

PATRONIZE PORTLAND'S NEGRO ORCHESTRAS

Do We Get What We Deserve?

By CARTER G. WOODSON

After I had spoken before the students and faculty of the University of Nebraska the other day, a considerable number of them came to meet me at a reception immediately following the address. Among those who greeted me was a Negro student from Kansas.

"How did you happen to come here for your college work?" I inquired. "Is not the University of Kansas adequate to your needs?"

"In a way it is," said he, "but I could not stand the race prejudice there. They do not allow Negro students to use the swimming pool, and they try to segregate them elsewhere as they do at the University of Illinois. Here at the University of Nebraska there are only a few Negro students, and we do not have any such trouble."

Other students whom I recently met at the University of Omaha and at the University of Wichita, tell the same story of the hostile attitude of the leading institutions of learning of "bleeding Kansas." Universities farther North, however, are not always more liberal toward students of African blood.

And such is the story of the Negro in white institutions. Such is the story of the Negro in penetrating white communities. Some of them receive Negroes and treat them all right for a while, and then follows a change of attitude. Why does this happen? Is this due to the increase in the number of Negroes, to the addition of undesirable to a change in the character of the Negroes, or to all of these things? Or is it due to the change within the mind of the white man while the Negro remains as a constant factor, growing neither in numbers nor changing for better or worse? Have we actually investigated these things? Do we know the facts?

While crossing the Atlantic once in a palatial steamer, I was seated at one of the most conspicuous tables in the dining room with persons of the Caucasian race. Everything proceeded smoothly until we left Cherbourg and that evening at the close of the dinner a Nordic from the Red Hills of Georgia said in a low tone to another American who had never thought of his being at a table with a man of African blood:

"This ship ain't crowded, and I am going to change my seat, too."

"Why do you want to change your seat?" the other American inquired. "I am not going to sit down at the table because I did not care to be with a nigger," was the reply.

And he did not stay any longer. He left that table and carried with him the other American.

Now I often wonder why I had not done or did not do something so to impress myself upon that neutral American as to attach him to me or to carry him off with me to some other table where I would have been able to do, you would say. Certainly, however, this fearless exponent of race prejudice was more industrious than I was in plying his trade, or he made use of his natural advantages while I neglected to employ mine. He, therefore, won in that combat.

While it is a miserable feeling for one to have to bear in mind continually that he is constantly on trial, the Negro must realize that he has to win

THE DENTIST

By Roy C. Proctor, D. D. S.

It is most unfortunate when the pulp of a tooth dies. The decaying tissue must be removed and the cavity sterilized and skillfully. Even when it is not always possible to preserve the tooth, since the tendency to abscess formation at the root-end is great.

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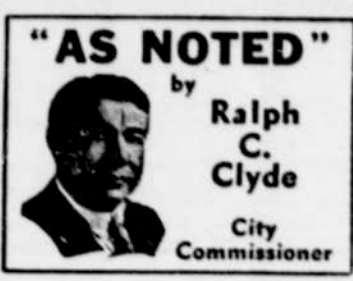
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"AS NOTED" by Ralph C. Clyde City Commissioner

HARROW YOUR SOUL

Nothing gets my goat so much as to give someone a ride downtown, and have the pest try to be agreeable by relating stories of shocking automobile accidents. Have you ever had this happen to you?

As you are merrily spinning along, ready to put in a fine day's work, you see an old man or an elderly lady standing on the curb who immediately through you a telephatic request for a ride.

No sooner than they clamber into your car than they relate a number of horrible tales about people who have been killed in smash-ups. Never how they roll each word of this harrowing recital under their tongues like a juicy morsel.

You feel like choking them and TOIN you feel like choking them and there. In vain you try to switch the subject, but no avail; they refuse to sidetrack for love or money. The "passenger" leaves, and you feel like a dish rag.

You solemnly resolve that in the future all the hitch and hike gentry will pay a ten cent fare to the street car company rather than make hash out of your perfect day.

LAME DUCK LAW

Speaking of Congress recently a subject, but no street, they refuse to sidetrack for love or money. The "passenger" leaves, and you feel like a dish rag.

