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SECTION ONE

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MARY GARDEN PRAISES FIRST NEGRO OPERA

RANDOLPH URGES NEGROES TO UNITE

"TOM-TOM IS BIG SUCCESS"

Digesting . . .
The News
BY CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

Now that the big shows are over and we know who's who and what's what we can begin, with some measure of safety, to definitely forecast what will happen next November.

For this specific purpose, for quite some time, my files have been accumulating pertinent political data, from every state in the union, and I now predict that nothing short of a miracle will keep democrats out of the white house after the 4th day of next month.

Inasmuch as I have no political prestige to maintain I can even go so far as to specifically analyze the status of my conclusions as they exist at the present writing, knowing well that my analysis will be hotly disagreed with.

Present conditions lead me to believe that of the 531 electoral votes, 287 can now be counted in the democratic column, made up as follows: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, So. Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

I concede to the republican, 141 electoral votes, including the states of Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming, and even in these states there are factions in favor of them that might possibly align themselves with interests other than the republicans.

The remaining 103 electoral votes I place in the doubtful column because of certain events yet to occur, at this writing, which includes the states of Connecticut, California, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

Even if the republicans were assured of the doubtful states, in keeping with my analysis they would only have 244 electoral votes against 287 for the democrats and granting a reasonable per cent of errors in my analysis, it is safe to predict that after the "surprises" have been totaled up, the democrats will still have the majority electoral votes.

In making this prediction I am not inferring that the country will be bettered any by the change of federal administration. Further, I believe, that if the now agitated "dry" third party should become a reality that the democrats would be the ones to benefit from it.

For the Negro, it is interesting to note that in each of the northern states which I have classified in the democratic column, that the Negro is intensely active in both parties and that before the race is over much attention will be concentrated upon winning the Negro vote. Whatever your opinions, however, you cannot prove that I am wrong until after next November and maybe you will have forgotten my prediction by then.

ROBBERY-ASSULT

Mac Johnson, colored, who lives in Jungles near Hooverville, (Under Ross Island Bridge) reports being struck on the head in a fight and robbed at Front and Arthur streets.

Sergeant A. J. Franklin was among the delegates who attended sessions of the Grand Lodge in Vancouver, B. C.

CHOOSE FOR YOURSELF!

WHICH ONE DO YOU UNDERSTAND

THE TWO PLATFORMS

Read them both and decide for yourself which one you are able to understand by your own reading.

The Democratic Platform

We favor the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

To effect such repeal, we demand that the Congress immediately propose a constitutional amendment to purely representative conventions in the states to act solely on that proposal.

We urge the enactment of such measures by the several states as will actually promote temperance, effectively prevent the return of the saloon and bring the liquor traffic into the open under complete supervision and control by the states.

We demand that the Federal Government effectively exercise its power to enable the states to effectively protect themselves against importation of intoxicating liquors in violation of their laws.

Pending repeal, we favor immediate modification of the Volstead act to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and other beverages of such alcoholic content as is permissible under the Constitution, and to provide therefrom a proper and needed revenue.

The Republican Platform

The Republican party is and always stood and stands today for obedience to and enforcement of the law as the very foundation of orderly government and civilization. There can be no national security otherwise. The duty of the President of the United States and of the officers of the law is clear. The law must be enforced as they find it enacted by the people. To these courses of action we pledge our nominees.

The Republican party is and always has been the party of the constitution. Nullification my non-observance by individuals or state action threatens the stability of our Government.

While the constitution makers (Continued on page four)

ARROW TIPS

BY KITS RIED

Would you rather spend your money for food, homes, schools etc. or would you rather carry another a nother heavy load such as we are carrying now for the two wars—the Civil War and the World War? Do you know that these two wars alone have cost this nation 131 billion dollars, and the end is not yet. We will pay these war taxes the rest of our natural lives, and our children will pay—and their children and further than we can tabulate. Taxes will be paid to cover the cost of wars fought to hide the mistakes of politicians and to put the money into the pockets of war exploiters. Think about it.

The world do really move—as witness the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Academic Freedom of the American Civil Liberties Union of which Prof. West Kilpatrick of Teachers College, Columbia University is chairman. Of course, all the standard-bearers, D. A. R.'s and militarists will immediately get up on their hind legs and howl, but says the Committee: "If education is to take its just part in the development of modern life, there is need of extending the range of controversial discussion in the schools and colleges of the United States, to enable intelligent criticism of the national social institutions." Intelligent. Note the word—we should be enlightened so that we may intelligently consider things controversial.

