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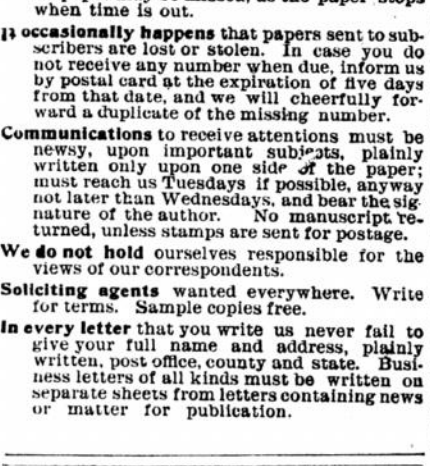
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SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1920.

THE BEGINNINGS OF SEGREGATION.

The following item from the Chicago Daily Tribune is interesting as showing the various influences which are suggesting and encouraging segregation.

"The possibility of Wendell Phillips High school at Thirty-ninth street and Prairie avenue being set apart for colored pupils exclusively, 'by a natural segregation,' was suggested last night by Principal Charles H. Perrine. At the First Presbyterian church, Grand boulevard and Forty-first street, Dr. Perrine spoke at the first of a series of Sunday night community meetings in connection with the Chicago Plan.

"Negro boys and girls deserve the best available in the way of teachers and equipment. The district around Wendell Phillips is rapidly becoming settled by colored people, and there are comparatively few white pupils. They are getting fewer and fewer.

"The time is near at hand when we shall need another high school farther south to take care of the increased white population there. A modern high school located somewhere near Fifty-fifth street will be necessary soon and should be included in the Chicago Plan. Wendell Phillips will be then exclusively for colored pupils. They should be given the finest high school possible."

The Rev. William Covert, pastor of the First church, announces a series of discussions on Sunday evenings to consider the duty of the church in the development of the Chicago Plan.

Like nine out of every ten schemes for the degradation of the colored people it was suggested by a supposed friend and perhaps there is a "nigger in the woodpile." That is perhaps Perrine had talked with some Jimcrow "niggers" in Chicago and in other cities including St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Like the majority of schemes for the degradation of the colored people it was incubated in a so-called Church of Christ.

Principal Perrine said that the district was becoming settled by colored

THE SIN OF SILENCE

To sin by silence when we should protest makes cowards out of men. The human race has climbed on protest. Had no voice been raised against injustice, ignorance and lust, the inquisition yet would serve the law, and guillotines decide our least disputes. The few who dare must speak and speak again to right the wrongs of many.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

people and therefore Wendell Phillips High School should be made "colored." That would be an outrageous perversion of the name, for Wendell Phillips was a real Christian white man who devoted his life to work in righting the wrongs of his colored brethren.

There are neighborhoods in Chicago inhabited almost exclusively by Italians, Chinese, Poles, Russians and other foreigners, but the thought never comes to Mr. Perrine or others of his ilk to restrict the children in those neighborhoods to "exclusive" Italian, Chinese, Polish or Russian schools. The schools remain PUBLIC schools, open to all.

There has been much talk about the "Chicago Plan" and now we are getting some intimation that segregation is to be a part of that plan. However we believe that the thinking colored people of Chicago have their eyes open and will be ready to fight Jimcrowization of the schools.

One thing that Mr. Perrine said is true: "The colored boys and girls are entitled to the best in the way of equipment and teachers." The colored children have the same rights as other children, no more and no less. To attempt to segregate them is to take from them their birthright. The only way they can get the "best" is to attend the identical schools that other American children attend. A Jimcrow school built of gold and studded with diamonds would still carry with it the degradation for which it was designed.

THE "NIGGER" IN THE SEGREGATION WOODPILE.

"Prof. Neval H. Thomas, a school teacher in Washington and an active member of its N. A. A. C. P., concludes a vigorous news article published in the Cleveland Gazette with words which answer the boasts of those who get money for institutions and houses for colored people that keep the races apart. Says Prof. Thomas:

"I have heard many silly Negro advocates of segregation boast of how much money they can raise for a Negro enterprise, too blind to see that most any white man will contribute liberally to any movement that will keep colored people away from him and make them acknowledge their inferiority. In fact, the most dangerous enemy of democracy with which we have to contend, and the most serviceable capitalistic tool, is organized charity. The large donors to these Negro 'charities' are making profitable investments when, through some well-paid Negro, they can establish a separate Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. social settlement, or school. These institutions aid in keeping the toiling masses apart, so that, on the principle of 'divide and conquer,' these wealthy 'donors' can exploit. So, the collection of large 'contributions' by these Negro segregationists is no achievement, but another barrier to the progress of the race. I well remember how one of these international 'secretaries' boasted of getting the money to build a Negro Y. M. C. A. in the great city of Chicago. If that institution remains there long the great civil rights law of Illinois will be null and void. Already its presence there has polarized a movement for separate schools and segregation as to homes for our people.

