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THE LAME DUCK CONGRESS

The Lame Duck Congress of the United States is now in its final session. As in the last two, one lone Negro is a member. He is Oscar DePriest from Chicago. There are many problems facing the national legislators. Representatives of minority blocs, groups, etc. are on the job in Washington, lobbying for there pet bills and measures. This form of coercion has become almost a menace to orderly government in Washington. Despite the fact that lobbying has been effectively used by groups to get their pet measures passed, only the Negro is without representation in the capitol lobby. This in a large measure accounts for the meager legislation done in our behalf by Congress. One reason the Negro has no organized lobby in Washington is because lobbyists cost money and the Negro as yet has not realized in this day of dollars you must pay for what you get. We pay nothing, so we get nothing.

Very little legislation of personal interest to the Negro will be introduced at the session. There are no bills pending; yet the Negro is denied more of his Constitutional rights than any other American citizen. The Negro must awake to the importance of Congress in his daily life. He must carry more of his problems there for solution like other groups. We must maintain a lobby at the Capital so Congressmen will know that our votes are still counted in some sections of this Country.

HATRED

Did you ever stop to think that to hate is to waste that most precious gift, life. Hatred poisons the blood and eats like cancer into the heart. Hatred dims the sun; steals the perfume from the flowers, and the thrill from pleasure. Mortals are so heavily laden with unseen burdens, pain and care, that we should hesitate to add

THE DEMOCRATS OPPORTUNITY

Franklin Roosevelt will not become President of the United States until March the fourth 1933. Now, as never before, the Negro voters will be watching developments. This will be so for two reasons. First, the national, state, county, and city Democratic candidates received in the November election the largest vote from Negroes in the history of the Race. Second, the Negro is rapidly undergoing a complete political awakening. Therefore we have a right to expect recognition, fair, complete and substantial out of the hundreds of thousands of Federal state, and city appointments, jobs and positions soon to be handed out. The thinking Negro with new democratic dynamic ideas that helped to change the political calendar asks these questions: How about restoring our army status with all of our officers as of yore? How about restoring the Register of Treasury to us? How about the positions in the diplomatic and consular service? How about some assistant cabinet positions? How about some assistant appointments in the Collector of Customs service? How about a few captains and chaplains in the army? How about restoring what Hoover destroyed? Why not have a few U. S. Marshalls and some deputies? How about some postmasters and assistants? How about a few custodians, watchmen, information clerks etc. in the government buildings? We are asking these questions with the belief that the leaders of the party will see that justice is done.

PRIDE GOES BEFORE A FALL

Many candidates for public office sailing under the Republican banner in the recent election exhibited an indifferent, arrogant and even hostile attitude toward the Negro voters, man festing a belief that the only consideration to be accorded the Negro is a hand shake and hello before election day, in an effort to secure his vote. After the election is over, as usual, the jobs and numerous considerations are given to the other fellow while the Negro stands wishing and longing for a job. In the mean time the office holder whom the Negro voters helped to put into office, seems to draw himself into a hole and pull the dirt in after him. Truly pride goeth before a fall and few more experiences for the Republican party like that of the November election will cause the old party to awake to the truthfulness of this Biblical quotation.

Most people regard God as a kind of Santa Clause. They are always shooting a long list of wants skyward. A God that has to be told of our needs is a long on assnity and short on divinity. Surely God knows better than we what is good for us so why not leave the matter of giving to God and confine your prayers in asking him to forgive you for your many sins.

Negro Newspapers

Too many of our group have never awakened to the importance of Negro newspapers to the race. Millions of them neither subscribe to nor read Negro papers; therefore they miss much of the important matters pertaining to the progress or achievements of the race. One of the best things every Negro family could do would be to see that as many Negro papers come to them as possible.

Have you noticed how many of the candidates who ran for office in the recent election who were defeated have either died or have become seriously ill.

Now the question, does office holding effect the heart or head?

Gambling, Bootlegging, and Lottery

We hold no brief for the Negro gambler, lottery player, or bootlegger. However we do not censure those who are guilty of doing those things in view of the fact that gambling and policy playing have been forced on them by the economic circumstances. Being the first fired, the Negro worker was the first to feel the depression. Their jobs were taken a long time ago by white workers. With many men and women out of work they must do something. Some of them have become desperate in taking long chances on games. Also bootleggers are not to be too severely criticised because they were the victims of a cruel society that puts color of the skin above ability. It is indeed unfortunate that the Negro must resort to this sort of racket to live. But as long as America imposes proscription and segregation on the Race, the world must expect them to put up some sort of a desperate struggle or go naked and hungry before giving up to death.

The Rule for Social Popularity: Remember that charity hideth multitude of sins, so give freely. Then you may go as far as you like. Do everything you are big enough to do, but don't neglect the free activities. Keep their stomachs full and they will not recall the damnable deeds you have done.

