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LEGAL LIGHT

The Advocate feels proud of the fact that it has been able to secure the services of Attorney John H. Jamison, to edit its legal department. Mr. Jamison is a graduate of the department of Laws at Howard University, Washington, D. C. and is well qualified to have charge of this department. He informs us that if any of the readers of The Advocate have any legal questions which they wish to be answered either through the column or privately, to get in touch with him at 1190 Holgate Str., Portland, Oregon. If private information is desired, please enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Don't forget to add that Negro book to your library during Negro History Week.

EDUCATION OVER THE AIR

A fine example of the educational value of the radio is found in the second series of "Listen and Learn" lectures now being given under the auspices of the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education, over the National Broadcasting Company's network. Nationally known authorities on economics, psychology and other subjects are being heard.

The series has proved that where there is a sincere desire, educators and broadcasters can get along without stepping on each other's toes, by sensible cooperation and organized effort.

The Council has received nearly 100,000 letters from listeners in all parts of the country who desire to learn of the forces now at work in the world.

THEIR MUSIC

No one could listen to the singing of the Negro Spirituals over the radio last Sunday night by the Bethel church choir, without feeling at once uplifted. The music was beautiful and thrilling and was well nigh perfectly rendered. Prof. Elmer C. Bartlett, is due loads of praise for he has worked wonders with this aggregation of musicians.

As we listened, once again, we could not refrain from observing that truly no one can really sing these heart and soul songs—the Negro Spirituals except those whose race gave them birth.

GOOD MUSIC VERSUS JAZZ

(By Myrtle W. Campbell)
Many complaints are being voiced concerning the music that comes over the radio; that most of it is neither interesting nor entertaining and that even the Spirituals are jazzed.

To acquire a taste and understand good music one should study and listen as much as possible to the best music, study its history and the lives of the composers, as he listens, or interprets the music, himself feels inspired to higher ideals, and be uplifted and strengthened to noble thoughts and actions. This is the effect of the classics in literature, art, and music, to help educate man to fully appreciate the finer things of life, and inspire him to be noble and high-minded, by appealing to his nature—by stirring his soul.

Jazz has the opposite effect, that is, it is easy and tuneful, and although it has its time and place, appeals to

the physical body instead of the soul. It is like wine that exhilarates for the moment, but passes off leaving one more jaded, down-hearted, careworn than before and more conscious of nature's handicap. It does not feed nor uplift the soul—carry it away from the sorrows of this life and give it hope and strength to carry on like the better music.

Composers of music are able to portray in characters, as writers do in words, and artists in pictures, man's longings and reaching out for happiness, for life beyond, something more soul-satisfying than this mortal existence. I will quote from Abdul Baha, the Persian Educator and Prophet: "Let us seek the song with the sweetest strains, so that it may be taken up by the angels and carried on the supreme concourse. Let us harken to the melody which will stir the world of humanity, so that the people may be transformed with joy."

"Let us listen to a symphony which will confer life on man; then we can obtain universal results; then we shall receive a new spirit; then we shall become illumined. Let us investigate a song which is above all songs; one which will develop the spirit and produce harmony and exhilaration, unfolding the inner potentialities of life."

"Why does not man harken to the soul-stirring music of the supreme concourse and not run wild with joy over the jarring notes of a street organ?"
"Strive day and night; perchance these sleeping ones may be awakened by the celestial strains of the city of melody and hear the soft, delicate music which is streaming down from the kingdom of El-Abha."

Music lovers all over the country are deploring the fact that jazz is breaking into the holy precincts of the classics, sacred as well as secular, and are trying to stop this desecration. Can you imagine anything more profane and sacrilegious than a "hootchy-cootchy" dance to the beautiful "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" or "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"?

There is only one way to stop this mutilation over the radio and that is for everyone when he hears the Spirituals jazzed, call the station and issue a complaint.

NEGRO HISTORY

If the Negro would take more time studying about himself and his own accomplishments and achievements, he would have less time and inclination to complain about his handicaps and at the same time, might discover that his history is not to be ashamed of but on the other hand, one of which to be proud.

Parents of Negro children who have no books about their own leaders and about their own history in general, in their private libraries, ought to read what an injustice it is to their children to be deprived of this information and entertainment to be gained from such a library.

During Negro History Week is afforded an excellent time in which to start a library of Negro literature if you have not already done so.

Thru error we published the wrong date line on the front page of the paper last week. However, the other 3 pages bore the correct date.

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417 Williams Ave.
Rev. W. R. Lovell, Minister

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service.

At 8 o'clock, the juveniles, ranging from 3 to 12 years of age, conducted by Mr. Elmer C. Bartlett, will present a program consisting of readings and musical numbers.