"No, our solution is not surrender, but FIGHT! Let the churches and welfare clubs of Cleveland extra activity for the moral betterment of Cleveland's youth, and your press, pulpit, your ballot, and every other power within you. Agitate for admission

into the associations which bear the name of Jesus who was 'no respecter of persons,' until they acquire a sense of shame."

THE APPEAL agrees with every word that Mr. Thomas has written. The Y. M. C. A., social settlements, "Community service," and all similar schemes are efforts at segregation, pure and simple. Their purpose is to bar the colored people from quasi-public institutions, to which all other people are admitted without question.

When the "colored" Y. M. C. A. was opened in Chicago, THE APPEAL predicted editorially that it would prove a curse, by reason of creating greater prejudice and the prediction has been more than verified. It will take a thousand years to undo the wrong it has done. Possibly ten thousand years may not right the wrongs done by the establishment of Jimcrow Christian(?) associations in the United States.

The man who has given so much money to divide American Christians along the color line is a Jew. How could it be possible for a Jew to be interested in the spread of Christianity? The idea is ridiculous. The shrewd Jew knew that by catering to the blind prejudice of the so-called white Christians would bring in dollars. He also knew that Jimcrow "niggers" would land him for his "philanthropy" and start a lot of colored men's white silver dollars rolling his way. It was a plain Jewish business proposition. Cupidity not humanity caused him to spend his money for his pet charity."

And it has paid. For every dollar he has put in he has taken out two.

The colored man must fight to a finish any attempt to bar him from any public or semi-public institution.

MIRABILE DICTUI.

In these days of profiteering and money mad people whose God is money, it is almost unbelievable that a man would resign an easy job that paid a salary of 10,000 "plunks" to accept a hard job that only pays \$3,000. The rare avis that did this is Rev. J. Douglas Swagerty of Dallas, Texas, who was educated for the ministry and was assistant pastor of the First Methodist church. When the church no longer needed an assistant pastor, Mr. Swagerty accepted a position at a salary of \$10,000.

He received an offer of assistant pastor, church director and director of religious education in Wesley Memorial church of Atlanta, Ga., at a salary of \$3,000 per year.

He says: "It is not a matter of money with me, it is a matter of doing my duty. I will continue in church work despite the greater financial opportunities offered in other fields. It is my chosen calling and I wish to follow it."

One can have some faith in this man's Christianity.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR WEST-POINT.

It has been so long since a congressman of any of the states has been fair enough, man enough and unafraid to appoint a colored boy as a candidate for West Point, that it is quite a refreshing and gratifying to find an exception in Congressman L. C. Dyer of Missouri, who appointed Richard W. Jackson, aged 19, a graduate of Sumner High School, St. Louis, as principal candidate for the National Military Academy. There have been several colored boys appointed to West Point in former years, but only two were able to withstand the strenuous, outrageous treatment accorded them

and to be ALLOWED to graduate. The new candidate appears properly equipped to undergo the required examination in March, which we sincerely hope he will. We also hope if he passes he will be fortunate enough to overcome all obstacles that may be put in his path at West Point and that he will be permitted to graduate.

NOW LET THEM GO ON RECORD

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, announces that a questionnaire has been sent to every man prominently mentioned as a presidential possibility, asking him to state his views on a program for bettering race relations in the United States.

The questionnaire is as follows:

1. Will you favor the enactment of laws making lynching a Federal offense?

2. What is your attitude toward the disfranchisement of Americans of African descent: (a) Will you advocate that Congress enforce the 14th amendment and reduce the representation of states which disfranchise their citizens or (b) will you advocate the appointment of United States Commissioners to enforce the 15th amendment?

3. Will you endeavor to bring about the abolition of "Jim Crow" cars in interstate traffic?

4. Will you withdraw armed or other interference with the independence of Haiti?

5. Will you urge national aid to elementary education, without discrimination against colored children?

6. Will you pledge the apportionment of colored soldiers and colored officers in the armed forces of the United States in proportion to their numbers in population?

7. Will you abolish racial segregation in the Civil Service of the United States?

The questionnaire was sent to the following men: Herbert Hoover, Wilbur McAdoo, Governor Goodrich of Indiana, Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, Senator Hitchcock, Governor Cox of Ohio, Senator Pomeroy, James W. Gerard, Senator Underwood, General Wood, Senator Warren G. Harding, Governor Lowndes of Illinois, Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Senator Poinsett, Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts and General Pershing.

