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CRITICISING OUR LEADERS

It is with a great deal of surprise, and with a feeling of disgust that we note the adverse criticism of some of our leading men and women—especially by people who are occupying places of leadership themselves. Of course we realize that this is a free Country and people have the right of free speech, but even so, our race cannot afford to try to pull down and attempt to destroy the influence of those who, through their personalities, have gained the ear of those who are in a position to help our race. At this time we have in mind Dr. William Pickens. Dr. Pickens is the most versatile of our race leaders. He has come up to the top of the ladder from the lowest round. He is a well educated man—graduating at Yale University. He speaks several languages fluently and won special recognition for his knowledge of Esperanto, which language many believe if we are to have one—will be the universal language. He has lectured all over the Country and in foreign Countries; at one time addressing an audience of thousands of Germans in Germany in their own tongue. He is one of the few men of our race listed in "who's who in America". Articles from his pen are syndicated and released to leading American publications and read by millions. He is an author of no mean ability and there is always a demand for his work. His work, however, as Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, an institution in itself. In doing this work, Dr. Pickens has contacted all races and classes of people. His friendly but conservative disposition enables him to mingle with ease with all whom he contacts. He is extremely original and unique in his presentation of what ever he chooses to talk on from the platform. He is absolutely fearless in his fight to bring the Negro race in America into the realization of his citizenship rights which is attested by the fact that he has been into many sections of the South where he has been told not to come—in other words where formerly there were signs "nigger, don't let the sun go down on you here"—He has gone there and delivered his message to white people, yes. His going has made the staying better for his brother in black who trembled at his coming, for him.

Why could Dr. Pickens go into these places and be able to return and tell the story? Because he knows how to reach the heart of his hearers be they white or black. If it is necessary to tell a funny story or a joke to arrest the attention and make friends of his audience, Dr. Pickens does so. He realizes that the mass of the mass of humanity is down in the valley yet, —very few having scaled the sides of the high mountains and still fewer ever reached the top. Hence he speaks the language of the valley or the mountain side or the mountain peak. For, having passed that way, he knows every bit of the ground. Dr. Pickens is always in demand. Wherever he goes the biggest and most influential organizations,—clubs and universities seek his services. And it does not matter where he speaks, he never fails to strike a blow for the freedom of his race. "He puts it over"—is about the best explanation that not so elegantly expressed—that can be given his style. And that is what the world wants today—men who can put over their programs. We have heard many interesting speakers; we have heard many interesting preachers, most all of whom preached the same gospel. Their style and manner of presentation differed,

of course, but would it be fair for us to speak or write publicly disparaging them because we did not like their style? Dr. Pickens is one of the foremost Negroes in America and is one of the few who is putting over his program. Let us as followers and fellow workers cease our criticism and try to attain unto his heights. We sometimes question the sincerity of those of our race who so glibly criticise our men and women who are doing their full duty to make the Negro's position in his own country better. Is it a sincere criticism or are their critics trying to attract the public's attention to themselves—trying to make people think they're big because they criticise their superiors? Or, is it like the late "Bruce Gritt" used to say, "It is the tribute mediocrity pays to greatness". Whatever the reason, we know our race cannot advance like it should and as much as it is capable if we are continually finding fault with our leaders who have the ear and the confidence of those to whom in the final analysis, we must look to for assistance in gaining our full citizenship rights.

THE HEART OF THE NATION.

The Mother has at heart her child's welfare, the Father likewise has plans and dreams for his boy's or girl's fitness for life. Why then is not the child the heart of the Nation; a center of thought as it were? From the heart comes the good and bad impulses of all human beings. When such impulses are guided and the minds of our youth filled so full of good, noble and constructive thoughts; thoughts of kindness, mercy and justice to all living creature, there is little room for thoughts of a cruel or destructive nature. When this guidance is exercised, then, and only then, can we hope to crowd out and eradicate cruelty and crime.

