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"Don't ask for rights. Take them. An don't let anny wan give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye fr nawthin' has somethin' the matter with it." — Mr. Dooley.

Religion

Many of us mistake the outward forms and sermons connected with church and worship as religion. Loud prayers, much bowing, scraping, hallelujahs and noise may even fool those who are themselves giving the outward demonstrations of piety, may fool their brethren, but they will never fool God. That camouflage will not be effective around the great white throne above. Prayer is a glorious blessing but our feelings often voice invocation more frequently and effectively than by means of spoken words. The sermon on the Mount is religion and its essence is the Golden Rule. Simple sublime, divine! Confucius enunciated the principle and five centuries later Christ came and gave it His stamp of approval. When mankind bows to the Golden Aule, dissension will vanish, petty strife will end, warfare will disappear and earth will grow into a semblance of heaven.

A Wonderful Publication

The Globe, of Nashville Tenn., one of the leading publications of that great educational city, came out this week with of the greatest Special Christmas Editions we believe that was ever put out by any of our group. The publication contained 78 pages, each brimful of reading mater or advertising. To use a slang phrase; The publication is a "humdinger," and Editor Boyd deserves much praise.

Just a Mistake

A dispatch recented dated from Canthersville, Mo., told how a "murdered man" showed up — thereby bringing the release of a Negro who had spent three years in prison on the charge of the man's murder. The only comment the prosecuting attorney would make was that it was "just a mistake."

But what a travesty on court methods in certain parts of the country! Can you imagine a court convicting a man for murder without proving that someone had been killed?

In the absence of the corpus delicti or competent witnesses to prove that there was a corpse somewhere, it would seem that there could have been no reasonable ground for prosecution.

The old statement that the man pleaded guilty, no doubt, contributed to the conviction, but too many men have been forced to confess murders they never committed.

The whole affair shows the cold blooded indifference exhibited toward the legal rights of a Black man.

The Negro Race

Our race is far behind others of the world in the development

of large newspapers. There is a reason for this. One is that the Negro does not prefer his own. This of course, is a condition following out of slavery. He seeks truth, but believes that it can only come from the Big House.

Many believe in the white man's story of almost everything—things that are against no less than in the things that are not.

Many like to see their names in the big dailies and will take great pleasure in exhibiting them. No race is foolish to try to.

Race ideals must come from the race. Others may help him in many ways, but his progress will be slow until he himself sets the pace.

There are some states in which the Negro has not one reputable newspaper. This is really shameful. It must be changed. Whatever works to the detriment of the Negro press must be destroyed.

Congratulations!

The Advocate extends its most hearty congratulations to the Philadelphia Tribune's editor for putting out such a splendid special Christmas edition. Its cover design is surely the work of an artist. The 20 pages of reading matter contained therein made the publication very interesting reading.

Not Guilty!

Perry Howard, Republican national committeeman from Mississippi, who was tried in the Federal Court of that State recently, charged with having conspired with a number of other politicians to sell postoffice appointments — after a trial lasting two weeks — he and the other accused men were acquitted. And the chances are that the white men who tried to "frame him" will be charged with perjury.

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his work. Indeed I think they would have shown more consideration for him had he squandered it in that way. Other men and women have had the same experience. Aren't we just a little bit thoughtless of the men and women who do the state's work— your work and mine?

Well, well! So we are to have another organization of "decendants." This time the first ship load of the Mayflower's passengers are to pool their birthright into an organization. I wonder what would happen if the second human cargo of the Mayflower would take similar action? Do you remember that it was the Mayflower which went to Africa and kidnapped the first load of black folk and sold them to the first group of passengers as slaves? Will the Mayflower decendants commemorate that event?

Again we had a glorious treat at the Symphony concert Monday last. We do wish the Oregonian reporter would be human and less biased in his criticisms. It is one thing to thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the wonderful music and another thing to be so bored that one dislikes to listen to a number the second or fourth time. I rather prefer to hear the "Slavie March" often so that I can revel in its melodious crashes. As if one could be bored by music. I understand that it is quite the thing nowadays to turn up one's nose at everything but Brahms. Thank Heavens, I'm not so highly cultured as that. I can still enjoy common things like the Strauss waltzes.

Oh dear, it is so discouraging. Just about the time our hopes for the workers get the hopeful stage along comes the news that the American Federation of Labor, that aristocracy of the working world, in solemn convention at New Orleans, defeated a resolution commending the work of John Dewey, one of the foremost educators of the world. Did you ever know of a greater display of ignorant prejudice? And why? Well the story is short and sweet. Last summer Prof. Dewey wanted to study the educational system of Soviet Russia so he journeyed thither. He found much to his liking and being an independent free soul and in no wise afraid of the great A. F. of L. he said so. Therefore, he is condemned by this group of otherwise intelligent working men and consigned to the limbo where "patriotic" Americans beat the communist. Can you beat that?

