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SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 1910

Colored folks in Richmond have not lost faith in their own enterprises, although some folks outside of Richmond may have done so.

The best way to run a business is to run one that white folks will be willing to support. Colored folks will then follow the white folks, and you are bound to prosper.

Some colored folks will gravitate and support people who are not only unreliable, but dishonest and crooked, and when they meet with disaster will swear by all the gods that every other leader, both the honest and the upright, is not to be trusted either.

We cannot expect our people to give up their old habits or to regain confidence on short notice. They have been trained in the school of inequality and steeped in the pot of race prejudice and they are necessarily slow in embracing new ideas, but they are coming.

Continue to teach your children good manners. Show them how to conduct themselves at a table and about the home. A well-bred colored child will always find friends in this cold world of ours. As for the boorish and insulting ones, they are candidates for the jails, penitentiaries and the almshouses, and will be sure to reach there.

All the colored folks who want to go to Africa should go, but as to us and our household we shall stay right here in this country of hell and white man's oppression. It may increase, and it may lessen; but, taken either way, it cannot be any worse than the experiences of slavery through which we have already passed with honor and dishonor, with credit and discredit.

Colored people will make a great mistake if they do not cultivate a friendly relationship and make friends with the better class of white people of the Southland. The Negro-haters are not to be considered, for little or nothing can be done with them any way—but the

open-hearted, well-meaning Southerners of the Old School can always be counted upon to help us.

Speaking of race leadership, one has to consider conditions. Too many of our people think that by antagonizing everything some other worthy colored man has done they show their transcendent ability as leaders. When it comes to tearing down, these leaders occupy the front of the stage. When it comes to building up, you can see their coat-tails as they rush out of the back door. We want leaders, who can lead upward, and not wind-mill leaders, who lead downward.

Jailer A. A. Phelts, of Columbus, Georgia, died December 17, 1910, of wounds received in defending the jail against a mob that was attacking that citadel in an effort to secure a Negro, who was not in the jail at the time.

He should have a monument erected to his memory. He died in defense of the law and not of the Negro, although there is hardly one member of that mob who can see it in that light. In the meantime, the jailer killed Irvin Kent and wounded two other white men and kept the whole crowd of would-be murderers from entering the jail, which he was sworn to protect. That one funeral and those two hospital bills will have a sobering effect on mobs in that neighborhood hereafter.

TROUBLE ON A STREET CAR.

The "Jim-Crow" street-car law is constantly getting some white man in trouble in this city. The colored folks are quick to obey both conductors and the police officers, for they are used to that kind of business; but the white folks dislike to take orders, even from their own kith and kin. The following item from the Times-Dispatch of December 17, 1910, is mighty interesting reading to the colored folks, and they smile broadly as they realize Mr. Goldstein's predicament:

M. Goldstein, was arrested last night on a charge of being disorderly and cursing on a street car. He was taken in hand by the car crew, Tiller and Parrish, and turned over to a police officer.

In defense of himself, Goldstein says he is from Washington and unfamiliar with the law governing passenger seats in this State. He took a rear seat, and, having a large number of bundles, was rather slow in moving. He alleges that the conductor grabbed him by the neck and used unnecessary force, causing him to indulge in some sort of outburst.

To him we would state that carriages are high in price, but walking is free. Stay off the street cars and off the car tracks. One is about as dangerous as the other.

Santa Claus!

Come, Santa Claus! Come softly as of old!
Tip gently through the stillness—bustle our beds.
While in the bright canoe of dreams we sail
The weltering waves that rock the deep blue sea
Of sleep—sweet sleep! No heavy load of care,
Nor shall tomorrow lay a thought upon
Our brows while thou art near.
Back through the years
We turn the leaves of time and there retracing
The simple infant pages of our lives
Where linger yet dear memories of thee,
Oh, Santa Claus! Thy smile of light we feel
As glow the gleams of heaven in the moon
Fanned by the raven wings of night—thy smile
Lit by the angels at the altar of Peace!
Oh, Santa Claus! Oh, name so spotless, pure!
So wrapped in baby faiths and tender prayers!
As little children, now—again, we hear
Thy sleigh bells tinkle—tinkle faint and low—
Fill thou our stockings—fill our folded hands,
And fill our hopes—our hearts—our souls
With thy true spirit, Kindness and Good-Will!
Yea, Santa Claus, thy real name is—LOVE!

LUCIAN B. WATKINS.

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Richmond, Va., Dec. 19, 1910.

This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A., (\$150.00) one hundred and fifty dollars in payment of the death claim of Brother William A. Smith, who was a member of Rockingham Star Lodge, No. 72, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Signed: LOUISA A. SMITH, Beneficiary.
Witness: Europe Johnson, C. C., R. Conklin Mason, M. F., G. A. Newman, D. D., G. C.