The often quoted line from Geo. T. Angell's writings is as true now as ever. He said: Nearly all the criminals of the future are in our public schools now, and we are educating them. We can mould them now IF WE WILL. To instill into the hearts and minds of the coming generation, humane sentiment; the feeling of kindness and justice to every living creature, educating them in ways of mercy and thoughtfulness for the helpless in the world, will do more to decrease crime than punishments can ever be expected to do.

Dr. H. O. Stillman, late President of the American Humane Association referring to humane education, said: "The quality of the citizenship will certainly improve and eliminate a large percentage of the lawlessness which makes prisons and reformatories necessary and which increase so largely the cost of the maintenance of the government. This is not an idle theory but a well demonstrated fact."

While there has been a steady increase in the growth of Humane Education all through the United States and its possessions, there is much more to be done in order to obtain the desired results. It is the vital and important duty of each and every one of us to do what we can to make Humane a part of the regular teaching in the public schools of our country.

The Parent-Teachers Associations; Fathers, Mothers and Teachers—are to a great extent alive to this need of training our children in ways of kindness, but it needs the concerted effort of every one of us to effectually raise the standard of the coming generations and eventually establish a more

humane civilization. "The great advancement of the world throughout all ages is to be measured by the increase of humanity and the decrease of crime."

OUR RECORD AND SHALL JUSTICE PREVAIL?

The latest available records of the Negro in the United States, show that they own 200,000 homes, conduct 70,000 business enterprises and have accumulated property valued at more than \$1, 500,000,000.

Negroes operate 1,000,000 farms, own more than 25,000,000 acres of land. Own and operate 500 colleges and normal schools, while the value of his educational property is \$30,000,000; 2,000,000 Negro children attend public school and over these are 44,000 Negro school teachers.

Negro church property is estimated at \$100,000,000. There are among colored people 50,000 church with an adult and children membership of 800,000.

380,000 Negroes enlisted in the world's war; 200,000 of these were in France while 42,000 of these were combat troops; 1400 were commissioned officers.

Not so bad for a people just out of bondage so to speak. But we as citizens, are ever asking that JUSTICE PREVAIL.

WATCH AL SMITH

All of this talk about Al Smith cannot be elected if nominated for President because he is Catholic, is all the bunk. For instance, look what a county down in Georgia, full of K. K. K.'s did at a recent election held there: A woman, Catholic and Republican, defeated a man for the office of tax-collector who is a "native son, democrat and Protestant. The office of Tax-collector may not be a big one but in small Georgia County it looms some size and it shows that even down in Georgia where they lynch women and burn men alive, the people are for the best fitted candidates regardless of their religious and political affiliations. Al Smith, if nominated, bears watching.

GANGSTERS COLOR BLIND

Gangsters in Chicago shot to death on Tuesday of last week, election day, Attorney Octavus C. Granady, a prominent politician. When it comes to bombing and killing, Chicago gangsters draw no color line. His life was the price Granady paid for supporting Mayor Thompson.

COLORED VOTERS ON JOB

Colored voters in Oregon are taking more interest in the coming Primary election than in any previous one. This no doubt is due partly to the fact that a number of their friends are candidates for offices about which they are much concerned and partly to the fact that all over the United States, colored people seem to be more keenly interested in things political than ever before. For the first time in the history of the nation the race will vote in the primary elections in the south in any appreciable numbers. This is due to a recent favorable decision of the United States Supreme Court. They are registering by the thousands all over the south and in Oregon it seems to have given renewed impetus to colored voters.

A number of candidates for various offices are enemies to colored people and the colored voters are going, to do all they can to defeat such candidates. The Advocate hopes to publish a list of the candidates whom we can recommend to colored voters just before the election.

This week is Humae Week all over the country and we hope our ministers will observe it in their churches Sunday by preaching sermons appropriate to the occasion. Let us all make special effort to be kind to animals, and all living things.

POLITICAL NOTES

Edward G. Gavin, prominent in business circles, being manager of the Frank Cigar Company, also interested in the civic and political affairs of the state, has entered the race for the Republican party nomination for County Commissioner.

