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OUR NEW NUMBER

The Advocate wishes to announce its new street name and number. No, we have not moved, we're in the same place we have been for the last 21 years but in the new street numbering and naming program recently carried out by the city, 520 has been changed to 2516 and East 26th St. North has been changed to Northeast 26th Ave. Now it is 2516 N. E. 26th Avenue!

NEGRO HEALTH IN 1933

The Advocate acknowledges with special appreciation, receipt of number one, volume one of the "National Negro Health News", published at Washington, D. C.

The Bulletin contains a detailed report of health activities among Negroes for the year 1932 and an outline for Negro health activities for 1933 with special emphasis on the program for National Negro Health Week.

National Negro Health Week observance will begin on Sunday, April 2 and will end on the following Sunday. The slogan is: "Health First: More than ever before, carry on!"

The program includes radio addresses, sermons, public health nursing and health week exhibits, etc.

The Health Week Sermon will be prepared by Rev. William Randolph Johnson of the Negro Organization Society of Virginia, copies of which will be available on request to the National Negro Health Week Committee, 16 Seventh Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Last year, locally, Doctor DeNorval Unthank, headed a committee which conducted a helpful and informative program in observance of health week. Church programs, office demonstrations and radio addresses filled each day of the week and prominent individuals, clubs and organizations gave Doctor Unthank their unstinted support.

It is hoped that the Doctor will again lead out this year with an even finer program and it goes without saying that he will have the whole-hearted support of all.

There never was a time when it was more necessary to take inventory of the race's health. The difficult economic stage through which we are now passing is having a telling effect on the mortality of the Negro. Health should come first for no race can rise higher than its health will permit. Therefore, "More than ever before, carry on!"

SOAK THE DISINHERITED?

The state of Mississippi is held up to Oregon people as an example of use of the sales tax. Oregon advocates of the sales tax tell us how well the system worked in Mississippi.

That Oregon should copy Mississippi in the matter of the sales tax is a brilliant and illuminating idea. After a study a prominent commission recently reported that Mississippi is the most backward state in the Union. It naturally took to the sales tax, because with the sales tax, as Pitt said to "my lords," you can "tax a great many articles of daily use and necessity so indirectly that the people will pay them and not know it."

And besides, more than 50 per cent of the population of Mississippi are colored folks, most of whom are illiterate and all of whom are disfranchised. They are citizens, but are disinherited. They are without representation but under the sales tax Mississippi makes them pay taxes, as England did the American colonies. They can't vote, but Mississippi can, by the sales tax, "tax the last rag from their backs and the last bite from their mouths," as Pitt said to "my lords."

And there is another unfortunate group of people in Mississippi. They are luckless folks, often referred to as "poor white trash." Propertyless and poor, little educated and poorly equipped to meet questions of state, they are taxed to lighten the tax burden of the big plantations.

Meanwhile, Mississippi is the second highest state in the Union in illiteracy. Her people are 17.2 per cent illiterate. Oregon's illiteracy is 1 per cent.

And they want Oregon to copy Mississippi!

—Oregon Daily Journal, Jan. 3, 1933.

OUR GOAL — THE ADVOCATE IN EVERY WHITE HOME IN OREGON IN 1933

JIM-CROW BIBLES

Down in the courts of Southport, N. C. it is said that Negroes must place their hands on a Bible with a red edge before taking their oath. White witnesses place their hands on a Bible with a white edge. White and colored people may not even swear on the same Holy Bible. The question between the races has many amusing angles but this one caps the climax. Then some people wonder why Negroes are losing faith in the white man's religion!

TAKES MONEY TO RUN A PAPER

It takes money and a heap of it to publish a newspaper. And yet from the way some people slow-drag about paying their subscription, it is evident that they think those who publish a newspaper can do so without money.

Now note: Those who work in the printing offices must be paid; paper, ink, extra type, cuts and all other supplies and equipment must be paid for and other expenses which include the mailing out must be met with cash, not with talk and excuses.

Do you understand what we mean? If you do and owe for your paper, please let us have it. We are very much in need of it in order to give you the news each week and on time.

ROOSEVELT SAID "NO"

President Hoover recently invited President-elect, Roosevelt to come to Washington and help him work out some of the many problems that now confront the nation. To this invitation Mr. Roosevelt said no. He is letting Mr. Hoover play his own game, for he wants his skirts to be immaculate when he enters the White House. After March 4th Democracy will be on trial. Every move made by the party of Jefferson will be in the sight and under the censure of millions of Republicans who were defeated by an excess of depression for which Mr. Hoover and his administration were sacrificed. Mr. Roosevelt in declining Mr. Hoover's invitation, played some real politics.

