

however, does not mean that the Negro for causes cannot at times consistently support the nominees of the Democratic party for local offices and even sometimes for a congressman, but he certainly is a political abortion when he announces the fact that he is a Democrat from principle, unless it be the principle of wanting to "do" everybody that he can for his own selfish purposes.

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Was Allison Railroaded

There is something pathetic after all in the case of J. B. Allison, who is described in the daily papers as "the Negro desparado", for having attempted to break jail in Seattle one day last week, and for being charged with numerous crimes before being arrested, tried and convicted. That Allison is a human degenerate seems unquestioned and that he was associated prior to his arrest with men of like character there is no doubt, and on account of that he is now serving a twenty years sentence in the state penitentiary. Whether guilty or not one who associates with such characters must expect sooner or later to be administered the same kind of medicine that they themselves would be given if caught. Allison was none too good to do everything that has been laid at his door, but his attempt to escape, his explanation thereof and the circumstances of his arrest and conviction, all being considered would tempt most any human being to think that he is deserving of at least one drop of human sympathy. Allison claims that he did not commit any of the crimes that he was charged with by the police, and the evidence at his trial was circumstantial and far fetched, but owing to the fact that Hubbard and Freeman were witnesses against him and owing to the fact that the man has Negro blood in his veins, it to the average Seattleite would appear that there is something in his story of being deserted by his pals and railroaded by the police. Either of these officers would swear their souls to the very gates of Hades in order to do a person in whose veins flow one drop of Negro blood an injury, and this perhaps accounts for Allison being so severely punished.

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Mrs. Amanda Smith Here

The citizens of Seattle and especially those of the Methodist fraternity, have been warmly welcoming in their midst Mrs. Amanda Smith, the noted colored evangelist, who by the way, is the founder of the Amanda Smith Orphanage in Chicago, for colored children, which orphanage, though having only been in operation a few years is doing a splendid work among the colored folk and she has been the guest of honor in the various Methodist Episcopal churches during the past week. It will be remembered that Mrs. Smith on previous occasions held revival meetings in the Methodist churches of this city and proved a great success. For weeks she held forth in the First Methodist church during the pastorate of Rev. E. M. Randal and hundreds of young men and women were added to the church roll during that time. Subsequently she held a series of revival meetings in the Battery Street Methodist Episcopal church and her success on that occasion in bringing souls to the church was equally gratifying as at the First church. Mrs. Smith is a remarkable woman. She was born in slavery, but early took to missionary and evangelistic work and is perhaps the most successful female evangelist without regard to color or nationality in the country. She has done

evangelistic work throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, and in every state in the United States. She is always warmly welcomed in those places where she has held revival meetings because her real merit is known by them and appreciated.

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Blethen Got Roasted

Under the caption of "Some Debts of Honor" C. H. Childs of Minneapolis, who is receiver for Alden J. Blethen's defunct bank, which Blethen is none other than the Editor-in-chief of the Seattle Daily Times, some facts are set forth in a letter in the Post-Intelligencer last Sunday that must have made the "Editor-in-chief of the only up-to-date twentieth century newspaper" feel like "thirty cents with two holes in it." It will be remembered that the suit for the collection of certain notes was recently begun against A. J. Blethen by the receiver of the bank in question in our courts, and in discussing the matter in the Times, Editor Blethen went out of his way to roast C. H. Childs the receiver, who had done nothing to him except carry out the mandates of the law. Childs got back last Sunday as has already been said in a communication which does not reflect a very high moral standing on the part of Alden J. Blethen, the banker and journalist. Little things like that, however, do not seem to weigh very heavily on the Colonel's conscience for he pushes them aside just as glibly as if they were in praise of him. Strange to say, however, the citizens of this town have made it possible for him, in spite of his past record, to boast of another fortune which he has made in this city within the past seven years. Humanity takes some queer streaks in the course of events and this seems to be one of them.