Before I quote any of the Committee's report, may I remark that the

BETHEL CHOR TO GIVE SPIRITUALS PRESENTATION

The Portland Negro Chorus, directed by Elmer C. Bartlett, and composed of the members of the Bethel Chorus and assisting artists and singers of the Portland Community will present the first of a series of concerts of "Spirituals Under the Stars" at the Multnomah Civic Stadium on Thursday night July 21, at 8:15 P. M. Songs of the south, jubilee numbers and Spirituals will be featured in the first concert. Mrs. Jesse Coles Grayson, Contralto, will be the soloist.

Mr. Elmer C. Bartlett, director of the augmented chorus of local singers has distinguished himself with his work with large choruses. He has won acclaim in the Hollywood Bowl in the summer of 1930; he directed the National Association Chorus in 1925 in Los Angeles, California, and he has presented choruses through out the Northwest in such centers as Seattle, Spokane, Vancouver, B. C. and Portland.

Bartlett's work with the Bethel Chorus at the Municipal Auditorium and in the Rose Festival Vesper Services in Washington Park and in local concerts during the past year has been meritorious and commendable. The contribution which he has made with the Bethel choir has added much to the morale and spirit of the church. The organization which he leads has gained recognition as one of Portland's outstanding musical groups.

The Multnomah Civic Stadium Association is sponsoring the concert of "Spirituals Under the Stars" and the price of admission has been within the reach of all.

UNTHANKS ARRIVE SAFELY

Dr. Unthank writes The Advocate editors under date of July 6th as follows: "Just a line to let you know that we arrived safely Wednesday morning after driving all night Sunday and all night Tuesday. We had no trouble except a couple of punctures.

My uncle is still very ill. I can't see much chance for his improvement. I am seeing a lot of people with whom it is a great pleasure to renew friendships.

The depression can be seen on every hand — worse than we have felt it in Oregon. I expect to be back in about two weeks.

anti-freedom papers will not publish any account of such action of these brave men who believe in freedom of thought. Will you see any account of the text of the report in the Oregonian or the New-Telegram or the Labor Press—I wonder if the Voter would dare print it? The first three named do not believe in intelligent discussion or least of all intelligent criticism of things American—these three worship the "god of things as they are."

Here is the resolution: "In adult education and in the institution of higher education, teaching should be free of all interference except for the requirements of good taste and standards of scholarship. If under outside pressure need should arise for some one other than the instructor himself to interpret these limitations, such interpretation shall be made by a jury of the instructor's educational peers chosen by some permanent institution of instructors.

"In the secondary school like freedom and like restriction should hold. In out-of-school expressions the same provisions hold except that the demand for consideration of local and parental opinion is much less strong than in classroom teaching, especially in large communities and for teachers of older pupils.

"In this out-of-school expression the teacher retains all his legal rights to freedom of speech, but in consideration of his peculiar influence on his pupils he should use these rights with due regard for their education and the educational influences of the nation.

What do you suppose our school board would do if it were presented to it? William would weep, the lady members would faint and the balance would call for the arrest of the presenters—Wow! Wouldn't it stir up a mess?

News Briefs

IN AUTO SMASH-UP

Clarence J. Tribble and George Grey, of 1383 East Irving street were injured in an automobile accident on July 7, when the Ford coupe in which the duo were riding was struck broadside by a Star sedan operated by Fred Hansen of Roosevelt street, and sent hurtling across the intersection of Samly Boulevard and East 19th street, landing in a vacant lot. Hansen was arrested, jailed and later posted a thousand dollars bond. He is reported to be confined to his home with two broken ribs while a charge of operating a car under the influence of liquor and several others are filed against him at the police headquarters. Tribble and Grey are being treated at home for their cuts and other injuries sustained in the wreck and Tribble's car was completely demolished.

The Advocate is in receipt of a little note from Stanton Duke formerly of Portland but now of Omaha, Neb., in which he sends The Advocate some money. We certainly appreciate hearing from Mr. Duke as well as receiving the enclosure. Thanks. Let others who owe do likewise.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED

Mrs. Jennie Wilson, of 6571 96th St., S. E. was severely burned about the body Thurs., at 7:30 A. M. while removing ashes from a stove. As she carried the ashes into the yard the wind fanned them into a flame which enveloped her clothing. Mrs. Wilson's condition necessitated her being removed to Multnomah County hospital for treatment.

Four colored waiters have been reinstated at the Hotel Portland.

Prof. L. L. Magruder, of Seattle was noted in Portland this week.

COLORED BASE BALL TEAM TO PLAY IN PORTLAND

The Gilkerson's Colored Giants, an all-stars base ball team, of Chicago proved such a sensation when they played here last year that in answer to the demand for their return, they will meet the West Side Babes of Portland Monday night, July 18th at the Pacific Coast League Park, 24th and Vaughn streets at 8:30.

The Babes team is composed of all-star high school players from Portland high schools and Ray Brooks is their manager.

Gilkerson's team is well known in the West, having played all up and down the coast.

