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## FIELD SEC. N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS MASS MEETING

## NATIONAL BAHAI CONVENTION REVIEWED

**DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA MEET IN GREAT CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

Oneness of Mankind, Foundation of all Religions is One Reality and Many Other Great Universal Principles Stressed. Several Racial Groups and More Than One Religious Belief Represented Among Speakers on Programs.

**COMPLETE HARMONY MARKED ALL SESSIONS**

Special to The Advocate (By Louis Gregory)

An event of transcendent importance to America, as well as to all races and nations of the world, is the annual convention of the Bahais of the United States and Canada, recently held in the city of San Francisco and bringing together hundreds of delegates and visiting friends from many cities, and representing various schools of thought, divers races, religions and nationalities, all of whom have found reconciliation and peace and have worked out a happy mode of living through the Baha'i teachings. These inspired writings present to the world a peace-brotherhood program by which all human elements can advance to the ideal goal of happiness. They apply religion in a practical form to the needs of humanity. They simplify those ideals of rectitude which all men should pursue. Already they have proved their spiritual illumination and power by training a great throng of progressive souls, East and West, North and South, to abandon the lower world of hatred, prejudice and rancor and to ascend into the higher zones of love, appreciation and life.

Among the foremost of these teachings are the following universal principles, as compiled from the words of Abdul Baha:

1. The oneness of mankind.
2. The independent investigation of Truth.
3. The foundation of all religions is one Reality.
4. Religion must be the cause of unity.
5. Religion must be in accord with science and reason.
6. Equality between men and women.
7. Prejudice of all kinds must be forgotten.
8. Universal peace.
9. Universal education.
10. Solution of the economic problem.
11. A universal language.
12. The power of the Holy Spirit.

Portland sent to San Francisco a fine delegation representing the local assembly of Bahais. Among these were Miss Ella Meissner, who made an interesting address at one of the sessions on the work among those of tender years, Mr. Geo. O. Latimer, who presided at one of the sessions, Mrs. E. D. Cannady who in an address which was greatly appreciated, presented the greeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and described some of the difficulties of life among colored Americans. Dr. Freeman, an American Indian who is well educated, was also among the notable speakers. He entertained the audience with a recital of Indian customs, told of their high moral standards, sang Indian lullabies, and made an eloquent plea for greater consideration and justice on the part of the American people to people of his race.

The business sessions of the convention, although not open to the public, yet drew a great number of interested inquirers. The way that people can conduct their affairs when influenced and bound together by a spiritual tie was a model worthy of study. Mr. Roy C. Wilhelm, a Wall street broker from the East was elected president. As chairmen usually go he was quite unconventional, but kept all in a state of happiness by his bright wit and genial humor, using his place to demonstrate the Baha'i teachings in action. He was ably assisted by Mr. Horace Holley, the secretary, a distinguished author and formerly a business man of New York. He now occupies the position of secretary of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahais of America and Canada. A large volume of business was dispatched in an incredibly short time. The convention was kept in motion and had

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**LOCAL AND FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS**

**THAT SMOKER!**

The Elks' smoker Monday night at the Stag Club was a veritable scream. The program consisted of boxing, music by a real jazzy orchestra. The affair was a boom-engraving success in every way and the committee is receiving much deserved praise.

J. B. McCormick of San Francisco, was here Monday night for a moment, enroute to Tacoma, Wash.

Alfred Evans, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James Patton, 165 N. 12th St., returned to Portland last week from Austin, Tex., where he has been during the past year.

**Q. B. JAMES PASSES**

It is with irrepressible sadness that we herald the sudden death of Q. B. James, better known to his host of friends in Portland and throughout the Northwest as Jimmy James. Jimmy died suddenly May 23rd in San Francisco, Cal., while performing a last fraternal rite over the remains of a deceased brother. Those who knew him will be greatly moved over his passing, for to know him was to love him.

Rev. C. G. Wilson of Seattle, Wash., will occupy the pulpit at Mountavilla Baptist church Sunday evening May 30th at 8 o'clock. The public is invited. The church is located at East 76th & East Everett Sts.

**Elks Boat Excursion Jul. 5.**

The Old Rose Club met at the home of Mrs. A. E. Flowers on the 21st of May; meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Ella Smith, usual business transacted. Eight members responded to roll call.

Stay off date June 1st, an Entertainment will be given at the residence of Mrs. A. E. Flowers, 387 E. 1st St., entitled, A Dark Night of Israel.

