

MORE ABOUT KITS REID

(Continued from page one) wine with an outcast. And the third time he was having a fist fight with a promoter inside a church." From Kahlil Gibran.

May the Christmas season bring to you a broader conception of your obligation toward those not blessed as you are blessed.

The above is the text on a Christmas card received by a friend of mine—and is it not a sermon? And does not the personal greeting sound a responsive note that sets one's conscience a-tingling?

To remember our obligations to friend and foe alike, is a challenge that cannot be easily evaded and yet how easily we disregard it. How prone we are to believe the evil we hear about our friends and how jealous we are of their successes and honors. With our lips we praise while in our hearts we hold envy and malice. Are we really followers of the Christ when we do these things even though we are not found out? Are we not among those whom He scourged in the market place? And how weary a place it makes the world of ours. It's so full of beauty, so joyous in its promises of happiness if we will but acknowledge the loving Spirit—if we would but realize that "as you rise and are true, you lift the whole world with you, far as you tread the path, it becomes plainer to your fellowman."

And so, as we face another year of living, can we not agree upon at least one good resolution and this is mine: "That I will rejoice in the blessings I have—that I will share them whenever I may—that I will not allow my mind to be cluttered up with envy—that I will bear the snubs and sneers with greater patience—that I will do my best to remember that every human being is a child of God and as well as I can, treat him as such."

Knowing myself as well as I do, I think that's a rather large bargain to make with myself, when I am rather sure that certain people are nearer being children of the devil than anything else. I assume that to be their parentage, judging from the outward appearance of such inward grace as they seem to possess. And then I stop to think of how the Master blessed the thief and took the hand of the prostitute—and I begin to see that these souls are simply blinded, either from ignorance or choice and that if I myself behave as God's child is expected to behave, I may help to cure their blindness. At any rate I can be perfectly sure that their unkindness either of blindness or ignorance, cannot hurt me, unless

I am also unkind.

Believe me, its going to take some nerve to live up to all the foregoing. And I am quite sure that I ought to have a halo if I do succeed. And when we wear halos, we usually adopt a halo attitude and if there is one thing in this world that I abominate more than anything else it is that "I am holier than thou" attitude. I ran into it today at the State Teachers' meeting. One woman dared to get up and criticize certain of the formulae of the prevailing system of "standardizing" and the way some of those teachers squelched her for her presumption. The poor thing shriveled right up and squeezed out thro a crack in the door. She had not read my New Year's resolution. If she had, she would have charity for their blindness and she would know that mere teachers must uphold the prevailing system, especially if voiced by one of the supervisors or she will lose her job. "All ye who enter here leave hope behind" is not entirely effaced from our school house portals. But each year, the words grow dimmer, and perhaps by the time the present generation's grandchildren trip through the doorways, a system may have been evolved that is for the child. But as long as Big Business controls our schools, just so long will we have standardized systems and "standardized" children. And our teachers dare not be individual or depart from the established methods.

As it is not yet "New Year's Day" as I write my column, my resolutions are not yet effective so that I can tell you how I have chortled with glee over the action of John Nevin Sayre, brother-in-law of daughter of Woodrow Wilson. He had the nerve to complain to Secretary of War Wilson about the efforts of army officers to prevent his speeches opposing compulsory military training in public schools and colleges. He also objects to their calling him an open communist. I should like to ask any army officer at the Vancouver post, to tell us right out in public what kind of creature an "open communist" is?

One of these days some of these brass buttoned and Sam Brown belted gentlemen whom we taxpayers are supporting in leisure, will have libel suits on their hands and they will wish they had not used foreign words quite so promiscuously.

Any how to go back to my story. The Reverend Mr. Sayre asks the Secretary of War "if the war department does not take energetic measures in restraining Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis and others in activities similar to the case mentioned, will I not be justified in charging

that the war department is responsible for the campaign of defamation of character and attempts to repress free speech for peace in which its subordinates are engaged?"

