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GRAND E. R. OF ELKS FLAYS LOCAL LODGE NOTED SPEAKERS ON N. A. A. C. P. PROGRAM

Pickens and Bagnall Point Out Negro's Achievements at Denver Meet.

New York, N. Y., July 10, 1925.—In two addresses delivered by William Pickens, field secretary, and Robert Bagnall, director of branches, before the sixteenth annual conference, in Denver, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Negro's contribution to America and to civilization were strongly emphasized.

Mr. Pickens said in part: "American ideals would be less today without the thankless struggle for them waged by the Negro. For some of the Negro's struggles and contributions he has received tardy acknowledgment."

"He is struggling now to give to America, law, order and democracy. People are too apt to feel that the struggle of an oppressed class concerns itself mainly. It was the Negro's struggle to free himself that made this a slavish country. The first abolitionist was the discontented slave and the first emancipator was the runaway slave. Before the pen of Abraham Lincoln there had to be the tongue of Frederick Douglass. The slave freed himself but the grand result was that he built a bulwark around the freedom of every white man."

"Moreover the Negro's struggle gave to the South universal suffrage and public schools. A fight to free oneself is a fight for freedom. The philosophy of life and of society is that you can get no good thing for yourself that you do not immediately contribute to everyone else."

"As for segregation, the world is too small for it. When there is segregation, white people are not segregated, the Negro is simply put out. And in fighting segregation of himself, the Negro is fighting against a vicious principle. Every fight for social justice is everybody's fight. God made individuals, not races."

Mr. Bagnall in the address he delivered on the closing night of the Denver conference of the N. A. A. C. P., pointed out that many of the mechanical wonders of the age had been made possible by Negro inventors and their discoveries. Among the products of Negro genius, Mr. Bagnall pointed to the flanges on car wheels, the telephone transmitter, shoe-making machinery, automatic lubrication of machinery, the piano, a device for controlling by a push button, the volume of sound from a phonograph, and the vacuum pan for granulating sugar which revolutionized the sugar industry and saved Louisiana from bankruptcy.

The Negro, Mr. Bagnall continued, had furnished the subject for much of America's finest literature and at present an immense development was taking place among Negro writers, as evidenced by the volumes of prose, poetry, novels and criticism, recently published and announced for early publication. These books, Mr. Bagnall said, should be on the shelves of every Negro. Among the works mentioned by Mr. Bagnall were: "The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man," by James Weldon Johnson; "The Quest of the Silver Fleece," by W. E. B. DuBois; "Cane," by Jean Toomer; "There Is Confusion," by Jessie Fauset; "The Fire in the Flint," by Walter White; the forthcoming volumes of poetry by Countee Cullen and Langston Hughes.

Mrs. I. L. Davison has returned from a ten days' visit to Seattle. She reports a fine trip.

Beauties In National Golden Brown Beauty Contest



1. Miss Mary Buford, Chicago, who won the prize as the best dressed girl at the Golden Brown Beauty Ball held at the Eighth Regiment Armory under the auspices of the Chicago Defender. 2. Miss Thelma Eubanks, winner of the \$25 prize as the prettiest girl at the Chicago Golden Brown Ball. 3. Miss Vera Adams, New York City, who won the prize as the prettiest girl at the Interstate Tatler's Ball at the New Star Casino. 4. Miss Josephine Leggett, famous actress of New Orleans, who is one of the leaders of the entire country in Madame Mamie

Hightower's national Golden Brown Beauty Contest. 5. Miss Burnadeen Walker, winner of the prize as the best Charleston Dancer at Chicago Golden Brown Ball. 6. Mrs. Austin Wesley, a prominent Dallas matron entered in Beauty Contest. 7. Miss Blonsetta Everett, a Xenia, Ohio, beauty in contest. 8. Miss Vivian Gentry, Chicago, champion girl waltzer at the Defender's Beauty Ball.

Hundreds of girls from every nook and village of the entire United States have been nominated in Madame Mamie Hightower's great beauty contest. Wives, sweethearts, mothers, teachers, business

women and high school girls from the Atlantic to the Pacific are receiving votes.

At the conclusion of the contest Miss Golden Brown of America (the girl receiving the most votes) will receive a free trip to Atlantic City, a \$100 Trousseau and a gorgeous Hudson Super Six Coach; the next four girls will each get a \$100 Trousseau and a free trip to Atlantic City with all expenses paid and the next forty-eight girls—the leader in each state—will each receive a glittering diamond ring.

Nomination coupons good for 10,000 votes are being printed in

all the leading publications of our Group. In addition, from 50 to 100 votes are being packed with each of the world famous Golden Brown Beauty Preparations, which are on sale at all druggists.