THE SPOKESMAN

The Advocate wishes to extend its sincere compliments to the editor and publisher of the San Francisco Spokesman on its growth and development. The paper is now a regular, full-fledged, eight column newspaper of six pages chucked full of valuable news, features, etc. We also want to congratulate the people of the Bay city on having such a splendid, wide awake and ambitious leader and editor who shows optimism, backbone and faith by enlarging his paper now when most others are cutting down on size and deleting pages. The paper speaks well for the San Francisco people for without their support and patronage, this progress would be impossible.

We hope it will continue to grow as it is one of the finest and best edited papers which comes to our desk weekly and we always hail its arrival.

VALUABLE NEWS

There is more news of value in one week in most Negro newspapers than the Negro race than there is in a year in a white publication. Yet thousands of colored people read white publications for news and scan colored papers for scandals and personal or party consequent, generally speaking, with but few exceptions, the mass of our group of readers is seeking sensational rather than thought-producing and idea-generating articles.

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MRS. MILLIE R. TRUMBULL CHARMED WITH CALIFORNIA

Has To Pinch Self To Determine If She Is Awake Or Dreaming Says Letter To Editor

El Monte, California, Dec. 29—My dear Beatrice:

I cannot tell you where the time has gone since we arrived here a week ago tomorrow morning. We came in the midst of a whirl of Christmas festivities and it remained a whirl until Tuesday. I never saw so much joy among the children and real spontaneous happiness among the older folk as I found here. There were two days of Christmas for the children and an extra night or two for the older groups, employees and visitors, most of the latter tired out and sick with feasting and colds.

Geraldine and I are in the MacLaren Cottage which is an enlarged play house with every convenience in it so that we are finding our house-keeping very easy.

I was so sorry to miss you Wednesday morning when you came. It was necessary for me to go to the bank and when I came home I had visitors the entire afternoon until time to dress and go to the station and I had extra packing to do—that one always leaves to the last minute.

To take a few minutes off to write me and tell me all that is in your mind, I am to spend New Year's Day in Pasadena with some old friends.

The weather here is ideal—beautiful warm sunshine—but with chill enough to make heat necessary in the house. We have a grate, gas and electric heating apparatus so that we are very comfortable.

All the rumors as to blizzards and snow which worried the papers as to Los Angeles, applied only to the mountain sides. I have narcissus blooming out the front door and a Poinsettia blooming alongside the side door—the mud pots are kept going in the orchards whenever there is danger of frosts so that several mornings we have been reminded of the fog of Portland with the haze of the smoke hanging over everything.

It has been heavenly to be down here and everyone has been so delightfully cordial that I pinch myself every now and then to see whether I am awake or dreaming.

Give my affectionate regards to all inquiring friends—and I do hope you will find time to send me a line.

Best to Yancy and yourself and a Happy New Year to you all—
MILLIE R. TRUMBULL

STUDENT IS IMPRESSED BY SEEMING NONCHALANCE OF ORE. STATE LEGISLATORS

"I've attended several sessions of the House of Representatives. Saw Judge Deich, Governor Meier, and others—whom I've seen before but don't know their names.

"I am impressed by the seemingly leisure and unconcern of many of the reps—they sit around smoking cigars and chatting to their old friends. The actual sessions last comparatively a short time. It seems that the main thing they do it to adjourn or to have a recess. Couple of days ago the House adjourned to eat a cake that one of the local bakers sent them.

"This morning, a bill prescribing butter instead of oleomargarine was passed over the veto of Gov. Meier. Incidentally, it appears that every thing the House does is to pass something over Meier's veto.

There are crowds of people hanging around watching the proceedings. I've seen many whom I know from Portland.

"This afternoon I'm going to attend the senate. Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock the fugitive marshals will be there to present their demands."

Note: The above excerpts are taken from a letter written by George Cannady, a soph at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, to his mother, the editor of THE ADVOCATE

THE RACE MOVES FORWARD

To millions of colored people throughout the nation, the news of the amicable adjustment of their differences by Doctors W. E. B. DuBois, editor of THE CRISIS magazine and Emmett J. Scott, Sec-Treas. of Howard University, came as a true sign of race progress and was hailed with great satisfaction.

