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THE ABSENCE of Vice-President Charles G. Dawes, when the vote on the confirmation of Hon. Charles W. Warren as Attorney General of the United States took place in the United States Senate recently has occasioned no end of comment and places that distinguished American in a most embarrassing situation. With the lounging rooms adjacent to the Senate Chamber and palatial hotels in the immediate neighborhood, it is almost inconceivable that he should have absented himself when a question so vital to the administration was under discussion.

It is mildly hinted and publicly stated that he was given assurances that a vote on this confirmation would not take place that afternoon. He also knew that he was dealing with politicians, many of whom masqueraded in the robes of statesmen. Be that as it may, a most delicate situation now exists. President Coolidge is in the most humiliating position of having a man named as a member of his official family, who has been denounced in open session as morally corrupt and who he declares to be a person above reproach.

There is nothing for him to do but to "stand to his guns" and establish the fact that his appointee has been grossly libeled and outrageously slandered.

SOME PEOPLE are never satisfied and they do not try to be.

HABITS FORMED in early life often prove to be a handicap in the years to come.

EUROPE is vainly looking to the United States of America to join the League of Nations.

WOMEN WHO WANT husbands are generally forward in desiring to be rid of them.

MEN WHO EARN much money usually invite and obtain the hatred

of their colleagues, who are less fortunate.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE of the colored persuasion have gone North. Hundreds have returned, but the bulk of them are remaining in the new land of their adoption.

COLORED FOLKS do not believe in supporting each other. They try expedients that have been thrown aside by other folks and then wonder why they have such a hard time in this life.

SOME PEOPLE are born for slavery and some others were ushered into this life to enjoy freedom. The former live in the jails and penitentiaries practically all of the time. They cannot go straight.

PRACTICALLY every person with the "gift of gab", who is having "rough sledding" regards the Christian ministry as the road to easy living. In this, if he is not competent, he deceives himself and soon finds out that he is on the road to the poor house.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL TEACHERS

3000 IN PRIZES FOR ESSAYS ON SCOPE AND METHODS OF TEACHING HEALTH.

In its next issue the Virginia Journal of Education will print the conditions to govern the award of prizes offered by Honorable R. Walton Moore, of Fairfax, Virginia. The contest is to consist of an essay competition open to any teacher in Virginia's rural schools, the subject to be: "What is being done and what should be done to improve and conserve the health of the children and teach them the necessity and methods of maintaining hygienic and sanitary conditions in the communities where they live".

Congressman Moore offered the prizes after consultation with the State Health Commissioner and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Both of these officials cordially endorsed the proposal and they agreed to formulate fair conditions for holding the contest. The conditions have been prepared and will appear in the next issue of the Journal of Education.

The purse offered by Mr. Moore will be divided into three parts. The first prize will be \$150; the second, \$100; and the third, \$50.

In restricting the competition to rural teachers, there was no thought of playing favorites; but the donor of the prize and the two officials under whose auspices the contest is to be held—all thought that the extra opportunities for technical information available to city teachers would give them an undue advantage over the rural teachers.

HIS VIEWS ON RACE QUESTION CHANGED COMPLETELY.

ATLANTA, GA., March 10.—An interesting feature of the Interracial Movement in the South has been the organization of interracial student groups in a number of college centers by which white and colored students are brought together at regular intervals for the exchange of views and the promotion of understanding. The results have been gratifying in every case. Misapprehensions have been

HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS SONG? READ IT!

When the night is lonely
And the world is asleep,
Baby gets up to see
What Santa Claus for a Christmas treat
Has put on her Christmas Tree;
And she on finding such handsome things
Is glad as she can be,
As she views the things, softly she sings
This tune with mirth and glee.

CHORUS:
I thank you Santa Claus,
I thank you Santa Claus,
I thank you for such beautiful gifts
You gave to me so free.
Each precious thing is nice, indeed,
And means so much to me.
Oh! you're so good and kind,
Oh! you're so good and kind,
Your heart is of the whitest hue,
You're a perfect friend, that's true.
I thank you Santa Claus,

On the day of Christmas
When the world is awake,
Baby calls in to see
What Santa Claus for her neighbors' sake
Has put on her Christmas Tree;
And she discovers her neighbor friends
As gay as they can be,
As she views the things, of her dear friends
They all repeat with glee.
Chorus.

Now that you have read it, without doubt your conclusion is, I like it fine; I would like to hear it sung with music.

Well, of course, it isn't Christmas now, but if you really would like to hear this poem with music, which is indeed a beautiful melody, just send me your address and the name of the Sunday School or Church you attend and I will gladly send you a copy of the song.

I have only 15,000 copies to dispose of in this manner, and in the meantime this notice is being announced in ten of the largest Negro periodicals in the South; so to make sure that you get your copy send immediately after you read this notice.

If you attend the Sunday School, don't fail to send for a copy, as I have something of interest to tell you.

