

DEPRIEST RESIGNS AS HEAD OF NON-PARTIZAN CLUB

MATE HUMANS AND APES IN EXPERIMENT TO PRODUCE "MISSING LINK"

Attempt to Create Brute Workmen and Missing Link Told Science Assn.

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 18.—How many men are being mated with chimpanzees to Turkistan in an effort to produce the "missing link" between man and monkey was revealed to the Association for the Advancement of Science in session here, by Dr. Howell E. England, of the Michigan Academy of Science.

The Russian government, according to the speaker, has permitted Dr. Elio Ivanoff to go into untracked Turkistan and there experiment with a squadron of male assistants and a harem of eight female chimpanzees.

He has been working for over a year and has succeeded in producing the first hybrid. Three of the chimpanzees have died, but the experiment continues.

"There will be no doubt that the appearance of the hybrids when produced, will in all cases be as nearly standardized as we see in the case of the mule and the cat, other hybrids.

"In the event that one of the hybrids may prove fertile—and at least one of the biologist with whom I have been in correspondence believes that they will all be fertile—we shall be able in the course of time to produce a complete chain of specimens, from the perfect anthropoid to the perfect man."

German biologist were first to attempt this experiment in German Africa by crossing gorillas with men in an effort to produce working men of great strength.

"The gorilla finds his nearest relationship with the colored races of Africa," Dr. England said, "the chimpanzee with the white races, and the orangutang with the Mongolian races."

The convention was also told that drunkenness can be cured by a simple operation. This revelation was made by Dr. Edward Spencer Cowles, New York psychiatrist. Chronic alcoholism is due to a brain disease, he said, which can be cured by a simple operation on the brain.

MISSISSIPPI SOLON WANTS TO PROTECT NAME OF STATE

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 18.—The funds embezzled by Bura Hilburn, former State supervisor of Negro education, from the Rosenwald Foundation would be a moral obligation of the State, under a resolution introduced in the Senate by State Senator Littleton Upshur of Greenwood.

In his resolution introduced in the State Senate December 22, and referred to the rules committee, Senator Upshur seeks recognition of the "obligation of the State to the Rosenwald Foundation on account of embezzlement of the Foundation's funds by a former state official.

"It appears that funds so embezzled should be restored to the Rosenwald Foundation in order that the fair name of the State of Mississippi should be preserved," said the Greenwood Senator.

The resolution would require the State auditor and State superintendent of education to ascertain the exact sum of the funds embezzled in order that proper legislation could be inaugurated at the next regular session of the legislature.

Hilburn, who was charged with embezzling approximately \$53,000, was convicted in the Circuit Court here recently and sentenced to five years in the State penitentiary.

WINS ON APPEAL

Quinton Collins, 24, colored, known in the boxing circles as George Dixon, pleaded guilty before Presiding Judge Tucker to disorderly conduct on October 8 at 345 Welder street, and was paroled from a sentence of 60 days in jail on recommendation of Deputy City Attorney Jensen. He appeared from municipal court, where he had been convicted and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

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BOOK REVIEW

(Reviewed by Clifford Mitchell)

"SELECTED SERMONS"

By Rev. J. H. L. Rhone (Smith Printing Co., 109 Bridge Ave. Waco, Texas)

Each week, for some time, I have been reading the feature, "Fifty-two Sermons a Year" in the Waco Messenger. And although I was surprised, I was not unfamiliar, with "Selected Sermons" when it arrived as one of the many presents received last Christmas.

This book contains fifty-two selected sermons of the author, the Reverend J. H. Rhone, well-known throughout Texas. One of these sermons appears weekly as a feature in the Messenger, which, incidentally, is edited, presumably, by his son, L. J. Rhone.

The sermons, as they appear in print, stripped from all emotionalism of the pulpit orator, cover a wide range of thought and appropriately tie up the subject of religion, Christ-like ways, precepts, etc., with events and actions of today.

