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THE LEGION COMES

As we go to press, legionnaires from all sections of the country are coming into Portland by the thousands to attend the American Legion Convention. Among them are to be seen a goodly number of colored vets. It is doubtful if any other single group of citizens has made greater preparation for the reception and entertainment of their guests than have the colored people of the city.

Ever since the announcement that colored citizens were requested to aid in making the event a success, there has been constant preparation on their part for the biggest of this summer's events. A newly decorated bedroom, the old chair received a new coat of paint, the kitchen walls underwent a vigorous scrubbing and in a hundred other ways, the preparation has been going cheerfully on.

It is our hope that the Legionnaires will avail themselves of the comforts and the hospitality which the colored group has prepared to render.

There has never been a time when the colored citizens of Portland have been called upon to help in any worthy cause that they have not responded, and well.

Bethel church is to be congratulated on having their former pastor, Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., return for another year and Rev. Hill is to be congratulated upon having the confidence of an appreciative flock to the extent that they want him for the fourth consecutive term.

Vice President Curtis, whose dry speech in replying to his notification created consternation in the camp of the Republican party, has been turned down by the Pennsylvania Republicans. Curtis was to make a speech at Allentown but the committee has asked that Secretary Mills be substituted. The Republicans are having a hard time trying to make the Camel and the Elephant travel the same direction together. It seems that the two beasts cannot, or will not, keep the same gait.

What Negroes in Portland and every where else need, is more real respect, confidence, goodwill and love for one another.

CHARLES F. BERG GONE

The sudden death of Charles F. Berg, which occurred recently comes as a personal sorrow to thousands of people in the city, many of whom are numbered among the colored people.

Mr. Berg was a good, true and superior man. He was strong and a perfectly trusted business man; he was filled with the spirit of enterprise and wanted to see every honest effort prosper; he was generous in his estimate of his fellow men. He was so strong and superior that he mingled with the lowly in all walks of life and was not afraid of "losing his social position" as many would-be leaders fear whenever approached by those of other races and groups unlike themselves. This was not so of Charles F. Berg. He could shake hands with the man of the street and not be contaminated; he could eat at the table with the poorest and speak a word of cheer. The place of a man like Charles Berg will be hard to fill; he lived a busy, serviceable life and died as he lived. He goes down into silence with the respect, esteem and love of all who knew him,—white and black; Jew and Gentile, alike.

To Mrs. Berg and the bereaved household, The Advocate extends its deepest sympathy.

JOHNNY JONES

Only a Negro chef was Johnny Jones, but he was quite as familiar an institution in Salem for generations as Patton's book store or the county court house. Many the social function of the old Salem families which Johnny carried to a triumphant success by his cookery. Death comes even for chefs, and so it came to Johnny; but hundreds of men and women in Salem will long retain kindly memories of Johnny Jones, a faithful servant.—The Statesman, Salem, Oregon.

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD CHOICES

We hope the voters of Portland adopt the charter amendment submitted to them by the City Council recently changing the election laws. The

change will mean that the confusing "first, second and third choice" system of voting for Mayor, City Commissioners and City Auditor will be thrown in the discard. We do not know how the old method ever became incorporated in the charter of the Commission form of government, but it sure is a misfit.

It is a mix-up muddle. It is almost on par with the voter marking his first choice for Julius L. Meir; second for Phil Metschan and third choice for Ed Bailey. Here were three candidates all having opposing policies. How far would the voter get with such an expression?

If the Clyde charter amendment is adopted next November you cast one vote only for each name on the ballot. If the candidate in the May non-partisan primary receives a majority of all votes cast, his name alone will be printed on the November ballot. There is a line underneath for voters to write in name of independent candidate if they so desire. (This is similar to the new state law covering election of the judiciary.)

If the candidate does not receive a majority of all votes cast then the two highest for each office have the "run-off" in the general election.

Seattle and many other cities have this plan and fine results are claimed for it. If it does nothing else Clyde's new law will eliminate the obnoxious first, second and third choice system of voting. The average citizen can then go to the polls and cast his vote without having a fit of exasperation in an endeavor to mark his ballot.

