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Bible Thought for Today

FRUITAGE OF SECRET PRAYER.—But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.—Matt. 6:6, 8.

HON. J. FRANK WHEATON DEAD.

It was with deep sorrow the people of the Twin Cities learned of the suicide of Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, formerly a resident of this state, in New York city, who was found asphyxiated by gas in his apartments last Sunday.

The deceased was born in Hagerstown, Md., and was about 55 years of age.

He acquired his education in various schools, including: Storer College, Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Howard University, Washington, D. C., and the University of Minnesota where he graduated in law.

He came to Minnesota in 1890 and made his home in Minneapolis where he made many friends by his genial disposition. He was a very eloquent speaker and was quite active in politics and is entitled to the distinction of having held more political positions than any other colored man in the state.

He served as one of the reading clerks in the House of Representatives, as deputy clerk in the municipal court, and deputy assistant district attorney in Minneapolis.

He was a member of the Minnesota delegation at the Republican National Convention at St. Louis in 1896.

He was elected to the lower house of the state legislature from the 42nd Minneapolis district and was the only colored man ever a member of that body.

Wheaton was twice married, was divorced from his first wife by whom he had three sons, Layton J., Frank P. and Richard W., who survive him. He is also survived by his second wife, Mrs. Dora Wheaton, whom he married in 1916, his father, Jacob F. Wheaton, aged 87 years, three brothers and two sisters.

He lived in New York for more than twenty years and was a prominent member of the bar.

He was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks in 1910.

His funeral was held at Mother Zion A. M. E. church Thursday.

Dependancy over the possibility of



HON. J. FRANK WHEATON.

Only Colored Member of a Minnesota Legislature, Who Committed Suicide in New York, Last Sunday.

having to pay a bail bond of \$5,000 which he signed for an ungrateful friend is said to have been the cause of his rash act.

PREJUDICE STOPS NOT AT THE GRAVE.

The late Governor Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback who had the distinction of having been elected to, or appointed to more prominent political positions than any other colored man in Louisiana; in life, now has the distinction in death of being the only (known) colored man buried in Metairie cemetery in New Orleans. Thirty-five or forty years ago the Pinchback family legally became the owners of a tomb in that exclusive cemetery and the remains of the late P. B. S. Pinchback were taken there for interment and a storm of protest was raised by the owners of tombs, but as the family owned the tomb they rested on their rights and the interment was made, but no ceremony of any sort was allowed to be made, and only one automobile to accompany the hearse. On resurrection morn, we wonder what those color prejudiced people will do, when they learn that a "nigger" is among them?

NEARLY \$3,000,000 WILLED FOR UPLIFT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

Information has reached THE APPEAL that bequests of nearly \$3,000,000 for educational, charitable and development work among colored people are made in the will of Mrs. Calista S. Mayhew, who died Dec. 19, 1921, in Newark, N. J. This will be splendid if it is not used along any of the jimcrow lines.

HARDING GETS ANOTHER RAP.

At the annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, held in New York last week, Charles Edward Russell, orator and author welcomed the advent of the "new Negro" who, he declared, was ready to stand up for his rights. He also ridiculed President Harding's assertion that there was an "impassable gulf" between colored and white people in the United States and advocated that, before attempting to lead the world to disarmament, the United States disarm the lyncher within her own borders. And so say we all!

Here is one paragraph from Mr. Russell's speech: "I must frankly say to the gentleman who said that, President Harding," said Mr. Russell, "that you don't know what you're talking about. If this great gulf you speak of between the races which you speak of exists, what does it look like? Have you a photograph of it? There is no such gulf, and the only limit to the development of you colored people is the one you place yourselves."

GEN. MANGIN HAS RIGHT IDEA.

We derive very much satisfaction out of the position taken by the French General Mangin who recently said:

"An end must be put to this absurd legend of the inferiority of the colored races. It is based solely on the tradition of slavery and is not at all flattering to the white races!"

So declares Gen. Mangin, whose utterance is the most authoritative of minutes than Gypsy Smith and his

those who have taken up advocacy of the cause of the colored people, following the winning of the Goncourt literary prize by the Martinique writer, Rene Maran.

Mangin is the great champion of the colored army theory, holding that only by training and arming her colonial subjects can France redress the balance in face of more populous Germany. Their fighting value he proved in the war, for "Manger" Mangin's colonial army was always in the thick of the French offensives.

The general gained his affection for the colored races during the twenty years he spent in colonial military and administrative commands. He is not merely a soldier, but has considerable competence in literary talent, which gives weight to his remarks on culture among the colored races.

"There really is an intellectual elite among the colored races, whom liberty has introduced to our culture," he asserted in an interview. "And experience has demonstrated that this elite possesses the ability to excel in every domain of human activity."

CHARLES S. MORRIS, JR., RAPS JIM CROWISM.

