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## WISHING US WELL

## A WORD FROM PORTLAND, ORE.

The Advocate, Leading Colored Newspaper of the Northwest.

Portland, Oregon

Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., Editor Richmond Planet, Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir and Contemporary:—We

have read with a deal of interest the

newspaper items concerning the failure

of the Mechanics Savings Bank.

We have read your statements concerning

your side of the question. And while

we are so far away and not able to

be on the scene and see things for

ourselves, let us assure you that we

have confidence in your integrity and

honesty and cannot possibly believe

that you are guilty of the charges although

declared so in a court of law.

Having lived in the South at least

half of our lives we know something

of the white man's justice to educated

high-minded colored people. If you

are a Jew, a scoundrel, a deceiver and

not only tolerated but encouraged. But

you are the equal of those men who

seek to down you, and there's where

the trouble begins. Then, too, there

are those of our own race who cannot

stand to see others of their kind

advance and be something. They are

jealous, envious and poor things. Ignorant.

They would rather see us all down

than for one to rise above the other.

We have been engaged in work towards

the uplift of our own and no sooner

than we get our heads "above the water,"

get a little recognition from the other

side, above that of the masses, our own

becomes the enemy. It is a hard task; it

is a great sacrifice this lifting of a race.

We hardly know what to write to you,

but we wanted you to know that while

you have been found guilty by the courts,

we do not believe you guilty. Remember

that if there is any stealing to be done

from our people, let the white man do it.

There is not near the holler if he does it

and they know it, as there is when one of

our own is suspected. (smiles) We are a

funny people, and we sometimes wonder

if we are worth saving at so great a price.

Let us know what we can do away

up here to help you. Our better half,

Mrs. Cannady is a practicing attorney here

and the other half is still engaged in

publishing The Advocate. Perhaps we

could do something. We have little

money, but no doubt we may be able to

collect a small defense fund to help

out. Send us the information we need

because we feel that whatever of

effects of us no matter where located,

effects us all. We feel your interest

just as keenly as if we were there or

you up here. With best wishes, we are,

MR. AND MRS. E. D. CANNADY.

A WORD FROM ORANGE, VA.

Orange, Va. June 13, 1923.

Sir John Mitchell, Jr., 311 North Fourth St., Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir and Brother:—I can not feel

satisfied until I have expressed to you

my sympathy. We are all in this world

to be a trouble, and the only thing to

do is to fight bravely to the end.

I have never dreamed or thought that

you are guilty of the thing with which

you are accused, but continue to pray

and let the Lord lead you and I feel

perfectly safe in saying that you will

come out more than victorious.

I am fraternally yours, EDWARD THOMAS, D. D. G. C.

A VOICE FROM BRISTOL, VA.

Bristol, Va., Tenn., June 14, 1923.

My Dear Mr. Mitchell, Jr., Grand

Worthy Counselor, 311 North 4th Street,

Richmond, Va.

I want you to know that I am pray-

ing for you and that my heart, carries

many sad regrets of you being the least

worried and wrongfully treated by a

people that cannot see as it really is.

May God bless you. My father and I

are willing to help you in whatever way

we can. You shall always have our

support. I am hoping to see you happy

again. Yours sincerely, MRS. C. B. BANKS,

Bristol, Va. (Bristol Hotel.)

A VOICE FROM ROANOKE.

Roanoke, Va. June 11, 1923.

Hon. John Mitchell, Jr., 311 North Fourth St., Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Standing as you

are upon the block as the hostage for your

people and the right of all people, listening to the

cruel fears of those who have forgotten

their sacred obligation—look!

Amid the dark clouds about you

stands the Demon. (Prayer) Through and

by him the entire race and all races have



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## CONNECTICUT GIMES IN.

For several months I have been reading your Journal, of the trouble with the Mechanics Bank and some of those concerned, and the calling of His Honor, John Mitchell, in question and the trial before the courts of the city and knowing Mr. Mitchell as I do from his boyhood days, I feel that it would be a crime for me to be quiet at this point. The colored people of Richmond and vicinity should be congratulated for their stand in the defense of their true and tried leader.

Mr. Mitchell has made a life's sacrifice of his energies for his race and now at this crucial period the race should stand by him. We are here in the East, but our identity to old Virginia will never be taxed. When we can hear and learn from such men as our Dr. T. J. King who lived among us and in whom the whole North has unflinching confidence, express himself in behalf of Mr. Mitchell and in such plausible manner notwithstanding our acquaintance with Mr. Mitchell, it gives us greater inspiration and courage to offer ourselves to aid in your efforts to vindicate Mr. Mitchell before the courts of the land; our assistance may be meagre but it will show to the people of our mother State that we are part and parcel of them in every laudable effort and enterprise.

There have been evidences enough presented to the court and a demonstration of the peoples confidence and assurance that not one stock holder or depositor in the Mechanics Bank will lose what they have deposited, and a vindication of the character of Mr. Mitchell, to convince any honest, unbiased, unprejudiced judge and jury as to his innocence, to exonerate him with an honorable acquittal. It is stated that there are a large number of white citizens who believe in the innocence of Mr. Mitchell.

Why don't they go to the courts and urge a decision in his favor? There seems to be a nigger in the wood pile. The prejudice is somewhere. It is because it is said that Mr. Mitchell ran for the Governorship of Virginia? Is that the spirit of color phobia characterizing them? Is it their purpose to condemn him and send him to prison that his character may be blemished, and to have it said that we have the prospective Governor in prison? There seems to be a deep rooted spirit of prejudice somewhere, it does not seem to be in our people but Mr. Mitchell may rest assured that he has the confidence of the people of my city and the people of the North who know him and if it is the desire that we do anything to aid, we offer our services.

E. E. JACKSON, D. D., Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 236 Franklin Street, Norwich, Conn.

## A WORD FROM FRANKLIN, VA.

Franklin, Va. June 28, 1923.

Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., 311 North Fourth Street, Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother Mitchell:—We the members of Pearly Gate Court feel

that under our obligation we took about nine years ago that this is our

time to come to your rescue in prayer

and financial aid. So enclosed you

will find a check for \$25.00 coming

from us, your loyal sisters and brothers,

Pearly Gate Court No. 174 of Cal-

anthe. (MRS.) ADA U. GARY, R. D.

## ATTORNEY CLIFFORD.

Martinsburg, W. Va. June 11, 1923.

Hon. John Mitchell, Jr., Richmond, Virginia.

My Dear Friend Mitchell:—God

knows my heart goes out to you. I

hope this little gift will be received

in the spirit of the Widow's mite

and I shall keep my ear to the ground

and if I find a duplication be necessary,

you shall have it. Mrs. Clifford and her

sister, Mrs. C. F. Cook, wife of Prof. Geo. W. Cook

of Howard University, boldly believe

in your honesty. I still have faith in

your Supreme Court in your behalf.

With sincere love and best wishes,

I am very truly yours, J. R. CLIFFORD.

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