LIBERIA OUSTED HUNS.

African Republic Was Only Nation to Expel All Germans During the War.

London, March 1.—Liberia is said to have been the only state at war with Germany which expelled every German from within its gates and sequestered all their property.

Before the war there were about 300 German citizens in Monrovia, the capital, and Liberia was rapidly becoming a German protectorate, says Alan Boucher Lethbridge, in the Daily Worker, London. The Germans, he adds, controlled a large rubber plant and evidently had made arrangements to use Liberia as a link in the chain of colonial possessions.

Their places now are being rapidly taken by Spaniards, and Mr. Lethbridge predicts if Spanish immigration into Liberia continues, Spain will have the largest foreign colony in the country.

SAINT PAUL

Mr. A. H. Copeland has moved to 363 N. Dale.

Mrs. A. J. Turner, 390 Rondo street, is ill at her home.

Mr. Noble L. Houser has moved to 445 Willis street.

Mrs. T. W. Stepp, 782 St. Anthony, is ill at her home with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Talbert Bush have moved into their new home, 543 Bounson street.

Dr. V. D. Turner was a professional visitor to St. Peter, Minn., on Thursday of this week.

Mr. T. H. Lyles, 687 St. Anthony Ave. is confined to his home by illness this week.

Atty. W. T. Francis has been appointed as a member of Mayor L. C. Hodgson's campaign committee.

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Mrs. Carrie Mills returned last Sunday from Chicago where she spent two months with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Stanton and family.

Mrs. C. E. Charleston, 474 St. Anthony Ave., who has been ill for the past two weeks is still confined to her home.

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER—Mrs. Harriet E. Williams, stenographer for Atty. W. T. Francis, suite 329 Metropolitan Bank Building, corner Cedar and Fifth Street, will do typewriting for anyone desiring her services, at reasonable rates. Tel. Cedar 8948.

One of the big things to which the people may look forward with pleasurable anticipation is the oratories of the Messiah which will be presented at Pilgrim Baptist church, by the Swedish Baptist Chorus of 100 voices on Tuesday evening, March 30. Admission 25 cents. This will be a veritable musical treat.

THE APPEAL has just learned that the magnificent special dinner which was served for the officers at the Cadet Dance in honor of Col. Otis B. Duncan at Union Hall during his visit to the city was prepared by Mrs. John Hudnell, 494 Rice street and was a splendid specimen of her culinary skill.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson, 863 Woodbridge street, was hostess to the Adelphe Club Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. B. K. Edwards read a very interesting paper on the State of Washington. Discussion was led by Mrs. M. Burton. The club's guests were: Mrs. T. B. Botts, Minneapolis, and Mesdames Bettie Jones and J. A. Hanly.

The Forum of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will meet on tomorrow, March 14th, at 4:00 P. M., at Pilgrim-on-the-Hill, Grotto St. and W. Central Ave.

Mr. T. J. Duncan will address the meeting on "Co-operative Buying." All members and friends are urged to be present.

The season's greatest event will be the Grand Inaugural Ball of the Brotherhood of D. and S. Employees' Union, Local No. 548, at Union Hall, Monday evening, March 22d. Special features: Kangaroo Court, \$5. Prize features: P. P. Punch, Committee, R. S. Harris, chairman, George King, R. M. Moulden. Tickets, 50 cents.

Mrs. Anna Gamble, 463 Arundel street entertained at six-o'clock dinner Monday complimentary to Mrs. Virginia Taylor, Miss Margaret Johnson and Miss Mattie Murrell. The dinner was a splendid specimen of the culinary skill of the hostess and was highly enjoyed by her fifteen guests. After dinner cards and dancing were features of the evening.

Wednesday the Self-Culture Club met with Mrs. Emma Hood, 676 St. Anthony Ave., with Mrs. Birdie Higgins as special guest. They enjoyed a splendid dinner and elected as officers: Mesdames Mildred Johnson, Pres., Minnie Archer, Vice Pres., Ida Smith, Sec., Ida Covington, Asst. Sec., Hilda Kennedy, Treas., Emma Hood, Chap., Leatha Scott, Chrm. Sick Com., Peggy Hobson, Critic, May B. Mason, Journalist. The club is making a silk quilt that is to be raffled for the benefit of Crispus Attucks Home on March 26 at the home of her vice president.

