesday evening.

ROBERT W. BAGNALL

Mr. Robert W. Bagnall, of New York, Director of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is rated first class as a pulpiteer and lecturer and it is with great enthusiasm that the people of Portland, the N. A. A. C. P. Branch in particular, are looking forward to his coming. Mr. Bagnall will arrive in the city from California on Saturday, the 6th of June, and will remain until Wednesday evening. The committee in charge of arrangements has worked hard to see to it that all classes and groups of people have an opportunity to see and hear this noted race leader and educator. All the public is invited to all of the meetings with the exception of the club women, to which women only are asked to come.

THE BANQUET

A word about the banquet. The organization serving the banquet for the Association will be able to accommodate only 150 persons, therefore only 150 tickets have been issued and they can be purchased from any member of the Executive Committee of the Association. They can be purchased at The Advocate office and at the Williams Avenue Branch Y. W. C. A. A number of reservations have already been made and those who desire to attend this special affair of the entire program and hear the splendid program as well as partake of the sumptuous repast and personally see and meet the distinguished guest, would do well to buy their tickets early. The tickets are only 75c each. The program which has been arranged for the banquet includes some of the best talent in the city, representative of the various group activities of the community. Several prominent musicians will furnish the music for the occasion.

THE BABY CONTEST

The Baby Popularity Contest, in which several pretty babies have entered, will close on Monday night at the mass meeting, and the winners will be awarded their prizes.
This visit to the Coast by Mr. Bagnall promises to inject more interest into the work of the great National Association movement than any visit yet, judging from the interest already manifested.

June "Vanity Fair" Gives Page to Poetry of Countee Cullen

(N.A.A.C.P. Press Service)
New York, N. Y., May 25.—An entire page in the June Number of "Vanity Fair," 19 West 44th Street, New York City, is given to the poetry of Countee Cullen, with an accompanying note by Carl Van Vechten, in which that critic and novelist compares Cullen with the Russian poet, Pushkin. These poems will be included in Mr. Cullen's book of verse to be published this fall.

Mrs. Weeks Goes East

Mrs. L. K. Weeks, a charming Portland matron, will leave tomorrow morning for Washington, D. C., to remain for an indefinite time with her brother, Mr. M. S. Koonce and his family. Mrs. Weeks, who was left a widow a little more than two years ago when her husband, George W. Weeks, a pioneer in this section, passed away following a brief illness, has remained here. She plans to spend a week in the city of Chicago en route to Washington. There she will be the guest of Mrs. Ella B. Day, who is house secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Weeks is being urged by her brother and friends to come to Washington to make her future home. This question she has not definitely settled, and therefore has not disposed of valuable real estate which she owns in this city. That, she said, can be taken care of after she has definitely decided just what she will do, and where she will make her future home, whether in the East or here, where she has resided the past twenty-one or two years. Mrs. Weeks has a host of friends in Portland who will regret to lose her as a resident, for here she has been prominently identified with various movements for social and civic welfare for many years. She is the first and only colored woman in the state to be a probation officer, which office she successfully held under Judge Tazwell until he was elected probate judge; then she worked under Justice Kanzler of the Court of Domestic Relations. Her home duties made such a demand upon her time and strength that she was compelled to give up public work and she resigned from this latter office, bearing letters recommending the excellency of her work and character from both the judge and other court attaches. But before serving in the capacity of probation officer, Mrs. Weeks for a year or more was employed as matron in the Frazier Detention Home, resigning from this position in order to accept the court position. Altogether she spent five years in the above work. The past several weeks she has been royally entertained by friends who at some time or other have enjoyed her hospitality, for Mrs. Weeks is known wherever she is known at all, as a delightful hostess, an immaculate housekeeper, a beautiful entertainer. She is noted for her fine art needle work. She is refined, cultured and well informed on all important matters and Washington, D. C., which was at one time her home, will be a fit setting for her talents. Mrs. Weeks is a member of Bethel A. M. E. church, a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other prominent organizations in the city.

B. J. Fuller, of 839 Tibbetts St., who has been ill in bed for the past week, is reported improved.

"Arrow Tips" (By Kits Reid)

"Mystics have always been offensive to practical persons who can believe in only what they already believe, and already believe nothing not perceptible through their five senses." —Tarkington.