FOR MAYOR

So many splendid citizens have been mentioned for the office of mayor, that should they all run, it will be very difficult for Mr. Average Voter to decide on which one to vote for. Also, of they all should run and "Our George" (present incumbent) decides to toss his hat in again, he would have no difficulty in winning the seat for the fifth consecutive term.

Louis Parker was arrested by federal prohibition agents Tuesday, on charges of liquor possession.

N. A. A. C. P. PROTESTS DENVER OFFICIALS' SPEECHES IN CITY BEACH CLASH

New York, Aug. 31—A letter of protest has been sent to Mayor George D. Begole of Denver against the speeches made to a group of Negro citizens August 17 at the municipal bathing bench in Washington Park where they had gone to swim, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people here.

Walter B. Lowry, manager of parks of Denver was quoted by newspapers as telling the Negroes they had refused a segregated beach and "the white people are not going to stand for this." Carl S. Milliken, manager of safety, was quoted as saying that there was no law against Negroes using the beach, but he would not protect them if they tried to use it.

The N. A. A. C. P. letter said: "Whether inspired by Communists or not, the Association protests most vigorously. Such statements by a public official do more to stir up trouble than all the propaganda of Communists and others and will inevitably result in encouragement to mobs to attack Negroes and in reprisals by Negroes. The only course open to officials is to take an unequivocal stand that citizens, regardless of race, have a right to use public bathing or other facilities."

NO ELECTRICITY IN HOMES
 A survey by the General Federation of Women's Clubs indicates that in city homes only 33 per cent of the women are sweeping, 27 per cent washing and 19 per cent cooking by electricity. I have serious doubts if the homes in Portland measure up to this average.

In suburban homes only 28 per cent have light, only 7 per cent pump water into the homes, 9 per cent sweep, 2 per cent saw and 1 per cent churn, 3 per cent separate milk and cream, 4 per cent cook, 1 per cent wash and 20 per cent iron by electricity. These facts should make us giggle.

GIGANTIC UTILITY FORTUNES
 Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania is my authority for the statement that gigantic fortunes have been amassed from special privileges granted by congress to the railroads, telegraph and telephone systems, public utilities, tariff protested industries etc.

The result, according to Senator Long of Louisiana is that 540 men have an income of \$1,850,000,000 a year. "As we all know," states Senator, "360,000,000,000 distributed among the families of this country would have made around \$2500 to a family. Cut it down to \$1500 to a family and give them the extra thousand, and figuring on the 120,000,000 people of the United States there would be prosperity in this land today, instead of the disaster and economic distress which we have in its stead."

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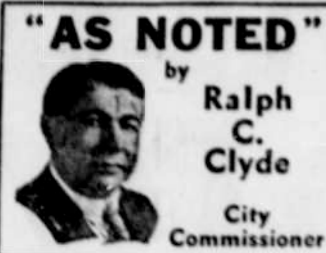


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I have just received word from my good friend, J. D. Ross, Supt. of the Seattle Municipal Electric Plant, "City Light," that the plant is in fine shape and that the depression has not hit the city-owned utility very hard.

The total operating income for the first half of the year aggregated \$2,662,005 compared to \$2,749,623 for the first six months period of 1931. The decrease was over 3.0 per cent or \$86,618.00.

Mr. Ross is to be congratulated upon this splendid showing.

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News Briefs

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Mr. and Mrs. D. M. J. Matthews, of Los Angeles and also Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of the same place, passed thru Portland en route to Seattle Wednesday. They motored to Seattle and returned Friday. They are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lomax on Interstate Avenue. Mrs. Pearl Stewart entertained at dinner on Friday evening for the pleasure of the guests at her home, 999 E. Main street. The party is here for the Legion convention.

FUNERAL NOTICES

PATTERSON—Late of 369 Williams Avenue, September 8. Joseph S. Patterson, aged 52 years, beloved husband of Mary L., father of Charles L., Stanley, Irene, Estelle, Verna and Daisy Mae Patterson. Funeral services Saturday, Sept. 10th at 3 p. m., at the Chapel of Miller & Tracey. Interment Multnomah cemetery. BR. 2691.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Elizabeth Carden who underwent an operation at the Emanuel hospital is reported to be getting along nicely.

Sylvester Thiodou was arrested on Wednesday night in South Portland on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

George Cannady, who returned to Salem Sunday night to be present at the first football practice of the year, is treasurer of his class, sports editor of the Collegian, the university of Willamette paper and is secretary of the International House.