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cleared up, knowledge has taken the place of rumor and preconception, and confidence and goodwill have supplanted suspicion and prejudice. The following story shows how the plan works:

At an early meeting this year of the Atlanta group, made up of students of three white and three colored colleges, the question of higher education for Negroes was raised. One white student very frankly said that he did not believe in it; he thought it unnecessary and undesirable. He was asked to bring in at the succeeding meeting a paper in support of his view, while a colored student was asked to prepare a paper on the other side. With much interest the group looked forward to the expected debate.

At the next meeting of the committee the white student was called upon for his paper. He replied, "I haven't any. When I began to look into the subject, I found I was wholly mistaken. My views are completely changed. I believe now that colored students should have the same sort of educational opportunities that other people have."

"Not only so," he continued, "but I think we ought to do something about this matter. A great many people still think as I used to, just because they do not know. Let's go to work to get the facts over to them through the press and otherwise."

ED. PURDY'S PHILOSOPHY.

"Slim Purdy who always mowed the weeds off the vacant lots for the city is out of a job. They are all occupied by gas filling stations."

THIS OUGHT TO REDUCE HIM A LITTLE BIT.



COLORFUL NEWS "MOVIES"

By "THE CAMERAMAN."

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(Preston News Service)

INTERSECTIONAL AMALGAMATION.

The white North and the white South are blending more and more each year, forgetting the great internal conflict of the sixties and the bleaching bones of Gettysburg, Antietam and Vicksburg, when the Union was nearly torn asunder by the intersectional combat. It is good that friendship has taken the place of dissension in a nation which, as Lincoln said, could not endure half slave and half free; and it is good that this devout wish for an inseparable nation has been realized.

Northern capital is being lavishly poured into the industrial and agricultural projects of the South. With more than one hundred and a half million dollars invested in cotton, woolen silk and cordage mills, North Carolina now vies with Massachusetts. Birmingham steel is as carefully worked as is that of Pittsburgh. Northern inventions turn over Southern soil. Southern students attend Yale, Harvard and Columbia; and Chicago and New York youth go to the leading universities of the South. These exchanges breed friendship, and in their continuation the one great fact becomes outstanding—the fact that the South is absorbing much of the North and the North is absorbing much of the South, including the all important factor in the life of the Negro, which is SENTIMENT.

Quite naturally the question arises as to just what kind of a balance will appear when it is struck. Which current will be the stronger in the tide of exchange? Will the customs of the Southland overbalance the tempered fairness and law enforcement which have long existed to a considerable degree in the Northland?

Whether or no, there is a great big bet which the BRETHREN have been overlooking during this pending transition between the white North and the white South. And that has been the failure to stimulate similarly friendly confidences within the race. North and South.

Division lines in the majority group are being rapidly removed, and the BROTHER, North and South, must realize that in just a few more years his location will not amount, in importance, to an August zephyr. In matters of national importance, his problems will be the same in Georgia as they are in Massachusetts. Suspicion must cease. Friendship must prevail. Ahe bellot must be secured for all; and respect and teamwork must be invoked intra-racially, from Florida to Michigan. The united front of the majority group must be met by a united front of the minority group; for eventually the Declaration of American Independence is going to apply, without direct or indirect distinction, to all the peoples of America.

BIRTH OF A NATION.

David Wark Griffith's ill-famed film, "The Birth of a Nation", has begun another tour, having opened last Sunday in Washington. Capital of the Nation whose birth the screen playwright attempts to portray by a movie vehicle whose historical background has been twisted, turned and distorted to satisfy the fancies of the mob spirit. (Parenthetically the 1925 advent of Mr. Griffith's greatest financial film reminds us of a bill which was passed

by the South Carolina legislature since the Birth of a Nation last played to crowded white audiences of Washington.

The South Carolina bill provides that moving picture films showing as characters women of the white or Negro race cannot be displayed in theaters of the State used exclusively by the persons of the race other than that of the women characters in the films. The bill further has an addenda to the effect that it does not apply to theaters for whites which have galleries for Negroes. Under the addenda, such nauseating films as the Birth of a Nation, which carries portrayals of women of both races, is free, we presume, to continue its tour into South Carolina; for lo and behold, under the strict requirements of the substance of the bill, the Griffith feature would be unable to enter South Carolina.

Returning to our discussion of the film itself, it was our extreme displeasure, about ten years ago, to view the Birth of a Nation nine times, for historical purposes and in order to criticize it upon its face record. It may be interesting to the readers of this column to know that the character of Stoneman, the abolitionist, was partially taken from the great Thaddeus Stevens, Congressman from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, during a portion of Lincoln's administration and the reconstruction period. There has never been a statesman in the history of America who so fearlessly endeavored to establish justice and equity for the Negro. Stevens had much to do with the passage of the Civil Rights Bill. He was on his feet in the House at the slightest opportunity to invoke justice and amend the Constitution so as to elevate the Negro freedom to fulsome rights as American citizens.