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The city "Lame Duck Law" proposes that city officials elected in November shall take office the first Council meeting in January. As it is now, the Mayor, City Commissioners and City Auditor cannot assume their duties until seven months after they have been chosen by the voters.

Why a city official should have to wait that length of time to serve the people is a mystery to me. The question very naturally arises why a city official should serve seven months after he has been elected, and why voters is also beyond my comprehension.

State, County, and School officials are sworn in almost immediately after their election. Such should be the system for our municipality. My charter amendment proposes this change and I am going to request the City Council to submit it to the voters for their approval.

NO CURE

The thought occurred to me if some of the candidates for public office would devote the same amount of energy to their business as they do to chasing the elusive vote, they could retire as millionaires in a few years.

However, such a suggestion is hopeless. When a man is bitten by the political bug, his case is beyond redemption. Hoop, hop gambling and other deplorable habits are subject to cure, but the office-running habit, once contracted, is a hopeless case.

There is no use letting the candidate remain a lifelong, hopeless pest, useless and witless. The one thing to do is to put the poor Political Nut against a wall and shoot him.

Helpful hints

By NANCY LEE

Mary wants to know what I think of "gum chewing." But thinks it looks very un-ladylike in public.

You are right Mary. Established rules of etiquette forbid chewing of gum in public, a disgusting habit, and classes it in with picking one's teeth at the table or dipping one's food in his coffee. Refined people do not indulge in such practices. One stamps himself as crude, ignorant, without proper breeding, and the knowledge of culture when he makes himself so unightly.

I saw a very striking looking girl on the car one day chewing gum in the most vulgar way, while everybody in the car riveted their eyes on her. She notices the stares, but it didn't lessen the movement of her jaws. She, no doubt, poor child, thought they were admiring her, or was too ignorant to know she was doing anything out of the ordinary.

We Americans are such a nervous, energetic class of people that we are prone to waste too much energy and chewing gum is one way of doing it. A little gum chewing won't hurt anyone, but aside from its vulgarity, too of it increases the flow of saliva when it is not needed in the stomach and impairs digestion.

Nancy Lee

BOOK REVIEW

"FIRESIDE POEMS" By Frank A. Johnson (Mrs. Daisy M. Buchanan, 404 Patton Street, Knoxville, Tenn., Sales Agent)

Reviewed for The Advocate by CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

A pocket-sized edition of the poems of Frank A. Johnson, bound with an expensive cellulose cover, printed on good book stock in a clear readable manner, and comprising twenty-five selections.

The thought of the author can best be expressed by quoting from one of his poems, entitled, "Artificial Men":

The case of so much worldly sin, And purely selfish lives, Is being asked each day, within, By the foolish and the wise, "Why is this world which we are living in, Among this human throng Full of so little of the right, And so much of the wrong?"

"Why is it?" Is the dismal cry The world around today; Why should men in a Christian world, Be denied of a place to stay? Why can't men on land and sea Forget subjective plans, And realize that Christ should be Vitalized in man?

Why doesn't the Christian church be true, And in union, combat with sin, Why should we hold our peace in war Like artificial men? The Men of purely carnal birth, MUST be born again, To give that carnal frame the right Of a real and honest man.

Real enough to pay the price Of a Christ-like christian life Bold enough to turn our back On the artificial life; True enough, to keep the faith, Forever in our heart, And loyal enough to never fail To do our Christian part.

KEEPING -FIT-

A Health Column By DeNorval Unthank, M. D.

HOW NEGRO HEALTH WEEK STARTED

Sunday April 3, to Sunday April 10 will be the 15th observance of National Negro Health Week.

The Negro Organization Society of Virginia with headquarters at Hampton Institute, first conceived the Negro Health Week idea in 1915, under the leadership of Major R. R. Moton then commandant.

Mr. Moton, close friend of Booker T. Washington was the first to realize the import of the idea. Booker Washington immediately began to stress the national import of the movement. This year Booker Washington receives the credit. Thus in 1915, Booker Washington initiated a National Negro Health Week.

