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nawthin' has somethin' the matter with
it."—Mr. Dooley.

"They have rights who dare main-
tain them."—James Russell Lowell.

COLORED VOTERS ARE THINKING

The colored voters are giving more thought to the ballot than ever before. Years ago it was considered a crime for a colored man to cast a democratic vote and the few who claimed to be democrats were looked upon with grave suspicion. On election day our voters could be depended upon to support without questioning the "Grand Old Party." On account of the liberality of the democrats of New York City and those of other states, many colored voters were induced to join that party. There has been a surprising increase ever since. In more recent years these voters have found their way not only in the democratic but in the Socialistic and other parties. Especially is this true at present. This will undoubtedly have a salutary effect and will gain relative good for the race. This independent spirit in many is giving the republicans much concern, especially in the closer states.

Greater efforts are being made to reach him by leaders of the contending parties than ever before, and in large numbers he will divide his vote. It is indeed a new and helpful era in politics for this group. By the suppression of the self-seekers, the mass will be greatly benefited therefrom.

PAINTING OUR NEGROES RED

The Soviet leaders have hit upon a great plan to overthrow capitalism in the United States and inaugurate a government by the proletariat. They are going to make ranting reds out of our colored population. A

few educated Negroes of Chicago have undertaken the job. A number of them have been taking the Communist course in the University of Moscow and others are to be sent over for that purpose. When they come back they will join in with the first few in a campaign of education of their colored brethren and sisters in the beauties of Communism and proletarian despotism.

The misguided bolsheviks are not the first to imagine that there is such dissatisfaction among the Negroes of the United States and such inharmonious between them and the whites as would make them an ideal foundation for revolution in America. They will be disillusioned, as others have been. Communism, especially the red radical sort, rests upon dissatisfaction, jealousy and ignorance. The havenots are arrayed against the haves, not because of genuine belief in some political or social theory, but merely because they belong to the moneyless and propertyless class. Change their condition in that respect and they cease to be Communists.

The great majority of the Negroes of the United States live in the South. Most of them are small property owners and the great majority are well satisfied with life as they find it. They are mighty poor material for bolshevism. The comparatively few who live in Northern cities and industrial centers supply practically all the material the bolsheviks can work upon, and Chicago is the hotbed of whatever race conflict there is. For all practical purposes there are many times as many white havenots in our American cities who are likely material for bolshevism converts than Negroes. However, the Russian Soviet leaders can display their bad faith by pushing propaganda among the Negroes, just as they have been doing it in the past by seeking to overthrow our government through red activity among the white proletariat. It is all the same job.

TRADE WITH THE MERCHANTS WHO ADVERTISE IN OUR PAPERS OR WHO EMPLOY OUR PEOPLE.

There are a number of white merchants who appreciate the money spent by Negroes with them. There are also a great number who do not appreciate your nickels, dimes and dollars. Ordinarily those firms that do welcome your patronage advertise in colored publications. It would be wise and helpful racially if you, Mr. Citizen, and you, Mrs. Citizen, would give those firms that advertise in your own newspapers first consideration when you do your daily shopping. Usually the firms that won't

advertise in Negro newspapers don't contribute to colored charities or employ Negro help. There is absolutely no reason why we should help swell the coffers of unfriendly firms. Think it over, friends.

"ARROW TIPS"
By Kits Reid

The Advocate does not necessarily share in Kits Reid's views, but whether we do or not, her opinions are sane, and logical and well worth reading. It is your privilege as well as ours to disagree with Kits and she invites your opinion upon subjects she discusses from time to time in her column.

"God made us neighbors; let justice make us friends"—Borah

Isn't it bad enough to have such hot weather, without having so many horrible things happen to upset us? The column this week is an album of horrors.