Madame Hightower, long adored as the Benefactress of our Group, has determined to crown her great work by discovering the real beauties of our Group. Every Race Girl in America has a chance and thousands are asking their friends to help them save the coupons and sending them in to Madame Hightower, in care of the Golden Brown Chemical Company at Memphis, Tenn.

Spokane Club Woman Here

Mrs. D. L. Harril of Spokane, Washington, Second Vice-President of the Washington State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in company with her children and Mr. and Mrs. Derrick of the same city, motored to Portland from Seattle, Tuesday. Mrs. Harril was the luncheon guest of Mrs. E. D. Cannady at Meier & Frank's in the afternoon. In the evening she and her husband, who is here attending the Grand Lodge of Masons, attended the Masonic reception.

N. A. A. C. P. to Meet in Chicago

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which closed its 16th annual convention in Denver, Colorado, June 30th, will meet next June in Chicago, Ill.

The Advocate is proud of several orders for printing given us by visiting delegates to the C. E. convention. Among those who patronized us are Bishop J. W. Martin, Bishop L. W. Kyles, Mr. Thaddeus Chase and Miss El Rae Maxwell, also Dr. W. T. Johnson.

N. A. A. C. P. Meets

The Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, held its regular monthly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church last Monday evening. The business of the organization was attended to and several spoke upon interesting phases of the Association work.

Mrs. Lillian Morrow, her mother, Mrs. Leavy Johnson and her three children, are spending a month at Seaside, Oregon, in the Curry Tent Colony. Mr. Morrow drove the party down Monday morning and he, accompanied by George and Ivan Cannady, returned Monday night.

Frank A. Henry of Port Angeles, Washington, was a representative of B. R. Carle Lodge No. 18, F. & A. M., of that city at the 22nd Communication of the Masonic Lodge here this week. Mr. Henry is very much in love with Portland and says he enjoyed his sojourn here.

CLUB TO MEET

All members of the Portland Women's Mutual Benefit Club are requested to meet Monday evening, 8:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. E. D. Cannady, 520 E. 26th St. N. Urgent business to be transacted. Visitors are welcome.

Furnished rooms for rent. Sunset 2325—Adv.

F. L. Marshall of Hercules Lodge No. 17 of Masons, of Seattle, Wash., was a representative at the Grand Lodge here. He is a live wire and is very much impressed with Portland. The only thing which bothered Mr. Marshall was his inability to get acquainted with the ladies. Mr. Marshall is eligible, ladies, and a fine "catch" for the lucky one.

Micco T. Harjo, 628 Clinton St., left Tuesday night for Vera Cruz and Mexico City on business. He will go via El Paso, Texas, and plans to return August 1st.

NOTARY PUBLIC ADVOCATE OFFICE

New Golden West Cafe—It will be interesting and pleasant news to many Portlanders to learn that J. S. Smith, the well-known chef cook, has returned to the city and is now with Holiday in the New Golden West Cafe. Mr. Smith is popular among the boys and his connection with the cafe will prove beneficial.

For Rent—Furnished front room to man and wife. East 2657.—Adv.

A group of the younger society set motored to Multnomah Falls on a picnic Thursday, July 9th, honoring out-of-town visitors, including Miss Franklin of Seattle. In the evening, Mrs. George Scott entertained with cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Maxwell's four beautiful daughters were the inspiration of an informal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cannady Thursday evening, July 9th. Fifteen persons enjoyed the social evening.

"Arrow Tips" (By Kits Reid)

A paragraph in a recent article describes the wretched condition in the Chinese factories. Listen to this, you people of the white race, and if you feel proud of it, you are not worthy your "place in the sun":

"Of the cotton mill spindles (in Shanghai) 967,432 out of a total of 1,740,556 spindles, are owned by British and Japanese capital and most of the rest by other foreign capital, including American. The report gives the average wage as low as \$4 to \$7.50 (American money) a month in the textile mills; the women's average being from 5 to 12 cents a day, and children earning as low as 4 cents. The hours average 12 to 13 1/2 a day. Over 22,000 boys and girls are employed."

The report goes on to say that only one power has given back to China the concessions of extra territorial rights and that power is the Soviet government. The article in question closes with this significant statement:

"Will the great powers in their efforts to protect the interests of big business drive the Chinese into the arms of the Soviets?"

England's experience in India is partly an answer to that question.

Just room for another question before I do the Dean Collins act and say period. Do you suppose the churches will have any time left to discuss the important political issues of the day, if the fundamentalists can just keep the evolutionists stirred up until after the next election? We need Dr. Hinson to lead the fight for civic righteousness instead of allowing him to use up his energy quibbling over the mental equipment of missionaries. Just keep the missionaries at home in America, doctor; they are needed to help put over the child labor amendment so that the little children of Texas will not be sacrificed to the cotton crop; they will be needed in congress so that Mr. Mellon's income tax will not be reduced several hundred thousand through the president's scheme for economy in cutting down the income taxes of the rich; they will be needed right here in Portland next week to help enforce the prohibition law. Forget your abstractions and get down to brass tacks of every day life of decent citizenship.