Time for filing for County offices ended last Wednesday and those who thought that few, if any of those in office would have little if any opposition are disappointed. With only three exceptions, there are two or more candidates up for each office for political preferment at the May primary election.

Jack Barde, well known business man has entered the race for State Representative from this district. Mr. Barde no doubt will make an intensive campaign.

(Mr. Alderson wants to hold on to his job as County School Superintendent. His opponent is Robert W. Hansil.

The office of County Commissioner heads the list with seven candidates, six of them will be disappointed as only one vacancy exists.

Floyd Cook of Medford, Oregon is a candidate for delegate - at - large to the Republican Party National Convention at Kansas City in June.

Ex-United States Senator Robert N. Stanfield is an aspirant for the honor of going to Kansas City in June as delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention.

L. R. Wheeler, a splendid young business man, is a candidate for Representative in the State Legislature, and if the voters will elect him, he promises to work for the best interests of the common people.

Everything seems to indicate that Honorable Fred Stadter, of the municipal court will receive the Republican nomination for Circuit Judge at the May primary election.

The Chicago Primary election proved a great disappointment to Mayor Thompson and his host of followers, many of whom were colored. But like all good citizens they must bow to the will of the majority.

Oscar W. Hora who has served several terms as Representative in the State Legislature, is asking the voters of this district to give him another term in that law-making body.

The last two candidates to file for the office of County Commissioner were Dr. Andrew C. Smith and Edward C. Gavin both are well-known in the business affairs of the city.

Roy Kendall candidate for the office of Sheriff of Multnomah County is kept busy lately making speeches. While Mr. Kendall does not claim oratory as one of his accomplishments, rather preferring the deed to the word, he is succeeding like a veteran. His sincerity is half the battle.

HOTEL NOTES

Albert Mc Lain formerly a waiter at the Portland who died in Omaha two weeks ago was buried Monday from the Dunning Funeral Parlor, his two sisters who reside in Seattle, attended the funeral.

Hackly, main dining room waiter at the Portland was invited this week by Headwaiter Ike to take the rest cure for a few days and Mr. Williams temporarily on the retired list of waiters is filling the bill.

Captain Holton of the Grill room and his banjo failed to make the grade for the employees show Thursday night. How come? Who can tell!

Fred Winingham once upon a time head waiter at the Portland who is now a resident in California, was in the City this week to see his property and was a caller at the hotel.

Oscar Arnette of Tacoma, is making good at the St. Helens Hotel in Chehalis.

Ellis Williams, a waiter at the Portland, tied with another man in the guessing contest for the number of people who were present at the local baseball season last Tuesday. The tie was settled by the flip of a coin and Williams won the prize,—a season ticket to the ball games.

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DR. J. F. MORELAND



Rev. John F. Moreland was the speaker Monday morning at the Portland Ministerial meeting. The meeting was largely attended and many requested that he be asked to prepare a paper on "The Church and Religious Life of the Negro."

Tuesday afternoon Rev. Moreland spoke to the women of the Presbyterian churches of Portland and vicinity at their annual meeting held at the First Presbyterian Church of this city. Over 200 women attended this meeting. He told of the remarkable progress being made in Education by the Presbyterian Church, especially in North Carolina. He paid a glowing tribute to Albion Academy and Johnson C. Smith University.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

