

Seattle and we hope to see the move meet the hearty approval of the general public and receive a most generous support, which would enable the women to purchase an improved property and at once set about its work. The officers for the ensuing years are Mrs. Clara Bonner, president; Mrs. Mattie Oliver, vice-president; Mrs. Ida Wilson, recording secretary; Miss Bennett Dorn, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Delia Whicker, treasurer. The Club already has a membership of 36. For a life membership one has to subscribe \$100, paying \$10 at the time of joining and \$5 per month until the amount has been paid in. One can become a charter member by paying \$5 initiation fee. The annual dues of all members are \$5. The Club will meet twice a month, the first and fourth Tuesdays, the first the business meeting and the second a membership luncheon.

Despite the fact that the men who met at Dr. Cardwell's office last Friday went on record as opposing any collection being taken up at any of the churches to help defray the expenses of Delegate Carter to the Equal Rights Conference, yet a collection was lifted at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church raising \$45. All present objected to the church collecting idea and so expressed themselves, and in appealing to the members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church for additional funds a gentleman's agreement was broken.

That was a more or less interesting business meeting of the Seattle Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The roster of officers for the ensuing year are President S. H. Stone, Vice-President Harvey Chandler, Secretary Alice S. Presto, Assistant Secretary, Ethel Howard, Treasurer L. A. Graves. The executive committee is composed of N. I. Ashberry (Tacoma), J. B. Barber, H. R. Cayton, J. F. Cragwell, G. W. Jones, E. F. B. Richardson, Milton Vernon, I. I. Walker and Arthur Williams.

The next regular meeting of the Branch will be held the evening of January 1st at the Grace Presbyterian Church for which a committee composed of I. I. Walker, Rev. J. B. Barber and H. R. Cayton will arrange a program.

For years as editor of either this or some other weekly paper we have protested against the daily papers quoting even well educated colored men in plantation jargon, but comes now Lieutenant Charles S. Parker of the U. S. Army, who is in France, in a letter to some one in Seattle, which is published in the P. I. under glaring headlines and winds up quoting a "private buck" from Alabama in the most humiliating anti-bellum jargon. Be it remembered that Lieutenant Parker was at one time one of Washington's foremost colored citizens and has protested to the daily press of Spokane just as persistently as we have against putting such jargon in the mouths of colored men. We are of the opinion that the very next time a colored person goes to the daily press of Seattle to protest against jargonizing the words of colored persons appearing in print he or she will be told we are doing no more in that direction than your leading colored men and the interview will end with "Clean up your own house before telling us to clean up ours."

The meeting last Friday evening in Dr. D. T. Cardwell's office was one that thoroughly demonstrated the forcefulness of the Seattle Spirit, which has built a city of gigantic proportions where but a few years ago the hills and hollows were covered with the virgin forests. At the suggestion of Rev. W. D. Carter some twenty or thirty men

met as stated above to consider the advisability of sending a delegate to Washington City to participate in the Equal Rights Congress, which will convene December 16th, having for its prime object the sending of delegates to the world's peace conference at Marseilles. Those present soon resolved themselves into a subsidiary body and elected Rev. W. D. Carter, president; S. H. Stone, vice-president; Rev. J. B. Barber, secretary, and B. F. White, treasurer. Rev. W. D. Carter was unanimously elected delegate to the congress and those present raised then and there the necessary funds to defray his expenses. Those who subscribed to the fund were:

Colored Conscript Fund \$61.67, N. A. P. C. P. Fund \$25, Rev. Carter \$5, W. F. Green \$5, W. E. Vrooman \$6, Dr. Cardwell \$6, H. Gregg \$6.25, C. R. Anderson \$5, H. R. Cayton \$6, W. Chandler \$6.50, Z. L. Woodson \$6.75, W. Williams \$5.25 B. F. Tutt \$6, H. Legg \$5, J. W. Anderson \$2, A. D. Taylor \$5.50, Mr. Lusk \$2, S. H. Stone \$3.50, W. H. Banks \$3, P. Frazier \$5, Mr. DeBow \$5, J. R. Barnes \$5, Anonymous 25c. Total \$1189.17.