Ivan Cannady will leave for Willamette to enter school on Wednesday.

Mrs. Mitchell left for her home in Los Angeles Saturday. Her condition was little improved but the doctor permitted her to travel.

Mrs. Elia Morton is filling the place as maid in the Lipman & Wolfe beauty parlor made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Roy Garnett who went to Seattle to associate with her husband as lady attendant at the Angelus mortuary there where her husband is employed.

Clarence Tribble is one man you seldom hear much about regardless of the fact that he has lived in Portland 12 years or more. For the past ten years he has worked as janitor for the Western Union. He must be a good one for recently in the company's efforts to cut down their expenses three white janitors were dismissed and Tribble's services retained. Mr. Tribble and wife reside at 1383 East Irving street, where they raise chickens, fruits and vegetables.

Mrs. Williams, of 312 Cherry street sustained painful injuries when she was accidentally thrown to the floor of a street car when it came to an abrupt stop.

Mrs. Pearl Mitchell was severely injured Saturday night, on a P. E. P. bus when it collided with an automobile traveling the opposite direction. The accident occurred in East Moreland, on Bybee and Tolman. Mrs. Mitchell was compelled to defer her return trip to Los Angeles and is confined at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mattie Harris under the care of Dr. Unthank.

Recently Mrs. L. K. Weeks received notice that she was substantially remembered in the will of a white woman to whom she acted as a companion. The bequest includes rare jewelry and money.

Mrs. George Holliday who has been ill and confined to her home is able to out and went for an automobile ride, Sunday.

Mrs. L. K. Weeks is enjoying the comforts of a modern new roof on her home at 441 Benton street.

Lillian Edwards was fined \$25 in police court Wednesday after pleading guilty to a morals charge.

J. W. Sims of 824 E. Pine street, who was reported to have opened a shine parlor on Burnside failed to do so. He objected to the location.

Joe Crane who fell while fishing several weeks ago and suffered injuries has left the hospital and is still receiving medical treatment.

G. M. Morton has quit the electric shine parlor on Morrison street, where he was employed.

Among those continuing ill are Mrs. Q. L. Davidson of Selwood and Mrs. R. W. Roberts, 297 Eugene street. Mrs. Roberts, however, was able to enjoy a ride in Dr. Unthank's car as he made his calls, and to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine last Sunday.

CHAMP ON CARD NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Andy Bundy, Northwest Feather-weight champion, will meet Joe Calder, Filipino tiger of Seattle next Friday night on Joe Waterman's show in the municipal auditorium.

The duo is scheduled for six rounds. It is reported that Calder has been very anxious to meet Bundy. Calder is fast and aggressive and may shake Bundy's throne.

Portland, Ore., August 31—William Smith was arrested Wednesday night when deputy sheriffs, state police and federal agents raided a speakeasy at 535 Savier street, and pleaded guilty Thursday before District Judge Olson to possession of liquor and his case was continued to August 31 for sentence. A charge of possession of three moneyed slot machines is pending against Smith.

LOCAL MAN DIES AT 52
 Joseph S. Patterson died on Thursday, September 8th at St. Vincent hospital of heart failure. Mr. Patterson, a native of Jamaica, B. W. I. resided at 369 Williams Avenue. He was born Nov. 6, 1879. He was a quiet, industrious man and had many friends.

His eldest son, Charles Ivan Patterson graduated last June from Jefferson high school where he made an enviable record scholastically as well as in basket ball.

He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and six children. Funeral services were held Saturday at Miller & Tracey Parlors, 178 Ella street.

Mrs. U. S. Reed is reported on the sick list.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Aileen Dennison, of Klamath Falls, Oregon will be held on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the J. P. Finley Mortuary with Rev. W. R. Lovell officiating. Mrs. Dennison has been in ill health for sometime and has received treatments at Cloverdale, Oregon and at the Kearney Sanitarium in Portland. Mrs. Dennison passed away last Monday at the Kearney Sanitarium. She was a native of New Orleans, La. Her husband came down from Klamath Falls to bury his wife. Mr. Dennison is a native of Jamaica, B. W. I. and has resided in Klamath Falls for nine years. He is a member of the American Legion Post at Klamath Falls.

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