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THE "BIRTH OF A NATION"

The Advocate wishes to take this method of expressing its sincere thanks for itself and the people it represents to the Mayor and City Commissioners for their manly stand in refusing to grant permission to the promoters of the "Birth of a Nation" film for exhibition in Portland theaters.

In this connection, it would not be amiss to recall that during the war the film was banned in Portland as a result of the protest of The Advocate and many citizens, including Mrs. Katherine Gray, W. D. Allen, Rev. J. W. Anderson, Rev. R. W. Rowan, O. S. Thomas, E. D. Cannady, the G.A.R., the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P. and many others.

Later in 1926, the film was again barred from Portland by the city council. The secretary of the Board of Motion Picture Censors, a woman of sterling worth and character, had preserved these old records and when the question of showing this picture again came up for consideration, Mrs. E. B. Caldwell brought forth these former records, which were reviewed, and also the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. added its protest and as a result the council took action as stated above.

The film is most dangerous, we think, in that it essays to portray a true picture of the conditions, politically, socially and otherwise in the South immediately following the Civil war. Colored and some whites in all parts of the country who are close students of history, declare that the film fails utterly in depicting the true history. It is misleading, to say the least, in that respect, and in several others. For these and many other reasons The Advocate is especially thankful to the mayor, the city council and the motion picture censor board for its stand in barring the film from our fair city.

HE'S 72

Sergeant A. J. Franklin celebrated his 72nd birthday anniversary on last Sunday, it having occurred on the 5th of March. Mr. Franklin's principal life work has been soldiering. He has a fine memory and can draw vivid word pictures of events and happenings which occurred during the Spanish-American war, in which he engaged. He has done much toward helping veterans to receive their pay in various forms, and many a veteran has Sergeant Franklin to thank for his compensation from the government. He says that the first 72 years are the hardest to live—after that, it's easy. And so here's to another 72 years for the sergeant.

JOBS

During the past week The Advocate secured work for several of its subscribers—chauffeur, general house maid and cook. A large number of unemployed registered with us during the past several weeks.

WHY NOT?

Some day that ethic of doctors, lawyers and dentists which says that it is wrong to advertise will be placed in the attic along with hoop skirts, round-toed shoes and two-seater bicycles. It should have been discarded at the beginning of the century.

There is no real difference between pulling a tooth, defending a murderer, curing a cold, or clothing the public. The fundamental idea is business and the scale of a service or product. But the lawyer and the merchant are trying to make money.

POLLYANN

Beginning with this issue of The Advocate, Pollyann (Mrs. Willis Reed) relinquishes her post as society editor. We regret very much that Mrs. Reed finds it necessary to resign; however, we greatly appreciate the inestimable service which she has rendered in that capacity. And when we consider that she has served faithfully for several years without remuneration of any kind whatsoever, we must know that she has enjoyed her work. Mrs. Reed is especially adapted to newspaper work, having had considerable experience as a reporter for a number of years for various newspapers and magazines in other sections of the country.

Mrs. Reed is active in social and literary club work in the city and is one of Portland's most popular matrons. During a part of her busy life she has been a school teacher. She and her "better half" and their daughter Illine, reside at 303 Cherry street, and their home is the center of many social activities from time to time.

The Advocate wishes publicly, as it has done privately, to thank Pollyann for her co-operation, service and friendship and hopes that she will again find the time and inclination to devote to the social columns of The Advocate. And in this we know we are voicing the sentiments of patrons throughout the country. Again we thank her and express our regret that she cannot continue with us.

NEW DEPARTMENTS

In its effort to be of service to its readers The Advocate introduces several new departments in its columns. They are "Nancy Lee," who will serve as a sort of love doctor; "Keeping Fit," a medical department, and dental talks. In addition to these we announce the acceptance of Miss Rosalie Bird to the special work as society editor, succeeding "Pollyann." Miss Bird will also report generally any and all news matter that comes to her attention. It is our desire to serve to our utmost our patrons by giving them the best obtainable in every department and we hope that in return they will support us to their utmost.

