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Digesting . . .
The News
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Something for Nothing!

Recently our Press carried the account of a preacher who lost his savings through the operation of a "confidence" game. For that matter, we can pick up the papers almost every week and read of some similar event, though the victims are not all preachers.

No member of our group can afford the loss of their savings during these times. The consequences are too serious. A life might be sacrificed; lingering sickness brought on; a small business swept away; the loss of an opportunity to commence a business; the plans for the youngster's education thwarted or any one of an unlimited number of tragedies might occur when one has been suddenly deprived of their life's savings.

This writer knows something about the methods used in most of the usual "confidence" games and has also come in direct contact with thousands of those who have made a living thru the operation of such and all agree that were it not for the greed to get "something for nothing" there would be no "confidence" games and no losses.

If a salesman should come to your door trying to sell seeds that are guaranteed to produce flowers in full bloom the morning after the seeds are planted, you should laugh at him and shut the door in his face, and rightly so, for you know that nature does not produce in such manner.

Neither do the forces of nature produce material wealth in such a manner. The seed has to be planted in a certain kind of soil and at a certain time. It has to be carefully cultivated and tended. Likewise, to grow material wealth, the seed (the dollar) has to be invested at a certain time and in a certain manner and even more carefully watched in order to bring forth a profitable crop—dividends.

There is no formula, no set rules, printed or otherwise, that will produce "something for nothing" over night. Regardless of the form that the plan or scheme might be presented in, if the operators hold out a lure of an unreasonable amount of "profit" in a short space of time and all that is required is "your money" or "your signature", beware of all such.

Some might say, "Well, the operators of such schemes are getting something for nothing!" But are they? No, and a thousand times, no. I've seen thousands of such operators and they've all paid and paid. The toll that they eventually pay make them realize more than any others that it is impossible to get "something for nothing".

All that any one can get from life is life. If you're enjoying good health, a nice home, contented family life and a little "nest egg" set aside, don't sacrifice it through the lure of "something for nothing".

CLUB WOMEN MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Despite the inclemency of the weather, the attendance upon the annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs, held last Friday, January 29th at the Williams Avenue Branch Y. W. C. A., was more largely attended than any previous meeting of the board. Mrs. Roberta Martin, Vice-pres. of the Association, wielded the gavel, much to the regret of her co-workers. Mrs. Rose Nichols tendered her resignation as she planned to be away in California with her daughter, for five or six months. Mrs. Fanny Cosby was appointed as her successor to serve until next election.

Among important matters discussed by the ladies was the annual charity ball. It was mentioned that some other form of entertainment might be had instead of the ball. However, it was referred for further consideration to the Committee on Ways and Means, of which Mrs. Lila Lee, is chairman. A high light of the session was a talk given by Attorney Wyatt W. Williams, dealing with the Economic question as it affected Negroes, which electrified his hearers.

Mrs. Winnifred Cochran read a report of the last meeting of the board which was so complete and vivid that the members who were not present gained a most accurate mental conception of what transpired. She was tendered a rising vote of thanks.

TELLS NEGRO TO GET READY FOR NEW PARTY

History Prizes Offered OLD PARTIES HAVE FAILED

FACING IMPENDING STARVATION CRAZED MAN MURDERS WIFE TO STIMULATE RACE STUDY

ILLITERATE, MAN Owns 185 Taxis PROTESTS POLICE BRUTALITY TO NEGRO CITIZENS

USES IRON STAND FOR BLUDGEON IN DEED SURRENDERS, TELLS POLICE HIS GASTLY DEED IS ACT OF MERCY

Washington, D. C. January 29—The brutality of Washington policemen to hapless citizens who fall within their clutches continues to be exposed in the hearings being held to discharge from the force officers who have made use of the "third degree" illegally. In the hearing Wednesday of cases involving Policemen Charles B. Bremmerman and Hollis A. Clark, charged with assaulting Thomas McKeeve Williams, 17-year-old taxi driver, David E. Beaver, taxi cab operator for whom the boy worked, testified to eye witness accounts of Bremmerman's brutality.

Beaver said that Bremmerman who was always more or less a source of petty annoyance to him and his drivers, telephoned him to come to the police station one day last summer. When he arrived he was prodded into the squad room with the butt of a club and that he found six boys being forced to stand on their toes, their backs against the wall and arms raised. He was told to get into the line and was told to get into the line and was told to get into the line.

The defense counsel tried to discredit Beaver's testimony. When the operator could not spell the name of one of his taxi drivers, the lawyer asked sarcastically: "You're the president of a taxi cab company and can't read or write."

"It's a little bit," said Beaver, doing an "Amos n' Andy" grin, "but that don't keep me from being president."