The Birth of a Nation portrays the Stoneman-Stevens character with gross falseness. Its historical quotations are distorted into untruths. It magnifies the exception rather than the rule and it elevates prejudice rather than statesmanship, or even good fiction, to the pedestal of adoration. The exultation of theater audiences over the Griffith picture is visible proof that there are still present in the good old U. S. A., a careless, thoughtless group of people seeking entertainment and the appeasing of vulgar desires, unmindful of truth, and immune to the glory and honor which really saturated the birth and life of the American nation.

ON TO PHILADELPHIA

Mayor Kendrick, of Philadelphia, has sent a personal invitation to President King of Liberia, to attend the Sesqui-centennial Exposition, to be held under the auspices of The Sesqui-centennial Exhibition Association, in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, in 1926.

For the benefit of those who may have overlooked this coming festival, it was provided for by the Pennsylvania Legislature on April 28, 1921. Subsequently, the Sixty-Seventh Congress of the United States, under H. R. Resolution No. 170, in celebration of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, suggested that the President of the United States should invite the participation and cooperation of the States of the Union and the Nations of the World.

Thus, the invitation extended to President King, of Liberia, gives color to the situation

and lends strength to the presumption that the BRETHREN may have an auspicious place in the Pennsylvanians' coming celebration. Pennsylvania has much to present in the way of an exhibition of the attainments of its Negro citizens. As far back as 1920, the U. S. Census gave Philadelphia a Negro population of 134,000 and upwards. Philadelphians now roundly assert that this population is now approaching the 200,000 mark. There is undoubtedly a reason for this. It must be admitted that executives and officials of the Keystone State, partly by sheer of good will and partly by pressure of the BRETHREN themselves, have seen to it that the citizens of Pennsylvania have an active participation in the affairs of its government.

Under Dr. Ellen C. Potter, Director of the State Department of Welfare, effective work has been done to make comfortable and healthy the State's Negro citizens. Experts from our own ranks, such as Forrester B. Washington, A. L. Manly, John T. Clark and others, have kept faithful watch upon the industrial and housing conditions which our Pennsylvania group has faced. Employment has been plentiful, and our race members have become thrifty, educated, and promotive of genuine progress in an atmosphere normally free from prejudice and full of political opportunities. The professions and businesses among our group have thrived in the Keystone State.

It is to be ardently hoped that eminent colored ladies and gentlemen of this country as well as from over the seas will receive invitations from Mayor Kendrick to attend the coming Exposition. Our race is proud of Pennsylvania and of Philadelphia as to which it has a fulsome desire both to give and to receive worth and credit.

THE NEW YORK TIMES states that the job counter at Washington is quite bare. Wonder if the BRETHREN have discovered this truth.

FRANCIS WELLS and the Blaine Invidible Republican Club, of Washington, D. C., are asking for the appointment of a colored attorney to the post of Police Judge, District of Columbia.

ACCORDING TO CONGRESSMAN Linthicum, Democrat, of Maryland, the colored doorman of the U. S. Supreme Court, recently told a Southern Congressman who resented being requested to remove his hat in the country's highest court: "You had better remove your hat, because there is no appeal from this Court except to God".

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT has barred land ownership in Japan to aliens from states in which the Japanese are denied the right to land possession.

THE GARVEY STEAMSHIP, General George W. Goethals, has been released by the U. S. Marshal at Kingston, Jamaica.

THE OMEGA PSI FRATERNITY plans to erect a \$5,000 memorial over the grave of Colonel Charles Danton Young, the only colored graduate of West Point Military Academy to obtain the rank of Colonel.

NEW ORLEANS MEN FORM NEW INSURANCE COMPANY.

(Preston News Service)

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 20.—A group of prominent race men announced last Thursday the organization of the Eagle Life Insurance Company, with offices at 2127 Dryades street. The announcement declared that this project was for the purpose of adding to the material progress of the race in Louisiana.

The officers of the company are: Dr. E. T. M. DeBore, president; Rev. J. L. Burrell, first vice president; Joseph Russell, Jr., second vice president; A. V. Dunn, secretary; S. Lyons Jordan, general manager.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

(Preston News Service)

WILSON, N. C., March 14.—Henry Cleveland, charged with the murder of Turner Lewis, was acquitted Wednesday afternoon when he faced preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace W. R. Wood. The man was acquitted, when it was proven that he struck the blow that killed Lewis, in self-defense.

The incident took place shortly after midnight Saturday on Railroad street. Lewis, it was alleged, attacked Cleveland with a knife and the latter grabbed a piece of board from the step of a nearby house and struck his assailant a blow over the head. The blow felled Lewis, and he died about an hour later.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Goodwill Baptist Church, 410 N. Monroe street is a new unit to the Baptist Church, with a very broad program. Rev. W. B. Ball, pastor invites the public and his many friends to worship Sunday, March 22nd, 11:30 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. Sunday School, 3:30 P. M. Special music. All are invited.

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