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BLACK MAN WANTS FREEDOM AGAIN

"Did you read in the news dispatches where the Brotherhood of Pullman porters is taking up with the federal authorities a proposition to compel the Pullman company to pay more wages, and not force the porters to depend upon tips for the greater part of their wages? Then if you read it, let us ask you this question: 'Which side of the fence were your ancestors on when the great Civil war was fought back in the 60's?' Does that mean anything to you? Maybe not; that is unless you know something of the history of the Pullman company, and can connect it up, in a sensible way, with the great struggle between two sections over the nation. Some say that war was fought over the question of state rights. Still others declare freedom for the black slave was the paramount issue. At any rate, both played a part in the affairs that led up to the war. And, after all, it was probably the hard-headedness of the fire eaters of both sides which finally brought about the most momentous struggle in American history.

Then let's look at it in this light: Abraham Lincoln it was who issued that famous proclamation saying that all black men were, henceforth and forever, here in America, as free as the white men who had previously held them as chattels. The end of the great strife found the immortal Lincoln laid low at the hand of an assassin. But the Negro was freed.

Years passed. The Pullman company, being unable to employ white men in the menial labors of a porter, and knowing the white race in general would never stand for the yellow men as his intimate servitor, employed the black man to 'shine 'em up,' make up the berths and generally make himself handy aboard the Pullman cars. Who is there who has not met him, ensemble? One of the most careful and competent servants in the world is this same Pullman porter.

But the Pullman company does not pay high wages. Instead it holds out to the black man the hope of making 'anywhere from \$75 to \$100 per month from the traveling public' in tips. The black man of today is declared the equal of his white fellowman. Then why not give him the same self respect? Why not pay him a living wage, without expecting him to accept gratuities from the public as a part of his salary?

The black man wants his freedom again.

But we hear you saying: 'What has all this to do with the Civil war and Abraham Lincoln?'

Just this: The man who, for many years, until his death recently, headed the Pullman Company, was Robert T. Lincoln, son of the 'Great Emancipator.' In that capacity he was the man who first compelled the black man to work for tips. Sort of ironical, isn't it?

The father freed the black man. The son's company enslaved him again, forcing him to belittle himself by taking tips in return for the labors in which Pullman employed him." — Salinas, Calif., Index.

STOP BOASTING AND SAVE

Of all the races of people, the Negro boasts most about his great progress and wealth. When the truth of the matter is known, he is no doubt doing less in that direction than any other, when we consider the splendid opportunity he has had and still has. The race is not taking hold of all its opportunities for advancement along economic and other lines. We are not building business enterprises like we should be; and we are not sticking together as we ought to. Just suppose we were thrown upon our own resources. Suppose all railroads, dining and pullman cars refuse to hire us; suppose all hotels would close their doors to us as employees; bootblack stands, barbershop porters, janitors' jobs and the like be taken away from us and we were denied jobs as domestics and menials, just what would become of our boasted progress, wealth and independence? Just where would we be? We would become a group of tramps and beggars.

We are all now at work at various jobs and have a chance to make good the same as any other working class of other races. Are we making well of these opportunities by saving our earnings, investing wisely, building business, or are we indulging in expensive luxuries such as fine clothes and fine automobiles? Are we taking too many vacations and staging too many elaborate parties, sometimes more elaborate than those of wealthy white people for whom many of us work for a small wage? The time is at hand for us to slow down on these useless extravagances, save and invest our earnings so that after a while, our boasted progress, independence and wealth will have a solid foundation and become a reality. It is well to bear in mind that jobs for our group are not so plentiful as they once were and every day sees them dwindle.

POLITICS

A political meeting to nominate an independent candidate for congress was supposed to have been held Tuesday night in The Portland hotel assembly hall. But it fell flat as only a handful of people were present. Now another meeting is down for next Thursday night. So for the sponsors of the movement have been unable to find a worth-while candidate who is willing to enter the race. A Mrs. Webber has announced herself as an independent candidate for the place but her entrance is taken as a joke by many, for they realize if a candidate is to be named to oppose the Republican and Democratic party nominees with any chance of success or even a creditable showing it must be a man who is able and well known to the voters of this district.

MISS MAXWELL HONORED

Miss El Rae Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Maxwell, of Salem, Ore., who is studying the violin in Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "The Standard Beaver Society, of which I am president, is sending me as delegate to the Pacific Fallsades for a week's camping convention. Miss Hughes and I will be the only colored girls attending the convention. But we are sure of having a lovely time, for we already know many of the white girls who will attend."

Safety first is one of the best painful habits.

IN THE REALM of Society

By Trixie Breaux

The K. of P. Club and the N Plus Ultra club of the Court of Calanthe sponsored a dance and card party at the Stag club and auditorium on Monday evening, September 26th. Music was furnished by The Chanters and the affair was well attended. It was pronounced very enjoyable. Among out-of-town guests was noted Mr. Arthur LeBon of Berkeley, Calif.

Mrs. C. B. Alexander, of 105 E. 10th street, was a charming hostess at a beautifully appointed luncheon honoring Mrs. Marcella Campbell-Collins, popular matron of Joplin, Mo., on Monday afternoon, September 26. Pretty garden flowers in orchid were used in profusion about the rooms, lending an air

of freshness and beauty. Covers were laid for Mesdames Byrd, William Baker, Louise Williams, Leo Pierce, Ruth Love, Ruth Mercier, Ruth Flowers, O. W. Stevens, Willie Garnett, Charles Adams and the guest of honor. Following luncheon the ladies played progressive whist at three tables. First prize was awarded to Mrs. Louise Williams, the booby and guest prizes to Mrs. Collins.