The twenty-sixth annual banquet of the Lincoln Republican Club was held at Masonic Temple last Monday night and was the largest ever held. Excellent speeches were made by Leavitt Corning, president of the club, Maj. Royal A. Stone, toastmaster, Gilbert Guttersen, candidate for mayor of St. Paul and Senator Hiram Johnson of California, candidate for nomination for president of the United States, L. S. Ferguson, candidate for the invocation of St. Paul, delivered the invocation. Mr. Leland S. Duxbury was the soloist. The Lincoln Club Quartette: Messrs. Mallory, George, Wahlgist and Larson rendered several selections. Barrett's Orchestra furnished music. The colored citizens were represented by about thirty gentlemen.

The hearing on the petition of Mrs. Lucy Smith of Tacoma, Wash., to allow the will made by Margaret Simpson alias Margaret Martin, in which Mrs. Smith is given one-half of the Simpson estate in Minneapolis, was had before Judge Dahl in Probate court at Minneapolis on Thursday. Attorney W. T. Francis of St. Paul represented Mrs. Smith of Tacoma. Morris B. S. Smith and W. R. Morris represented Mrs. Callie Rhone, sister of the deceased living in Minneapolis. The court determined in as much as the will had been proved in the Superior Court at Tacoma, Washington, it must be allowed here unless steps are taken in the Superior Court to break the will, and a continuance was granted in order to give opportunity to decide whether the contestants will make any effort to have the will declared void in the Courts of Washington.

Mrs. Irene Robinson, 790 Carroll Ave., being born on Feb. 29th, has had only eleven birthday anniversaries during her life. As her last birthday anniversary fell on Sunday she celebrated it on Monday, March 1st, with an elaborate reception for her friends from 12 to 11 p. m. Assisting her were: Mesdames Thomas, Patrick, King, Hill, Woodfork and Sears. She received a number of nice presents from relatives and friends in Kansas City and other places. The Willing Workers Club of Memorial Baptist Church, Mrs. S. W. Williams, president, presented a silver baking dish. Musical selections were rendered by Mrs. A. W. Jordan, Mrs. T. J. Carr, Misses C. Wright and M. Patrick and Mr. J. H. Hickman. Remarks were made by Rev. T. J. Carr. The hostess served chicken salad, rolls, coffee, ice cream, cake and trapee Miss Thelma Williams presided at the punch bowl. There were upward of eighty guests present during the evening.

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GOD GIVE US MEN.

God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor—men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking! Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking.

—J. G. Holland.

THOMAS ON TERRELL.

(From the Boston Guardian.)

In his correspondence for the Old reliable Cleveland Gazette, a paper which we greatly admire as we admire also its great editor, Hon. Harry C. Smith, especially for his stand against the race drawing off together in separate philanthropic institutions, Prof. Neval H. Thomas, of Washington, D. C., says Judge (or Justice as he calls him) Robt. H. Terrell as a compromiser.

Prof. Thomas made a splendid fight against a separate lunch room in the District Supreme Court Building. He says Judge Terrell was quoted by him as opposing colored people coming to Peace Conference and then scores him for rushing to be the first to greet President Wilson upon his return from the Conference. We, ourselves, are surprised to see the way in which Mr. Terrell had this sent out over the country and the way the press displayed it. He says the Judge presided at a meeting for Sen. Borah to oppose the 15th amendment. Then he speaks as follows:

"He even sanctioned separate recreational centers for colored and white troops, with those of the colored immensely inferior, in spite of the fact that the blood of white and black alike was flowing in one crimson stream in distant France. Only agreeable colored people are allowed to speak to the colored soldiers at the center of which he is head. None of us radicals who are constantly telling the colored man that he has done his share of the dying and that it is high time he was getting some of the living, are ever invited to this center to talk democracy."

We took our stand on this in Boston much further North than Washington.

Verily the Judge needs make reply or the race will see how it is that this Southern administration retains a colored man as Justice.

Is It Fair?

(From the Monitor, Omaha.)

To stand before the God of heaven and earth with trumpets and loud voices and proclaim: "Thank God we (U. S.) are not as other people are. We write upon our books laws granting to all our people equality." Then write other laws abrogating the previous regulations? And when you do not think it feasible to put them in print, simply make it an unwritten rule that serves your purpose as well?

To covet your neighbor's goods (rights) and if he should remonstrate with you, to slay him?

For a so-called democracy to have two or more interpretations of the same word, each contrary to the other?

To assert that a man is incapable of accomplishing a meritorious deed, without giving him an honest chance for a try.

To call a man whose distant parents or parents had Negro blood a Negro and white man whose parents were Indian, Malay or Mongolian a white man still?

