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AFRICA FOR AFRICANS

Is a beautiful theory, but a chamellion dream, that is, viewing it from the standpoint of the Marcus Garveyites. If the Garveyites should be successful in returning all or a major part of the descendants of black Africans living in other parts of the world to the land of their original parents, then an historical event will have been accomplished such as has never before been recorded, and that would really be, "something new under the sun." The descendants of black Africans in the United States now number twelve million souls more or less and at least six millions of them are so closely identified with the white Americans in color that it would be next to impossible to convince them of the necessity of such a migration and the other six millions, black as they are, are so closely identified with the six million mixed bloods that they would refuse to make their exit and leave behind them their mulatto brethren. The whole scheme of rehabilitating Africa with descendants of black Africans scattered to the four corners of the world and more or less identified with the respective races and peoples with whom they have been thrown in immediate contact, is so absolutely preposterous that we seriously question such an exaggerated opinion. If we are to believe the findings and conclusions of distinguished historians the black Africans have been supplying blood and bone for decaying white races and tribes for a million years, and perhaps then some. All of the islands of the South Seas and even to the major part of southern Europe have drawn heavily upon black Africa from time to time to strengthen their decaying bloods, and, as a result, all of such countries now have strong and rugged populations of a more or less mongrel composition. Now, if the Garveyite theory should prevail, all those peoples would or must return to Africa, because, forsooth, African black blood flows through their veins—ridiculous.

In order to erect a great central African government under the absolute control of black Africans the foundation must be laid in Africa itself and by those black Africans that are already there and under no circumstances in America and by Garveyites. In other words those four hundred million black Africans already in Africa must receive the light of the Lamb, that taketh away the sins of the world, and be born into a civilization, the chief corner of which is organization, and like the Japanese government that had lain dormant since the mind of man runneth not to the contrary, suddenly awake to its surroundings and not only took on active life, but actually bloomed like the proverbial green bay tree and in less than a half of a century assumed a standing among the most potent powers of the world, and we repeat, that he who runs may read, unless that great horde of black Africans awake from their long hibernation and themselves lay the foundation for a great central government,

which will make Africa a country for only black Africans the feat will hardly be accomplished by outside colored folks living in other countries, and to that extent, we see no success ahead for Marcus Garvey and those who are following after him. The migration of even the twelve million colored persons in the United States to Africa would require more ships and men-of-war than the United States government now possesses constantly operating for the next quarter of a century, and then add the number of colored persons in South and Central America and the West Indies and the ships of the world could hardly perform the feat within the next one hundred years, hence, in a nut shell, it can't be done.

Though that great central government and migration idea advocated by Marcus Garvey and his followers appear to us absolutely ridiculous, yet their idea of organizing for Commercial purpose is quite worthy of profound consideration. They preach Africa for black Africans simply as a means to an end, which is to sufficiently interest their hearers, here and everywhere they go, to move them into giving small sums of money, on which they plan to build up a gigantic corporation, by which they will be able to garner some of the wealth of the world—not a bad idea at all. However those individuals who get a five dollar share, can hardly ever expect any returns therefrom, yea verily they can kiss their five spot a forever fare you well, but the millions of dollars thus collected, if properly invested and subsequently judiciously directed, will give hundreds and thousands of well educated young colored persons employment commensurate with their educational qualifications, yea it will even go a step further and may perhaps instill into the lethergetic colored man's mind a spirit of commercialism—a thing he does not now possess—and others may follow in the wake of Marcus Garvey and launch into business and commercial enterprises, if not on so large a scale as he, yet in a limited way. Even though Jones, Brown, et al, actually feel that they are parting from their five bones to never meet again, yet if they have sufficient confidence in the ability of the directors and managers of the Garvey institution, that the money will be properly directed then its a good investment for colored people in general though they never receive any returns for their contribution, for to provide for the constant employment of numbers of young colored persons of education and refinement in positions commensurate with their standings, is worth any colored person's five dollar contribution. It may also bring the colored persons to that point so strenuously advocated by the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, "let down your buckets where you are." In this do not understand us as indorsing the Garvey idea of financing his institution, but we leave it with you. Be it remembered however the hundreds and thousands of dollars given up by the colored citizens of even Seattle, if placed under direct management of capable and conscientious persons would bring to them a hundred times greater returns and give to the colored citizens of Seattle a local business and commercial standing that would make them shine a thousand times brighter than that they hold a five dollar share in Marcus Garvey's great steamship enterprise.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

It begins to look as if the equinoxial storms have developed into the regulation Puget Sound winter weather.

Evidently Mayor Caldwell has an overdose of cold feet so far as the Seattle street railway project is concerned, but we suspect he is bucking at his shadow.

No, P. Frazier is not a German, but he is a colored man. He however may have gotten the spelling of his name from a German having chased his father.

There is no excuse for the jitney on the streets of Seattle and therefore when you go into the election booth to mark your ballot vote NO on the jitney ordinance.

It occurs to us that the real estate business among the colored people of Seattle is gaining ground and this suggestoin comes to us in view of the fact that the number of colored dealers are constantly on the increase.

According to B. F. Tutt, St. Paul and Minneapolis stand a chance of losing quite a few of their colored citizens, who will come to the Puget Sound country to dodge the rigors of the Minnesota winters. Come in fellows, the water is fine.

In case Senator Harding is elected president of the United States let's hope his administration will not have a similar pecuniary interest in the development of Alaska as has been exhibited by the leaders of the present administration.

Taxes in King County can never be decreased so long as the various governmental departments of the county give ear to every project that is presented to them and in turn importune the commissioners to spend the money for the same. Commissioner Ramsay hit the nail on the head when he turned the Mereer Island bridge project down at least for a season.

A cock and bull story appeared in the daily press of Seattle to the effect Bob Bridges had leased lands to Japanese, and suppose he did, how differently has he acted than have a majority of the white land owners from Seattle to Tacoma? White men owning those lands have discovered that it pays better to rent to Japanese than to citizens of this country and they are all doing it.

This time last year the world was deeply interested in the outcome of the world's baseball series, but this year its a horse of another color because the world has learned from the players themselves that they played a crooked game and the one now in progress is doubtless no more on the square and in the open than the one last year. In other words baseballism is nothing more or less than a dirty deal.

With two hundred and fifty thousand colored voters recently of the South casting their first vote in the state of Ohio there should be no more chance of Jimmie Cox carrying the state of Ohio than for a snow ball to fly through hades. And as with Ohio so with New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. The colored voter is in a position to hit back and he should hit hard.

In the Northwest, Seattle in particular, Philip Tindall is all but frightened out of his last life lest the ten thousand Japanese in and about the city enslave the million