A letter from Mrs. Lillian Morrow announces that they are greatly in love with their new location, Oakland, and have enjoyed meeting many old acquaintances.

Mrs. Bonnie Bogle is spending several weeks visiting relatives and friends in Oakland,

Calif. Mrs. Bogle is prominent in local club activities and is also the Portland correspondent for the Seattle Enterprise. She is being royally entertained during her visit in the south.

Mrs. D. A. Graham, 391 Roselwan avenue, is very happy over the visit of her son Willis, who motored up from Oakland for a few days. Mrs. Graham had not seen him for several years. Mr. Graham motored to Seattle where he will attend to business before returning to his home in California.

A letter from Mrs. Jerome Harris, formerly of this city, but now of Los Angeles, Cal., contains another year's subscription to The Advocate and states that she and Mr. Harris are well and happy.

Los Angeles Social Circle

(By Emma Lue Sayers)

The most outstanding event of the week was the wedding of Miss Ernestine Jones and Mr. T. Hyde Wade. Mr. Wade is Catholic and his bride Protestant, so the wedding was held privately before a dozen of their most intimate friends at the Catholic church at 53rd and Hooper avenue, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Several hundred attended the wedding reception which immediately followed the ceremony at Christian Tavern a few blocks away.

The bride, who is young, pretty and popular, was given away by her mother, Mrs. Geneva Sanders-Jones. She wore white beaded georgette with a tulle veil caught with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and roses. Miss Cornelia Edwards, wearing blue georgette, was her only attendant.

The Wades will be at home after October 1st at their lovely new home, 1417 East 108th street, South, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Wade is a musician of ability and Mr. Wade is a landscape gardener. The honeymoon was to be spent in San Diego.

Mr. Archie L. Weaver, financial secretary of the Chicago branch of the N. A. A. C. P., paid Los Angeles a flitting visit last week. Mr. Weaver was a guest of the Y. M. C. A. and was shown many social courtesies while here, among them:

A tour of Hollywood with Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Somerville as hosts; luncheon with Miss Sayers, local secretary of the N. A. A. C. P.; a party of old acquaintances at the home of Mrs. Grimes on East 43rd as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas; a theater party at Hollywood Bowl Monday evening; and a trip to Catalina Island along with the National Letter Carrier delegation of which organization he is a member, as the special guest of William Wrigley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Simpson of 2846 Glassell street have just returned from their vacation in San Diego, Tia Juana and Lower Mexico. They came back on the beautiful ship Yale and had a wonderful trip. Mr. and Mrs. John Scott surprised them on their return with a dinner party in honor of their first anniversary.

The Labor Service and the A-Z Stenographic Bureau have opened joint offices in the Y. W. C. A. building and both are filling a much needed niche in the business world of the city.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation will resume their regular monthly meetings at McKee's Cafeteria on Spring street next Monday night at six o'clock. At the opening meeting Mr. J. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Brothers and sister of Mrs. Brothers, Mrs. Lula Henderson, stopped over for a short visit last Thursday on a motoring trip from Yellowstone National Park en route home in Los Angeles. Mrs. Brothers is employed by the city. Mrs. Henderson is owner and manager of Lula's Beauty Shoppe on South Central avenue, which is one of the finest of our race, and has a wonderful trade. Mr. Brothers is employed by the government. They are very popular young people and made quite a few friends here. While in the city they were the house guests of Mrs. Clarence Carroll, No. 717 Rodney avenue. They left Saturday morning for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Mullen, 318 East 41st street, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Brothers and Madam Lula Henderson at breakfast Friday morning. Covers were placed for eight. After breakfast the party went for a sightseeing trip over the city.

Mrs. Bonnie Bogle, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Oakland, Cal., has returned home looking well and happy. Mrs. Bogle is prominent in local club work and is Portland reporter to the Seattle Enterprise.

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Colored Men Win Athletic Honors

Two Portland young men winning distinction in athletics are Bob Robinson and Chuck Williams, students at the University of Oregon. Robinson and Williams are ex-Portland high school football stars and both are said to be among those who have a good chance of making University of Oregon grid letters this fall. The Morning Oregonian of September 27, in speaking of Robinson's popularity and Williams' ability, has the following to say: "Bob Robinson was one of the most written about athletes who ever shone in the Portland interscholastic circuit. A halfback with unbelievable dexterity in avoiding tacklers in a broken field, he could also pass and punt. He excelled in practically every branch of athletics—football, baseball, basketball, track, tennis, swimming and golf. On the track he sprinted, broad-jumped, high-jumped, threw the discus, javelin and shot and ran both distance and the hurdles. "Chuck Williams played for Washington, 1924 being his big year. He was a bearcat on the defense and is still stronger on the defense than on the offense, although he is a powerful line plunger."

MT. OLIVET CHURCH NOTES

Rev. E. B. Bracken will fill the pulpit morning and night, October 2. The public is invited to both services.

BOYS MISSING

Eugene Smith, 15-year-old nephew of Mr. and Mrs. George Randall, of 411 1/2 Union Ave. North, and James Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mills, of 289 Larrabee street are missing from the city and the police department has been requested by the boys' guardian and parents, respectively, to assist in locating them. While it is not known that they are together, it is thought that they left in company with each other.

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