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

CUMMINS DEFEATED

Another one of President Coolidge's administration men has met his Waterloo, Cummins of Iowa was defeated Tuesday in the Iowa Primary election by Smith W. Brookhart. McKinley of Illinois and Pepper of Pennsylvania who were defeated for re-election were also administration Senators and are much needed by the President. Brookhart who defeated Cummins was kicked out of the Senate several weeks ago by the Republican Senators' votes in favor of a Democrat. Brookhart was one of the President's strongest foes and this perhaps, was why he was put out of the Senate. The defeat of these men by the voters of their respective states shows in a measure the waning popularity of the President.

LIVE IT DOWN

This twentieth century age, let us remember, abounds with opportunities as never did the ages before it. It is the weak man only who is crushed by obstacles; the strong man is nerved and braced by every opposition that seeks to bar his road. To my mind, the first reply we can make to race prejudice, is **USEFULNESS**—honest, high-class service. No prejudice in the world can keep a race from demonstrating its value in the economy of God's household.

Just as a man's most effective answer to injustice is to live it down by his work and worth, even so a race unjustly condemned has this appeal to the supreme court of human history, by making its contribution to man's steady advancement as solid and valuable as it can. * * * Opportunities for solid usefulness abound for us as for anybody else; prejudice must spur us to exertion, not daunt us into a morbid habit of rebellion and complaint. Justice, even against ourselves, ranks perhaps next in

importance. The true man under attack must first set his own house in order. The retort of conscious guilt, "you are another," is not to be our defense, so much as for us to be in the right rather than to have the best of the argument. I have as yet to analyze any type of prejudice that hasn't some foundation, be it ever so unjust. * * * We owe it to ourselves, to the strength of our cause, to examine ourselves to determine exactly how far we are giving cause and adding fuel to prejudice.

No race, of course, is free from foibles; just as the individual must ever strive to rid himself of those weaknesses and those vices which stand in the way of usefulness to society, so must the race become aware of whatever just complaints the world advances against it and must go to work earnestly to remedy them. The very injustice which lumps all individuals in the mass and condemns each of them unheard for what is supposed to be the general foible, that very injustice must arouse a sense of solidarity by which each individual accepts responsibility for all the others.

—Rev. A. L. Scott, in the Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Gentle Spring came into Washington like a lamb, but it is going out like a lion, and the "classes" as well as the "masses" are having their "ups" and downs in establishing a poise which will assuage their griefs through to the autumn season. Following closely upon the heels of the decision in the Curtis case a delegation of pastors of eminent churches held a meeting to devise ways and means whereby covenants could be drawn so as more effectively to suppress the residential growth of the colored people. According to the white press, both Catholics and Protestants were represented at the "preparedness" meeting and lawyers are now absorbing big fees for giving legal protection by restrictive covenants, from the "menace" of Negro residential invasion.

RACE LEADERSHIP

The day is fast passing when our people will accept the leadership of ignorant, loud-mouthed homeless men. The trying times demand leaders with a well defined program; with clear vision and the grit and back-bone to prosecute the program to a successful end. These qualities are absolutely necessary in our leaders if we would gain the respect for which some of us are striving.

Elk lodges seem to be possessed of so much money, they don't take the time to bond those who handle the same. For this reason we read that a brother Elk in Seattle got away with a \$1000; and a brother member of the Morning Star Lodge of Washing-

ton, D. C. embezzled \$7,572 of the lodge's money.

Grand Treasurer, J. T. Carter of the Order of Elks avers that the order is drawing interest on its money, but Harry Pace, Past Grand E. R. says that it is not. Somebody is wrong. Who is it?

TEX RICKARD'S CONFESSION

Tex Rickard, the world's greatest promoter of prize ring disputes, blew into New York last week after a long trip "down home", where he had been notified that the New York Boxing Commission had ordered Tex's protégé, Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the great white world, to put on the gloves with Harry Wills in less than thirty days. Tex was a bit worried, but after a strong dose of applesauce, some of his gloom was dispelled, and the sallowness of his face partially vanished when he said: "Everywhere in the South there is strenuous opposition to a Dempsey-Wills bout."

This confession from the gladiator of the money bags was not so surprising in itself as it was that Tex made it. Tex is not the shrewd promoter we thought he was; for had he been a real financial wizard he would have muffled his sad statement with glowing enthusiasm in order to try to give the psychological urge to Jack, whose feet, are so cold that he could freeze ice cream with them. If Tex could induce the fleeting Dempsey to enter the ring with Wills, of New Orleans, regardless of the outcome, Tex's share of the spoils would be large enough to pay the railroad fares back to Dixieland of all the Negroes who have migrated northward during the last ten years, and for whose presence the agricultural South is so loudly wailing.

The fact remains, however, that Dempsey has acted like a slacker so far as Wills is concerned. He is not the red-blooded man that "Windmill" Harry Greb is, who, after taking a beating from Tiger Flowers, the Georgia Negro, who is now Middleweight Champion of the world, asked for a return bout, in order that the world might know just who was the best man.