(By Edgar Williams)
Mt Olivet was favored Sunday morning by having Dr. M. B. Paroungian, who spoke for the Near East Relief. Being a native Armenian, the speaker gave a very pathetic talk of the conditions of his people and what America has done to save the thousands of children in that stricken land. Rev. Caston's morning subject was, "Gospel and Comfort"; evening subject, "God speaking Home to the Heart." You missed a real blessing if you were not present Sunday. To fit right in with what Dr. Paroungian had said about his people, Dr. Caston said:
Our fathers and mothers endured the hardships of slavery and the Reconstruction period, because they saw a brighter day ahead.
The sermons made you stop and search your own conscience. When you have got it, look out for three things; first, for consolation, then store it up and pass it on. Good deeds never die. Sermons like these will do a world of good. Search again Dr. Caston, every one feels the effect.
The choir is rendering very good music. There are other members of the Church that can sing. Whats holding you back? Your place is where you can do the most good. Please take notice Sunday night April 22—Dr. O. C. Wright will give a missionary lecture with motion pictures. See Mt. Olivet chorus and other interesting, worth while features. Don't fail to attend.
United with the church Sunday, Mrs. J. W. Ingersol and Mr. Brown. Collection for the the church Sunday—\$97.00.
Mrs. Eastmon of 195 Ivy St., who has been ill for some time united with the church after a special visitation by Rev. Caston. She was converted and expressed the desire to be baptized. The rite will be performed as soon as she is able.
THE CHOIR IS TO SING
Two tentative engagements have been booked for next month; one will be under the auspices of the Daily Religious Education Movement of Portland and the other in St. Johns.
We all hope and pray for early recovery of Sister Lucille Crosswhite. Be sure and attend services Sunday.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Miss Clifford Freeman, lyric soprano assisted by Dr. Booker, tenor and Mrs. Jessie Edwards, accompanist sang a recital at Bethel A. M. E. church Thursday night for the benefit of Miss Lenora Henderson for queen of the Joy Makers carnival contest which closes Saturday night at Hibernia Hall. The recital was well attended in spite of the inclement weather and the generous applause that greeted the performers was richly deserved.

DR. DYER HONORED

Was Former Pastor of Mt. Olivett Church

ST. MARTINVILLE, LA.

One of the greatest ovations ever given a son was given to Rev. E. C. Dyer, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Duarte, California, by the citizens of St. Martinville, Sundry evening, March 8, in the form of a banquet at Mallalieu Methodist Episcopal Church. The banquet marked the close of an eight-days preaching service by the Rev. Dyer at the above named church, during which time his wonderful sermons caused a great spiritual awakening in St. Martinville. He preached three times on Sundays and each night to ever-increasing numbers of people of both races and of every creed of religious faith. Dr. Dyer is distinctively one of the greatest preachers on the American platform. Citizens of the town took peculiar pride in honoring him because he is a product of St. Martinville. Church affiliations were laid aside and the people vied with each other in arranging a reception like unto which has never been given in St. Martinville. The Rev. Dyer together with his brothers and sisters, had been summoned home on account of the death of their father, Rev. Samuel Dyer, one of the pioneer ministers of St. Martin Parish. It was during his stay there, together with his brother, Mr. Samuel Dyer, to wind up their father's estate, that the great revival took place. It was one of the greatest spiritual awakenings that St. Martinville has had in may a day.

ZION A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Sunday was another great day. The Pastor spoke at both services. The morning subject was "True Devotion". The evening subject was "The Pattern of Human Gladness". Among the visitors present was Mr. Dykes of Oakland, California. Mr. Dykes is a member of the Beth-Eden Baptist Church of Oakland, and had some very encouraging remarks for both pastor and audience.
Next Sunday we are looking forward to a great day. The trustees have had this day set aside as "Pastors Day". We want you to be present and give our pastor the send off that rightfully belongs to him. He has labored during his stay here with every organization for uplift in our community and we must see that he goes to general conference not feeling that his time has been wasted.
Mrs. J. F. Moreland the pastor's wife also goes. she is a delegate to that body and will also attend the missionary convocation, which meets April 29th to May 1 at St. Louis.
The pastor has arranged two very interesting sermons for Sunday; the morning subject is "Pleasing Christ", and the evening subject is "The Ever-Lasting Arms". Special solo and quartette numbers have been arranged. You must hear this Male quartette. Something New.
Let us all be there on time Sunday for a big day at Zion.
Mrs. Moreland received a very beautiful dress and hat to match as a gift from a member of this church. The giver had recently made a trip East and knew just what was expected. Mrs. Moreland made her selection from Miers & Frank's stock and had it charged to the donor. Many thanks!

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