Good for the Reverend Mr. Sayre, who by the way, is an Episcopalian minister. Bishop Sumner—what do you think of it? Rev. A. A. Morrison—do you agree with Dr. Sayre? The article in question is on page 3 in the Oregonian of December 28th. Awaiting your replies, and wishing for one and all, a Happy New Year, I am

Yours in deepest sympathy.

KITS REID. ADVOCATE PRAISED

Continued from page one involved, that this great paper will continue to stand firm in the cause of the race as it has always done in the past. I wish success and happiness to the Advocate staff and to the great paper they represent.

J. A. G. Washington.

SPORTS EDITOR IS HAPPY IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash. Dec. 29.—To the Editor: Hello everybody. I am so happy I hardly have time to write. We beat Seattle and the girls are going wild about us. They are giving parties every night. I got cut on the cheek and a pretty little girl took me to her home and gave me first aid. We leave for Tacoma today and will return to Portland Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Smith entertained Wednesday at a dinner party honoring Mrs. H. C. Williams and son, of Seattle.

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LONGVIEW WASHINGTON HAD MERRY CHRISTMAS

(By Mrs. Lynch Brown) "God bless you", Happy New Year! That expresses it in simple words and true. Its what the heart of me would say if I could speak to you. May every day be happy dys—until your journeys end, is just the simple wish of one who's glad to greet old friends.

Christmas was celebrated here with Christmas trees and concert at the Community church. The tree was laden with all kinds of gifts for every one present. Santa Claus was generous from the many packages every one received.

The children's concert was a splendid success.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gildon entertained at Christmas dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright of Portland, Oregon. The table was beautifully decorated with Yuletide colors, with a brilliant Christmas Tree background. Her guests included Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Brown, Miss Essie Robinson, Mr. Neville, and Mr. Howard. A sightseeing trip over the city was enjoyed by the guests.

Mr. Monroe Wilson was in the city a few days ago from Pullman, Washington. Mr. Wilson is a student at Pullman college and is spending the holidays with his mother in Seattle. While in the city. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Brown were guests at the Monticello Hotel's annual Christmas Tree Dec. 24th.

The program Sunday nite was well rendered under the direction of Mrs. Robert Johnson with a chorus of 20 voices. Mr. Sam Scott sang a baritone solo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Brown were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fontino Monday night. A beautifully appointed dinner was served. The color scheme in decorations were red and green.

The reporter was the recipient of many useful Xmas presents. So it pays to be real good just before Xmas. Happy New Year, everybody!

PORTLAND HOTEL NOTES

Guy Jamison, the eely bell hop at The Portland, spent this week in Seattle in quest of a wife.

Richard Bogle a student at O. A. C., Corvallis, Ore., spent the week hopping bells at The Portland.

"Doc" Howe, former waiter at The Portland is in town in the role of advance agent for "Struttin Sam From Alabam" theatrical Co. However, he has about decided to remain in Portland as his contract expires next week in Seattle.

Judge A. C. Hough of Grants Pass, Oregon is a guest at The Portland.

Among the waiters most emphatic in their New Year resolutions, is Charles Redd who says he is going to close up like a clam. The old waiters are resolving to "stick to the old ship" while the new waiters are saying, "I'll do my darndest to hold on".

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mullen of 318 E. 41st St., entertained with an elaborate Christmas dinner on Christmas day. Covers were placed for twelve guests. The house was very artistically decorated with Christmas bells, holly and other seasonal colors. A large beautifully decorated Christmas tree enhanced the already attractive home. Every one present expressed keen appreciation for the fine affair.

George Cannady won the Junior hand-ball championship at the West Side Y. M. C. A. Friday. He defeated his opponent, Howard Kirkpatrick, 31—15.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Ted Mullen Spends Holidays Here. Mr. Ted Mullen son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mullen, came home from Seattle to spend Christmas with his parents. His guests who came down with him were the Misses June Cray and Hannah Green; Monroe Blackwell and Alfred Purnell. After having "the time of their young lives", they returned to Seattle Sunday.

