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THE COLORED BROTHER OR THE CREATOR'S MASTERPIECE

We reproduce from the Commercial Appeal of September 7th the following extracts from an article written by S. F. Davis, of Indianola, Miss., on the negro, whom he regards as "the Creator's masterpiece." That the writer is thoroughly familiar with his subject is shown by the interesting, amusing and truthful manner in which he handles it:

"The negro can lie down beneath the scorching rays of a noonday sun and sleep the sleep of the seven sleepers of old without suffering any evil effects from it whatever; or he can weather the fiercest winter gale, clad only in a pair of cotton overalls and a blue jumper. He can also wear an overcoat to a Fourth of July celebration, or a pair of linen pants and an alpaca coat to a Christmas tree and be perfectly comfortable. And, strange as it may seem, anybody's clothes will fit him and look nice on him. There is nothing else like him under the sun. He sees all things, hears all things, believes all things, and has implicit faith in everything he sees or hears and stands ready at all times to step aboard of anything that comes along, from a young mule to a flying machine.

"Wireless telegraphy is nothing new to him; he has used it for ages; every negro's mouth is a transmitter and every ear a receiver. If anything of importance happens on a plantation tonight, every negro for forty miles around will know it by morning.

"Saturday is his special day by custom and common consent, and if you have any business to attend to in a delta town on Saturday, attend to it early and get off the streets before you get hurt. A negro cannot see you Saturday unless you owe him something, and if you get in his way he is liable to step on you, sit down on you, or back you up against a brick wall and smother you to death. He does not usually do these things, or any of them, through any evil design, as many sometimes suppose, but he simply cannot help it if you get in his way, for he is busy and cannot look out for you. Saturday is his 'rashions' and news exchange day, and in addition to having all those things on his mind, he has to shake hands with every other negro in town and hug every negro woman he meets. You had better take out an accident policy or get off the streets Saturday.

"The standard 'rashions' for a negro is a peck of cornmeal, two pounds of sugar, one pound of coffee, three pounds of salt meat and one gallon of black molasses a week, but he can consume all of this at one sitting if necessary, or if he is working for you and boarding himself he can live a week on three soda crackers, a box of sardines and five cents' worth of cheese. In other words, his stomach is built on the same general plan of an old-fashioned accordion, and either contracts or expands according to the pressure brought to bear upon it.

"He is also immune to nearly all kinds of poisons, and can swallow the most deadly drugs with impunity. I remember of having a negro working for me one time who was having chills and was suffering with severe backaches. I got him a bottle of chill tonic to take and a bottle of liniment to rub his back with. The liniment was labeled in box-car letters, 'Poison; For External Use Only,' and I cautioned him about it when I gave it to him, but for three days and nights, before I found it out, he had been rubbing his back with the chill tonic and taking a tablespoonful of the liniment three times a day before each meal, with excellent results. On another occasion I was sick and had a negro to wait upon me, and the doctor opened a can of antipholistine to make a plaster for my side, and left the can on the kitchen table, and when my negro went in to get his supper he mistook it for a can of peanut butter and ate the whole of it without ever discovering his mistake.

"He is likewise a great admirer of art, and in nearly every negro's home he is ever so humble, there hangs a life-size crayon portrait of himself on the wall right opposite the door, where you will be sure to see it as you come in the door. The rest of his surplus money he usually spends for entertainment, preferably an excursion but anything else in motion will do. I have frequently stood on the street corner on a cold, cloudy winter day and watched as many as fifty negroes, who would not average 50 cents each, and none of whom had on clothes enough to flag a flat car, clinging to a merry-go-round as it went round and round, grinding out that well-known and much-beloved melody, 'Oh, Billy Bailey, Why Don't You Come Home' and their front teeth shining like the keys on a baby grand piano, while hundreds of others, who did not have the price of a ride, were standing in half-frozen mud shoe-mouth deep, cheering them as they came around.

"Take it from Me" Playhouse Bennettville, April 4th.

"Take it from Me" the most popular musical comedy produced in years and one of the few musical comedies on tour this or any other season to carry the original cast and production will be presented under the direction of Jos. M. Gaites at the Playhouse Theatre, Bennettville, S. C., Tuesday, April 4th.