KEEPING FIT

The Advocate feels fortunate in being able to secure the services of Dr. DeNorval Unthank, A. B., M. D., to edit a department known as "Keeping Fit," in these columns each week for the benefit of our readers. Dr. Unthank comes to Portland from Kansas City, Mo., where he built up a splendid reputation and a lucrative practice. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he received his A. B. degree; attended the University of Kansas Medical School for two years, later graduating from the Howard University Medical School in 1926. In Kansas City, where he practiced for three years, he made a special study of the eye, ear, nose and throat diseases at Mercy-Wheatley Hospital. He was a member of the staff of Wheatley Hospital and was serving in the capacity of secretary at the time he left the city for Portland. He also was a member of the staff of the General Hospital No. 2 in Kansas City and acted as its secretary; he was examining physician at the Well Baby Clinic; examining physician in the Open Air Tuberculosis School, adult clinic in the same city. Dr. Unthank is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha, the Chi Delta Mu fraternities and the Kappa Pi honorary medical society. He was active in numerous health and social welfare organizations and upon his arrival in Portland has been much sought after by the same organization operating in this city. We know, too, that our readers will appreciate this new service, which begins in this week's issue, by a man well qualified to conduct same. Dr. Unthank has taken a suite in the new Arata building, on the corner of Burnside and Sixth streets. He resides at 361 Benton street with his charming wife and 14 months' old son.

BAL-ONEY

Hold-up man: "Stick 'em up and hand over that stuff in your pocket." Victim: "But I've only got a fifty-dollar bill. Got any change?" Hold-up man: "Naw! Go in the drug store and get change, I'll wait for ya."

Churches

- BAPTISTS: Mount Olivet Baptist Church, East First and Schuyler Sts.; Shiloh Baptist Church, East 7th and Everett Sts.; EPISCOPALIAN: St. Phillips Mission, Knott and Rodney Sts.; HOUSE OF PRAYER: House of Prayer, East 10th and Grant Sts.; METHODIST: Bethel A. M. E. Church, Larrabee and McMillen Sts.; First A. M. E. Zion Church, 417 Williams Ave.

TIMELY DIGEST

The Advocate is in receipt of a copy of "Timely Digest," the race's newest magazine of "current events in review." The cover design is a perfect likeness of Paul Robeson. The magazine is published at Minneapolis, Minn., by The Timely Digest Publishing Company. Cecil E. Newman is its editor-publisher, a man we personally know to be of sterling worth and character and well fitted and adapted to the office he fills. The magazine, which is pregnant with timely information, is dedicated "to those who would know the truth, so that there may be understanding, and to the sturdy pioneers of Negro journalism from Frederick Douglass, John H. Murphy, T. Thomas Fortune to R. S. Abbott, W. E. B. DuBois, who are largely responsible for the growth of the Negro Press, the Beacon Light of a Race's aspiration." And may we, Editor Newman, add a long list of Negro editors—men and women who have sunk all their material as well as spiritual and intellectual wealth into publications in order that their race may be presented to the world in its true light, and whose efforts have met with little or no appreciation from the very people they served. We want to extend our hand of welcome to the Timely Digest and wish for it all the success its promoters hope for and more.

THE PASSING OF THE WORLD

The Advocate joins the hundreds of other Negro newspapers throughout the United States in expressing regret at the demise of the New York World, founded by Joseph Pulitzer, when it recently lost its identity through purchase by the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Syndicate. It is to be hoped under the new management the paper will be as fair to the foreigner, the Jew, the Negro, the laboring man, the oppressed, as was The World and its founder. May it be as independent and as fearless.

SPONSOR



Attorney Wyatt Williams, associated with Judge Silvestone with offices in the Lumbermen's building, who sponsored a party for the pastor of his church, the First A. M. E. Zion, last Tuesday. Mr. Williams is active in fraternal, legal and church circles.

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IN THE REALM of Society

By Rosalie Bird



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MRS. SMITH IS HOSTESS TO CLUB AND NOTED VISITOR

(By Bessie P. Johnson) Mrs. W. F. Smith entertained the Old Rose Club at her home, 8105 - 39th avenue, Southeast, Thursday, March 5. A brief but interesting business session was conducted. Miss Martha Root, world traveller-lecturer, a noted Bahai teacher, gave a timely talk. Her message was brimful of love and encouragement and touched the heart-strings of each one. Miss Root's work is not for self-aggrandizement, but rather to bring about a more definite understanding between the peoples of the world, regardless of race, creed or previous condition. The seriousness and importance of her efforts cannot be over-emphasized.

Miss Martha Root was the center of much entertainment during her sojourn in the city. Additional guests included Mrs. J. W. Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bishop and Miss Ella Meissner. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a delicious two-course luncheon.

A special event of next week will be a St. Patrick's Day luncheon, at which Mrs. Pollyann Reed will be hostess to a group of ladies at her home, 303 Cherry street.

Mrs. Mamie Stanton will be hostess to the Literary Research Club, Friday, March 20, at her home in Alberta.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Lovell were recipients of a very delightful "Pound Party" at the parsonage, 417 Williams avenue, last Tuesday. The affair was sponsored by Attorney Wyatt Williams.

Zion Church

Rev. W. R. Lovell, pastor. (By Keren Mills Collins, Reporter) Rev. Lovell will preach at both services Sunday.