First, the Sacco-Vanzetti verdict. I do not find anywhere the complete statement of the governor of Massachusetts so that I do not feel able to pass judgment on it in its entirety. That alone uncovers his bias—a fair trial under a judge who condemned the men before he heard the evidence. The governor also thinks "they are guilty beyond a reasonable doubt." God in heaven, is that excuse enough to commit a double murder? Personally I do not think the men were tried for murder. They were tried for daring to think in terms contrary to the Massachusetts brand of thought. They were tried for daring to exercise the right given us under the constitution—liberty of conscience on religious matters. That, of course is a heinous crime against the Massachusetts tradition. I cannot understand such a peculiar brand of justice but it is quite in keeping with the history of Massachusetts for this past twenty years. She gave us Coolidge which is a serious enough blunder for any state to make. Then we had those awful Lawrence textile strikes which the state machinery helped to break. Then she followed it up with her iniquitous child slavery vote on the federal child labor amendment—think of it—America's "center of culture" voting to perpetuate the curse of child labor. And now comes this latest travesty of justice—the Sacco-Vanzetti verdict? What is the matter with the people of that state? Where is their Christianity? And is the whole United States going to sit by and see herself dishonored in the eyes of the world by the rotten, narrow-minded, outgrown and outworn prejudices of one state?

Next in line comes the Nicaragua horror. When, on April 25, Coolidge stated that "toward the governments which we have recognized this side of Panama, we feel a moral responsibility that does not attach to other nations," he overturned some rather sacred American traditions. If he means that the United States will not recognize any nation which comes into being through revolution, he ought to guess again. Our own nation was borne out of a revolution. We recognized the French Republic and sent ambassadors over there before the guillotine had ceased dripping blood. But Wall Street banks own the majority of stock in the Bank of Nicaragua and in the Nicaragua National Railroad and prominent American politicians own valuable mining property in Nicaragua; therefore it is quite proper for Coolidge to order American marines down there to kill off the Nicaraguan revolutionists and to supply ammunition to the American controlled Nicaraguan government, and to do anything and everything an outside government should not do. It is nothing short of American Imperialism but—what are we going to do about it?

Next comes the ridiculous schoolboy utterance of the president, "I do not choose to run

for president in 1928"—unworthy of a man who holds the highest office in this great republic. Of all the words in the dictionary "choose" is the one that opens the widest door to a change of mind. Frankly, friends, anyone in this position would be wise to say "refuse" instead of "choose"—facing all that the next president of this country must face. Suppose we name a few of them—the Nicaraguan horror, the Mexican situation (I see that the Knights of Columbus have resolved to keep up the agitation down there), the Mississippi relief situation, the farm relief situation, the Russian situation, the growing militarist situation, the Chinese situation, the World Court situation—let me count—how many situations is that? Eight, and all of them very bad and uncomfortable for the next president. If Mr. Coolidge is wise he will change that "choose" to "refuse." Personally and confidentially, I think he made up his little 2x4 mind when he saw that picture of himself wearing the cowboy chaps.

Next comes a local incident—the spectacle of our city commission wiggling and twisting itself into a knot over granting a permit to the new restaurant in the Unger building. I had heard some gossip about the thing and then I heard that the Housewives' council was stirred up about it. Now, when that bunch of women gets stirred up, I know that something is doing—it is the only organization of women in this city that does real things. So I inquired. It seems that there is a rule against bakeries going into cellars and the department of health refuses to issue any permits therefore except when ordered to do so by the city commission, as has been in several instances. Oh, special privilege, what a wonder thou art. Well, anyhow, in the Unger case the particular cellar has no light and no air and no anything that comes within the rule. But there is a lot of expensive electrical machinery needed, therefore notwithstanding all the above defects—application has been made to the commission to overrule the health department's refusal. (To be continued in our next)

Last, but by no means least for this week's horrors—are the war propaganda films being shown—whom are we getting ready to fight? Is that why the Geneva disarmament conference failed? So that America could "point with pride" to her efforts for peace? No one dreamed for a moment that it would be a successful conference—why was it ever held unless some one wanted to make an excuse out of it for further atrocities and for more preparation for war. Congress will now be asked to finance a very much larger navy on the strength of the bursting of the Geneva-Coolidge bubble. What a ghastly farce the whole business is. This nation is being run by a lot of schoolboys with Wall Street telling them what to do. I must apologize to the school boys I know here in town—I am sure they would do better. Kellogg is in his second childhood and ready for kindergarten again, while Coolidge is acting like an eighth grade boy. The rest of his cabinet are playing ping pong with the nation's destinies. Again, what are we going to do about it?

MT. OLIVET LOSES PASTOR

By Edgar Williams
Rev. E. C. Dyer resigns pastorate, to take effect September 1. Will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday, August 28th.

