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## The Negro and His Vote

The Negroes aim should be to be a part of everything that tends to the elevation and progress of this nation. His thoughts and action must accord with and be found in such channels. There is no denying the fact, that the race is making rapid progress in all lines, save one that concerns his enrichment. With 85 percent of the race living in the South and denied their right of suffrage it is evident that something is wrong somewhere. The constitution of the United States says that the Negro shall vote, but the south sees to it that he don't vote, and there's the rub! The South is stronger than the Nation on Negro suffrage, so after all the question resolves itself into one of policy rather than law. And the Negro must give serious thought to the question, if he would improve present tendencies and conditions. The Negro must vote as any other intelligent citizens would and does exercise his franchise.

The white republican will not vote for a "yellow dog" on the republican ticket, but the Negro will; and there is where he errs. The white republican will not vote for an unfit republican candidate, but the Negro will and is accordingly censured by all good citizens. The ballot is the strongest asset in the hands of any American citizen, and when that is destroyed that is little wonder that every other right and privilege is so ruthlessly attacked. The Negro must so ingratiate himself into every fibre of American progress that no enemy can strike him without jarring the best influences of that community, and then he will have solved the Race problem.

Politically, the Negro must change fronts. He could well afford to be a part of all parties, for why should not his beliefs and ideals run from Republicanism to Socialism the same as other citizens. But the one thing essential is that the Negro give due consideration to the issues and not vote blindly.

President-elect Taft in his opening speech of the recent campaign made at Lexington Ky., discussed the Negroes franchise.

After mentioning the various means of disfranchising votes, declaring that such laws were proper if applied with equal force to both white and black he expressed the hope that as the colored citizens under the leadership of such men as Booker T. Washington, would "become respected business members of the communities in which they live, and when they exercise independence of judgment in respect to political issues, we may be sure that gradually the right to vote will be accorded them and they will exercise a far more useful influence as intelligent and solid members of the community for the benefit of their race than the ignorant members of their race would have exercised had they been allowed to vote. In this way, through devices ways which can not be justified or approved we may still reach a result that will square with the requirements of the Federal constitution and will give to the Negro every political and economic right and will confer great benefit upon the colored race."

Another new enterprise has been launched by Negroes in the business of manufacturing Negro dolls, that is not only unique in the business sagacity shown but commendable from the view point of instilling racial pride in the present and future generations. It is no wonder that the colored people think the white man face the zenith of human possibilities, for the first thing to be thrust into the little hands of the Negro baby is the white doll baby, and the image is thereby indelibly stamped for life. God never designed that the white race should be the exemplar of beauty, and man can make no more prettier dolls, we are sure. Aside from the commercial value of the project, the chance to develop race pride—something that we are woefully lacking in—is worthy the venture. The Recorder will shortly have on exhibition a display of these Negro dolls.

## Booker Washington's New Book

Booker T. Washington's "Up From Slavery," which is the story of his life has been translated into Malay, Zulu, Indian, Arabic, Chinese and Japanese to say nothing of European languages such as German, Norwegian, Danish, Spanish, French and Finnish. Further, it has been printed in raised characters for the blind. Mr. Washington is now writing "The Story of the Negro," which Doubleday, Page & Company will publish some time this fall. This is to be a simple, direct narrative of a people's progress.

## MOUND BUILDERS FANS.

Chicago Professor Says Their Inclosures Were Baseball Fields.

"Baseball is not a modern game, and all credit for the invention of it should go to the mound builders," said Professor Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago in a recent lecture on prehistoric archaeology. Professor Starr declares that through the southern part of Ohio and Indiana he has found geometrically perfect mounds or inclosures closely resembling the modern baseball diamond. These are generally believed to have been built for purposes of protection. Professor Starr, however, says:

"They are nothing more or less than old baseball fields of the mound builders. The game as played by these old people resembled our modern game closely. The most essential difference is that our game calls for only nine players, while in prehistoric times as many as a hundred men were necessary."

## Cure For Lovesickness.

In a lecture before the Chicago College of Medicine Dr. A. R. Hagle explained a cure for lovesickness. He said:

"A doctor can prepare himself to treat lovesickness through mental influence just as more serious ills are treated by it. One suggestion is to find a new love. This occasionally cures an old love complaint."

He commended the theory of Bishop Fallows of mind and medicine working in harmony.

## Diamond Ornament For Heel.

The latest fad in Paris society is wearing \$10,000 jewels on the heels of women's shoes.



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A fifth ward Working Mens Club has been organized with the following officers: Pres. Chas. Elliott, Vice Pres. Isaac Warren, Sec'y John O. Brown Recording Sec'y Edward Johnson, Treasurer, Major Garden Sergeant. The club meets every Tuesday evening at their club rooms 724 Hadley, street.

## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

## FIRST TRY-OUT.

Pathetic On its face

As the case Of the little girl

Whose big brother Has just discovered

That she has an apple— Yes, all of that

When the fat And prominent citizen

Arises to make His first speech in public.

Behold On his brow the cold

Sweat. The muscles of his neck set,

His hands clinched tight, Ready for a fight.

While in his heart He meditates flight.

First on one foot he stands, His chest expands.

His breath comes short And quick, and there is a sort

Of feeling that the world Is slipping away.

He starts to say The words he has learned

With toll and pain, But they have taken the train

For nowhere Vanished in the air

And left, alone, A message saying—

They would never be back. You've been there?

No? Well, that's one part of the show

You missed. It looks easy

As tumbling in the hay, But say,

Isn't any such thing.

Not Interested.

GOING TO THE GAME?

"Going to the football game?"