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City's Health Report

The monthly report of the Board of Health is out and as usual full of splendid information about Seattle. The report estimates the population of Seattle at 135,000, and on that basis the mortality record is 8.40 per one thousand. The total number of deaths during the month was 100 and the diseases and the number dying of each disease are as follows:

Tuberculosis, general, 8; tuberculosis of Peritoneum, 1; scarlet fever, 1; diphtheria, 1; typhoid fever, 4; alcoholism, 2; cancer, of uterus, 3; of genitals, 1; of urinary bladder, 1; erysipelas 1; Addison's disease, 1; scurvy, 1; paralysis, 3; hemorrhage of brain, 1; apoplexy, 2; organic heart disease, 8; pernicious anaemia, 1; pneumonia, 9; gangrene of lungs, 1; peritonitis, 1; cirrhosis of liver, 2; hepatitis, 2; dysentery, 1; intestinal obstruction, 1; cystitis, 1; uraemia, 1; diabetes, 1; Bright's disease, 2; puerperal septicaemia, 1; septic cellulitis of abdomen, 1; senile decay, 6; psoas abscess, 1; marasmus, 1; inanition, 3; premature birth, 2; broncho-pneumonia, 6; icterus, 1; meningitis, 1; atelectasis, 1; malnutrition, 1; pulmonary oedema, 1; purpura hemorrhagica, 1. Accidental—Drowning, 2; external violence, 2; hemorrhage of spinal cord, 1; carbon monoxide poisoning, 1; fracture of leg, shock, 1; morphine poisoning, 1. Suicide—Pistol shot, 1; carbolic acid poisoning, 2. Total, 100.

The death rate for each month during the year, per one thousand, is as follows:

January.....1904....	.65....	7.80....	88.
February ...1904....	.66....	7.92....	90
March1904....	.81....	9.72....	110
April1904....	.68....	8.17....	92
May1904....	.70....	8.40....	100

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It would appear that the beer garden license for the Madison Park is a dead one. The weakling could not withstand the light

of public opinion and of course, died a born-in. Regardless of whom fathered the pernicious measure it has met its just deserts and let's hope is dead, so dead that its putrid carcass will never again even smell, let alone live and join in one united chorus, "Peace to its ashes."

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The Populists will hold their county convention tomorrow (Saturday) to elect delegates to the national convention of their faith, which will be held in Springfield, Illinois. Editor Clayson of the Patriarch is taking the lead in this movement and is deserving of much praise for trying to break his party loose from the Democratic hydra-headed monster.

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The national Republican central committee, which has been looking into the contesting delegations from the South, has decided against the Lilywhites and branded the conventions that elected them as rumps. Step by step Roosevelt is proving himself the Negro's best and most loyal friend. If he is elected next November (and he will be) he is going to do something in the South.

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For a general thing lawyers, however, always manage to get hold of enough dough to put on a "front." In other words, they generally look good. Some lawyers do better in their profession than others and of course, being fond of a fine "front," they shine it up in proportion to their earnings. Now Josiah Collins is one of those attorneys that has done well and his recent tour of Europe and his harness at present all go to prove it. He does look "hot stuff" now and he knows it. One day last week he met Mrs. Dr. Marsh at the Haller building elevator, and having just returned from Europe he aped Chesterfield just like Chesterfield himself could do it. Dr. Marsh eyed his bow cautiously, observed his dashing suit and passed on. After entering the elevator she remarked to T. N. Haller, "well, now, don't he look just too irresistible for any female? Who could withstand such a temptation?" Whether she did or did not mean what she said cut not ice with the other passengers, who roared loud enough to shock her modesty, but she seemed to have enjoyed it.

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Among the students graduating from the law school whose portraits appear in another column hereof is that of E. H. McGee, an Afro-American. Mr. McGee left last Monday evening for the East with the view of taking a course in Harvard, and after finishing there will return West and begin practicing law. He is the third colored student to graduate from the law department of the State University. The others were Charles Scrutchin and Wm. Austin. The former is now a prosperous lawyer of Minnesota, while the latter left Seattle with the view of going to the Philippines.

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The Methodists have attacked the trusts. Now it seems to be up to the Baptists.—The Boston Transcript.

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