

Spokane Happenings

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Spokane, Washington — (Special to The Advocate). The weather continues cold in Eastern Washington.

The Canadian Pacific Railway took off its sleeping cars, Jan. 1st, between Spokane and Calgary. This line has been in operation for 22 years but lack of patronage and the opening of a new line directly to Nelson, B. C., has brought about the change. We shall miss the boys who for years kept us posted as to what was going on "up North."

R. L. Derrick received the sad information of the death of his father that occurred in Huntsville, Ala., recently.

Union watch meeting was held at Bethel A. M. E. Church New Years eve. Rev. G. S. Allen and Emmett B. Reed led the service.

David Pettway and associates danced the old year out and the new year in at Odd Fellows Hall, Dec. 31st.

Mrs. Serena Baker was breakfast guest of Mr. and Mrs. Zelma Baker last Thursday.

Mrs. Pauline Huston "pinched hit" for old Santa Claus at Bethel A. M. E. Church Christmas Eve in a most acceptable manner, to the great delight of the children and parents.

L. S. Jones of Nelson, B. C., came to Spokane Tuesday to spend a few days in this good town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Holmes were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Porter of 1508 E. Garland, last Sunday.

Mr. R. J. Wills of Minneapolis was in the city Monday.

Saint John The Divine's Anniversary was celebrated last Sunday night at Calvary Baptist Church by the Masons. Elder Reed preached an able sermon. P. B. Barrow, Worshipful Master spoke and C. R. Rowen acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Miss June Loucke entertained her young friends at her home on Grant Street last Tuesday night.

The Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday School held a business meeting this week closing up the year's business in a very satisfactory manner.

The N. A. A. C. P. met Thursday night for installation of officers and business session.

The holidays, with their happiness and good cheer, have come and gone. Now we can settle down to the stern realities of life; with depleted pocket books, but contented and happier in the reflection that individually and collectively we were living and quite well and contributed our share to the cele-

DIGESTING THE NEWS

By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

Our papers are truly representative. As we study them and record the events from week to week we realize the important place that the Negro press holds in the scheme of life. They are a necessary and useful adjunct and their moral force creates a balance, which, like the pendulum, enables us to keep time in a fairly even and consistent manner.

Within the pages of our papers are to be found all of the elements of pathos, tragedy, comedy, success, pleasure, passion, alarm, advice, etc. Our press associations and news agencies are constantly gathering the odds and ends of the world's news, affecting our group, distributing same to our papers throughout the country. Our organizations and our writers present specialized subjects and our editors array them in the spotlight in keeping with their merits.

Local reporters, correspondents and special writers keep us minutely informed on the worthy achievements of the successful and the misdeeds of the failures. Be it good or bad, nothing can be done in, by or for our race without it being chronicled in our press. No trade paper or magazine is as essential to the business or professional class as are the Negro papers.

Not alone to the Negroes are our papers valuable. All types and all races are beginning to realize that there is no better way of keeping in touch with the American Negro than by reading and studying our papers and each one of our papers, in their respective communities, have their quota of white readers. Fortunate is that paper whose editorial and news policy permits it to present to their white readers their own inconsistencies and results in a spirit of unity and comity between the races.

As you read your favorite colored paper and are being entertained, informed or admonished by your favorite writers and the glory and pride of the Negro press swells within your breast, remember, that you can help to build a better paper, attract brilliant writers, and create additional employment for your boys and girls simply by studying the advertisements that your paper presents and where consistent confine your spending to such firms. That's the kind of co-operation your newspaper needs. Start now to render it.

TWO HELD FOR BURGLARY

The two admitted that early on the morning of December 27 the held up T. Natti, Japanese proprietor of a rooming house at 80 1/2 North Third street. Natti was tied and the place ransacked until a strongbox containing about \$100 was located.

A signed statement was subscribed by both the men, in which they admitted the two holdups.

Tanaka was brought to the central police station, where he not only identified the pair, but took a swing at one of them. The two are said to have entered Tanaka's home a few days prior to the robbery and accosted the son and attempted to find out where the boys' father kept his money.

Recent police reports have included several holdups by two negroes, and police yesterday were endeavoring to determine whether the pair under arrest were responsible for these.

The two were arrested at the Center hotel by Detectives Glatz, Horack, McCulloch, Marsh, Lyle, Milligan and Mumpower. Each is held under \$5,000 bail on a charge of assault and robbery while armed.

Editor's Note: The Edward T. Nelson referred to in the above article is the same man who was associated with Albert Hart in the burglary of a dwelling at 520 E. 26th St. North, and who sought refuge in the basement of the editor's home. Hart is serving a year in the county jail for the crime, while Nelson got off by giving information regarding a diamond cache.



