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SECTION ONE

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The News
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To Mother

With the indulgence of the editor this particular digest will be personal. It is a message to Mother. Somewhere in these United States an elderly lady will be sitting by the fire-side, with her thoughts, perhaps, in the deep past, thinking of the son, of years ago. And to this lady, the only one I have ever known as "Mother"—may she read this message and consider it a tribute from that son, of years ago.

A quarter of a century ago this Mother had many lofty ideals which she hoped and planned, that the son would successfully meet. No doubt, at times, she felt proud of the progress of the son, but shame to the son her pride had to be stifled.

The son rose so high, then like many another son, he took a supposed short cut to success. While the distance seemed shorter, the son did not count on the many tempting diversions that this short cut afforded. The Mother knew, however, and tried to advise the son though the son felt he could be an exception and travel the short cut path without stumbling. Time changes all, and this son, like many another son, has found that Mother was right and the short cut is dangerous. While the straight road appears the longest, because it is straight, it is the only road that will carry you safely to journey's end, where lie peace, happiness and the comfort of a life well spent.

During all these years, no doubt, this Mother, like many another Mother, has been praying that the son would turn back from off the short cut path and start his journey over on the straight road. And perhaps, her prayer has been answered and heard—and the son has turned back and has started his journey over again, this time on the straight road. And, while the Mother was praying, the son, too proud, to contact and confess his weakness to the Mother who cared, went groping his way through the briars and weeds of the short cut, and for fifteen years let the Mother worry and suffer, the while she knew not where the son was drifting.

But like many another son, the son became so entangled in the meshes of the short cut until he had no way to turn. It was then, perhaps, that the prayers of the Mother reached him and showed him how simple it was to untangle himself, simply by rising above that which held him down.

This son, then, like many another son, is happy that while the Mother yet lives, he can still bring happiness to that Mother by finishing his journey on the straight road that the Mother originally placed him on. This, is my personal message—To Mother!

HILTON PROMISES ECONOMY EFFORT

"I beg to announce my candidacy for nomination as one of the 13 state representatives from Multnomah county on the Republican ticket," says Frank A. Hilton.

"If nominated and elected, I shall bend every effort to enact measures necessary to accomplish strict economy in government with definite reduction in taxes. In bringing about such tax reduction I shall oppose cutting the wages of those least able to bear wage cuts, believing that any reduction in wages should come from the top rather than from the bottom. Oregon and its resources must be developed and in so doing the greatest amount of employment should be given to our own citizens. There is no reason why Oregon cannot be made the most attractive state in the union, both in which to live and in which to work.

"I believe the independent merchant is entitled to a square deal and will do what I can to help him get it. The time for gag rule is past. Free speech and justice is the inalienable right of every citizen."

ALL SET!

Portland, Oregon May 9, 1932
Mrs. Beatrice Cannady-Franklin,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:
I am in receipt of one of your cards that announces your candidacy for state representative and as I am grateful for the many favors you have done me, I am wondering if I couldn't be of service to you. One thing you can rest assured of you can count on me and all my relations to vote for you and judging from all I have come in contact with, they are going to do the same.

Wishing you the best of luck and hoping that you remember me as it was your influence that got me work last year, I am,

Yours truly,
NOTE: The above letter, written by a Portland citizen is typical of many which have been received by Mrs. Franklin in support of her candidacy for state representative.

"THE LAWD" IN PORTLAND

CHURCH CONVENTION IN SESSION



NOAH'S ARK, one of the big scenes in "Green Pastures," coming to the Auditorium May 10-14, with three matinees.

RICHARD B. HARRISON as "De Lawd" in the famous Pulitzer prize play "Green Pastures," Auditorium May 10-14. Matinee Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The celebrated 1930 Pulitzer prize play, by Marc Connelly, will be seen at the Auditorium for a period of five days, commencing Tuesday night, May 10, with three matinees—on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons. Thousands of visitors from Oregon, Washington and Idaho are expected to accept the urgent invitation of the local clergy and the Portland Chamber of Commerce to take advantage of the unusual occasion. Both have given strong endorsement, and with the railroads, are lending active co-operation to make the occasion a big event.