Praise and prayer service on Wednesday, 8 p. m. Members are urged to attend.

The Vigilantes Club will give a Jigg's dinner March 27. Benefit the church. Mrs. R. H. Camp is president of the club.

The Zion Emergency Club met at the home of Mrs. B. Clemins, 720 Union Avenue North, Friday night. A pleasing report was made from the apron social held at the home of Mrs. Burt Turner.

Quarterly Conference will be held the fifth Sunday in March. Rev. T. Allen Harvey, presiding.

ST. PHILLIPS MISSION

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The regular services will be in charge of Mr. Haine B. Coles during Lent.

The Communion services will be on Palm Sunday, March 29, at 11 a. m. A special musical service will be rendered.

The Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. Rawlins last Tuesday and completed arrangements for their annual entertainment Easter Monday, April 6, at the new Elks' hall.

Services at 11, Church School 12 m. St. Phillips Welcomes you.

Shiloh Church News

Shiloh Baptist Church to build a new church building at a meeting of the members Wednesday night, they voted to build a new church. A building committee was appointed. Mrs. Ida H. Thompson, Mrs. Sarah James, Mrs. J. M. Armstrong, Mr. Eastman and Rev. J. W. Anderson. The Rev. Mr. Anderson was elected chairman of the committee. Dr. Anderson, who was elected superintendent of the church two years ago, agreed to preach for the church when in the city, as Rev. G. G. Gardner cannot preach regular, but he, the Rev. Gardner, will preach when Dr. Anderson is out on the field. The church is a member of the National Baptist Convention and Dr. Anderson superintendent for the convention.

Rev. J. W. Anderson, regional secretary of the National Baptist Convention, will preach at Shiloh Baptist church, 76th and Everett streets, Sunday night at 8:00 p. m. Subject, "I Am Going to Heaven."

Bethel Church News

Bethel By The Bridge On Larrabee and McMillen Sts. Rev. D. G. Hill, Pastor Marguerite Griffith—Reporter

The Knights of Bethel will present Stanton H. Duke in recital in the near future.

The Joymakers met Thursday at the parsonage with John Hansel, host.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

DeNORVAL UNTHANK, M. D.

After March 15th, 1931, Dr. De Norval Unthank will move his office from 361 Benton St., to permanent offices in the Arata Bldg., at 12 1/2 North 6th Ct., Phones: ATwater 1703; MU. 2621.

The YOUNGER SET

(By GENEVA IVEY)



I want to thank those who have complimented me upon this column, especially those young men, former Portland fellows, who are now in Seattle. I received two letters in which these young men said that they got more news of the young peoples' doings than from letters received from friends. It makes me very happy to know that this little bit means something to the young people, because it is really work to get the clubs and individuals to hand in their notices and notes.

Lillian Bellard celebrated her sixteenth birthday Friday night at the home of her parents in Alberta, with a very lovely birthday party, at which a large number of friends attended. Everyone present had a delightful time. Miss Bellard received many gifts. Mrs. Elise Reynolds was a joint hostess with Mrs. Bellard.

The G. A. A. Club will have charge of the opening day of the Tom Thumb golf course on the Elks' Hall grounds, and everyone is asked to attend and have a round of golf at a small cost. One of the big events of the season will be the April Fool's day dance, under the name of "Merrikanas." This dance will be at the Elks' hall, with music furnished by one of Portland's best known orchestras. Of course we'll see you there. Now that basketball season is almost over, the girls have turned their minds toward tennis and baseball.

The director of the G. R. all city play, "The Mystic Flower," visited the Trianon Club last Thursday. The Trianon Girls will practice each Thursday at 3:30 o'clock at the Branch Y. They have taken the role of pirates instead of Egyptians.

The boys' club has also begun to switch over to the spring athletics. Last Sunday a large number of boys had their first warming up for baseball on the Elliott School grounds. We hope that baseball won't leave the team as crippled up as basketball did. We noticed that some of the team wasn't walking as straight as they might.

The editor of this column celebrated her twentieth birthday Tuesday. Maybe the age will surprise some of you. Some thought I was older, some younger. Well, you have it correct now.

Merriman Maxwell spent the past week-end in Portland visiting friends.

Little Misses Bettie Scott, 10, and Maxine Clok, 8, are reported to be ill at their home, 334 Welder street, with a mild attack of influenza. The youngsters were out of school all the week on that account but Mrs. Patton says they will be able to return to school next week.

The Spotlight Dramatic Players have decided to have a ticket selling contest for their latest drama "Only Sally Ann," to be presented March 27. Please Pay Your Subscription

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