Segregation of the Races.

The following is a verbatim copy of the ordinance adopted by the City Council of Baltimore, Md.:

An ordinance for preserving order, securing property values and promoting the great interests and insuring the good government of Baltimore City:

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That from and after the date of the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any white person to move into or begin to occupy, as a residence or as a place of public assembly, any house, building or habitation, within or upon that part of any street or alley way, running in any direction, within the City of Baltimore, lying between the two adjacent streets, crossing or intersecting the said part of any such said street or alley way, if at the date of the passage of this ordinance, such part of said street or alley way as aforesaid, shall contain a greater number of houses, buildings or habitations occupied as residences, by Negroes or colored people, than it does houses, buildings or habitations occupied as residences by white people.

Section 2. And be it further ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That it shall be unlawful for any Negro or colored person to move into or to begin to occupy as a residence or as a place of public assembly, any house, building or habitation, within or upon that part of any street or alley way, running in any direction, within the City of Baltimore, lying between the two adjacent streets, crossing or intersecting the said part of any such said street or alley way, if at the date of the passage of this ordinance, such part of said street or alley way as aforesaid, shall contain a greater number of houses, buildings or habitations occupied as residences by white people, than it does houses, buildings or habitations occupied as residences by Negroes or colored people.

Section 3. And be it further ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That from and after the date of the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to open up, or cause to be opened up, any new streets or alleys, without first declaring in the application for permit to build, whether the houses are to be built for and occupied by white or Negro or colored people, and the Building Inspector shall have power to require assurance satisfactory to him before such permit may be issued or granted to said applicant therefor.

Section 4. And be it further ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That any person directly or indirectly, whether a principal, agent or abettor, violating any of the provisions of either of the first three sections of this ordinance, shall upon conviction therefor in any court of competent jurisdiction be fined the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars, or confined in the Baltimore City Jail for not less than thirty days, nor more than twelve months, or shall be both fined and imprisoned, as aforesaid, as in the judgment of said court may seem proper; provided, however, that nothing in this said ordinance shall be so construed as to affect the white and Negro colored residents, or the location of their residences previous to the date of the passage of this ordinance, and provided also that nothing in this said ordinance shall be so construed as to affect the residence of white or colored or Negro servants, or employees, while duly employed as such in any section of said City of Baltimore.

And provided also that nothing in this ordinance shall be so construed as to prevent any person from purchasing or owning property in said city.

Dr. Washington vs. Criticism.

The Richmond (Va.) Planet, in commenting upon the recent attack upon Dr. Booker T. Washington by Dr. John E. Millholland, Dr. DuBois and others expresses opinion that Dr. Washington's influence has been lessened by the criticisms which they are making. The editorial reads as follows:

"The recent attack upon Dr. Booker T. Washington and his policies by Hon. John E. Millholland and the open letter of leading colored men sent to the press of the United States and Great Britain are the most serious and damaging onslaughts that have ever been made upon this distinguished leader of the citizen of color.

"While these criticisms have had a tendency to solidify Dr. Washington's friends, they have nevertheless tended to lessen his influence among many influential persons and indirectly the race has been shown up in a disparaging light. It emphasizes the fact too that the factions in our own ranks cannot be harmonized or welded together under any one recognized leadership."

While there is much truth in the assertion, "That it emphasizes the fact that factions in our own ranks cannot be harmonized or welded together under one recognized leadership," but, it passes belief that Dr. Washington will suffer in the least at the hands of these howlers who never do anything but agitate, and who are more jealous of the reputation Dr. Washington is making for himself than they are of the danger that may result from the Tuskegee plan of education.

By persisting in such a course Dr. Washington's critics will do nothing more than focus public attention upon what they most earnestly desire to banish from the minds of the people.

Dr. Washington is the most prominent figure before the American public today, and he will continue to grow in favor and popularity despite his would-be defamers.—Durham (N. C.) Reformer.

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Appeal to Colored Americans Particularly, and to all other Americans:—

Friday, January 6, 1911, is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Sumner, for twenty-three years a member of the United States Senate, during the critical days for this Union, from 1851 until 1874. We appeal to our fellow-countrymen to celebrate with appropriate exercises his centenary.

To no man more than to Sumner does this Republic owe its preservation as a free country; to none more its rescue from the blasting blight and national blot of human slavery. At first standing almost alone in the Senate, he thundered against the infamy of slavery until it was abolished. Willingly he suffered the almost living death caused by the mighty attack he made upon this sin, and by his suffering multiplied its enemies. After slavery was abolished he was foremost against its recrudescence in new forms. Noble service he rendered his Republic as advocate of equality of rights.

