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Too Many Conventions

Mr. and Mrs. Colored Citizen, don't you realize that you are holding too many conventions for your own good, and the good of the race?

Don't you see that you are the most "do-nothing" over-organized people in the world? You spend more money attending conventions and annual meetings of one sort or another and accomplish less doing so than any other people known to civilization.

For example, you will spend \$100 to send a delegate to a convention when a two-cent stamp on a letter sent to the convention, containing your activities, would accomplish as much if not more, and the newspaper accounts of what went on are often more enlightening than the reports brought back. For most of the delegates are of the "me, too" sort.

About the most exciting happening in a convention, grand lodges, et al., is the election of officers. Statistics that have been compiled by experts reveal that the race holds over 1000 religious, fraternal, et al. conventions annually and spend \$2,000,000 for clothes, regalia, cars, gas, eats lodgings, meeting places and good times for them. What a great waste of time, energy—and above all, money!

Then we complain of hard times!

Mrs. Willebrandt

We have no sympathy for Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, former U. S. Assistant Attorney General. She was rough in her dealing with others who had the misfortune to invoke her displeasure. Her actions in dealing with Colored office holders in the South was not only unfair, but cruel.

No doubt it has been a source of pleasure to many who have read her installments of letters appearing in some of the daily papers. She has returned to the private practice of law, and she does not seem to realize to this day that her selfish egotism, her craze for publicity and notoriety, has brought her to her present condition and created a predicament on her part which will subject her to additional humiliation and ridicule.

She has reached a point in her career where her talk and writings on the subject of prohibition enforcement will serve only to make "a bad matter worse."

Mrs. Willebrandt has had "her day" and silence should go with her into her retirement. She will find that her series of 21 letters will prove to be her most monumental blunder.

Hang Together or Separately—Which?

The above words were spoken by Benjamin Franklin many years ago and they are just as true today as they ever were. These historic words serve as a warning to our group; that we must either hang together or we will be hung separately. In this age of co-operative effort, no man or race of men can hope to survive if they expect to do their job single-handed and alone. It is just not being done that way any more.

Every injustice of the white race toward the Colored may be logically traced back to intra-racial distrust with the Colored race. Our Group is hated because too many of us hate ourselves.

Take the Jew for example. The Jew cannot be insulted. Henry Ford, the auto magnate, waged a tirade of abuse against the Jews until the Jews not only ceased buying his cars—but influenced others not to buy them. Now, Mr. Ford is a close friend of the Jew. Had Mr. Ford or any other business firm slandered and abused the Negro as he did the Jew, no such united action would have taken place. If 5000 of our people employed in the various in-

dustries of the country were fired tomorrow, we would not know what to do about it.

The white press, the school textbooks, the Southern Congressmen in Washington, have conspired to destroy racial confidence at its very birth. The true facts must be presented through our newspapers, our pulpits and by our leaders. Stern necessity will force us to do it. A drowning man will help his companion if his companion threatens to drown them both.

Racial solidarity must be practiced and we must hang together or we will be forced to hang separately.

Merger and Methodism

It is mighty good news to hear that the two Methodist churches—the A. M. E. Zion and the A. M. E. churches are considering a merger. So far the merger has been approved by the General Conference of the two organizations and unless some of the preachers and bishop who are fearful of losing their jobs, oppose the union, it ought to be an easy matter "to put the program over." It will merely be a family scrap settled.

The "Graf's" Flight

The Graf Zeppelin's two-days' flight to Europe has caused the entire world to praise and congratulate the great German Commander—Eckner—and his crew.

The Germans lead the world in science. There is a greater recognition today of the value of the German mind than in pre-war days. At that time, it was akin to treason to speak well of a German.

"After all, efficiency knows no race or color."

Babies Love It

For all stomach and intestinal troubles and disturbances due to teething, there is nothing better than a safe Infant's and Children's Laxative.

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Churches

FIRST A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

W. R. LOVELL, Pastor "A Friendly Church with a Community Spirit" Established in 1862

"Hymns of Trust" will be the theme of the sermon Sunday morning by Rev. W. R. Lovell, who will also preach at the evening service on "God type of Man."

Both services last Sunday were well attended and a very highly spiritual atmosphere prevailed. Many expressions of enjoyment were heard from members and friends in attendance.

One united with the church. Prayer-Class Meeting on Wednesday showed a growing interest in the mid-week service. A most enjoyable hour was had.

The Vigilantes Club met at the home of "Mother" West in 33rd Ave. A very profitable and enjoyable session was held.

The Gleaner's Art Club met Thursday at the church. Plans for the Silent Supper to be given on Thursday of next week were completed. Do not fail to be present on next Thursday night.