Mrs. Leon Gregory spent Christmas at her home, 937 Rodney Avenue. She returned to St. Vincent hospital on Sunday.

Miss Golden Baker was hostess at a delightful Birthday dinner party Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Baker, 689 E. 20th St. Covers were laid for eight. A delicious course dinner was served and the delightful guests enjoyed the affair immensely. Christmas colors in decorations prevailed.

TO MY FRIENDS

Just a reminder: May you find much happiness in the opportunities for service that may come to you during the New Year. Dr. and Mrs. Dyer, members of the church, the Advocate and all other friends. —Edgar Williams.

THEY HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON XMAS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hand-saker held open house Xmas. Day and night. Many guests called, representing several nationalities. In the evening story telling occupied a big place and was ended by the hostess who told a beautiful Christmas story. The Misses Turner accomplished daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Turner furnished music on the violin and piano. Christmas carols were sung by all the guests. Refreshments were dispensed.

O. S. Thomas who has been a patient in a local hospital has recovered and is at home 329 San Rafael St.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Randall, 411 1/2 Union Ave. N., entertained with a midnight dinner party, Dec. 24th in honor of Mrs. Nellie Knott of Alberta Canada and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio. The house was decorated in Christmas colors. Covers were laid for nine. Every one had a nice time until 5:30 A. M.

"STRUTTIN' SAM FROM ALABAMA" HERE

Tom Harris as "Struttin' Sam" and Frieta Shaw as Princess Kukula of Samoa, shined brilliantly in the artists' roles of Arthur Hockwald's fast moving musical extravaganza, "Struttin' Sam From Alabam", playing this at the Heilig theatre. On the opening night which was Thursday they played to a full house in which a large number of colored people were noted drawn there mainly to see and hear the prima donna, Frieta Shaw who is a Portland girl.

There were many pretty "high brown" steppers and as "Struttin' Sam" observed "heaven must have declared a recess."

Frieta Shaw wore several gorgeous gowns and sang beautifully. Her voice appeared to better advantage than in previous years.

Miss Shaw was presented a bouquet by the Organ Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and from St. Philips Choir, at the close of her special singing number.

There will be a matinee Saturday (today) afternoon at 2:15 and the closing performance at 8:15.

Prices including war tax for evening and matinee, Floor, \$1.65; Balcony, \$1.65, \$1.10, 75 cents.

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

(By Edgar Williams)

The services both morning and evening had the Christmas spirit. Everybody was happy and wanted to make others happy. A fine frame of mind to be in!

Dr. Dyer's sermon sure did hit some of us a knock-out blow. He preached from the Book of 1st Peter, 5th chapter, 1—9th verses.

His text was, The Practical Application of Christianity the Success of the church. Nobody was omitted. The truth is what hurts so; makes it hurt to the bone. After every storm comes the calm.

The evening service was well taken and very passionately preached by Rev. Dyer. Being the last Sunday in this year, he spoke in serious enough as well as joyful and solemn words his thanks to God and the members of the church and friends for their hearty co-operation during 1926. He urged them to look to a bigger and better 1927. His text was: Applied Christianity, Matthew 24th Chapter, and the 13th verse. But he that shall endure un to the end, the same shall be saved.

The young people are sure having some real meetings and good attendance. If you want to spend a pleasant hour Sunday evening, come to Mt. Olivet at 6:30 P. M.

There was several visitors present. The reporter met the following ones: Mr. and Mrs. Hansell of the city Mr. Drew of Colorado Spgs, Mr. Joseph Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio and Mr. E. Dykes of Oakland, Calif.

The Christmas Tree for the children was had Friday night in the basement of the church. All the boys and girls present were happy and went home smiling.

Watching the old year out and the New Year in was observed by a large number of members at the church.

The first Sunday in the New Year, Jan. 2nd is Fellowship and Communion day. Roll call. Be there and answer to your name.

I was hat getting my notes in last week is the reason for their non-appearance. Bear with me, it wont happen again.

THE ADVOCATE

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