I am suspecting the master mind of a politician back of this evolution scrap—something hard to be done; the churches have been altogether too deeply interested in politics and such; the great industrial questions; give them something else to think about—the old, old trick.

Training Schools for Colored Nurses

The Hospital Library and Service Bureau of the American Conference on Hospital Service has just completed a study of the educational facilities for colored nurses. Questionnaires were sent to the 1,696 accredited schools of nursing in the United States, 48 state boards of nurse examiners, 933 city and county health officers, various national associations, and a special list of institutions. The report comprises two volumes, copies of which have been placed on file with the American Nurses' Association, National Organization for Public Health Nursing, and the National League of Nursing Education. There are fifty-four accredited schools for nurses which admit colored students, sixty-six hospitals which have colored graduate nurses, and fifty-nine departments of health which employ colored nurses, and nineteen visiting nurses' associations which use colored nurses. There were twenty-one hospitals among the 1696 institutions reported on which need colored interns.—Copied from "The Journal of the American Medical Association" July 4, 1925, p. 61. by Mrs. Mildred Corliss-Andrews of New York City, especially for the Advocate readers.

Mrs. Laura Diamond writes from Seaview, Washington, that she is having a pleasant sojourn there.

Grand Exalted Ruler Finley Wilson Speaks at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

One of the smallest audiences that ever attended a public demonstration of the local order of Elks heard Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson deliver his message last Sunday afternoon at Mt. Olivet Baptist church. (O, for a Geo. E. Wilbecan.) And to judge by the rough manner in which he lambasted Rose City lodge and Dahlia temple to that small but intelligent audience, and less than one-half of the order's membership, we judge that some insignificant, long-tongued, self-important, rattle-brained member had been telling Mr. Wilson some malicious stories about the order. But even if conditions were as bad as the Grand Exalted Ruler pictured them, which is not true, that was not the time nor the place for such a castigation. And coming from the head of the organization, we fear it has done irreparable harm to the growth and progress of the order in Oregon. For we take it that those men and women who had made up their minds to join these respective orders, and who heard from the lips of its big leader that a terrible, rotten state of affairs existed in the order, have probably changed their minds about joining and will go elsewhere for fraternal connections.

Rose City lodge and Dahlia temple, like other lodges, have their faults, their vices and their virtues, nevertheless, if we are to believe printed reports concerning other lodges' troubles, Rose City lodge and Dahlia temple are angels' wings in comparison. For instance: When G. E. R. Wilson visited Manhattan lodge of New York City, some time ago, he had to be escorted out at the point of a gun, otherwise he would have suffered bodily harm by some of the members who were incensed by Mr. Wilson's rulings.

Columbia lodge of Washington, D. C., of which Mr. Wilson is a member, took him into court over some of his rulings. The lodge in Newark, N. J., of which Grand Secretary Bates is a member, was recently suspended by Mr. Wilson for disobeying some of the Grand Lodge laws; a temple in New York City, which has been having trouble among its members, of such grave nature that their charter was threatened by the grand officers. Other instances of trouble we could cite but the above is sufficient. However, we thought it strange that Mr. Wilson in his severe criticism of the lodge here, failed to mention the trouble of these other lodges. Grand Exalted Ruler says that Rose City lodge is so badly governed by too many bosses, has more complaints and doing nothing, scoffed at the idea of being only one lodge and one temple in the state of Oregon which he said was the only state in the U. S. where such a lack of push and energy is shown. The statement that we have only one lodge is true, but why is there not another lodge and temple? The reason is plain; there is not another town in the state outside of Portland which has enough eligible colored men to organize a lodge. The progress of Rose City lodge made during the past four years is phenomenal, and greater than any other lodge of Elks in the Northwest that we know of, when it is taken into consideration that the colored population is so small. Yet within less than four years the membership has grown from 13 to 250. The lodge pays a higher funeral expense, more sick benefits, than any other lodge here. It has dispensed liberally to charity. It has purchased property valued by experts at \$20,000. And the lodge has a solid financial credit at the local banks. While it is true, like all lodges, churches and other organizations, it has its sore-heads, fuss-makers and critics, but they are in the minority and can do little harm. Dahlia temple, while only 2 1/2 years old, has a membership of nearly 100, cash in the bank reaching nearly four figures and a drill team which has won praise and honor from one of the biggest annual civic enterprises, Rose Carnival, in the city. If other lodges and temples of Elks are as progressive as are Rose City and Dahlia temple,

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