The next meeting will be held May 28th at 8 P. M. at the residence of Mrs. Eloise Reynolds, 391 Roselawn Ave Mrs. Ella Smith, Pres. Mrs. Dora Keene, Sec. Mrs. Ila Fuller, Reporter.

**SOME REACTIONS OF PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE STUDY OF THE NEGRO**

With the five letters appearing in this issue we close for the present the interesting discussion of "The Negro" conducted by Prof. E. E. Schwartztrauber in his history classes at Lincoln High School. The letters or essays express the students' reaction to the question. The letters were written immediately at the close of the discussion and before any of the students left the room.

We hope other teachers of history in other of Portland's public schools will follow the lead of Mr. Schwartztrauber for we believe that race prejudice will flee in the light of knowledge and understanding.

**Undecided on Question**

I am rather undecided as to what I think concerning the Negro. In school we talk of the Negroes who have accomplished something; but when I come in contact with the common Negroes I simply can't stand them. They are so imposing, in short, they don't keep their place. Anyone will find this true if they visit North Portland. However, I do think that they are mistreated. Perhaps what I have said above is a result of their mistreatment. Isn't it only human nature that different races, especially black and white, detest each other, and isn't it human nature that makes the stronger race rather intolerant?

**Negro Has Done Well**

In studying the Negro problem and after consideration of the immense difficulties the Negro has had to overcome, I was particularly impressed by his achievements. Also, I realized more than ever the attitude toward the Negro in the South and his problem of adjusting himself to white society.

I would say that the Negro has done admirably well in view of the fact that a few generations ago the Negro was a savage and in consideration of the strata he was placed in on arrival to America.

The study well brought out these points and the whole problem of his adjustment, but as far as I could see, offered no solution to it.

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**Messrs. Gregory and Holley Address Social Workers**

Mr. Louis Gregory of Washington, D. C. and Mr. Horace Holley of New York were the speakers at the noon-day luncheon of the Oregon Social Workers at the Y. W. C. A. Social hall, Wednesday. Miss Doyle, the newly elected president was in charge of the meeting and Miss Olson was chairman of the program committee. Judge Richard Deich recently nominated Judge of the Court of Domestic Relations thanked those who had given him their support in the election. Mr. Horace Holley gave a brief talk on the Universal quest for peace and Mr. Gregory told of Religious Unity.

At the close of this meeting Mr. Holley was conveyed to the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian church where he discussed several great universal principles of this new age before a joint meeting of the women's clubs of the church.

Mr. Gregory spoke at the same hour to a group of women at the home of Mrs. Flowers on First St.

Mrs. Alice M. Handsaker is conducting a Daily Vacation Bible School at Russellville. She was ably assisted this week by Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Jasper of Woodstock Community church.

**MISS MAYO HONORED**

Miss Alberta Mayo, Portland girl was one of five girls who were recently initiated into the Sen-Mer-Rekh Fraternity at Wilberforce Univ., Wilberforce, O. where Miss Mayo will in June receive It requires exceedingly high scholarship average for admission to this society.

**WILLIAM PICKENS, NOTED ORATOR, PHILOSOPHER AND ORATOR, FIELD SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE SPEAKS HERE**

Says N. A. A. C. P. Only Organized Group of People Who Are Contending Scientifically For Rights of Negro Address Abounds in Wit and Humor; Speaker Drives Salient Points Home Often Thro' Joke

**SWEET CASE COSTS ASSOCIATION \$35,000.00**

William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, addressed the Portland Branch at Bethel A. M. E. Church Wednesday evening. He was in excellent form, his speech abounding in wit, humor and eloquent periods which by turns entertained and thrilled his audience. He was listened to with rapt attention. He told of the work of the Association and how it was organized to resist tyranny in all forms, especially that directed against the colored race in America by the dominant elements. The speaker showed that the colored race, in organizing to subdue race prejudice, not only obtained many advantages of freedom for itself, but also conferred great benefits upon the white race and upon the entire nation. Not all white men approved of prejudice and some great souls among them

assisted. Then with might and main they call for help. The great legal battle waged to keep Dr. Sweet and his friends out of prison had already cost the association about \$35,000.00. Its officials felt that this and more could be well invested in the fight for human freedom.

Reviewing the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, as reported by the press, Mr. Pickens riddled its logic and exposed the utter absurdity of the highest court in allowing private parties to practice discrimination against colored purchasers of real estate which were forbidden to officials of cities and states. He indicated that the fight against this odious effort was not finished, but just begun. It would be carried before state courts which could not evade a decision and might be reargued even before the highest court. The audience showed the highest appreciation of Mr. Pickens for his able address.