Judging from the sermon, Rev. Rhone recognizes the imperfections, weakness, and lack of concentrated effort of the church as it exists in this day and time, and very frankly, logically, and forcibly explains what the church must do in order to assume its rightful place as leaders in the present-day work of bringing peace, happiness and content to all humanity, from out of the wreckage and chaos that now exist and under which the people are floundering.

ANNOUNCES 28TH ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS

SHREVEPORT, La., Jan. 20.—Religious forces representing the Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U. and other Auxiliaries of the Baptist Persuasion, will hold their twenty-eighth annual Sunday School Congress in this city. The dates are June 7th to the 12th. This is the announcement that came by wire here, addressed to the Rev. E. S. Stills and associate pastors, from Henry Allen Boyd after his visit to Shreveport last week, at which time he was met by the majority of the Baptist and other inter-denominational work-



Henry Allen Boyd

ers, in an all day conference. Not only will the Sunday School Congress convene here, but there will be those from every state in the union coming to north Louisiana for this Summer Sunday School of Methods.

While the Rev. Mr. Boyd was here in conference he was also making contact and arrangements preliminary to the Board's decision awarding the meeting to Shreveport. He secured the Municipal Auditorium for the entire five days and nights. The contract was signed by Grover C. Thames, the manager representing the city of Shreveport, and Henry Allen Boyd, the secretary of the Sunday School Congress Forces.

It was learned here from the Rev. Mr. Stills that the Congress Secretary will apply for reduced round-trip rates on all railroads, for the benefit of the messengers and denominational workers who will be expected to attend this meeting.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Edwin G. Wilson inquires, "what state leads in the number of municipal plants?"

Our answer to Mr. Wilson's question is that the state of Nebraska with 157 municipal electric systems leads all other states in the number of communities having municipally owned light and power systems. Kansas is a close second with 156 municipal electric plants.

Art A. Beyer asks how many tax-free towns there are in the United States.

There are 83 cities in the United States that do not levy city taxes. These communities earn sufficient revenues from their electric, gas, water and other city-owned utilities to meet all expenses of local city government. The largest of the no tax cities is Lubbock, Texas, with 20,520 population.

Casey Flynn asks us to settle an argument. Mr. Flynn wants to know if the Morrison Street Bridge was at one time a toll bridge.

Our answer is, "Yes". A number of years ago the Morrison Street bridge was the only bridge across the Willamette River. A pedestrian paid 2 1/2 cents to cross the bridge. A round trip was 5 cents. Teams paid extra. Previous to building the bridge people crossed the river by what was known as the "Strak Street Ferry." The tolls were about the same as the bridge charges.

The street car company is given permission to experiment with the rates every sixty days during the eight months period. The company is anxious to build up its patronage, and these experiments may solve the problem.

For the first sixty days the following rate structure will prevail: single fare, 10 cents; three fares 25 cents; seven fares, 50 cents; weekly pass \$1.25; school tickets 25 for 1.00, which is 4 cents each. Transfers are included. The company is to file a financial account every week with the City Council, so that it can be determined whether the concern is making or losing money. Thirty days before the permit expires Mayor-Elect Carson and City Commissioner-Elect Bean will be on the job, so they can sit in on future developments.

Portland's water rates are among the lowest water rates in the United States. The average family consumes 666 cubic feet, or 5,000 gallons a month. Our Bureau of Water Works makes the low charge of 73 cents a month for this service. The average rate under municipal ownership is \$1.41 per month; under private ownership the rate is \$2.24 per month.

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FEATURE CHORUS FOR SUNDAY CONCERT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—The next "popular" Sunday afternoon concert to be presented by the Portland Symphony Orchestra is scheduled for January 22, at 3 o'clock, and will feature the Portland school-children's chorus of 200 voices.

Appearance of the chorus, which is directed by William Boyer, supervisor of music in the Portland schools, is one of the special events of the music season. Not only does the audience have an opportunity to hear these finely-trained young voices, but also to hear some of Bach's lovely works through the emotional and exalted means that is possible only by mass singing.

