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THE NEGRO VOTE

Never was the Negro vote more divided in a national election than it was in the recent one. Heretofore, the republican party was sure of the Negro vote and got it, all of it. Not so this time. The Hoover administration encouraged by breaking the solid South in 1928, thought to hold it by Lily-whiting. That did not work. It will never work. The Negro feels that he has paid the G. O. P. all. Now he calls for a new deal. Some of the lesson was taught the G. O. P. in the last election. The other part may be taught in 1936. It all depends on what the democrats will do.

We hope this economic depression which apparently has hit the colored people the hardest, will be the cause of them manifesting as much interest in the business side of life as they do in having what they call a good time. If so, we shall soon become a power in the business world.

GOING UP

(New York Herald Tribune)
Where are the five cities with the largest Negro population in the world? No; not in Africa, and not in our own South. Every one of the five—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and they rank in order—lies north of the Potomac in the white United States. That somewhat startling fact stands at the head of a pamphlet, "Recent Trends in Race Relations", prepared by the Inter-racial Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation of Atlanta, Ga.

Negroes are moving North; North and South they are moving into the cities; in the cities and in the country they are moving up; and the pace is ever faster and faster. Last month a distinguished Negro poet, James Weldon Johnson, spoke by invitation at the University of North Carolina. Leading whites and blacks sit down together to discuss problems which bind them together in every Southern state. Even in the fifteen years since the "Inter-racial Movement" was born—in the heady aftermath of war, when race riots were common and "race war" seemed a possible phrase much has been accomplished. For instance, there were ninety-one public high schools for Negroes in the entire South in 1915; there are more than a thousand today.

Still, the road ahead is long and hard. As this report of the Inter-racial Council recalls, one of the leading Negro women of the South, Dean Juliette Derricotte, died last year because in the north Georgia region where her automobile over turned there was no hospital for Negroes. There was a white hospital, but it did not occur to the white doctors who attended her that they might take a Negro patient into a white hospital. And, without hospital facilities, Miss Derricotte's life was doomed. So, too, encouraging as are the figures of increased expenditures on Negro education, they are still far from proportional to the large Negro populations.

The important thing is the direction of movement, and that is clear. If we could look back on these hard post-war years with a true historical perspective, the rise in the position of the black tenth of our population would seem well high miraculous.

After March 4th, president Hoover will become a member of the unemployed group.

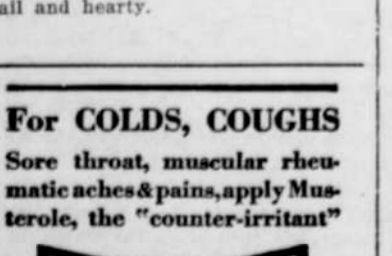
Some people are looking to the democratic party to cure all our ills, matters not how chronic those ills may be. We hope they look not in vain.

Mrs. Sarah Roosevelt is said to be the only woman in America who ever had the pleasure of voting for her son for president of the United States. While she is 90 years old, she still is hale and hearty.

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AMBITION

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I would I were on yonder hill,
A-basking in the sun,
With all the work I've got to do DONE!

I would I were beside the sea,
Or sailing in a boat,
With all the things I've got to write WROTE!

—E. C. Richardson
in the Saturday Evening Post.

EXQUISITE PROGRAM OFFERED

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 3.—With the Portland Symphony season one-third over, audiences have been growing larger and larger at each concert. The Sunday afternoon "popular" program is presented at 3 p. m., December 11, will be no exception, as the seven works to be played, with Ruth Bradley Keiser, pianist, as the guest soloist, offer a concert that should attract every lover of music.

Ruth Bradley Keiser needs no introduction. Her study abroad has been with Alfred Cortot in Paris and with the noted technician Isadore, Philipp. Yet with all her European tutelage, she pays special tribute as a teacher to Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler, distinguished pianist and pedagogue with whom she studied in America after graduation with an artist's diploma from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Keiser will play Rubinstein's Concerto No. 4. It is the most familiar and most admired of the Russian composer's five concertos for piano, and was repeatedly played by him during his United States tour in 1872. Mrs. Keiser played this work with the Chicago orchestra under Jacques Gordin, conductor.

Other numbers on the December 11 "popular" program will be overture "Ruslan and Ludmilla" (Glinka);

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Helpful hints

BY NANCY LEE

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day suggests feasting, merrymaking, and family reunions. In our modern life the religious observance, thanksgiving for a good harvest, has almost entirely passed away. The harvests have been so plentiful, too plentiful in fact, for the American nation, and the youngest Earth Child to have need of giving thanks to an indulgent Father. He, like all spoiled children, takes everything for granted, and like all spoiled children, comes to a day of reckoning when he learns stern discipline. That day has now arrived! He can no longer "cash in" on extravagance and negligence. "He, who dances must pay the fiddler." Now that he has danced he is paying. If the depression leads him back to the gratitude of his forefathers, it will not have been in vain.

In our present standard of living, though, he has quite a distance yet to retrace before he can get back to the old pioneer days of the first Thanksgiving, November 26, 1621.

The Pilgrim Fathers religious to the core, decided to celebrate what to them was an abundant harvest. With true hospitality they invited Massasoit, including his tribe of ninety braves to the festival. One hundred and forty five persons partook of the first American Thanksgiving. It was a day of religious worship, hospitality, united effort, and feasting.

The Indians contributed venison and wild turkeys; the boys no doubt, caught the fish and clams; the children gathered wood for the outdoor fires; the men built the tables and supplied the ducks and geese, and his women boiled and baked pastries and cornbread.