There are 55 cases of brutality before the corporation counsel, a large number of them involving colored people.

SCOTTSBORO STORY COMPLETE

New York, Feb. 4—A resume of the entire history of the case of nine Scotsboro boys, is contained in a 30-page document prepared by members of the staff of the Labor Research Association here and just released. The document contains important legal evidence gathered in the case, and the many questions raised by this now internationally famous case.

London—Bringing a word of greeting from his father, Asafou Ouossan, Crown Prince of Abyssinia, lineal descendant of King Solomon son of Haile Selassie, Lika of Judah and King of Ethiopia, went to Sandringham, one of British Royalty, to pay a visit to King George and Queen Mary.

WHITE ACTRESS FOUND TO BE COLORED

New York, January 30—An old colored woman was called to the stand last week in the preliminary hearing given William Thomas, white, in the case involving the murder of his wife, Jean Thomas, an actress in burlesque shows. Attorney for Thomas asked the woman why she had such an interest in the case. After some hesitation, she stated that the dead woman was her daughter.

Thomas, who had taken the woman for a servant about the place, almost fainting when he heard this bit of testimony, and had to be taken from the court room until he recovered from the shock.

fast of porridge, bacon and eggs, toast, marmalade and coffee at his hotel. With his sisters and his entourage, the Prince occupies nearly an entire floor of the hotel as the guests of the British government.

His official appointments were many and elaborate, but the nine members of his suite did not permit engagements to interfere with the personal life of the prince, particularly in regard to sleeping. None of his suite dared to call him in the morning. They awaited the ringing of a bell, which signified that the prince was awake.

The prince collected scores of bicycle catalogues and had many meetings in his suite, where he discussed with experts the questions of whether pneumatic tires and coaster hubs were suitable for the Abyssinian roads.

The official functions in England included luncheon with the king and queen at Sandringham, a meeting with the Prince of Wales, a dinner at the Foreign Office and a reception attended by most of the members of the diplomatic corps.

Radio Address of Dr. Plecker Brings Storm of Protest

Richmond, Va., Jan. 30—Dr. W. A. Plecker, state Registrar of vital statistics, speaking over radio station, WRVA, from the subject, "Unmarried Mothers", cited the number of white girls and of colored girls in the state who had given birth to babies out of wedlock during the past year. He said that this condition made little difference in Negro society and that the object of his discourse was that something might be done to help the white girls.

Questions Race Moral Status

Dr. Plecker's inference that the bearing of children of a wedlock is common and taken as a matter of course in Negro society, has aroused a wave of resentment among Negroes here. They take the view that, according to the line of reasoning pursued by this eminent advocate of race purity, he classes Negroes with the lower animals, knowing nothing of family life as defined by the American code of living and having no regard for the common code of decency.

NEGRO WOMAN IN LINE FOR FABULOUS FORTUNE

New York, Feb. 4—While prospective heirs from the center of Europe and all parts of America, flocked here Friday to begin their fight to inherit the \$100,000,000 Wendell fortune which was willed to charity at the death of an aged white recluse last March, attorneys for a 59-year-old Negro woman filed a claim which may eventually make their client one of the richest women in the world.

This claimant, Mrs. Blanche Wendell-Hoffman, 25 Hunter street, Ossining, a member of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church here at 216 West 134th street, and a resident of this city for more than twenty years, declares that she is the great-granddaughter of Johann Gottlieb Matthias Wendell, founder of the fortune for which more than a score of "heirs" will battle. It is believed that the woman has one of the most direct claims in the group.

Tracing her descent back to a romance in 1798 between the founder of the fortune and Violet Wal Shinn-neck, Mrs. Hoffman's great-grandmother and the daughter of the chief of a tribe of Indians on Long Island, the woman filed her claim in behalf of herself, a sister, two brothers and five first cousins. She is seeking a share of the principal of the fortune with interest and compound interest.

The names of the other claimants mentioned in her plea have not been revealed.

Villard Advocates Political Change for Progress

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 29—The nation must establish a temporary dole for the unemployed men and women. Prosperity can only be returned thru the banishment of war debts and reparations, thru honest, complete disarmament, lower tariffs, descending into a free trade policy and thru development of a true national leadership. Speaking before the City Club, last Saturday noon, Oswald Garrison Villard, life-long friend of the race, editor of "THE NATION", student of national and international problems, and grandson of the immortal William Lloyd Garrison, an emancipationist, outlined those points as most vital to the preservation of our social order. Villard struck at both political parties as lacking in national leadership or vision, and declared the salvation of the government lies in the formation of a third party more radical and progressive than the "Bull Moose" of Roosevelt's time or the LaFollette crusade of 1924. He said also: "There is no adequate leadership in Washington. I do not wish to attack President Hoover and his group—they are politically dead and nothing but complete stupidity on the part of their opponents can keep the Democrats out of power in this next election. I have no pity for Hoover. He worked for years to build up a political machine which won him the presidency and it

AFRICAN MAID LIKES FINERY!