Gypsy Smith, the evangelist, conducted a three weeks' revival campaign in Norfolk, Va., at the Tabernacle, which seats 10,900 persons. Colored people were rigidly excluded from these meetings. Suddenly, because of financial reasons, an invitation was extended to them for a special afternoon meeting. Then a number of the colored ministers accepted the invitation to the jim crow meeting, and led something like 6,000 of their congregations to this meeting and they constituted the entire audience, the white seekers for salvation being conspicuous by their absence. This was the second time that such a meeting had been held in two years.

The following Sunday at Queen Street Baptist church, Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., "a chip of the old block," addressed a meeting of nearly 2,000 people including a body of clergymen and severely tounded the ministers and their people for attending the jim crow Gypsy Smith meeting. He chose as his subject, "The Blocks with which we Build," and plead for character, courage, faith, aspiration and loyalty.

He declared the colored man was too largely an imitator and not sufficiently a creator. "We have forty so-called Black Billy Sundays and not one of them is worth his weight in sawdust. Indeed we appear to have been dedicated to the proposition of enthroning everything white and de-throning everything black.

In speaking of loyalty to ourselves he waxed exceedingly bitter and vitriolic when he referred to the Gypsy Smith jim crow meeting. And when he said, "Down with those weak-kneed, cringing, cowardly colored preachers, who led their flocks to the slaughter, yea to be crucified on the cross of the white man's prejudice," the great crowd leaped to its feet and attested that for that word it had been waiting. "Some of these old mothers," said he, looking to some of the aged females of his audience, "with the snows of seventy winters upon their brow that never can melt, can practice more Christianity in five

gangs of profferting discriminators in five years."

We are very fortunate in having a man like Mr. Morris, and a few others who don't fail to rap jimcrowism on all occasions. May his tribe increase.

THIRTY-EIGHT LYNCHED WHILE CONGRESS DEBATES ANTI-LYNCH BILL.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Ave., New York, has made public a statement to the effect that since the introduction of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill in Congress on April 11, 1921, there had been 38 persons murdered by mobs in the United States, of whom two were burned, four bodies being publicly burned after lynching. One of those lynched was a colored woman. Three were white men.

Since the Dyer bill was favorably reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on October 31, 1921, there have been seven lynchings, one body being publicly burned, in Helena, Ark.

Among the causes assigned for these lynchings are the following:

1. A colored man called to inquire of a white girl why she had not replied to a note he had written her. He was lynched for this offense.
2. An old man was accused of assisting a white girl to escape.
3. Two colored men were lynched for aiding a third to escape.
4. One colored woman was thrown from a bridge and drowned for assisting a colored man to escape.

Georgia leads in the list of lynchings since the Dyer bill was introduced, having had 10. Mississippi is second with 7, South Carolina third, with 5; Louisiana fourth, with 4, and Arkansas and Texas each have 3.

From the above everyone may readily see the urgent necessity of writing to the state Representatives in Congress urging their support for the early passage of the bill.

CRINGING AWAKENS CONTEMPT.

We cannot win by blinking at facts or by ignoring fundamental principles. Editor J. Q. Adams of the ST. PAUL APPEAL is sound to the core and we shall all have to accept his kind of leadership if we expect to attain our full stature and status under the American Constitution. Cringing may be comfortable for the time being but it is mighty humiliating for all the time thereafter and it awakens contempt for us as it should do in the minds and hearts of our adversaries.

Editor Adams points the way, whether we accept his advice or not and sooner or later he will blaze the way to our financial, industrial and political enfranchisement in this country where none will dare molest us or make us afraid. Wise colored leaders will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The foregoing from The Planet of Richmond, Va., edited by Hon. John Mitchell, Jr., who recently polled 20,000 votes as candidate for governor of the state, is pleasing to the editor but we accept it as a tribute to the cause for which THE APPEAL has fought for nearly forty years rather than a personal compliment.

JIM CROW LEADERS.

We had in a recent issue a symposium of views of colored editors in various parts of the country on the speeches of President Harding in Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga.

One of the strongest of these is an editorial from the Richmond (Va.) Planet, by that fearless journalist, John Mitchell, Jr. Referring to the desire of President Harding to have more "negro" leaders developed, The Planet says:

THE SOUTH IS FULL OF THIS KIND OF LEADERS. DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON DID HIS PART IN DEVELOPING THIS KIND OF LEADERSHIP. IN LATER YEARS HE REALIZED THAT HE HAD GONE TOO FAR, TO THE EXTENT OF ELIMINATING THE PRINCIPLES OF MANHOOD, WITHOUT WHICH NO RACE CAN RISE TO THE FULL HEIGHT OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

This is a strong statement yet it is absolutely true. No single thing in the history of the colored people in the United States has done so much to prevent the full attainment of citizenship as that speech of Booker Washington delivered in Atlanta, Ga., in 1895.

Since then the descent to hell has been swift and sure and the depths were sounded when the other day, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, stood by the side of the Grady monument in Atlanta, pronounced a eulogy on Henry W. Grady, the most bitter, dangerous and insidious enemy of the colored people that the country has produced, declared that the race question must be settled by the segregation of American citizens.