The book and lyrics by Will P. Johnstone are snappy and bright, and have the unmistakable qualities of excellence, so rare in musical comedies. The score is by Will Anderson and contains eighteen distinct musical numbers the most popular of which are: "Tip Toe," "The Tanglefoot," "Tomorrow," "It's Different Now," "Take It From Me," "The Tanglefoot Trot," "The Call of the Cozy Little Home," "I Like to Linger in the Lingerie," "The Kiss," "To Have and to Hold," and "Camouflage."

The company which will appear in Bennettville will measure up to the high standard of excellence expected.

The cast many of whom are well known to local theatregoers will include Alice Hills, John Hennings, Charles McKinnis, Edgar Gardner, Harry Burnham, Charles Welsh Houser, Herbert Sallinger, Arline and Helen Gardner, William Balfour, George Abbotte, George Mortimer, Roseco Patch and Yvonne Berkeley.

A chorus distinctive for its youth, beauty and daintiness will form a most pleasing background for the distinguished cast.

Presbyterian Service at Episcopal Church.

First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw S. C., Rev. A. H. McArn, D. D., Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M., Mr. Joe Lindsay, Superintendent.

At Lyric Theatre.

Preaching at 11:15 A. M. by the Pastor.

Text, Rev. 1:8. "I am Alpha and Omega."

Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

"All things are pleasing to him. A circus or a funeral is equally enjoyable, but a protracted meeting followed by a big baptizing, or a term of circuit court followed by a public hanging, is his chiefest delight.

"Whenever a negro tires of country life he moves to town, acquires a charcoal bucket and a tailor's goose, forms an alliance with some white man's cook, and with his living thus assured opens a cleaning and pressing establishment. He then goes out Monday morning and gathers in the Sunday clothes of the white clerks of town, and after wearing them himself every night during the week, he gets up Saturday morning and treats them to a gasoline bath, flattens them out with a red-hot iron and rushes them home to their owners, so that they may wear them Sunday; collects \$1.50 for his services in their behalf and goes on his way rejoicing. But should there be any special occasion in town on Saturday night which he wishes to attend he holds back the best suit that he happens to have on hand and wears it to that, and carries it home Sunday morning if he wakes up in time; otherwise its owner can lay in bed over Sunday, and he will bring it back sometime the following Monday.

"If perchance his fancy does not run to cleaning clothes, he gets himself a gasoline stove and other paraphernalia wherewith to defeat the vagrant statute, and sets up a lunch counter, where he serves all such as care to come his way, irrespective of race, color or previous conditions of servitude, with hamburgers, hot catfish and beef sausage, and sometimes sweet spirits of ferment on the side. But should neither of the locations appeal to him, he usually opens a colored barber shop with a poolroom crap table in the rear.

"As soon as the city authorities become obnoxious to him, however, he again goes back to the quiet country life, usually right after the Christmas holidays and joins himself to a cotton planter, and by his certain written contract duly executed in duplicate, obligates and binds himself to cultivate and gather a crop of cotton on the land therein described, and on the strength thereof proceeds to eat up anywhere from \$5 to \$300 worth of grub while he is waiting for the ground to get in shape to plow, and it very frequently happens that when the trees begin to bud and when the birds begin to sing, Mr. Negro is seized with wanderlust and suddenly disappears, and the people who once knew him know him no more forever. Every delta town also has its full quota of negro women, who, like the lily, toil not, neither do they spin, yet the Queen of Sheba in all of her glory was never clad like unto one of them.

"Surely the negro is fearfully and wonderfully made, and his ways are past finding out."

POLITICAL GOSSIP FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Washington, D. C., March 25.—The House has at last passed another bonus bill though almost identical in form with the one passed two years ago and which the Senate laid on the shelf at Harding's request. It remains to be seen what will be done with the present bill, with all of Wall Street opposing it. The bill itself is satisfactory to no one. The soldier whose "adjusted compensation" entitles him to less than \$50 can get it in cash; the others have to take a certificate of indebtedness which finally becomes due in 20 years. Meanwhile, if he wants to get money, he has to borrow it at a bank and pay a larger rate of interest than the certificate bears, though the certificate is as much the obligation of the government as is a Liberty Bond and should entitle the owner to the lowest rate of interest at which money can be borrowed. It is difficult to understand why the soldier should be allowed to borrow only 50 per cent of the face value of the certificate; almost any bank will lend 75 per cent of the market value of certificate of stock in a railroad or industrial corporation if the stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, though these stocks at times fluctuate wildly, and, of course, have much less stable value than the obligation of the United States Government.

