

THE RICHMOND PLANET

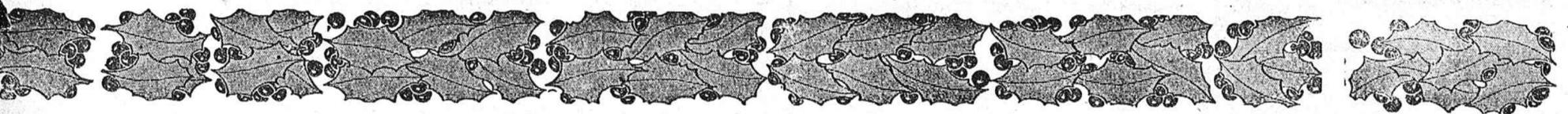
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THE AMERICAN NEGRO

American Negro, Greetings:--

The race is now standing at the entrance of a new era and the beginning of another world war marks the epochal situation. We are marking time, or than marching forward. Our cities are augmenting in number, or than gaining in spiritual power. Our schools are gaining in efficiency but wanting in moral energy and rational appeal. Our political life is retrograde. In business enterprise alone is there encouraging intimation of a progressive spirit. The burden of race reclamation is being shifted from philanthropy to our shoulders. The future service of philanthropy will be material, consultative and advisory. It can no longer be a mate and directive. Two generations of philanthropy have wrought in vain unless the Negro has been enabled to walk on his own feet. The only help that is worth while is help which helps the helplessness to himself. The Negro must henceforth furnish his own leadership to guide his own segregated life which he is forced to live apart. Race reclamation, not race control, is the way for the future. The best elements of the two must unite in the spirit of mutual respect and good will for the common weal.

Millions of Negroes possess all the potentialities of civilization. Like the wild water power of our mighty rivers they have been going to waste for all of the centuries. Slavery robbed the Negro of his mind and his physical powers to the crude task of South's industrial needs. The new Negro leadership is to rear up talent power to the engineery of uplift and reclamation.

There is no "fundamental, eternal, capable, difference" of race which the Negro can recognize in any world. The Negro must stand if he stands for the intellectual, moral and spiritual unity of mankind. Religion is not surrender to race. Christianity must not be allowed to compromise with color.

The clock which revolves upon the Negro leadership is as great as which falls upon human shoulders. An ideal must be formulated which is sufficiently tangible and definite to appeal to the whole race and to kindle and inspire their dormant energies. Whether this ideal shall attain in America or on some distant island is not the question. The light is greater than the thing; God is greater than the deed. The ideal transcends the deed. Let this be the program by which we shall uplift the race. I would say to the New Negro leadership: accept yourselves like men, awake, arise, make ready the way for the New Day.

Signed: —KELLEY MILLER.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

CHARLES GREEN GETS A WRIT OF ERROR

Attorneys Wm. F. Denny and C. A. McKenzie just received notice from the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of a writ of error granted in the case of the Commonwealth against Charles Green. It will be remembered that this man was tried and convicted for "robbery" on the Petersburg Turnpike, Stop 17 and was tried at Chesterfield Court House on the 2nd day of last June by a jury who gave him 18 years in the pen.

Attorney Denny said that the case will be fought through the Supreme Court and feels sure of a reversal of the lower Court.

The public is much interested in the outcome of this case.

A New Year Creed.
(Selected)

I believe in myself, and in my power to do big things and win success.

I believe in my friends, my neighbors, and my business associates.

I believe in the organization of which I am a member, and in the principles for which it stands.

I believe in my city, my state, and my nation, and in the universality of good clean citizenship.

I believe that my greatest duty and greatest privilege is to be true to my self, my fellow man, my country and my God.

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Shepherds Install Officers.

There will be a public installation of the officers of all the folds in the city of Richmond and vicinity at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Corner Leigh and Judith Streets, Tuesday night, January 3, 1922 at 8:30.

The public is invited to attend. An excellent program will be rendered. Admission free.

BRIEFS AND SPICES.
(By E. J. C.)

Many a promising New Year has been marred by failure to turn over a new leaf.

A Happy New Year thrives best in old company.

It is never too late to spend what it took a lifetime to save.

Many a modern man is as good as his word, but—no better.

To make some week-end guests feel at home it is necessary for the hostess to argue with her husband.

Man in Los Angeles, Cal., asks Hays to send him home by Parcel Post—Headline—We've seen men sent by P. O. but not human beings; John Barley corn tried it once but was killed in transit.

"You are no older than you feel!"—Probably not—but its hard to convince those who have grey hairs that youth isn't waiting at the corner drug store.

Thirst for publicity has driven some coal dealers to the no credit basis, but still they stick a lot of people on the slate.

It is reported that an alchemist has made gold out of lead—that's nothing plumbers have been doing it for ages.

Its easy to swear off the smokes when you have only Xmas Cigars in the box.

Others may contribute ideas, but the man who is successful at making homebrew claims his recipe is original.

GREAT PLATFORM MEETING.

Under the caption of "An Attack on One of the Economic Barriers of the Negro Race," a great Platform Meeting is to be held at Traders Hall, Thursday, January 5, 1922, at 8 o'clock P. M. This meeting will be the occasion of launching a city-wide movement to establish a system of stores in Richmond, which shall be owned and operated by colored people.

The program will consist of addresses by some of the foremost men and women of the race, in the presence of Dr. R. V. Peyton, Mrs. Margaret Walker, Prof. J. H. Blackwell, E. J. King and others.

Another special feature of the program will be music by the famous 4th Glee Club. Admission will be free. All are invited. Plans for establishing the stores will be explained by Mr. J. S. Collins.

GVERNOR PINCHBACK DIES

Washington, Dec. 21.—Pinckney Stewart Pinchback, colored, of Louisiana from December 22 to January 18, 1873, died here today. He was 84 years of age and lived in Washington for 40 years.