LONDON, Feb. 3—A dark skinned Christian prince from Ethiopia left London today for Paris after a week of discovering the delights of western civilization as typified by pneumatic tires for bicycles and bacon and eggs for breakfast.

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The two children of Emperor Haile Selassie I, the Abyssinian monarch, enthroned in 1930 at a ceremony as lavish as any provided for his supposed ancestor, the Queen of Sheba, were shown every courtesy by the British royal family during their week in London.

"O, mother, daddy will have to go to war right away!" was the way little Shirley Ilina greeted her mother when she ran breathlessly home one afternoon last week. Little Shirley had heard another school youngster say that the war was on and everybody had to fight.

Scotsboro Boys Visited In Prison

KILBY PRISON, Montgomery, Ala.—They call Kilby a model prison. Far at the back end, barred and trily barred, is the death house. We file into the concrete and steel pen, one by one, the warden before us and two guards behind.

We have just come from the capitol of Alabama, where all morning the lawyers of the International Labor Defense ripped away at the state's case against the Scotsboro boys. Perjured testimony, lies, frame-ups, lynch hysteria; bit by bit the lawyers hammered into the court a grisly picture of the frenzy in which the boys were railroaded to death sentences.

NEW NEGRO IS RETURNING TO CHURCH

Cleveland, O. Feb. 2—"The church is and has been the center of the religious, social and political life of Negroes. It is the only thing he can call his own. It has grown out of himself. In the present spiritual awakening, more and more, the new Negro is turning back to the church."

These views were expressed by Rev. Harry V. Richardson, senior divinity student at Harvard University, before the forum of St. James A. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon.

"The new Negro is a product of this century, and has enjoyed higher opportunities for education and advancement than his forbears," Mr. Richardson said. "He is now showing some of the fruits of these advantages."

The speaker predicted that the demands of economic necessity would compel a return of the new Negro, who has turned from his church because of the conflicts of the older and newer types of religious expression. More and better men will turn to the ministry with their energy, intelligence and vision, he said.

ABYSSINIAN PRINCESS SPENDS \$20,000 ON FINERY IN LONDON SHOPPING TOUR

Prince Talks About Bicycles While Attractive Sister Visits Smart Shops

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RICH TEXAS MATRON REWARDS LOYALTY AND INTELLIGENCE OF MAID

Chicago, January 29—A one-million dollar reward for loyalty and intelligence is the fortune which was laid at the threshold of the home of Mrs. Ernestine Wesley Brooks, 4939 Washington Park court, this city, this week when it was learned that legal matters with respect to a bequest of more than one million dollars, made to her, had been cleared up.

Mrs. Brooks states that the amount of her bequest is in excess of \$1,000,000.00 in cash and real estate. Most of this sum is in cash, checks for the cash having been delivered to her.

The bequest to the 27-year-old Chicago matron was made in the will of Mrs. E. J. Grosso, wealthy white woman of Beaumont, Texas, in 1928. Mrs. Brooks had served intermittently as maid and companion for the white woman for nine years prior to her death. Mrs. Grosso stated in her will that she was rewarding Mrs. Brooks for her loyalty and her intelligence.

Recounting some of her experiences with Mrs. Grosso, Mrs. Brooks stated in an interview Friday: "Mrs. Grosso used to tell me that she was going to do something for me, but I never had any idea that she would leave practically her entire fortune to me. She was very kind to me while she lived."

Mrs. Brooks went into the employ of Mrs. Grosso when she was fifteen years old. She had just finished high school in Beaumont and intended to pursue studies at college, but decided that in order to have sufficient money, she would go to work for awhile. She planned to go to Houston and be-

RECEIVES BACK PENSION LATE; EX-SLAVE SUCCEUMS

TALLADEGA, Ala., Feb. 3—Samuel Martin, 90 years old, ex-slave, who received \$10,179.60 back pension from the government last Thanksgiving for services in the Union army during the war between the states, is dead.

Martin was stricken with paralysis last March, and his condition took a turn for the worse recently. Martin received the money, which covered back pension since 1932, after his daughter in New York brought his case to the attention of federal officials. He was drafted into the Union army and took part in engagements at New Orleans, Mobile, and Vicksburg, Miss.

and the new litter of pups. "Do you smoke, Andy?" He takes the package of cigarettes eagerly. Then the door is slammed in his face and you have only the checkered blur of his body against the bars.