In his leaving Mt. Olivet and this community will lose the most conservative minister that we have had. He is a man of high ideals and wants to measure up to the 20th century program. He lives that way and he preaches that way. He has set a high mark for the other ministers to aim at. Others

IN THE REALM of Society

By Trixie Breaux

MISS SHIRLEY McCANN ENTERTAINS

A delightful breakfast was given by Miss Shirley McCann at her home on Roslawn avenue, Saturday morning, honoring her mother, Mrs. D. A. Graham, just returned from Monrovia, Liberia, where with her husband, Dr. Graham, president of Monrovia college, she has spent the past two years. All enjoyed the breakfast to the highest extent. Mrs. Graham entertained with accounts of her long and interesting journey from West Africa. Seated at the table with Mrs. Graham were Mrs. E. D. Cannady, Mrs. Elbert Booker, Mrs. Phil F. Reynolds, Miss Ruth Roston of Seattle and hostess.

Mrs. D. A. Graham and daughter, Shirley McCann, were the honor guests at a luncheon given at the First Christian church, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Graham talked on conditions in Liberia.

Mrs. S. S. Golden was hostess at a beautifully appointed eleven o'clock breakfast at her home, 498 Sherritt

avenue, Thursday, August 4th, the guest of honor being Mrs. Darthulu Irving of San Francisco, California, who is a student in a school of Chiropody in San Francisco and a charming matron, Mrs. Irving, while in the city, was the guest of Mrs. Lula Gragg, 1034 E. 30th street North. The table was pretty with a center piece of sweet peas and at each place a petite bouquet of sweet peas was placed for the guests.

Seated about the beautifully appointed table were: Mrs. S. S. Golden, Mrs. Darthulu Irving, Mrs. Lula Gragg, Mrs. Bonnie Bogle, Mrs. E. D. Cannady, Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Stanley, Mrs. Hugh Bell, Mrs. X. C. Runyon, Mrs. John F. Moreland, Mrs. J. L. Stewart of La Grande, Oregon, and her niece.

Mrs. J. L. Stewart of La Grande and her niece spent last week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stanley, 538 Mail street. Thursday afternoon they were taken for a drive over the Columbia river highway.

Mrs. C. E. Ivey and daughter, Fannie Rose, of 946 Tibbets street, re-

turned home Saturday morning, August 6, from a six weeks' vacation in California.

"The trip was a pleasant one," said Mrs. Ivey, "but we're glad to be back home. No place like Oregon, for me."

While away, they visited many cities; Oakland, San Francisco, San Quentin, the famous state prison, and Los Angeles. They motored through many of the small cities. While in Oakland, she was the house guest of Miss Nannie Maud Ivey, sister of her husband. She was entertained lavishly by her many old friends in the various cities at which she stopped during the trip.

Miss Norma Keene entertained at dinner at the home of her parents, 425 Church street, on Friday of last week for the pleasure of the Maxwell sisters of Salem, Oregon.

Miss Ruth Ralston of Seattle visited friends in Portland last week. She was the home guest of Mrs. Ollie Henderson at 716 Union avenue N. She returned home Sunday after having had a delightful visit. Miss Ralston is an accomplished musician.

were brought home to Yakima. Both ladies are suffering from bruises and cuts. Mrs. Hickman had eight stitches taken in her scalp.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harris leave Saturday to attend the Grand Lodge of U. B. F's and S. M. T's at Trinidad, Colorado. Mr. Harris is the delegate for the Brothers' lodge and Mrs. Harris is the delegate for the S. M. T.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woods have returned home from a visit of a week with friends in Seattle.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Preaching Sunday morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. G. G. Gardener.

Mrs. Ida Thompson was hostess at an elaborate luncheon Sunday, honoring Mrs. Vaughner of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Wilson Cockran of Kansas City, Mo. Covers were laid for 16. Mesdames Ivey and Duke were hostesses to an after tennis breakfast Friday morning. Mrs. G. S. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith motored to Seattle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Mitchell are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

MRS. SMITH HURT

Monday Mrs. Ruby Smidy had an accident while driving to Walla Walla, which completely wrecked her car. She was accompanied by her husband, Mrs. Frances Hickman and Mrs. D. C. Cravin. Mr. and Mrs. Smidy were taken to the hospital in Walla Walla, and Mrs. Hickman and Mrs. Cravin

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