"At the last session of the Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference, some startling facts were brought out concerning the Health of the Colored People of the United States. It was shown that 45 per cent of all deaths among Negroes are preventable; that there are 450,000 Negroes seriously ill at the time of the annual cost of this illness is \$75,000,000; that sickness and death cost Negroes annually \$100,000,000. Because of these facts, I have thought it advisable to ask the Negro people of the whole country to join in a movement which shall be known as a "Health Improvement Week, April 11, to April 17, inclusive 1915."

It is now proposed to ask the following Organizations to cooperate in movement looking to wide spread efforts throughout the country to Health conditions among our people: The National Medical Association of Colored Nurses, the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, the National Negro Business League, the National League on Urban Conditions among Negroes, the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, the National Negro Press Association, the Bishops and other Heads of Colored Religious Denominations, State Medical Association, Annual Church Conferences, and Associations, Secret Organizations, Colored Insurance Companies, Farmers' Conferences, Churches, Schools, and other local organizations.

By means of these organizations and agencies all the Colored people can be reached and influenced. They can be taught what to do to aid in improving their health conditions. Thus the amount of sickness among us can be lessened and the number of deaths annually greatly decreased. Oregon had its first Health Week Program in 1926.

Please see our March 18th at 5:00 P. M. Williams Ave. Y. W. C. A. Help Oregon Plan its Health Week.

YOUNG ORGANIZATION TO GIVE DANCE

"The Static Boys" is the name of a band composed of seven young men of Portland who will sponsor a dance on the Battleship Oregon on Easter Monday night, Melvin Dawson, Clifford Brown, Phillip Moore, William Duncan, Julius Geary, Hubert Lewis and Charles Harris comprise this aggregation of musicians who will not only furnish music for dancing but have arranged for tables of cards for those who do not care to dance.

The dance will be held at the meeting with interest as the people always like to have something to go to on Easter Monday night. And it goes without the saying that the boys will receive the hearty support of all.

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Says That N.A.A.C.P. Has Lost Much Of Its Power

BY KELLEY MILLER

When the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was formed 20 years ago, it was regarded as a radical organization to offset the conservatism of Booker T. Washington. The Tuskegee doctrine, at that time, held sway over the mind and imagination of the American people, white and black. The new movement stood for agitation for immediate fulfillment of the tenets of democracy as contrasted with the slow, long-suffering constructive program of Hampton and Tuskegee. And yet the new movement merely emphasized the fulfillment of the law, but never once advised its overthrow. Insistence on the observance of the 14th and 15th amendments is no more radicalism than insistence on the ful-

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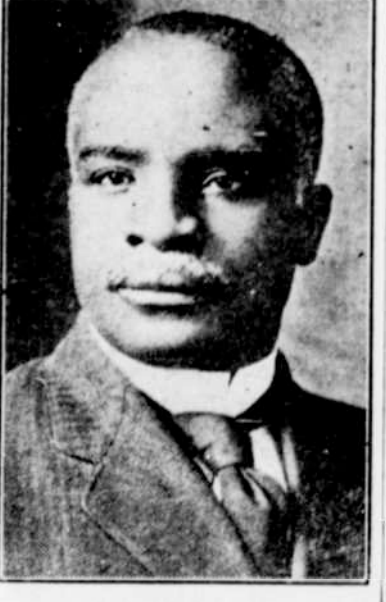
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fillment of the 18th. Booker Washington died. His philosophy continued by sheer force of his own inertia, would be suicidal. The imported radicalism of the reds would be treason against this land and country. And yet without something of a stirring nature is brought to play upon him, He sinks into inactivity and sloth. He is now at the depth of racial depression. Not a single progressive and stimulating motive spurs his lethargic energies. The industrialism of Booker T. Washington quickened him for a while. The bizarre movement of Marcus Garvey aroused him for but a moment. The N. A. A. C. P. starts and stirs him only momentarily when some tragic happening occurs. But it makes no lasting appeal to his imagination. Ordinarily the people have right to look to the youthful intelligentsia for the stimulation of the masses. Mens agit molem. But our college fraternities in biennial session, meet, dine, dance and adjourn. They are engrossed in literary activity and in research work in chemistry, physics and biology, while the masses may go hang. There is a dearth of agitation in a sane constructive direction. In politics education, religion, and social pol. we are just about where Fred Douglass and Booker Washington left us. Who will take the next step?