The unique power of the attraction to draw crowds from long distances lies in the fact that it is a dramatization of a large part of the Old Testament, as seen through the eyes of the unlettered Negroes of the far south, combining the droll humor, the naive earnestness and simplicity and the overpowering reverence and humility of the race.

POPE HONORS LAYMAN, NEGROES' BENEFACTOR

FORT SMITH, Ark., May 7.—Chas. J. Jewett, prominent Catholic priest and benefactor of religious and charitable work, particularly among the negroes, has just been named a Knight of St. Gregory the Great by the Holy Father.

Mr. Jewett is a member of the original Jewett family of England and a lineal descendant of Sir Godfrey de Jouett. He is the only Catholic member of the family in the United States.

CHURCHES JOIN IN CITY-WIDE SONG-FEST

Bethel and Mt. Olivet church choirs joined in presenting a group of songs on Sunday afternoon at the City Auditorium in the city-wide song-fest, winding up Music Week. They were enthusiastically received. They also sang with the amalgamated choirs of approximately 500 members. Music of all nations composed the fine program.

WELLS RUNS ON HIS RECORD

Harvey Wells (Republican, No. 114), representative for Clackamas and Multnomah counties, has resided in Oregon for forty-four years; educated



In Portland schools and Philomath College; married; property owner; owns a dairy ranch; President Harvey Wells Insurance Agency; Vice Chairman of Portland Civil Service Board; Secretary of Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children; Past State Commander Spanish War Veterans, member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and other fraternal organizations.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The supreme court today held that the Texas law giving the state Democratic executive committee power to bar Negroes from party primary elections is invalid.

NEGRO PROVEN INNOCENT AFTER 20 YEARS

CHESTER, Ill., May 9.—Sam White, convict, who was known as the "best nurse in the prison hospital," bid goodbye to his cellmates today and started home to Cairo, Ill., after serving 20 years for a crime he did not commit.

"I'm kinda sorry I'm going," White said. "I got used to things around here.

"No, I'm not sore at the state or anybody for sending me here. It just took me a long time to believe what I've been telling them all along."

White's alibi was that he and his brother were robbing a freight car at the time a woman was attacked in another part of the city.

He was convicted in Pulaski county circuit court in 1911 on the attack charge. Protesting his innocence, he was taken to the prison.

The robbery charge has long since been outlawed by the state of limitations, so White will not be prosecuted on that count.

His 20-year-old libel was borne out when a former sheriff of Pulaski county and a former chief of police at Cairo made inquiries. They wrote to the state board of pardons that the prisoner's story was true. The warden said White had never broken a prison rule.

"THE LAWD" TO BE ON EARTH IN PORTLAND

BREAKS ALL RECORDS ON MODERN STAGE

The famous 1930 Pulitzer Prize Play, "The Green Pastures," otherwise termed "The Divine Comedy in Blackface," which has held vast audiences in New York and Chicago enthralled for two years, is to be presented at the Portland Auditorium for five days, commencing on Tuesday evening, May 10, with matinee performances on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons. The engagement, the outstanding feature of our times in stage offerings in the Northwest, is incidental to the tour of the unique organization to San Francisco to enter an indefinite engagement immediately following the Portland presentation. No other city will be played on the Pacific Coast with the exception of Los Angeles, from which the company will dash across the continent to Boston to open an engagement that is expected to continue throughout the entire year.

"The Green Pastures" has broken all records of the American stage from coast to coast, and has established for itself a status that is unique. This may largely be due to the fact that it is itself unique, employing more than a hundred Negro actors and singers in its interpretation. The playwright, Marc Connelly, fashioned his classic from Roark Bradford's book "Ol' Man Adam Ah' His Chillun." Psychologically, there is a difference in theme, period, locale and personnel. The Connelly play is constantly likened to the favorite of other days, "Ben Hur." The only physical resemblance is found in the generous employment of mechanical treadmills in both. Psychologically, there is the generic similarity of religious background, and a similarity of appeal alike to confirmed playgoer and to a numerous element that looks askance upon the theater and seldom is found within its precincts. The latter warned to "The Green Pastures" in New York in such numbers as to almost crowd out Broadway's "regulars" creating a run of eighteen months, involving 640 consecutive performances in the same theater—the Mansfield.

