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EDITORIALS

February 19, 1921

A Great Race Conference is now a part of history for 1921.

Any honest minister, like an honest layman will pay his debts promptly or report the reason why. The other class will not.

Now is the time to plant that garden to get early vegetables

The sermons some preachers preach can't be heard for the lives they live.

The typhus disease just introduced in New York by immigrants from Europe is alarming. New York's best medical skill, The Columbia State should agitate the landing of those destructive incomers on the borders of South Carolina.

The woman or girl of color who can and does look a white man salesman or what not, sternly in the face and transact her business without a "grin" or unnecessary exchange of words as other women do our men, the sooner will that man regard her more respectful and the more will our men respect her and the more will she be deserving of highest respect.

"Loveless Love Blues."

Loveless Love Blues is the title of the latest blues sung by W. C. Handy, originator of the blues idea, and better known by "St. Louis Blues" and "Memphis Blues" which are known the world over. The Q. R. S. Company has made a roll of this number featuring a colored pianist, James P. Johnson of New York City. Since January last six phonograph companies have made phonograph records of "Loveless Love" as the words are a novel construction and the music characteristic of Mr. Handy. The chorus of "Loveless Love" is written in Spanish tempo and carries a simple melody as beautiful as "Silver Threads Among The Gold." The second chorus is written in Jazz tempo and is pronounced by all who hear it as an innovation in the song writing game.

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We Don't Agree.

The Indicator noted that representatives Mason and Stripling of Anderson are contending that certain parts of unsettled land in Georgia be reclaimed by South Carolina. We don't agree with the gentlemen. South Car-

olina is too much like Georgia now and being fearful that this part of Georgia added to South Carolina will also add to her dark blots, we say let Georgia have that strip of land. Furthermore were it possible to annex Anderson, Abbeville, Hampton, Fort Motte and like places to the black record of Georgia. The Indicator would legislate those places to Georgia without further procedure.

The Committee Appointed.

We had the pleasure last week of calling the attention of our readers to The Royal Theatre, a "movie house" in this city conducted by whites exclusively for the exclusive patronage of Negroes. This Theatre for some time has been the topic of discussion among our people because of the little recognition given those who patronize it, except to come in great and still greater numbers to patronize it. This the Negroes of Columbia are tired doing and have really resolved not to do so much longer. For that reason we had a little say last week and suggested that before the leading ministers and business men of the city took any steps to satisfy the dissatisfied public that the ministers who have the ears of the people appoint a committee to wait on the owner and manager and lay bare the desires of the people and if a deaf ear is given this committee then take such steps as the leading minds think best.

We gladly say that in keeping with our suggestion the Inter-denominational Ministers Union has appointed that committee and the same is at work. We hoping that this committee will be able to make a favorable report back to the Union next Tuesday.

Just what the demands are that this committee will make we do not know but we do know that with the men of experience and ability among us to manage and operate the theatre in every branch they certainly should be given positions and that the theatre should be conducted on a high order. Nothing less than this should satisfy, nothing less than this should be granted.

Strength In Union.

Another step forward for Columbia's colored citizenry is the formulated plan for a large Building and Loan Association to help the masses. From first hand information, this Organization is a certainty and is only a matter of time to properly organize which will be done next Thursday night, February 24th, at Zion Baptist Church. The capital stock is \$50,000 at \$50.00 per share. Many have already subscribed for shares and many more will subscribe. This is as it should be. It is high time that our people in Columbia should cooperate and combine their forces if we would get the recognition desired.

The Indicator would urge every colored man and woman to subscribe to the capital stock of this new concern and help to put it into operation at once and hereafter when we need money to buy a home or pay for what we have let's go to our own.

Let's meet at Zion next Thursday night.

Jim Crowism

The latest introduction under jim crowism in South Carolina is a bill to jim crow pictures in theatres. That is a white picture cannot be shown in a colored theatre and vice versa if the bill is carried. And it seems to meet with favor with the lawmakers; for it has passed its third reading at this writing.

We now have jim crow public carriers, jim crow churches, jim crow stores, jim crow waiting rooms, jim crow clerks, etc., and it seems that now we are to have jim crow pictures. Going some. You will have to move up, Georgia.

Somehow or other during the heat of the jim crow fever lawmakers they overlook the main issues. Since jim crowism is the issue we should like to read of carried bills to prohibit white men from owning and managing colored theatres; one to prohibit white lawyers from defending Negroes, one to prevent white doctors from practicing on Negroes, one to prevent white insurance companies and white collectors from insuring and collecting from Negroes; one to prohibit white clerks (especially female) from serving Negroes; one to prohibit white printers from receiving printing from Negroes;

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one to prohibit our women from "grining" in the faces of white men; one to prohibit white drug stores from selling Negroes anything. These and a few others. Such bills providing ample time for the Negroes to prepare to meet this emergency would no doubt bring the Negroes together one for all ways and make them place the real value on their dollars; for it seems that they will only do what "white folks" force them to do even for their very best interest as a race. So let the bills come "white folks."

We Hope It is Not True.

"Lord, you know that religion is growing so cold and sin is growing so bold" is a striking utterance and a bold confession I heard made in a recent prayer by a good man. The statement is an old worn sentence frequently used in prayer. We dare criticize prayer less we be guilty of judging the heart and motive of the person thus engaged by the use of these old common sentences; none of us "know how to pray as we ought." As we study our condition and recount a few of our many blessings we hope this expression so earnestly uttered in our good brother's prayer is not untrue.

There is every reason for the successful growth of the Christian religion among us. The growth of plants depend upon suitable conditions such as soil, sunshine, rain, cultivation, etc. Nature plays an important part, then too, human skill comes in with its contribution. The Christian religion's growth among a people depends upon similar agencies. We have the divine side and human side. The unique plan of redemption has been wrought by Jesus and the Holy Spirit is heaven's agent in the world and the Christian people are being used by Him in keeping alive and very active this religion which in time must reach that large proportion so as to cover the whole earth.

Let us take time and count our human aids which are rightly to be depended upon in their contribution to the development of religious growth. We have the home, church, schools, colleges, universities young men and women's associations temperance unions, hospitals and many other like agencies which are unknown to us. If these are playing their real part in advancing the one thing upon which the destiny of the whole world depends, why do we go mourning before death strikes its last and final blow. But since this suggestive statement, in the prayer referred to above, meets the assent of the large majority of those listeners it is undoubtedly something tilting about this development. Some of these departments are evidently falling short. Upon which shall this fault be placed? Surely the homes are not at fault. These are the bedrock of any nation's civilization. Herein is the father, priest, prince and king, and the mother a veritable queen. The children honor those in whose faces they first looked, above all other as the embodiment of purity and love. They believe in their parents' religion and every thing else until they are deceived, then all respect and confidence take the wings of doubt and unbelief and light upon a cliff in an unknown region.

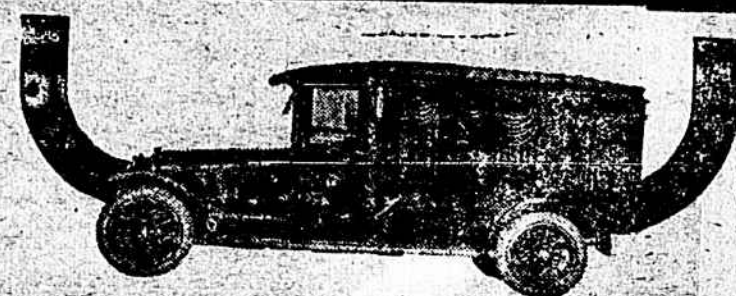
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