Lured on by the enthusiastic reception by the South of the B. Washington speech and the white man's "good negro" pat on the shoulder, the jimcrow leaders' tribe has increased so enormously that it is now a menace to be reckoned with in every community in which there are a hundred colored men.

Before he died Booker Washington repented in bitterness what he had done and longed for life to wash out his unwise course but it was too late. Although it may be news to many, it is a fact that after his death an article, written by him, was printed in a leading magazine, in which he re-

pludiated segregation which he had so long championed.

No greater calamity could befall the colored people than the harvesting of a new crop of "jimcrow negro leaders."

TRUE TO FORM.

At the Detroit Methodist conference Emmett J. Scott declared "The Negro does not ask social equality and never has asked it. All he asks is social justice." But, pray how can the colored man get "social justice unless he has every kind of equality before the law and in public opinion?" Dominant people do not give exact justice to people they consider their inferiors.

Scott was private secretary to Booker Washington for nearly twenty years and was well trained to reiterate that the colored man does not want that and other things which would please the South. Now that he is away from Tuskegee he ought to learn a new tune.

COL. CHARLES YOUNG.

Highest Ranking Colored Officer of the U. S. Army, Died in Liberia.

Col. Charles Young, military attaché of the U. S. Army at the legation at Monrovia, Liberia, died and was buried at Lagos, Nigeria recently.

He graduated from West Point in 1889 and was promoted through all the grades to that of colonel, and when the United States entered the World War the Wilson Democrats fearing he would reach the rank of brigadier general, retired him on the pretext that he had "too high blood pressure." To demonstrate the falsity of the decision, Col. Young rode horseback from Xenia, Ohio, to Washington, D. C. Then he was shelved by being sent to Africa to train the constabulary.

"SPECIAL EXPERT."

The following from the Richmond Planet upholds THE APPEAL'S contention and says truly that the policy will serve to "fan the flames of race prejudice."

Hon. Charles R. Forbes of Seattle, Washington, who was recently appointed Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, has seen fit to appoint Dr. J. R. A. Crossland of St. Joseph, Mo., "Special Expert" in this department to look after the interests of colored ex-service men. This is a fitting recognition of one of our ablest leaders. Nevertheless, it emphasizes the drawing of the color line against which the far-seeing leaders of the colored people in this country have protested without seeming effect. Under this ruling, it may soon be expected that the Irish-American citizens will be appointed to look after the interests of the Germans. Italians to look after the interests of the Italians, and so on.

Dr. Crossland gave an only son to the cause in Europe and as a result, he is confined in his operations to the race with which his son was identified. We understand now, that colored men will hold offices, all right, but these offices will be confined to work amongst the colored people exclusively. This will fan the flames of race prejudice rather than stamp out the crowning infamy of this age. Financially, we may be benefited, but as a matter of fundamental principle, we are needlessly humiliated and our progress in the direction of full American citizenship and its attendant privileges checked for many years to come.

(From the Chicago Whip.)

Dr. J. R. Crossland of St. Joseph, Mo., has been appointed to handle the claims of the black veterans of the late World War. The claims of the black soldiers are the same as those of the white and Dr. Crossland has really accepted a Jim Crow job. Perry Howard, another prominent "Uncle Tom" politician, also accepted a Jim Crow job. As long as we take these political handouts, as long as our "leaders" are too hungry to refuse them, of course they will be tendered our race.

(APPEAL Editorial Sept. 3, 1921.)

THE APPEAL is sorry to note that the color line has been drawn in the new Veterans' Bureau by the organization of a "Colored Division" and the appointment of Dr. J. R. A. Crossland as its head.

Crossland lost a son who fell "fighting for democracy" in France, and it is a poor reward for the father to be given a segregated bureau. It is also said that he was an effective speaker in the last campaign, in which it was given out that the Republican party would abolish segregation in the departments at Washington. If these things are true Crossland deserves better treatment at the hands of the victors, and he also should have refused the appointment as undemocratic and demanded the same treatment as is given to other groups of American citizens.

One Lasker, a Jew, was made head of the U. S. Shipping Board. Representatives of other racial groups have been given places, but not in segregated bureaus. No President of the United States would dare offer a Jew a place as the head of a segregated Jewish bureau. There is no such place and never will be. Only colored people are segregated by this alleged democracy.

Some people may think that the "special" appointments which have been handed out by the present Republican administration are forward movements, but they are really nails in the coffin of democracy and are dangerous to the social and political status of the colored people.

The administration ought to cut out these "special" jobs, eliminate segregation which was promised in the campaign, and if colored men are to have appointments let them be on a level with those given to other groups of American citizens.

Better no places at all than those which lower the status of the race and automatically make their holders defenders of segregation.

Marcus Garvey Arrested. New York, Jan. 12.—Marcus Garvey, president of the Black Star line and head of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, was arrested today charged with using the mails to defraud.

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