The "popular" concert, the fifth of the season's series of six Sunday afternoon programs at very low cost, will open with the William Tell Overture (Rossini) and close with three Tchaikovsky dance numbers. The latter are "Dance of the Mirliton," "Danse of the Fee Dragee" and "Waltz of the Flowers," all illustrating the composer in one of his most delightful moods. Other works to be played January 22 include: Ballet Music from "Sylvia" (Delibes); Symphony No. 7, Andante con moto (Schubert); Walse "Northern Lights" (Allan Lincoln Langley); and Symphony No. 4, Allegro Vivace, "Nateracker" Suite (Glaunow).

Early indications are that the concert will attract a capacity audience, and that visitors from out of the city will attend in large numbers. Many entire families have made reservations. Seats may be ordered direct or by mail through the Symphony box office, J. K. Gill Company, Portland.

PRISONS and PRISONERS

(By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL.)

We have all read the account of the prisoner in an Eastern prison who sent a touching poetic plea to his sentencing judge—and we all know the result. The judge could have granted the prisoner's immediate release but first wanted proof that the prisoner had developed his talent to the extent that he was worthy of judicial and executive clemency.

When put to the test the prisoner could not produce anything further in the poetic line and eventually admitted that he had stolen the words from a poem he had read and converted it to his own use, hoping thereby to attract sufficient attention and consideration to obtain his freedom.

The circumstances of the above case indicates that prisoners, no matter where located, realize the advantage of portraying an excellent showing of a prison accomplishment. It also indicates that the people in the free world are willing to respond and aid any prisoners whose showing merits consideration.

There is a valuable lesson taught in the Eastern prisoner's misguidedly attempted to plagiarize and cash in on someone else's ability. His futile efforts proved to the authorities that he was not ready for his freedom. He stole to get in prison and he stole in an attempt to get out of prison, without only himself the loser in both instances.

Some time ago I read an excellent book on present-day economics, "Respectfully Submitted," by Harold G. A. He may justly be proud. If each artist in his own line, maintains the same that is quite fitting for this particular theme: "Be only that, do only that, of which you may justly be proud."

No sane or rational prisoner can possibly go wrong if he lives up to the motto: "Be only that, of which you may justly be proud."

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES HEAVY AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—The National Negro Non-Partisan League that was organized in Washington in December, 1931 and of which Oscar Depriest, Republican member of Congress from the First Illinois district was unanimously elected president, will hold a meeting in Washington March 2.

Mr. Depriest, owing to added legislative duties has resigned as president; and Kelly Miller, of Howard University, the well known columnist has been elected to succeed the Congressman as leader of the non-partisan movement.

The following is the official announcement just released by the League:



Hon. Oscar Depriest

Convinced that the initial plans of the National Negro Non-Partisan League, have been carried out as outlined in the Finding Committee report, as a result of the sessions held in Washington, D. C., December 2, 3, and 4, 1931, Congressman Depriest has tendered his resignation as head of the League which was accepted by the Executive Committee at its meeting Thursday. Mr. Depriest pleaded that there would be added demands upon his time in connection with his legislative duties, especially in view of the fact that he will move up in the seniority scale of the House. His interest in the work of the League, in furtherance of a far-reaching program for the Negro, is reported not in the least lessened by his resignation.

Dean Kelly Miller was elected to fill the vacancy. He said that in the recent election colored voters divided their votes among party candidates according to the rating of men and measures, rather than a blind adherence to mere party organizations. He pointed out that a new administration is about to be inaugurated but that the problem of the Negro citizen and his claims remain just as they were before, and an early conference is necessary. Professor Miller is therefore now actively at work on plans for the proposed session on March 2nd. This meeting is intended to comprise all the delegates who attended the original meeting and such others as desire to take part in the new program and make a constructive contribution to the effort. Morris Lewis, is Secretary of the Executive Committee.

MACHINE OPERATOR FINED
William Smith, colored, recently pleaded guilty before District Judge Woodley to a charge of maintaining a moneyed slot machine in the Green Front club, 535 Savier street, August 17, and was fined \$50.

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