This experience was repeated in Chicago, where 160 consecutive performances were played at the Illinois theater.

"The Green Pastures" is a daring and bizarre dramatization of the Old Testament as visualized by the elemental, deep South plantation Negro, and combines naive humor, poignant drama, spectacle and concert. The eyes of the artistic world have been fastened upon it from its opening night owing to the fact that reference in the Bible to the appearance of deity walking the earth in the form of a natural man has been accepted literally and is visualized upon the stage for the first time in American history. Because of the reverential spirit of the performance it has the unqualified support of the clergy—Catholic, Protestant and Jewish alike. In addition to church support, the Retail Merchants, Portland Chamber of Commerce, have given the enterprise unqualified endorsement, and with the railroads, are working to make the engagement a gala event.

An interesting feature is its "Heavenly Choir," which sings twenty-seven spirituals incident to eighteen stirring scenes and replaces the usual theater orchestra.

Portland, Oregon, May 8, 1932
My Dear Mrs. Franklin:

Let me add my bit in your behalf in your try for the state legislature.

The writer is an American native born white, who with his family was strictly up against it last winter—out of work, out of funds, out of food—no where to go, and no one to turn to—was not eligible for public relief. Through the intercession of a friend, also colored you gave the writer what work you could and shared with him and his wife, when in these troublesome times you wasn't sure where the next meal was coming from.

These are the things that make life fine and God bless you I hope you are successful for I know that you will be an honest and efficient legislator if given the opportunity, and everyone knows that honesty in government is what is so sorely needed at the present time.

MRS. PATTON ILL
Mrs. J. D. Patton is suffering with tonsillitis.

POLITICS HEADS A.M.E. CHURCH CONVENTION

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 9.—The 29th quadrennial conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church opened at Woodland Center, Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday, May 1. The Center threatens to be inadequate to accommodate the Methodist hosts. More than 780 delegates are present, about 75 of them women.

Several meetings have preceded the general session, among them the Laymen's caucus, the Episcopal committee and the financial board.

As usual, the most important question on the lips of delegates revolves around the election of bishops. It is a moot question whether this conference will elect any new men to this high and exalted office. There are now 18 episcopal districts within the church, but only 14 living bishops. Bishops A. J. Carey, J. Albert Johnson

The Bishops' Council during its recent meeting at Tampa, Florida, went on record as opposing additional bishops at this time and urged the reduction of the districts from 17 to 14. Whether or not bishops will be elected will not be settled finally until the delegates vote upon the question.

The various candidates, however, have not needed the warning given in the bishops' action and are campaigning as hard as if a dozen bishops were to be elected. There was an appreciative audience of eight to ten thousand persons, who showed their pleasure through repeated applause. The choral club is rapidly forging to the front as one of the outstanding musical organizations of the community.

Lady Nancy Cunard, who has estranged her mother and angered her aristocratic associates by her championship of the dark peoples, has taken up her abode in Harlem, N. Y. Lady Nancy is the author of some articles that appeared in a Paris journal deriding the snobbish tendencies of British and American aristocracy. She put Margot Asquith, who reviewed British aristocracy in none too favorable a light, in the background.

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CHILD BRUTALLY ATTACKED

NINE BOYS HELD VICTIMS IN SAME STATE

Little Maudis Dixon, a Negro school girl, small for her age and weighing less than 75 pounds, was decaying by a white man into an unpopulated wooded section of Birmingham near village creek about four o'clock in the afternoon of April 26. The white man was well dressed and called at the girl's home upon the pretext that he wanted to employ a girl to stay at his home and take care of his mother and four-year-old daughter for the evening. Maudis' mother was sick and she herself had just come home from school.

She went with the man to earn the much-needed pennies which he offered to pay. When they reached the woods he attacked her, throwing her to the ground. When she screamed, he threatened to kill her with an open knife which he drew.