BLACK AND TAN

The clandestine miscegenation of the white and black folk for the United States has been going on so long and so persistently that the legal and holy miscegenation is being seriously discussed, especially among the white folk and the letter below in the Seattle Daily Star is to the point in question.

Dear Miss Grey: "M. W." wants to know if Negro will show in any children he might have, in marrying a girl who is one-sixteenth Negro blood. A good answer to the gentleman would be that if he has the race prejudice, his query indicates, he had better leave the girl alone.

Ten years from now, whether or not his children show the slightest resemblance to the Negro, he will remember that she is Negro, and throw it up at her, and perhaps leave her as so many white men do, when they marry outside the white race.

Negro blood is strong in original tendencies because the race is primitive, closer to nature than the highly trained and specialized white races. For this reason, traits peculiarly Negro may develop, even in the girl, later on, after marriage, as well as the children. Persons have been seen who were, and are, as white Caucasian in form and feature as any one, who showed Negro mental traits, and any Southerner can tell you the South is full of people who are as white as you or I, but who are Negro in everything else. The Negro WILL predominate when the blood is mixed, because it is the stronger, from its proximity to primitive nature. So, unless he can love the girl, regardless of her Negro ancestry, and his children, without fearing Negro appearance or traits, he is only heaping up misery for them and himself, too. He will hate both the girl and his children by her, unless he is broad enough to forget the matter of race entirely. I know two young men in this city who don't know they are colored, fine, manly boys; some day they will marry fine women, and some day the women will find the matter out, and then look out for fireworks.

Men and women of mixed Negro and Caucasian blood are very attractive, so much so that Quatrefages, the French scientist, says they are superior to the full-blooded white in personal charm. It is a well known fact that their minds are very active. Booker Washington, Fred Douglas and a host of educated Negroes in this country attest the mentality of mixed blooded Negro men. There is nothing to be ashamed of except in the mind of the party himself, but he had better not do it, and cause them and himself future misery and unhappiness in many ways.

Lytwayt, the butcher, had been very busy for a few moments with a well-worn dictionary. Suddenly he closed it with a snap and glowered at his wife in the cash-desk. "That Mrs. Smart is getting too clever," he growled. "What's the matter?" asked the lady, surprised at this criticism of a good customer. "When she came in just now she told me I ought to rename my scales the Ambuscade brand." "Well, why—?" "I've just looked up the word," went on the infuriated man, "and the dictionary says that ambuscade means 'to lie in weight.'"

The sergeant-major had the reputation of never being at a loss for an answer. A young officer made a bet with a brother officer that he would, in less than twenty-four hours, ask the sergeant-major a question that would baffle him. The sergeant-major accompanied the young officer on his rounds, in the course of which the cookhouse was inspected. Pointing to a large copper of water just commencing to boil, the officer said: "Why does that water only boil around the edges of the copper and not in the center?" "The water around the edge, sir," replied the veteran, "is for the men on guard; they have their breakfast half an hour before the remainder of the company."



Cayton's Weekly has been favored with a number of subscribers since its first issue and its editor has never once stopped to inquire whether the matter contained in its columns from time to time pleased or displeased a majority of its subscribers. What, however, it has said made you and each of you set up and take notice and was met for thought one way or the other, and you, therefore, have been benefitted. Within the next four weeks another Christmas will be with us and though the editor hereof is now in his sixtieth year he has no remembrance of having ever received a Christmas present of real value. For the surprise of our life we are going to ask every reader of Cayton's Weekly to send it at least one year's subscription and mark it Christmas and we promise you the letter will not be opened until Christmas day. We know of no present that would give us so much pleasure as every subscriber and reader of this weekly paper sending in a year's subscription to be opened on Christmas day. Perhaps many of the busy men and women will not give this odd request very much if any consideration, but "there is no fool like an old fool" and this hobby of ours is one, if it works, that will give us much pleasure and in return, for the ensuing twelve months, we promise to send to your address each week a paper that will either disgust you or excite your admiration just as much as has those copies of Cayton's Weekly that have been published by us for the past two and a half years. Let us hear from you and each of you in a way that will make us feel glad Christmas day.

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