On Thurs. Morning and at noon Mr. Pickens addressed the student bodies of Lincoln High School and Reed College respectively. In the evening he was one of the speakers before the Fellowship for a better Social Order at the Y. M. C. A. Annex. On Friday he spoke at Willemette University and the F. O. R. heard him in the evening. Continued on page four

many p. says. Clarence Darrow, the great advocate, whom short-sighted people regarded as the foe of religion, was proved to be a true humanitarian and especial friend of the colored race and came in for high eulogy. The speaker deplored the indifference of many prominent colored people to the great services being rendered by the association. They never see its value until they get into trouble and need its

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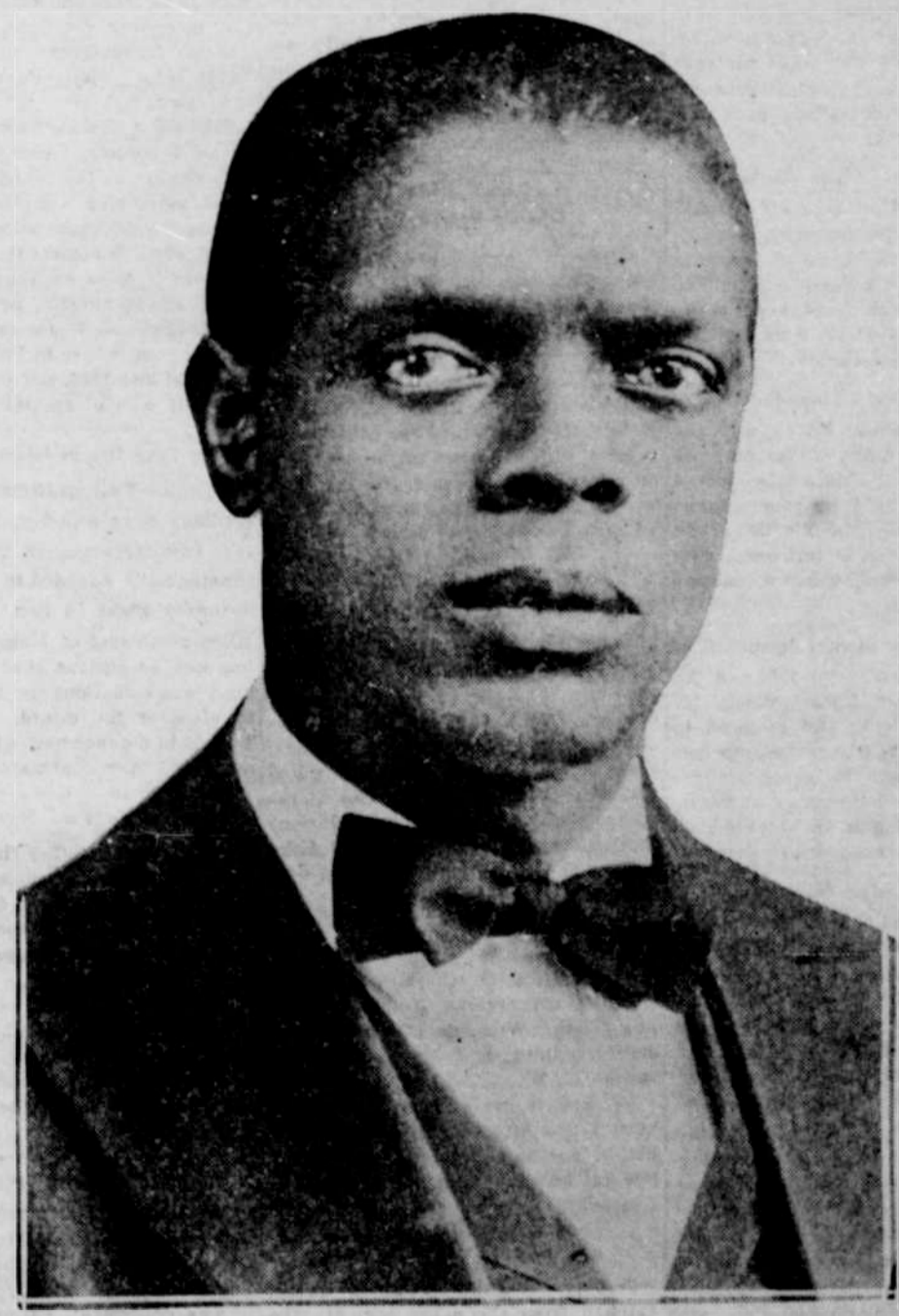
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