Must Judge A Group by Its Best.

(From the Christian Register, Boston, Mass.)

No one can be said to know any class of people who has not been in intimate and sympathetic relation with the best as well as the worst of the class. We compare many persons who live in the South, and think they know the colored race, with others who have had no such contact, but who have come into intimate and sympathetic relations with large numbers of that race whom their Southern friends have never known; and of the latter people we should say that they know the race better than the first. They know aspirations among them that the others do not know, or, knowing, do not enter into and appreciate; they know capabilities by direct contact with the best of the race which others are oblivious of; they know qualities which only respect and sympathy can bring out; they know possibilities to which others by their very acquaintance are blinded. If those who know the colored race through the mass and by observation merely could know what individual possibilities are demonstrated in growing numbers of the elect, and would be courageously candid with themselves, they would revise their judgments and possibly soften their prejudices. At any rate, they ought to credit to those on whom they charge ignorance of the colored

race the values that come from knowing how many of that race are the equal of any members of the dominant race in the highest abilities and in the clearest aims. No estimate is worth much which does not take people at their best.

WALLER AGAINST "NEGRO."

Noted Brooklyn Doctor Says It Causes Mental and Physical Segregation.

(From Amsterdam News.)

Editor Amsterdam News:

Sir: I cannot too heartily congratulate you on a recent editorial discouraging the use of the word "Negro."

There is no greater delight enjoyed by the white people of the United States today than the spreading use of the unfortunate term. Why? They realize that it is the most potential factor at work at the present to bring about both a physical and mental segregation of the people of color. Its use is on the increase only because our speakers and writers, especially Dr. Bois and Washington feel that its repetition, ad nauseam, is necessary to retain the good will of the masses. The term "Negro" is not only absurdly inaccurate as applied to millions of colored people, but it is also alarmingly injurious, for the following reasons:

a. It has never stood historically or in the present, anywhere in the world, for anything noble or uplifting. Most high-grade Africans repudiate it.

b. In Africa, and out of Africa it was never applied to the higher types, but to Guinea, Sudanese and Senegambians only.

c. Its derivatives, "Negroism," "Negro-ty," and its compounds, Negro-ism, Negro-ty, Negro-monkey, are all clearly in their associations, degrading.

d. Its feminine form, "Negress," is justly and correctly used to define your wife and daughter and sweetheart, if you favor the use of the masculine term.

e. It has been the word used by the Southern whites for two centuries, when formally speaking or writing about an unworthy or criminal man or woman of the race. For when he speaks of the worthy he invariably says "colored."

f. It is not differentiated in the mind and thought of the whites from their favorite and generally used (among themselves) terms, "Negro" and "Nigger."

g. As stated by an eminent Japanese diplomat it has an unquestioned influence in cutting us off from the thought, sympathy and co-operation of the millions of colored Africans, Asiatics and Islanders of the Yonder world.

Very truly yours,

OWEN M. WALLER, M. D.

Not "Nigger"—Not "Negro."

(From the Washington Bee.)

Bishop Wilbur Thirkield, in discussing colored Americans in the Southwestern Christian Advocate, and in his reply to Irvin S. Cobb, says: "The writer means well, but it does not seem to know what the term 'nigger' has persisted as a relic of slavery and has in it the sting of liquid fire to every self-respecting Negro, must go."

Yes, and The Bee asserts that not only the word "nigger" must go, but the word "Negro." We are American citizens, the same as you, although our skin may be dark. The white man manufactured both terms and the Government legalizes them and colored Americans perpetuate them. For God's sake, give both terms a rest.

Hates the Term "Negro."

"I hate the term Negro because it is being used in terms of hatred. It is the cause of the segregation of the Negro; it is being used in contempt in public places; it is an excuse for disfranchising him; and it is an excuse for lynching him. Only one-tenth of one per cent of the colored people in America can trace their descent to Africa, and there is no more right to call all colored people Negroes than to call all white people Turks or Armenians."—Ex-Assistant United States Attorney General Wm. H. Lewis, Boston, Mass.

Certainly Silly.

Speaking at the A. M. E. conference at Indianapolis last week Bishop Coppin said: "Some colored people say that they belong to the exclusive class. Colored people are too far from the top of the ladder to talk foolishness of exclusiveness."

THE MAN WHO DARES

I honor the man who in the conscientious discharge of his duty dares to stand alone; the world, with ignorant, intolerant judgment, may condemn, the countenances of relatives may be averted, and the hearts of friends grow cold, but the sense of duty done shall be sweeter than the applause of the world, the countenances of relatives or the hearts of friends.—Charles Sumner.