As long as the leaders of our race are separated and fighting each other, just so long will the race remain down and under. The enemies of the race are always delighted when our leaders are divided for then they can do their best destructive work.

The Advocate congratulates Doctor DuBois for offering an apology, and Doctor Scott for accepting same. Now that this controversy is settled in this intelligent way, the race can continue its program of progress.

TRY ADVERTISING AWHILE

When business gets dull, the white tradesman works harder, cuts out use less expenses, and increases his advertising. The black tradesman cuts out his advertising and keeps up his high living. Whites are today advertising more than ever. Blacks, less than ever. For future their excuse, colored people won't patronize each other.—The California Voice.

QUELLING THE FEAR OF THE FUTURE

Thousands of Americans have lost their savings, their estates, and their

BOOK REVIEW

"PREVENTION OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS"

By Victor W. Page
(Norman W. Henley Pub. Co., 2 West 45th St., New York City, New York)

Reviewed by CLIFFORD MITCHELL

This little book came off the press last October. Because of the importance of its text it should have been read and commented upon immediately upon its receipt. The fact, however, that there is nothing racial about the book, caused me to delay, somewhat, its turn for study and comment.

Nevertheless, "Prevention of Automobile Accidents", costing but seven cents, should be owned, or at least read, by every racial driver. And the pedestrians themselves would find it of considerable value to read and study this little book.

Just as the name describes, the text is written in language for the layman, with pertinent illustrations, describing and detailing the causes of most automobile accidents and illustrating ways to prevent same, a long with many rules and pointers that will aid any motorist in obtaining the maximum results from his car at the least cost and degree of safety.

Of special value is the information outlining the various motor laws in different sections of the country; the uniform methods of signaling, and tips for local traffic guidance. Technical mechanical information concerning various car appliances are so worded and illustrated as to make their proper use perfectly clear to each reader.

ON THE CHAIN GANG

By John L. Spivak
A Review

A startling exposure of conditions on the chain gang of Florida and the south is contained in this five-cent pamphlet just published by International Pamphlets, 799 Broadway, New York City.

"I saw the Spanish Inquisition of 300 years ago", Spivak, author of the sensational exposure of tortures inflicted on Negroes in the South, "Georgia Nigger" writes in this pamphlet. "I saw men chained by the neck like galley slaves. I saw men with monstrous bayonets riveted around their feet so they could not sleep without waking while they turned. I saw men trussed up like cattle ready for slaughter and ants crawling over their helpless bodies. I saw men hanging in stocks such as the Puritans used in their cruelest days. I saw men broken on the rack as they broke them under the Spanish Inquisition.

"I saw these things and I photographed them—not in a forgotten dungeon in ancient Spain but in the United States—in Georgia, in the year of our 'civilization' 1932!"

The pamphlet, illustrated with photographs of the tortures inflicted on Negroes in Georgia prisons, taken by the author himself, describes his tour of the prison camps and chain gangs while obtaining material to write his exposure of these conditions in novel form. It gives a cross section of the background of the Scottsboro case.

The pamphlet may be obtained from the publishers, or from the International Labor Defense, Room 439, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

investment income—but their life insurance holdings are as valuable as in the days of the boom. In many instances that is all they have left. It's no wonder that the American people have shown their faith in life insurance by buying billions of dollars worth of it while other types of investment have dropped away to almost nothing.

One of the great human fears is of possible misfortune in the future—the fear of loss of savings and earnings when age precludes the chance of a new start.

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VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

BY W. J. WHEATON

William Levi Dawson, who is the director of the famous Tuskegee choir has completed a Negro Symphony. It has been the labor of four years, and through it runs the music of the Negro. While it gets away from the religious idiom of the spirituals, and the tendency has been to give a classic motive, the rhythm so prominent in Negro compositions is unquestioned. Mr. Dawson has been four years in the composition of over five hundred pages. The manuscript is in the possession of Professor Leopold Stokowski, director of the Philadelphia orchestra who will put it in rehearsal. This symphony of Negro music. It has been claimed that this could not be done. He has placed on the record of racial progress the first symphony of Negro music composed by one of the Race. When such prominent musicians as Stokowski consent to place it in their program its merits can not be disputed.

Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth president of the United States, died suddenly at his home, the Beeches, Northampton, Mass. and was interred in the state of his birth; Vermont. As President Coolidge was never spectacular, but was endowed with that which is so lacking in most of us known as common sense, his judgment on public questions was mostly sound and barely faulty. His Americanism stood unquestioned. The passing of the former president casts a bit of gloom over the entire nation, and will upset plans of the Republican party. Many leaders of the party looked forward toward his leadership in 1936, as the standard bearer who could rally about him the deserters of "32" and recover lost prestige. There seems to be a paucity of presidential timber, and unless some outstanding figure in the party is developed in the next four years, there will be no need for them to come out from the hibernation which they now are enjoying.

All of you depression snivellers in the boundaries of California and the environs of San Francisco, read this, then allow that broad grin of courage for which you are noted take the place of the gloom. "San Francisco and California have been particularly fortunate in this depression; because, San Francisco not being a great industrial city, the proportion of unemployed has been smaller here than in any other large city in America. Department store sales have shown smaller declines in dollar value than almost any other city in the United States. In the mass, purchasing power has been maintained better elsewhere. There has been no bank failures. The banks show a high degree of solvency and liquidity. There has been a minimum of suffering, mostly among itinerants and they have been amply provided with food and shelter. In fact, if the influx of wanderers were not so great, the task of providing for the unfortunate residents would not be so great.

The State of California, like most of her sister states and the nation, is having trouble finding the "where-with" to run the government during the coming biennial. Charges of extravagance are thrown in the lap of the Executive and the Bureau of Finance. Legislative investigation of all Bureau has been recommended. What now seems a tempest may simmer down to a slight gale and finish up in a zephyr. To the politically minded, it looks like a jockeying for position in the gubernatorial handicap to be run off two years hence. There is a bit of humor in all of this counter muck raking. Some of the political moves are so transparent that one wonders how Mr. John Citizen can help seeing through them. Trading in judgeships and the fat plums given to "big votes" sections are bids for political support. Of course, that's the game. But what proves to be the tragedy is, that Mr. and Mrs. Negro Voter in California must be getting weary of waiting for that political feast promised two years ago. We remember that old character of the Negro in Hoys play who sat on the steps of the Capitol waiting for his appointment as "Minister to Dahomy."

If nations have ears they must have burned January 4th, when the U. S. Senators, with few exceptions, opened their batteries of oratory and lay down a barrage for the main attack on the debt dodgers. The wretched nations were held up to scorn as violators of the international code of honor. They were verbally placed on the racking wheel of public opinion and torn from limb to limb. The sarcasm of Pat Harrison and the fiery denun

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CHURCHES HOLD UNION REVIVAL

Zion A. M. E. Mt. Olivet Baptist and Bethel A. M. E. churches are holding a progressive union revival service. This week, Zion is host with Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, occupying the pulpit. Next week, Bethel church will be the scene of activity, with Rev. D. G. Wilson, pastor of Mt. Olivet church preaching and the following week, the services will be resumed at the Mount Olivet church, with Rev. Lee Roy Kinard, pastor of Zion, in charge of the pulpit. Conversations are being had and the meetings are enthusiastically attended.

EARL HINES TO TOUR COUNTRY WITH FAMOUS RECORDING BAND

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 1—Earl Hines nationally popular colored orchestra leader, often referred to as the "King of the Ivories", has joined the ranks of Music Corporation of America's orchestras which include America's foremost raide, recording and dance bands. Arrangements are being made for a national personal appearance tour of the band under the management of MCA. Hines, who was born in Duquesne,

Nenn, and educated in Pittsburgh, was discovered by Lolo Deppe, noted baritone of Vincent Youman's "Great Day" and now of Connie's Inn in New York. Deppe gave Hines his first "break" as a pianist with Ridoout's Orchestra of Charleroi, Penn., in 1915 and his sensational piano playing attracted the attention of theatre managers and ballroom promoters.

In 1921 Earl went to Chicago where he formed his own orchestra and played in several night clubs. Next came a vaudeville tour with the "Charleston Revue", and in 1926-27 he was featured with Louis Armstrong, famous colored cornetist, at the Sun set Cafe in Hollywood.

Earl organized his present orchestra in 1928 and opened the Grand Terrace Cafe in Chicago where he has been featured since that time. The orchestra has been a favorite with north shore society for private functions and has also played many private engagements at such smart Chicago places as the Blackstone, Drake Hotel, Standard Club, Sherman Hotel, and the Palmer House.

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