"Not me."

"Don't you understand the plays?"

"No; I am sorry to say my early education in pugilism was sadly neglected."

Johnny Knew.

"Papa, what is a cross examination?"

asked Mary.

"I know, I know!" piped up Johnny.

"Aw, you don't either!"

"Do too!"

"Well, what does it mean?"

"The cross talk mamma gives you

when she's trying to find out if you have been in swimming."

Of the Standard Variety.

"Can you think of anything more exciting than love letters?"

"You bet."

"Well, what?"

"Oil letters."

Has Been.

How fickle fashion changes

In toys and other wares!

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on every package.

"He is in love with himself."

"Then he could not like me?"

"Why?"

"Because he has such queer taste."

DO YOU KNOW—

That it takes only one to make a quarrel when that one is what is known as a third person?

That success is sweet, but sometimes the sweetening quality is about the consistency and flavor of black strap?

That persistency is a horrid quality when it is found in a person you don't like bent on interfering with your affairs?

That where ignorance is peace it is quite often profitable to get wise?

That a rolling stone is a smooth one and a mossback a back number?

That the early bird takes his chances with the tomat and the barn owl?

That while the worm may turn it probably will be only to get it on the other side of his head?

That you never miss the water till the well runs dry, and not then if you chance to live in moonshine territory.

That there is no place like home, for which some exiles thereof are most devoutly thankful?

That, while it takes money to make the mare go, most any old thing will have that effect on money.

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Freemont Free Baptist church, 2124 Martindale avenue—Services: Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; communion, fourth Sunday in each month. You are invited to attend our meetings. Rev. Jos. Anderson, pastor; Mrs. Emma Turner, cl'k.

The Bethel Gleason's Mite Missionary Society will hold a meeting next Saturday afternoon Nov. 21, at the home of Mrs. Anna C. Clayborn, 805 N. California, street. All members are requested to be present on time.

"Scene from Leah the Forsaken" and Living Pictures, Wednesday evening Nov. 18, at Corinthian Baptist church auspices of J. C. Price Literary Society. Admission 10 cts.

Jones Tabernacle: This church and its many friends are working up an annual Church Fair that bids fair to be the most elaborate of anything ever given in the city. It will be open Monday Nov. 23rd. A splendid Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on the 28th.

Thanksgiving at Union Tabernacle Baptist church. Services at 10:45 a. m. Dinner from 12 to 4 p. m. Concert at 8 p. m. Mrs. I. W. Parker, Chairman of Committee. Rev. R. D. Leonard pastor.

The ladies of the Alpha Home Association wish to keep before the public that on the 25th, of Nov. the day before Thanksgiving, they will have representatives to visit all business places schools and ask all the teachers to go that day prepared to donate to them at the Denison House Barber Shop. Mesdames Lucy Philpotts and Laura Gains, at English Opera House Barber Shop. Mesdames Susie Donald Ellen Lewis, Cora Jackson, Tabitha Alexander and Mr. Sanders at the home. Mrs. Susie Williams President. Mesdames Mamie Shelton, Alice Frazier on the wagon. Mrs. Kerzia Butler the Superintendent, and solicitor from the teachers. Mrs. Hulda Webb and Mrs. Julia Reed, walking committee Mesdames Mattie Griggsby and Bertha Reed will start at Mr. Fieldings Barber shop and go North Anyone wishing to donate a good milk cow or chickens, sheep, pigs or at least any thing for the home; can call phone 2025.

Mesdames Flora Crawford and Thoma Smith will be one of the wagon committees to visit the schools.

A grand entertainment to be given at the Flanner Guild by the board of Directors Nov. 26. A paper by W. R. Valetine. Subject: "The coming nature of Goodness." Reading by G. W. Gable from Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Frank L. Stanton; Paper by Dr. W. E. Brown. Special musical numbers assisted by the "Fashion Quartet." Admission 25 cents. Come and help us.

Over two hundred men heard Dr. Joshua S. Sanfield last Sunday at the opening "Monster Meeting" of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association which are held in Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church corner of W. North and Blackford, Street. Next Sunday promises to be a banner day in the history of the great movement for men when Dr. Harry G. Hill the eloquent and polished pulpit orator and speaker of last years series comes as the orator of the day taking for his subject: "Undiscovered Countries." Mr. A. A. Taylor will render some of his own original poems. The program begins promptly at 3 p. m. All men are invited to attend. A membership campaign has been inaugurated with several clubs captain by various members of the Board of Directors. Each captain is enthusiastic for his club to be the successful one as the club securing the largest number of members is to be the guest of the other clubs at a supper to be served the closing of the campaign.

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## Card of thanks

We desire to express our thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister also, Rev. Leonard, Dr. W. E. Brown and Undertakers Shelton & Willis and the following for floral offerings: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Porter, Mr. and Mrs. George Korbbrake, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wainfield, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Finley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daggett. Friends from Varney Mrs. A. Allen and family, Mesdames Jennie Williams and Lillian Brown, Misses Lillian Miller, Kate Wright, Mary Brooks, Lelia Fagnans and mother, Louise Bartley, Fannie Patterson and mother, Mr. Henry Walker and the E. C. Morris Missionary Society, Mrs. Amanda Tompkins and family.

Mrs. Sarah Willie Layton of Philadelphia, Penn., was in the city this week the guest of the Executive Board of the Baptist Women's Home and Foreign Missionary convention of Indiana. Mrs. Layton is President of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. Mrs. Anna E. Webber President of the Baptist State Convention and Mrs. Mattie D. Griggsby State Correspondent Secretary, entertained informally for Mrs. Layton Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mrs