I came across that paragraph in an article by Booth Tarkington, which appears in the June issue of the American Magazine. I had been discussing with one of the aforementioned "practical persons" a book which had recently come into my hands, "Life and Teaching of Masters of the Far East," by Spaulding—an intensely interesting book, one of the kind that holds your attention to the last word, even though you may not believe a word of it. I am not saying that I do not believe a word of it. I want only to say that my "practical person" friend didn't believe a word of it and asked me with that peculiar emphasis which "practical" people always use, "Do you believe that rot? Why, it couldn't happen."

Now I enjoyed that article of Tarkington's and I enjoyed Spaulding's book, and I do get so tired of those "practical people" who are always taking all the joy out of life. This one is very much like my sister who used to chase around and dig me out of hidden corners where I had stowed myself away with my book, instead of helping to wash the dishes. Dishes were real and could be seen, and of course had to be washed, but day-dreams over the visions evoked by the story or the poem couldn't be seen. Even now she predicts that I'll end my days in the poorhouse because I'm not "practical." Well, anyhow, I can take my dreams and visions with me!

Moral: Get the May American and read Tarkington's article.

California Rallies to N. A. A. C. P.

Bagnall Reports \$2,500 Raised in Oakland; Population 7000 Negroes
New York, N. Y., May 25.—Robert W. Bagnall, director of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reports enthusiasm for the work of the Association in California. In Oakland, a city with 7,000 colored inhabitants, Mr. Bagnall reports \$2,500 in cash and pledges raised in three meetings. In Los Angeles \$1,875; in San Francisco 50 people raised \$440, and in Stockton \$430 were raised for the N. A. A. C. P. work. In addition California Baby Contests are being held in the following cities: Oakland, San Francisco, Vallejo, Modesto and Stockton.

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Witnesses Recite Gruesome Tales of 'Black-Jack' Floggings On Florida Prison Farms.

(Preston News Service)
Pensacola, Fla., May 27.—Another revolting scandal involving tales of penance, "farming-out" of prisoners to labor concerns in swampy timber tracts, flogging of exhausted victims and coercion to silence accusing witnesses has developed in Florida.

At the trial it was testified that the white land owners and timber operators forced certain Negroes at the point of revolvers to severely flog other Negroes with sticks or black-jacks and cat-o-nine tails. It is said that the victims were compelled to lie down in the road on their stomachs after being stripped of their clothing and take from five to ten minutes' beatings from the enforced "whip" wielder.

Dewitt Stoner, a prisoner, testified that he was forced, at the point of guns in the hands of the white defendants, to beat five Negroes, one at a time, with a large stick. Stoner said that he was not whipped. He said the white men looked on as he whipped the naked men. Stoner said he was compelled to whip each one about ten minutes. He told the court that the blows caused lacerations on the backs of the beaten men. Nothing was done to stop the flowing blood of the victims. They were taken back to the prison farm and put to work, ill fed and half sick. It is said that the victims had attempted to escape from the prison farm, traveling by night and hiding in the day time.

Is Mary B. Talbert Forgotten?

Washington, D. C., May 25.—When the members of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs prepared the copy for the Quinquennial official souvenir program it appears that they made the inexcusable blunder of omitting the photographs of Mary B. Talbert and Hattie Q. Brown. Notwithstanding her splendid work and tireless efforts in connection with the purchase and dedication of the Douglass Home, the name of the late and lamented Mary B. Talbert is mentioned only at the bottom of the page in fine print and marked with a star. This blunder has occasioned considerable unfavorable comment among the members of the organization and will doubtless be the subject of an acrimonious discussion at the next national convention of the Federation.

Williams Ave. Y. W. C. A.

The Annual Membership Banquet was held Friday evening, May the 29th, at Stag Club. An excellent program was rendered.

The Grade School Reserves received a letter from the Mary Talbert Grade School Reserves in Buffalo, New York, and contained many items of interest to Girl Reserves.

The Social Hour for High School Reserves will be June the 7th as May carries five Sundays.

The Mothers' Club will meet next Tuesday afternoon at the Branch.
The Annual May 30th Hike of the H. S. G. R. will be on Saturday this year and the girls have made great plans for this event.

The Blue Triangle Club is quite elated over the success of the musical comedy and plan to present something new to the public during the summer.
Monday evening at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Larrabee and McMillen streets.

Furniture of 5-room house for sale cheap. 274 Wheeler, near Clackamas St.—Adv.

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