FIREMEN A DAY OFF

Fire-fighters actually work 10 1/2 days a week if you compute the time on a basis of 8 hours a day. If a person worked a day 84 hours a week, the Oregon Humane Society would have the offender arrested for cruelty to animals.

All other employees of the city, excepting "smoke-eaters," have one day off in seven, and the City Hall employees have a day and a half off in each week. In addition to this time off the employees have holidays off as well.

Why firemen should be made the goats is a mystery to me.

Enclosed Public Market

Portland should have an enclosed Public Market to take place of the present Public Market composed of sidewalk stands on Yamhill Street.

There is no reason why the men and women who dispose of farm produce should suffer with the cold in the winter, and the heat in the summer. The stall holders are exposed to all sorts of weather, and it doesn't seem right inasmuch as the present Market is paying from \$6000 to \$8000 a year above all expense. The present Market was simply intended as a temporary proposition. It was thought that in two or three years plans would be in effect for an enclosed structure.

Portland could build a Public Market, owned and operated by the city without cost to the tax payers. This method of financing, according to Section 155 of the City Charter, provides for the issuance of Utility Certificates. Such Certificates are redeemed through the earnings of the Utility. Millions and millions of these Certificates are used in financing the gigantic municipal electric plants of Seattle and Tacoma. Portland also used this method in purchasing additional land for the municipal golf courses.

POLITICS, A LOST ART?

Pasadena, California, after several years of public ownership of its electric plant, records that the constant interference of politicians with city affairs ceased when the city took over the works, and if all utilities in the country were publicly-owned, politics would become a lost art.

The elimination of political maneuvers by the utilities and the substitution of good service is the result, not of abstract theories, but of experience, and the actual needs and demands of the public.

Records of over 6000 cities show, also, that in spite of the lower rates charged, and the large profits made by municipal light, power, gas and water plants, these systems provide better working conditions, shorter hours, and better wages for workers than privately-owned plants.

School Employees Charged With Assault

Newark, N. J., Jan. 1—A conference of colored clergymen of various denominations in Newark has passed resolutions to be forwarded to the Board of Education, asking suspension or removal of two white employees in one of the schools held for the grand jury on charges of abusing two eight-year old colored girls.

The conference in its resolutions went on record as cooperating with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Baptist Ministers Conference, the Essex County Civic Federation and other groups seeking redress for the injured children and proper safeguard and protection for other school children.

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, 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.

"He who would walk with God—the Truth—must often walk alone."

Once in a while I call on my friends in the Child Labor office, looking for items of interest for Advocate readers. Last Saturday I dropped in and was greeted with "You're just the one for this anonymous letter which does not belong to us. We don't know just whom it is meant, because we no longer keep tabs on the theatres as to children performing. But we wish you would refer to it some way and say to the writer—and to others who see this type of exploitation of childhood from our point of view—that all such letters should be sent to Judge Gilbert of the Court of Domestic Relations, into whose jurisdiction the Attorney General has ruled all such cases belong."

"It" was an envelop addressed in writing very obviously disguised, enclosing a newspaper clipping with a slip attached on which was written "An outrage—getting rich off children." The clipping referred to a "Kiddies Revue" on the stage of a local motion picture house.

It is a great pity that Hoover did not use greater consideration for the Negro workers in his appointment of the secretary of labor. Just why he should appoint such a bitter enemy of our race as Wm. Doak to be a member of his cabinet should call for an explanation. Not only is Doak opposed to the Negro as a member of the railroad men's union but he has fought him consistently in every possible way. While we do not agree with Green of the American Federation of Labor in his expressed opposition to the appointment of Doak on the ground that the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is not identified with the American Federation of Labor, neither do we agree with Hoover that he has made a wise choice in his appointment of a hater of Negro labor to the highest position in his gift to the workers of America.

Whoever wrote that editorial in the Telegram the other evening in reply to Woodward's effusion as to his resolution on married teachers which he presented to the school board some time ago—whoever wrote that editorial, I say, is some student of "things as they are," which Wm. F. is not. Young men will not shift their responsibilities—moral or otherwise—if they have sense enough to look before they leap into marriage or anything else. How many men nowadays, are being paid wages enough to support a family in decency? How many are being paid wages enough out of which they can save anything? Talk about a living wage—what we need now—a day is a saving wage. Now don't spout about their spending all their savings on autos and radios—why shouldn't the worker have some of the things they make instead of the owners of the factories having all the profits of the things the workers would like to buy. Equalize from the top of the wage scale down, instead of from the bottom up. Do that, Mr. Woodward, and more married women can afford to stay in their homes, and more young men can afford to marry.

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