At the regular monthly member's meeting on Friday night plans for the Anniversary and Home-Coming and entertainment of the Annual Conference Sept. 15, to 22 were discussed and put in shape. Committees were appointed to arrange details.

Know Mississippi

A hasty survey of the right for New England to "know Mississippi better" reveals that Mississippi can claim 5 of the 11 lynchings which disgraced America last year, ranks highest in illiteracy, having 23,299 illiterate whites, yet spends less than one-third per capita for education than the national average, and one-thirteenth of the national average for libraries.

Very Gratifying

It is very gratifying to note the quiet but most effective manner in which the pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church is leading his flock from one height to another in its church life. Recently it is reported more than \$2000 were raised and the church completely paid out of debt and now an effort is on to prosecute a program for a larger service to the membership, and the people in general. In his work, Rev. Mr. Hill is ably assisted and entirely supported by many of his members and all are giving their moral and financial approval.

Lots of men lay down the law to their wives and then accepts all their amendments.

Games, Sports, Contests—S. S. Picnic, August 29.

A donation of \$10 would be a fine way of helping to celebrate the 67th anniversary.

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MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

Jonathan Lyle Caston, Pastor, 333 Wiggan St.—Phone Walnut 1133.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday: 9:30 a. m., Sunday School; 11 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., B.Y.P.U.; 7:45 p. m., Evening Service.

Monday: 8 p. m., Brotherhood Meets.

Tuesday: 8 p. m., Choir Rehearsal.

Wednesday: 8 p. m., Midweek Prayer Service.

Thursday (Second and Fourth): Missionary Circle, 4 p. m.

Friday (First and Third): Literary Society, time and place announced.

By Geraldine Williams

Three members on Christian experience were added to the church roll Sunday. A splendid baptismal service followed. In the evening special music was rendered by the choir and an inspiring message delivered by the pastor as in the morning.

On Sunday August 25 Rev. Caston will take for his subject, "The Dangers of an Evil Heart."

At the evening service the Rev. Mr. Weaver will preach.

He may expect a good attendance.

The first Sunday in September will be Home Coming Day. That is, the day when every Christian and church worker should see that he is in his place in God's House. Vacation will be over and serious that can be placed on church work again. Mr. G. Payne is in charge of this day. He is getting drivers with their cars to convey any persons wishing to attend church but who have no possible way of reaching it, to call for these persons and bring them to church.

The second Sunday will be Sunday School Rally and Promotion day, under the supervision of Mrs. M. Smith.

The third Sunday will be Young Peoples Day. The B. Y. P. U., the Choir and the Literary Society will have charge of this service.

C. E. Ivey has charge of this program. The date for the unday School Picnic has been set for Thursday, August 29. The place is Peninsula Park. This will be the annual picnic of Zion A. M. E. and Mt. Olivet Baptist churches. There will be ball games, a merrykhanna parade, athletic fetes, swimming, plenty of eats, and everything that makes a REAL picnic. As usual, the kiddies will be given some token of appreciation by the Sunday School in the line of refreshments. This being a public park nothing can be sold, therefore those wishing refreshments other than the one given away may purchase tickets at Mt. Olivet on Sunday. These tickets may be exchanged for the refreshments wanted. This is not to make money, but to defray the expense of the cost of the refreshments. Remember the Picnic—August 29—at Peninsula Park. Everybody welcome!

Union S. S. Picnic—August 29—Peninsula Park.

Popular Radio Announcer Sings

Mr. A. Roland Truitt, baritone, soloist and announcer of the Telegram station KXL of Portland, who will be the

Rea. Anderson Goes to Convention

Dr. J. W. Anderson, regional sec. of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., and executive secretary of the General Baptist Association of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah, visited our office Monday. He left on Wednesday on the Oriental Limited of the Great Northern route for the National Baptist Convention in Norfolk, Va. Dr. Anderson will make official visits to North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. He reports having raised, for the church work, the sum of \$68,000 and for needy persons, the sum of \$6280. The National Baptist Convention has had its Western office in Portland with Dr. Anderson at the head for four years. He is putting over a big program for the race and his denomination. Before departing on Wednesday, he went up to Cloud Cap Inn to see Mrs. Anderson, who is there for the summer. And last Sunday night, Mr. Anderson preached at the Bethany Baptist (white) Church, near Hillsboro, to a large and appreciative audience.



Mr. A. Roland Truitt guest and soloist at Bethel Church on Sunday morning. Mr. Truitt will be accompanied by Georganna Ryan, pianist and Margaret Munson violinist. These artists constitute the famous KXL Trio which has been heard so often from this station. Mr. Truitt is one of the most popular radio artists in the Northwest.

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