An interesting as well as amusing feature of the game Monday night, will be a shadow ball playing exhibition when the Gilkerson team goes through all the movements of the game without a ball and ends when the catcher misses a high foul ball and catches it in the face.

Record-breaking crowd is expected to witness the game which promises to be "hot and —how!"

ARRESTED ON WOMAN'S COMPLAINT

(From the Daily Journal)
Accused by Jennie Gold, proprietress of a rooming house at 104 N. 6th street, of having beaten her, Ernest Long, 20, Negro, was arrested Wednesday night at 6th and Flanders streets on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Special patrolman Spang learned Long also had created a disturbance in a restaurant at 90 North 6th street.

In municipal court, Long pleaded guilty on the drunkenness charge and was fined \$5. He was booked to appear on the other charge Friday.

PROBE MYSTERY DEATH OF UNDERTAKER

AUSTIN, Texas, July 16—Investigation of the death of N. W. Rhambo has led to the conclusion that he was murdered as a result of severe competition in the undertaking business. Sheriff Rufe Pavhouse of Navarro county has reported that the theory of robbery has been discarded through Stewart Brothers of Corsicana vehemently protest that the younger Stewart, arrested following the finding of the body, is not connected or implicated in the murder by the widest stretching of the accumulating circumstantial evidence.

Bryant Howard, assistant manager of the Rhambo funeral home, in describing the incidents prior to Mr. Rhambo's death, reports that nothing suspicious attached to the call which lured Austin's most prominent citizen to his death.

Last Thursday night, Mr. Howard states, the phone rang and a request was made that the Rhambo ambulance be dispatched after the body of a man dead near Dawson, Tex. Specific directions were given for finding the location and answers to all questions indicated that the relatives of the dead man were anxious for a first class funeral. The Rhambo funeral home had a wide reputation in all the adjoining counties and as frequently calls come from rural sections where no Race undertakers are close at hand, Howard explained, "both Mr. Rhambo and myself thought the call was the result of our extensive advertising or that given us through a quarter of a century of serving the people in and near Austin.

"It was suggested that I make the rural call and attend to embalming the body. Mr. Rhambo saying that he would follow later and conclude the financial arrangements. Since I could not go at that particular time, Mr. Rhambo set out alone.

Wednesday morning the undertaker's body was found near Corsicana on the Round Rock road. The coroner announced that it was impossible to tell whether death resulted from the beating administered the victim or the shots fired into the unsuspecting morticians body. A diamond ring left on the dead man's finger proved that robbery was not the motive. The pains the assistants took to make sure that Rhambo was dead indicated a vindictive motive.

Mr. Rhambo was treasurer for many years of the Ebenezer Baptist church and the impressive funeral services were held there attended by friends and acquaintances from all parts of the state. A widow and two brothers survive the deceased.

Mrs. Rhambo has announced that the business will continue as heretofore and that special legal aid will be employed to prosecute the murderers.

SAYS HE WANTS FAIR PLAY FOR ALL CITIZENS

CHICAGO, Ill., July 18—The Chicago Defender was granted the only private interview in Chicago with Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for president, in his suite at the Congress hotel through Edgar G. Brown, director of the Ten-Year-Progress Plan and Program for Race Citizens.

"I was informed in Albany by my managers here of The Chicago Defender's proposal for an equal rights plank in the Democratic platform," were the first words of Governor Roosevelt. "Your effective presentation of this matter before the resolutions committee won many friends for the Colored people and you can tell

WORK FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM

FLAYED TRAITOROUS RACE LEADERS WHO SELL OUT

That the Portland District is the most backward in the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters activities, was the charge made by A. Philip Randolph in an address on the Negro in the Economic Crisis delivered at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church on last Wednesday night. He accused J. W. Botts and Ben Robinson, porters, of being largely responsible for this "backward" condition. He called them "hat-in-hand Uncle-Tomism" Negroes who, he said, were in the employ of the Pullman Company to spy on the porters and their activities and report back to the Company. He pointed out that the Company went so far as to put Botts in an office in Chicago and when they had no further use of him, "kicked him out and sent him back to Portland to work as an ordinary porter — — Robinson has also been kicked out and is somewhere in Oregon shining shoes," he added.

Mr. Randolph's masterful address dealt with the Depression — its scope, causes and remedy. He divided unemployment into: residual — always a remnant of unemployed even in normal times; seasonal — others employed only during certain periods of the year; and cyclical — still others in great numbers unemployed at regular intervals, usually occurring and recurring every ten or twelve years. "Even while we are in the throes of the present economic depression we face another and greater," said Mr. Randolph.

He blamed the machine as the greatest cause of the present unemployment situation. Large production — fewer workers — less money. He stated that the demand for machine-produced commodities was as great as the production but that the consumers did not receive the woges with which to buy them.