And that isn't all. We have had at Brookwood a Labor College where leaders of the labor movement were being developed. But suddenly, some A. F. of L. official discovered that students at Brookwood were given allowed to indulge their desire to study the different movements among the revolutionary forces of the world. Incidentally what communion means and what are the results where it is in operation. Thereupon the A. F. of L. again acts like a stupid ass and acts again just like our school boards, controlled by their chambers of commerce, and says to its Brookwood College, "You shall not be contaminated by the doctrines of communism" and promptly it withdraws its support—in dollars and ignorant inuence—from the college. Can you beat that. I am wondering if the A. F. of L. has not felt the inebriating influence of the National Manufacturers and Merchants Association somewhere along the line. And we had hopes for the workers. We thought that if their philosophy of freedom of thought of unified action, of the spirit of brotherhood would once filter thru their minds that organized intelligence would lift them out of the serfdom with which our economic system has cast them. But our hopes are blasted. Such utterly idiotic action on the part of their leaders almost destroys our faith in organized labor. I said almost. I would say entirely did I not believe that the end of the A. F. of L. is in sight and that we will yet live to see the One Big Union—a federation of all the workers and not just a union of crafts, all fighting for leadership—political and otherwise. I am beginning to suspect very seriously that the seeds of disintegration are being carefully and intelligently sown by organized labor's worst enemies.

But how can they be so stupid ignorant. First to repudiate a man like John Dewey and then to disinherit Brookwood. I wish some union man would arise and explain.

K. of P. to Elect Officers

Syracuse Lodge K. of P. will on Friday night, December 28, hold its semi-annual election of officers.

During the past year many new members have been added to the roll with several applications pending. The result of the coming election cannot be forecast but it is said that there are several aspirants for the office of C. C.

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News of the Churches

"GRACE HAS APPEARED" Mount Olivet to Present Mr. Paul Hutchinson as Their Guest Soloist, Sunday.

"Grace Has Appeared" will be the morning subject of Dr. J. L. Caston's sermon and will serve as the topic for his Christmas message. The Mt. Olivet Choir will sing carols. The service will begin promptly at 11:00 A. M.

Mr. Paul K. Hutchinson, teacher of piano and voice, who also has a number of our choir as his students, will be our guest soloist. He will give two solo numbers, one before the sermon and the other before the offering. They will be "Beside Still Waters" and "The ublican."

Miss Helen Dyce, Organist Miss Helen Dyce has been appointed as organist for the church. Miss Hubbard, who has served as organist during the past year, with conspicuous success, has been made soprano leader for the choir, and will give her whole time to this work. Miss Dyce is a studious young woman and very accomplished. She will be the center around which an orchestra will be formed immediately.

Christmas Cantata Shaping Up "Noel"—our Christmas cantata — which promises to be the greatest musical triumph of the season, is rounding into shape. Costumes are being made and rehearsals are largely attended. The actors are feeling their parts and under Miss Mitchell's direction, they will reach their peak just at the right time.

Mr. Ivey as "Gabriel," and Miss Hubbard as "The Virgin Mary," will do the leading roles, supported by able characters. The lighting and the staging will get especial attention, as will the orchestral scores. It will be presented at 7:45 P.M. on December 30.

Mr. Yancy Franklin has lately been added to our orchestra. We hope he will stick.

Sunday Night's Carols On this Sunday night, the congregation will sing carols, led by the choir. Dr. Caston will speak again on "The Visit of the Wise Men." You are invited.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES

Rev. Dr G. Hill, Jr., Pastor Ruth Love, Reporter

Sunday morning, Dr. Hill will preach from the subject, "And His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace", Special Christmas music by the choir, with a feature number by Dr. Booker, tenor. At the evening services, Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society will be the speaker. She is being presented by the Social Welfare Bureau of Bethel Church, Miss Myrtle Maxwell, chairman.

Christmas eve, there will be a Community Xmas tree service, under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Brown, chairman.

Christmas morning, at 3:00 A. M., the Joy-Makers Club are to sing Xmas carols downtown, thru the courtesy of the Portland Advertising Club. This club will also sing Sunday afternoon at some of the noted Portland homes.

Christmas morning services at the Church at 5:00 A. M. Special Xmas music by a well trained chorus with a featured solo by Miss Clifford Freeman. Bugle calls will be sounded by Yancy Franklin. Dr. Hill will preach a special Christmas sermon, "The Supreme Gift". No one can afford to miss this service.

On Sunday evening, December 30, the Church School will present a Christmas Cantata, "The King Has Come", with a choir of sixty voices. The Xmas pageant, "Bells", presented by the Joy-Makers Club, Fri-



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The annual concert of Christmas Carols given by the Portland Grade School Reserves was given Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, 12th and Taylor Sts. Maude Booker was soloist of the concert, accompanied by Bonita Abernathy. These two little misses were the only representatives of the Colored Race. Their number received much applause and commendation.

Miss Kate Lewis and Mrs. Robena Martin were hostesses to the Rosebud Study Club's Christmas social and concert meeting, Wednesday afternoon at the home of the former.