He was a moral giant, a great statesman, a white crusader against caste, a true American. He belonged not to Massachusetts alone, but to the Union. Now the whole country owes him homage. Only by loyalty to his tenet of democracy that "Equality of rights is the first of rights," can the perpetuity of free institutions be assured.

Let those Americans of color to secure liberty, citizenship, the ballot and lastly civil equality for whom he labored prepare to honor his memory in public meeting on January the 6, 1911. He died with these words on his lips: "Don't let them kill my Civil Rights Bill."

Honor his memory all other Americans for whom he gave his life and his life to make this a real Republic—a country where all should be equal under the law without distinction of race, creed or color, in very truth the land of the free.

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EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The fifth annual conference of the principals and teachers of the higher colored schools of Virginia will be held at Virginia Union University Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27th and 28th. The sessions will begin Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The program of the conference will be as follows:

PROGRAM.

General Topics: Preparation in School for Life; Increased School Efficiency.

Tuesday, Dec. 27.

2:30 P. M.—How can our schools be made more helpful to the future living of their students?

Mr. Jackson Davis, Superintendent of Rural Colored Schools.

2:45—Teaching and training in morals.

Miss Lottie Jefferson, Supervisor of Centralia, Prin. B. F. McWilliams, Corey Mem. Inst.

3:00—Character of School Rules and Effective Penalties.

Major R. R. Moton, Hampton Institute.

7:20—Successful Experience in Making Science, Especially Agriculture, Practically Helpful.

Prof. G. W. Owen, Petersburg.

8:15—Athletics and the School's Attitude and Responsibility Towards them.

Prin. F. W. Wilson, Thye Institute.

9:00—The More Important Failings of Secondary Schools in Preparing Teachers, and How to Remedy Them.

Prof. R. P. Stearnes, Secretary of State Board of Education.

Wednesday, Dec. 28.

9:00 A. M.—Relations of Secondary Schools to Elementary Local Schools.

Prin. Thomas S. Bruce, Nansemond Inst.

9:45—How Can Teachers Make Themselves More Efficient Without Attending Another School?

Prin. T. R. Irwin, Dinwiddie Agricultural Institute.

10:30—How Can a Principal Test His School as Compared With Other Schools.

11:15—What Definite Progress Has Each School Represented in the Conference Made in the Last Five Years?

What Are Its Most Serious Problems?

Last year sixteen of the best schools in the State were represented in the conference, and a still larger number will probably be represented this year.

All teachers and all persons interested in education will be heartily welcomed at the sessions. The subjects and the speakers insure a most interesting conference.

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Signed: LEANNA WILLIAMS, Beneficiary.
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Night Riders and Negroes Fight in Pike.

Barnesville, Ga., Dec. 14.—Grave trouble between the races is reported in the vicinity of Milner, a small town about 5 miles north of here. For some weeks it is alleged that night riders have been going about in that section whipping negroes. It is alleged that many negroes have been maltreated, and the feeling on the part of the Negroes became very bitter.

TWO MEN FATALLY SHOT.

It is said the Negroes organized for defense and early this morning, after midnight, when the night riders visited the home of Will Atwater, a Negro, for the purpose of whipping him, they met with resistance. A fight ensued, in which many shots were fired, Will Atwater being fatally wounded, and a white man, who was with the night riders, also being probably fatally shot.

The night riders were all masked and they removed their wounded companion, and are said to have secreted him.

CRISIS REPORTED REACHED.

J. W. Woodall, a large planter, who lives near Milner, telephoned here early tonight that a crisis had been reached, and that aid was needed to prevent further racial clashes.

Woodall says that the Negro Atwater is dead and that the white man who was wounded in the fight at Atwater's home has also died. The identity of the white man is being kept secret.

CAUSE OF TROUBLE UNKNOWN.

Just what caused the outbreak of night riding against the Negroes is not known, but it is alleged that it has been going on for some weeks and that scores of Negroes have been whipped.

The sheriff of Pike county has been communicated with at Zebulon and it is understood that he will proceed to Milner to investigate and if possible to stop the trouble.

TROOPS MAY BE NEEDED.

Mr. Woodall, in telephoning her tonight, strongly intimated that he thought the militia would have to be used to check the trouble.

Editor Clifford's Tribute.

(Martinsburg (W. Va.) Pioneer Press)

For a number of weeks the noted Richmond Planet has contained an article descriptive of Editor Mitchell's triumphant tour to Los Angeles, California. Mr. Mitchell, as many may know, is a banker as well as an editor, being president of the Mechanics' Savings Bank, Richmond, Va., and his visit to the Southern California metropolis was on account of his desire to attend

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