As a remedy for the condition, Mr. Randolph offered: Maintenance of high wages, reduction of working hours and an increase in the number of workers. He reaffirmed his former conviction that the only way to bring about this economic revolution is through organization. "Organization means power and power is the only

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PROF BARTLETT PRESENTS HIS PUPILS IN RECITAL

The first public recital by pupils of Prof. Elmer C. Bartlett was held last Tuesday night when he presented them at Bethel church.

A large audience expressed its approval as well as appreciation of the musician and music teacher by their presence and the liberal applause which greeted each participant.

Those who appeared on the program were: Buddy Hill, Jessie Mott, Irene Belard, Helen Hood, Bobby Gragg, Ardell English, Eunice Mott, Louise Belard, Ozie J. Mott, Mae Hill, Florence Cantrell, Dolores Burdine Marjorie Hill, Wanda Griffith, Shelby Golden, Jeanne Hill, Eleanor Gragg, Jenny Dora Grayson and Mrs. Robena Martin.

Those who served as usherettes: Isadora Morton, Julia Mae Blanchard, Bernita Abernathy, Verdell Burdine, Ida Flowers and Nellie Ingersoll.

The girls were prettily attired and the performances of all the pupils were exceptionally good and proved Prof. Bartlett to be a genius in his work. Many are hoping that he will repeat the recital or have another in the near future.

BAHAIS OPEN SUMMER SCHOOL
Geyserville, Calif. Jul. 9 —The sixth annual summer school of the Bahais opened Sun. morning at Geyserville, California. Under the shadow of the

SHIRLEY COMPLIMENTED BY WORLD-FAMED ARTISTS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 16—"Tom Tom," the first Negro opera ever staged and performed by an all-Negro cast, had its world premier last Thursday evening at the Cleveland stadium before an audience of at least 10,000 people, an attendance that surpassed the witnessing of "Carmen" presented the evening before by several hundred persons.

Miss Shirley Graham, the modest and unassuming composer of the opera, is being swamped with congratulatory expressions from everywhere for her fine work as author of the world's first Race opera.

She has not only received the "big hand" of the musical critics of all races who witnessed the production, played such artists as Mary Garden, who played the leading role in "Carmen" and Mme. Baum, author of "Grand Hotel," were enthusiastic in their praises for Miss Graham. Miss Garden's expression, "marvelous," and Mme. Baum's "it is most unusual. I think it is very fine. It is certainly novel," brought to Miss Graham great satisfaction that her work was really appreciated.

Jules Blodsoe as the "Voodoo Man" or high priest of the savages did his part in a most convincing manner. His big, rich voice, resounding and was used with much discretion throughout his role. He was forced to respond to numerous encores. Charlotte Wallace Murray as the "Mother," was also forceful and convincing with her beautiful voice.

Lillian Cowan as "The Girl," Luther King, formerly of Fisk U. as "The Boy," were the recipients of prolonged applause in each of their appearances. Hazel Mountain Walker as the "Manny" brought tears to the eyes of hundreds by her impressive intonations that seemed to call forth centuries of sorrow. Augustus G. Grist, baritone, Cleveland's radio artist, in the triple role of "leader-preacher-capitalist," won the admiration of his listeners with his fine quality of voice.

In spite of the fact that Mr. Grist suffered a broken arm at the last rehearsal, he appeared not the least handicapped and worried over his predicament. Another outstanding feature was the dancing of Festus Fitzhugh of the Gilpin Players, who helped to convey the primitive impulses of the barbaric tribes with his imperiousness of a slave driver. The choruses of the more than five hundred singers were most effective and reflected great credit upon the director, Clifford Barnes.

The demand has been so great for an extra performance of "Tom-Tom" the second appearance was to be given at the Stadium. Other operas presented during the series included "Carmen," "Valkyrie" and "Aida" in Madison Square Garden, New York, during the summer, according to the announcement of Laurence A. Higgins, one of the promoters of the Stadium opera series.

huge "Baha Tree", there circled a frame scaffold table groaning under its burden of choice fruits. After the more than one hundred names had been inscribed on the roster, the chairman, Mr. John D. Bosch invited the entire delegation and friends to seat themselves around the table. During this time, Mrs. F. S. Schopfloeker, who flew from New York to greet the session was introduced and congratulatory telegrams from all over the world were read.

The school will be in session for two weeks. Prof. E. A. Rodgers, Mrs. Helen Bishop, Mrs. T. Seto, Mrs. Louise Caswell, Mrs. Gladys Aoki, Miss Charlotte Linfoot, (a member of the Linden Club of Oakland), and others are on the teaching staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flippen, (nee Catherine Stewart) newlyweds, of San Francisco, who are on their honeymoon were seen at the session with the bride's mother, Mrs. McCants Stewart.

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