Too many of our folks lack ambition. That's why they have such few worries. They believe that they belong at the bottom of this world but will be at the top in the next, so why should they worry.

Dr. and Mrs. De Norval Unthank were hosts at a delicious dinner party on last Thursday evening, the occasion being the former's birthday anniversary. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chesley and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin. After dinner the guests enjoyed cards.

Dr. Unthank received several lovely gifts.

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SHERIFF HALTS MOB AT DOORS OF COUNTY JAIL

Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 19.—An armed mob of nearly 100 Yuma valley farmers attempted to storm the Yuma county jail today, shouting they were going to hang Curtis Crisp, 26-year-old Somerton Negro, held for killing a white farmer. Members of the mob swept up to the gates of the jail, where they were stopped by Sheriff J. C. Hunter and two heavily armed deputies. After a half hour of argument, Hunter persuaded the leaderless mob

APATHETIC NEGROES BLAMED FOR FAILURE OF THREE STORES

New York, N. Y.—An apathetic Negro buying public was blamed for the closing last Friday of three stores operated here by the Peoples' Model Grocery Company.
Albon L. Holsey, president of the National C. M. A. Stores Inc., commenting on the closing said:
"The closing of these three stores again raises the question. 'What can Negro business do to be supported by its own people?' Here were stores located on Seventh Avenue with its passing throngs and shopping thousands. Here were stores, set up as C.M. A. stores, with the most modern equipment and merchandising policy.
"Here were stores which met the latest standards of business procedure and yet thousands of our people passed those stores to shop at stores owned by others. And these thousands are daily passing the doors of C. M. A. stores yet open and not shopping with them."

ILLINOIS ATTORNEY APPOINTED

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 17.—Attorney Frank E. Cummers was recently appointed an assistant to the legal department of this city by Louis P. Zerweck, Democratic states attorney of St. Clair County. His appointment came from the newly elected Democratic administration.
Attorney Summers, who is at present a candidate for judge of the City Court was educated at the Harvard Law School. He is an outstanding Mason, an Elk and a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

CHARGES OF CRUELTY TO CONVICTS IN GEORGIA AGAIN DENIED

Bainbridge, Ga., Dec. 20.—George S. Tucker, warden of Decatur county, in a statement here, denies the charge that convicts have been "restricted in movement," as made in the book, "Georgia Nigger," by John L. Spivak, of New York. Warden Tucker also denies that convicts were photographed in Decatur county wearing spikes riveted around their ankles, as also stated in the book.
Spivak's book was recently made the basis of an accusation of undue cruelty to convicts in Georgia, made by a group of 12 prominent citizens on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union.
Denials thick and fast have been made and Georgia's leading daily papers are outspoken in denouncing the charges in the book as false.
Mr. Tucker explains in detail the method used in keeping and working the convicts in this county and shows that they are well fed and comfortably housed and are worked with every consideration for their health and comfort. He also explains the operation of the large county farm on which nearly all the foodstuffs used at the camp are raised.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mary Alexander is in bed quite ill with pneumonia. She is confined to her home.
Al G. Greene is reported quite ill in Multnomah hospital.
John Burghardt Beverly, of Houston, Texas, the 10 year old son of Mrs. Mabel Beverly, arrived in Portland last night to make his home with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamison of 868 Garfield Avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamison were hosts at dinner on Friday, Dec. 16th for the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Franklin, Miss Catherine Franklin, George and Ivan Cannady and their father, E. D. Cannady, at their home, 868 Garfield Avenue.
George Cannady received favorable mention for his football playing from the coaches of the Northwest Conference teams, who met last Friday to select the all-star teams in their conference.
Mrs. Russel Jones and her young

child left last Thursday to pass the winter in California.

It is reported that the condition of Mrs. B. J. Fuller, who has been ill at her home, 893 Tibbetta Street, is very grave. She has shown no improvement as yet. She is suffering from a paralytic stroke, a bad heart, and other complications. Dr. Unthank is the attending physician.

MRS. DAISY LAMPKIN REPORTS RICHMOND GOES OVER \$1000

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.—Enthusiastic response to the appeal for aid in this critical time to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is reported at the close of the membership campaign in Richmond, Va., by Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, Regional Field Secretary, who states that \$925 in cash was reported at last night's meeting with the prospect of exceeding the campaign goal of \$1000.
Mrs. Lampkin reports that among the contributions was a payment of \$100 on a \$500 life membership in the Association by Mrs. Maggie L. Walker. Many subscriptions were also taken to The Crisis.



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ZION CHURCH NOTES
Prayer service will be held Sunday morning, Christmas at 5 A. M. by Rev. L. R. KINARD.
11 A. M. Christmas sermon: "The World's Greatest Gift."
6:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor led Mrs. Amy Johnson of Omaha, Ne
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