The choir, last Sunday rendered an excellent musical program to a packed house, at the evening service and during the Jubilee hour over station KWJL.

Mrs. Lenora Henderson will serve a dinner at her home on Feb. 10th.

On Friday, February 12, a good will tour of all local points will be visited under the leadership of Rev. B. Walker of the First Congregational Church.

It will end with a mass meeting at the Williams Avenue Y, at 8 P. M., at which time speakers of various organizations will participate.

The Bethel chorus will sing Wednesday, February 3, Rev. Hill delivered an address at Reed college.

The Joy-makers met Thursday evening at Miss Lenora Henderson's home with a Leap Y ear party.

MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. D. WILSON, Pastor

The subject of the pastor's sermon on Sunday morning will be "God's Covenant With Men" and in the evening at 8 o'clock, "Calling Sinners to Repentance."

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Verbal Snapshots

By W. J. Wheaton

The threat of war in the Orient has pushed all other news from the front page. Even Ruth Judd, the "Velvet Tigress" on trial for the most sensational murder of the era, has been relegated to an insignificant place in the columns. As for the Hawaiian kidnapping and murder, it is necessary to search the press thoroughly. After all, such news is for the morbidly curious, the people who delight in hearing salacious tales and visiting morgues.

This clash between the Japanese and the Chinese may determine whether Stoddard's prophecy, "The Rising Tide Of Color", is correct. The East is a seething furnace. Liable at any moment to belch forth its flames of hatred, and devastate the earth. It is said that history repeats. If that be true, and the Asiatic hordes are turned loose,—You remember the Tartar who killed the grass wherever his ponies trod? There may be a repetition but this time it will not be the hoof of the ponies but by poison gases dropped from the sky by airplanes. At this writing both the Chinese and Japanese are frowning on the foreign element.—The arrogant attitude of the white population has increased both the belligerents, and it would not surprise many of the observers, should Japan and China call a truce for the purpose of ejecting all of the foreign element from Asiatic soil. It has been undisputed, that for years, Japan has been using the slogan, "Asia for the Asiatics." Such action naturally would be resented by the foreign element and a conflict would be the result. If such would ensue, the result would be the most sanguinary armed clash in the history of the world.

It has not been long ago since Commodore Perry knocked at the gates of Japan and bid that Nation to open them for Western civilization. For centuries those gates had been hermetically sealed against the civilization of the Christian nations. They were well content with their mode of living, but Western greed found Japan a wealth which was the grounds for the Treaty which was negotiated by the United States. That was but seven decades past. Today Japan is reckoned among the World Powers. Rapidly assimilating the ideas of the Occident, they forged to the front rapidly. The nations of the world, anxious to profit from trade, gave the Japanese every facility for the absorbing of western knowledge. Schools and universities were opened up to him. He was taught the military art by the most expert military strategists that carried cannon. He was used to punish Russia, and to strafe China. He became ambitious for a place in the spotlight occupied by other nations and would not be denied. He learned, and learned thoroughly, and now he defies the world to keep him from getting what he wants. He wants a place to plant his growing nation in the Western Hemisphere. He has heard He has been denied that right on the white man declare that certain places on this earth are for white men only, notwithstanding that they claim the dominion of the whole earth and most of the sky. Now Japan, conscious of its power, says, "Asia for the Asiatics". Japan believes that it should be predominant on the Pacific Ocean. She is willing to fight for it. Japan has been denied the equality of emigration; it has hurt her pride. Japan is willing to fight for that. Japan has been shown that "might makes right"; Japan is willing and prepared to take the gamble.

In spite of the war scare in the Orient, the political pot of national politics is beginning to simmer. Just a few weeks more and the pot will reach the boiling point. Some Republicans are hoping that the war scare in the Orient will prove a hang-over after the election. They would feel assured of victory with the present President. They remember the slogan of years past when "Ho

Kept Us Out Of War" was the shibboleth which won a victory. The Democrats are having a glorious time with their prospective candidates. They have prospective candidates from every point in the nation. Texas, New York, Ohio, and Maryland appear in the lead with Oklahoma and Louisiana bringing up the rear.

Congressman DePriest has been on a speaking tour of the south. He has appeared before several audiences in Florida and graciously received.

Billy Houston denies that he is dead. He says that he is holding down a job in the Post Office department. It is not believed that this report meant that the astute Judge and Commissioner of Education for the I. B. P. O. E. W. was dead physically, but since his paeanyric on Judge Parker, that he is DEAD POLITICALLY.

Ben Davis finally got kicked for the goal. We would rejoice to see a few more of his ilk rubbing their pants where the political boot connected. They never were; never could nor never will be of any use to the Negro politically.

Now that there is rumor of war, the "BILLS" are wondering if the little Napoleon of the Antlered Herd has offered "His Legion" to the Government.



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