Mr. Wm. McLemore has returned home from St. Vincent's Hospital and is convalescing wonderfully.

Mrs. Evelyn Gravelli was hostess to the Culture Club's Christmas party and meeting at her home 239 E. 50th St., Friday afternoon.

Mr. Leonard Crosswhite is unable to be about for a few days due to a recent automobile accident. His injuries were not very serious and with the special care given him by Mrs. Crosswhite his friends are hoping to see him out soon.

Mrs. K. L. Culp has returned to her work after a few days of illness.

Mrs. George Mullen has been absent from her work during the week, due to an attack of a cold.

The Joy-Makers Annual Xmas party will be held Thursday night at the home of Mr. Guy Jameson, 311 Ross Street. Messrs. Guy Jameson, Eugene Carr, John Jameson and Claude Holliday entertaining. All Joy-Makers are urged to attend.

"THE SONG IS ENDED BUT THE MELODY LINGERS ON"

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His manifold goodness to us and asking him to lead us all into the path of righteousness. Mrs. Dancy and Mrs. Gross led and I am sure their prayers reached to the highest Heaven. Then after Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Dancy bade us good-bye, Mrs. Donald, Clarence Jr., and I enjoyed a lovely little visit all to ourselves.

One thing led to another, and I presently found myself looking into a spacious pantry just brim-full of food supplies. For instance, there was a 100-lb. sack of sugar and "a thousand and one other things" to use with it. Then Clarence, Jr., displayed a pretty new outfit consisting of blue coat, lined with red flannel, with blue hat to match and a pretty pair of red bedroom slippers. And when I inquired if "Santa" had made such an early visit, in his little 2-year-old language, he tried to make me understand that it was "Daddy" Donald that had brought him all these lovely things and \$12 to boot for his Christmas. "Daddy" Donald had also given to "Mama" Donald \$50 to go with all the other lovely things he had just purchased for her and the home. Both Clarence Jr. and "Mama" Donald think Mr. Donald is about the loveliest Santa Claus in the world, and neither feels capable of thanking him enough for his goodness. That my readers may know who the Donalds are, may I explain that "Papa" Donald is the husband of "Mama" Donald, and both are the grandparents of Clarence Jr., who, since his father's demise, has made his home with them.

When I left this happy home, I felt like a minister's wife, for Clarence and "Mama" just had to give me some canned fruit for Christmas and I could not refrain from saying (because I wanted them to realize how much I appreciated it): "You

The Exclusive Bridge Club will have a Christmas party with Mrs. Lucile Crosswhite as hostess, on Christmas evening.

Mrs. H. C. Baker and daughter, Bertha, left Thursday for California to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliard are the proud parents of a seven pound girl. Congratulations.

The local Colored Church Choirs and other Colored music organizations have been invited to join the State Federation of Music Clubs. We hope they all will do so, and help build up our stat musically.

Mrs. Evelyn Casey of Chicago was a pleasant caller at The Advocate office Monday, in company with Mrs. Williams Waddy. Mrs. Casey is making her first tour of the West, having already visited in Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon. She will see Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., before resuming her return trip home by way of St. Paul, over the Canadian Rockies. Mrs. Casey is a charming matron and is greatly interested in Negro literature. In October, she attended the National Association for the Study of Negro Life and History — of which Carter G. Woodson is president.

Among recent arrivals in Portland are Mrs. J. Tolliver and her two daughters. They are from Kansas City, Mo., and are stopping at 338 Tillamook St.

Stay off Monday night — January 21, Sergeant Joseph White Camp No. 4, Spanish-American War Vets have that date.—Adv.

Mrs. E. D. Cannady left Wednesday for the East on business. She will visit friends in Chicago and St. Paul and perhaps in New York while away.

Mrs. J. J. Handsaker addressed the Portland Research Club on Monday and on Wednesday, she was the principal speaker before the Daughters of the Confederacy.

George Orr Latimer, a member of the Executive Board of the local Branch, N. A. A. C. P., and well-known in Bahai circles, addressed the Friars at their regular weekly breakfast, last week.

Stay off Christmas Night — Triple Triangle Club!

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HOTEL NOTES

Rudy Roth, dinner captain at the Portland, visited with his family in Tacoma for two days this week. Jimmie Kirk, a well-liked young

lad, is being tried out as a bell-hop at the Portland.

Eugene J. Carr, captain of the bell hops at the Portland, is on the sick list this week.

Roy Holmes, bell-hop at the Hotel Seward, is under bond of \$1000 to appear in the Federal Court for trial on a bootlegging charge.

J. D. Jamison, one of the very efficient bell hops at the Portland for some time, has quit and taken a job with a large mercantile firm as porter.

A new bell-hop will be on the job at the Portland soon, as a vacancy now exists.

An overflow of grease on the range at the Portland Tuesday morning created a deal of excitement among the employees. So great was the smoke that the fire company was called, thinking it a fire. No serious damage was done.

As is the custom at the Portland, every employee will be remembered on Christmas by the management.

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