It was quiet, orderly celebration lasting three days with preaching, talking, feasting, and games, but with no dancing or sports. The latter belong to our modern day when we turn on the radio and dance to jazz, or sit on a hard bench and watch someone else exercise, instead of taking the exercise ourselves.

What the nation needs is the pioneer spirit of cooperation and religious worship.

Ase's Death from "Peer Gynt" Suite (Grieg); Suite No. 4 "Picturesque Scenes" (Massenet); Hungarian Dances Nos. 19, and 1 (Brahms); "Tales of the Vienna Woods" (Strauss); March Slav (Tchaikovsky).

The opening number, the "Ruslan and Ludmilla" overture, is based upon a fairy story of pagan Russia, and the story centers about the princess, Ludmilla, who is carried off by a wicked magician. The hero is Ruslan. It is a lovely work, for two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, two trumpets, three trombones, kettledrums and strings. Even Tchaikovsky has described Glinka as one of the greatest composers of his day, saying that "his touches often recalled the brush strokes of Beethoven."

Reservations for Symphony concerts may be made through the Symphony box office, at the J. K. Gill Company, Portland, Oregon. Inquiries are being made and reservations started for the special Christmas program to be given by the orchestra the night of December 26.

KEEPING -FIT-

By De Norval Unthank, M. D.

Intelligent study is gradually bringing to light that no health movements are worth much that do not take into consideration all classes of people, at all economic levels as well as all races. More effort must be spent as well as more money where the economic situation is the gravest and ignorance flourishes.

The infant mortality rates of the country reflect these facts. Infant mortality shows a very high rate in the United States registration area. Statistics show the rate to be extremely high among the poorer classes and especially among the Negroes. The Negro infant rate has declined from 131.7 per 1,000 population in 1920 to 106.2 in 1928. The whites have declined from 82.1 to 64.6 per 1,000 in the same period. In the metropolitan areas of Negro population the rate is invariably higher. Despite efforts being made in these areas to reduce the rate, the reduction is less proportionately than that in the United States area.

One authority concludes (Casual Factors in Infant mortality): "The high mortality rate among the colored as compared with that among the native white babies, appeared to be due largely to a comparatively low economic status." Ignorance certainly has its part to play. Prenatal and postnatal teachings must be taught to our group if this rate is to be improved.

Prenatal teachings take up the fitness of each woman to become a mother as well as teaching her the proper care of herself and the forming child. It takes into consideration the presence of venereal disease in a large number. Venereal diseases are the cause of probably the largest number of deaths. So few expectant mothers know that treatment during this expectant period will oft times save both the child and the mother. The shroud of superstitions and signs that our great grandmothers associated with childbirth must be removed from the minds of the present generation before an exorbitant death rate can be reduced.

Postnatal care deals with the carrying of both mother and child successfully through those first few months of life.

Our death rate is no lower than many of the supposedly less civilized nations.

WOMAN EDITOR PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Phoenix, Ariz. —Mrs. W. C. Hackett, editor of the Arizona Gleaner, mother of the first Baptist church and wife of Dr. W. C. Hackett, died Nov. 12 from pneumonia of three days' duration. Mrs. Hackett was born in Texas 35 years ago and has lived in Phoenix for 18 years. She was active in many uplift efforts here. She leaves a husband and one daughter, who attends Phoenix Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamison were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin at the Sunday matinee performance of the Portland Symphony orchestra at the Auditorium last Sunday.

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DUBOIS BREAKS WITH ASSISTANT

DR. DUBOIS SUSPENDS CRISIS BUSINESS MANAGER

Declares Miss Malvan Was Undermining His Position Through Interference With His Methods

New York, N. Y. Nov. 23.—Reputed differences between Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, editor of the Crisis magazine, and Miss Irene Malvan, business manager, are said to have come to a head last week when Dr. DuBois ordered her suspended one month with pay pending an investigation of charges filed against her. It is rumored that the Crisis head has accused Miss Malvan of deliberate attempts to undermine his position.

In this connection, it is alleged that DuBois also charged that Miss Malvan had repeatedly forwarded to the Board of Directors statements with out first submitting them to him. For upwards of a year, it is said, Miss Malvan has tried to show that the Crisis was falling because of the antiquated journalistic policy pursued by Dr. DuBois and to prove her point had made a complete survey of the activities of the publication from 1912 to date in an effort to show that the magazine had steadily declined under the editor's alleged dictatorship.

As a result of repeated representations and reports from Miss Malvan, it is said, a new policy and make-up form was decided on by the directors and a press conference was set up to govern the magazine. Dr. DuBois, it is learned, did not take kindly to the new step and repeatedly over-ruled the decision of the board to follow out his own ideas.

His latest action in suspending Miss Malvan is thought to be in reprisal for the innovations which she advocated. Important and startling developments are expected to follow.

Reached at her residence at 400 W. 152nd street, Miss Malvan declined to make any statements at this time.

When reached at his office, Dr. DuBois said that a decision had been made by the board of directors to send Miss Malvan on a month's vacation and "it may be necessary to get along without her services."

Y.W.C.A. NEWS

Mrs. Prince Paries will have charge of the Vesper services Sunday, Dec. 4th.

The Home Nurse's unit will furnish program material.

The program will be as follows: Vocal solo, Miss Jane Bryant; scripture reading, Miss Bertha Johnson; Prayer, Mrs. Madge Crane; speaker, Mr. Clyde Mack. The public is cordially invited.

Tea will be served by the hostess.

High and Grade School Reservas are planning a project of Christmas Carol singing.

Girl Work Committee meeting was held this week with Mrs. C. L. Ingersol, chairman presiding. Parties were planned for the community children.

Ballots are being mailed this week for the election of the committee of management members. Only members who are financial in the organization will receive ballots.

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