Personally, we don't believe Dempsey will ever fight Wills; for to him a bag of money is incomparable with the denial of fistic social equality with a Negro fighter who wants not only the money but the honor which goes

along with such an unproductive industry as manhandling. What a Goliath would have fallen, were Jack to listen, from the posture of his back, to the sombre monotone of a prize fight referee, and with a champion Negro as the chief spectator inside the ring. To avoid the unmusical sound is worth all the money Jack could ever hope to gather in north of the Mason and Dixie line.

WHERE WAS THE MOB?

In beautiful Washington last week, a "brave" white gentleman who had engaged in a controversy with a lady friend lost his temper. He brutally dragged the lady over the hard concrete streets to his parked car on the curb, and in the heat of anger, feeling that his muscular arms were insufficient to administer chastisement, drew a .38 Colt revolver from his pocket and fired, not one shot, but five shots into the limp body of the object of his wrath. She fell to the ground in a dying condition. Her blood flowed freely over the concrete. She was slain. Womanhood was outraged. In the meanwhile a crowd had gathered and entreated the slayer to stay his hand. They laid not hands upon him, however, nor was there one "brave" enough to give him combat single. Though womanhood was ruthlessly stricken down not one cry of "lynch him" was heard. There was merely present a curious crowd. There was no maddened mob bent upon avenging the homicide. Not one laid hands upon the slayer, though we all know that womanhood is the most sacred treasure of the land. It has been sufficient excuse during the past thirty years for the lynching of nearly 4,000 Negroes. But in Washington, last week, the mob was absent. Where was the mob? WHERE WAS THE MOB?

ON SHIPPING BOARD

Jefferson Myers has been appointed by president Coolidge, a member of the United States Shipping board. If the President had searched the whole country from end to end no better man for the post could have been found, than Jefferson Myers.

A tip to those of our race who are "passing" for white and employed in local stores: Always speak to colored people whom you know, just as real white people do.

Court of Calanthe Dance at Belland Hall, Broadway and Main, Jun. 21st.

JEWISH RELIEF FUND

The recent successful Jewish Relief Fund campaign brought out some interesting and very significant facts. The Jews of the United States raised twenty-five million dollars for the relief of the starving Jewish women and children of the far east. It was the fact that among peoples of all racial groups and religious creeds there were individuals whose broad human sympathies and the spirit of universal brotherhood were so strong that they forgot racial and religious differences and generously contributed to this worthy fund. John D. Rockefeller, multi-millionaire, head of the Standard Oil Company, gave \$100,000 toward the fund and expressed the conviction that in such humanitarian service there should be no recognition of racial or religious barriers. The appeal also touched the heart of William Price a colored man of Detroit, Mich., and he gave the sum of \$25 out of poverty, while John D. Rockefeller gave out of his vast wealth. This colored man sympathized with the Jews deeply because he belongs to a persecuted and suffering race. But above all, he remembered that the greatest gift the world ever received was the gift of a Jew, Jesus. This Jew gave his life that suffering humanity might live; He taught that all men are brothers and the time will come when the brotherhood He taught, will be practiced by all men towards all other men regardless of race, creed or creed.

The Advocate endorses the City's financial plan which will be submitted to the voters at a special election July 1, and we feel sure that the colored voters realize the great need for the passage of this measure and will support the same.

The Pacific Christian Advocate (white) gave a splendid write up in its issue of June 3rd of Countee Cullen, the young colored poet.

The servants of humanity, these are the superior men of whatever nation, creed or color. —Abdu'l Baha

The merchants and other business men who advertise in our race papers will welcome your patronage.

Don't be ashamed of your race but strive to make it worthy of your respect.

HOW TO LIVE WITH YOUR WIFE

What makes a wife easy to live with? This question was put to a magazine editor, who, replying anonymously, said in part, "A sense of proportion, more than anything else, makes a wife easy to live with. Keeping the home nice and livable and interesting but at the same time not making a tragedy out of an overdone steak if a man is late to dinner. Feeling that it is a pity they can't afford orchestra seats for the opera but it would be a lot worse to be unable to enjoy it altogether from gallery seats. In short, the ability to distinguish between the important and the unimportant." —From the June Woman's Home Companion, release date May 20.

UNCLE TOM PRODUCTION STARTS AT UNIVERSAL CITY

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of the speaking stage was selected for the part of "Uncle Tom" several months ago and is due here on the coast early this month.

Noted white actors and actresses have been selected for most of the leading parts; Edmund Crewe is cast for the part of George Harris Mrs. Pollard wife of the director will play the part of "Topsy" and George Seigeman will be Simon Legree.

Of the remaining colored characters to be selected the readers of this publication will be given intimate stories of their lives and professional history in succeeding articles to be published as the story of "Uncle Tom" is filmed at Universal City.

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