She returned some time later in a semi-conscious state. Her clothes were bloody and torn. Her father took her to a doctor who found her condition to be so serious that she was rushed to a hospital for treatment. The police were notified, but nothing has been done. Not even mention was made in the local news.

COMMUNIST PARADE

DEMONSTRATE AGAINST SCOTTSBORO LYNCHINGS

A Communist demonstration participated in by more than 400 Communists and hangers-on who paraded downtown streets with cries of "Free Tom Mooney!" and "We Want Wages!" went off peacefully Sunday afternoon as part of the world-wide May day observance. A number of World War veterans had protest against alleged plans of the Communists to carry banners demanding soldiers' bonuses but no such banners appear. There were other banners, however, with such inscriptions as "Hands Off Soviet China," "Smash the Criminal Syndicalism Law," "Vote for Communist," "Stop the Scottsboro Lynchings," and "Defeat the Soviet Union." Rains caused a first postponement of the proceedings. Police said the parade was held without permission, but no action was taken.

VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

BY W. J. WHEATON

While they are passing laws to pardon acknowledged killers, what about those eight Negro boys in Alabama who were convicted under pressure of the shot gun? If ever there was a miscarriage of justice here is a case. So flagrant has been the failure to balance the scale that the event has become a matter for world-wide agitation. It has given a certain class of men and women the opportunity to spread a propaganda which is threatening the stability of government and threatens to revolutionize society. So great has the agitation become that consuls abroad for the United States have petitioned for instructions as how best to combat the spreading of the Communist propaganda. If ever there has been in the annals of jurisprudence a more palpable injustice it is not on record.

Clifford Mitchell, nationally known columnist, has just released a splendid tribute to the worth and civic work of Mrs. Beatrice Cannady-Franklin, a candidate for the nomination as legislator to that law-making body of Oregon. He cites among other things her unselfish work in all helpful things. Many remember when the new internationally-known Roland Hayes was struggling for a place in the sun. He came through this region and the Pacific Northwest. His own did not receive him with open arms. It was in Portland where Mrs. Beatrice Cannady-Franklin financed a recital for him that was the start of his greatness. Through that start he was able to realize his ambition to study abroad. Roland Hayes has never forgotten. THE VOTERS OF PORTLAND WILL NOT FORGET HER CIVIC ACTIVITIES.

The Coleridge-Taylor Choral club, Mrs. Ethel R. Clark directing, sang in the music stadium, Golden Gate park, San Francisco, Sunday, May 1. They were guest artists at the concert given by the municipal band. In the numbers and to the accompaniment of the band, Mrs. Clark streamlined both band and singers. There was an appreciative audience of eight to ten thousand persons, who showed their pleasure through repeated applause. The choral club is rapidly forging to the front as one of the outstanding musical organizations of the community.

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DR. ANDREW C. SMITH OUT FOR STATE SENATOR

DR. Andrew C. Smith is a candidate for State Senator on the Republican platform. With a record of good constructive legislative work during a period of four sessions of hard service in legislative work, he will again submit himself to the choice of the voters of Oregon.

During his term in office he is credited with being the Author of bill creating Oregon State Board of Health; was co-author of a fought through, the bill amending Port of Portland laws and changing personnel of Commission; providing for installation of the public dry-dock, thus increasing the Port's payroll. This was the most bitterly contested measure during the Session of 1929.

In public activities he is a Pioneer in good roads promotion, and first president of Oregon Good Roads Association, in the interest of which, with the late Sam Hill, he stumped the state and was also one of the three heaviest cash subscribers to the Association. Dr. Smith has had twenty-five years experience in banking and much experience in public activities. He is also founder and first president of Medical Arts Building Association.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith advocates: Draastic tax reduction; Better bank supervision; Bona fide development of new uses of Columbia hydro-electric resources; Conscientious care in voting for or opposing other legislation, often requiring more experience, "Wit, Wisdom and Wiskedness," than introducing new measures.

NARCOTIC LAW VIOLATOR DRAWS FOUR-YEAR PRISON TERM

Tom Pitts, convicted in Federal Judge McNary's court on six counts connected with violations of the narcotic law, was sentenced to four years in federal prison by Judge McNary, Tuesday.