Senator Lodge insists that Congress has made a great and glorious record of constructive legislation; the average man on the street thinks that Congress has done practically nothing, and has done it very badly.

The Republicans made a great deal of noise, about a year ago, over the question of reorganizing the Governmental Departments, cutting out much duplication of work and thus saving the taxpayers many millions of dollars. A most excellent Congressional Commission was made up for the work, but some time ago the President insisted that he be allowed to place a personal representative on this Commission, a suggestion which was opposed by the two Democratic members. Senator Harrison of Mississippi and Representative R. Walton of Virginia. Nevertheless, the President appointed Walter E. Brown of Ohio, and the Commission made him chairman. Up to that time the Commission was making excellent progress and gave promise of saving many millions, but Brown served as an anaesthetic of the most powerful sort and the suspicion is very strong that this was the purpose of his appointment. Since that time there has been absolutely nothing done; reorganization is chloroformed. No meetings are being held and work is at a standstill. Thus the administration escapes two embarrassments many hundreds of jobs are saved to the party and a number of inter-departmental wrangles are hushed up. Agriculture and Interior were ready to fly at each other's throats over the question of which should control the Forest Service; Interior and Commerce were at daggers points over Alaska; Treasury and Justice both striving to get control over prohibition enforcement; Commerce and Agriculture divided

Cheraw HI Defeats Fletcher Memorial

The first ball game of the season at Cheraw was played on last Friday between Fletcher Memorial school of McColl and Cheraw High school teams. It was a pitchers battle up until the eighth inning Fletcher Memorial scoring three runs in errors. In the eighth Cheraw started a batting rally. Evans, W. got a clean single and was sacrificed down to second by Stubbs. Causey then got on by an error. Matheson came up next and drove a double over right field fence scoring Evans and Causey. He then stole third and scored on Lide's double tying the score. Graham relieved Sweat as hurler for Fletcher Memorial. Covington laid down a roller to Graham who tried to catch Lide going to third and failed. Lide stole home on Graham's delivery and Covington went to second scoring on Ballard's hit, who also scored when Little knocked a two bagger over the fence. Both Evans, M. and Evans, W. were out ending the inning.

Lide's pitching was a feature, he striking out twenty men while Fletcher Memorial hurlers struck out eight. The score was 7 to 3 in favor of Cheraw.

Why not list the Republican Senatorial seats on the New York Stock Market and thus make the trading public and under responsible supervision?

A Washington paper called Labor, devoted to the interests of the workers, thinks that Wilson, Billy Sunday and Harding should be added to the lists of the immortals, "because Wilson kept us out of war, while Sunday is keeping us out of Hades and Harding is keeping us out of work."

Harding could not control the House on the bonus proposition; the members of that body have to answer to the voters in November. The President can only control the House when he asks it to do something which the people desire. President Wilson was called a dictator when he put one meritorious measure after another through a willing Congress, co-operating with him day after day for six years, until the Republicans got control of the House. Then Wilson said: "Those who call me a dictator should wait until I propose to Congress something opposed to the interests of the people. Then they will realize how little power I possess."

Civic League Notes.

On Friday afternoon, March 24th the Civic League held its first meeting since the election of new officers. The retiring officials should be tendered a vote of thanks by the town, for two years of exceptionally fine work.

Mrs. L. A. Kerr, who was unanimously chosen president, has many plans for needed improvements. In carrying these to completion she will be efficiently supported by Mrs. Ernest Duvall, vice president, Mrs. Henry Wannamaker, secretary and Mrs. R. R. Hickson, treasurer.

The town authorities are to be commended for the fine spirit of cooperation they are displaying in civic service. A light has been placed in front of the school building where it was greatly needed, and another has been promised.

Next week, the first week in April, is Clean-Up Week. The town truck will be available for hauling off results, if said results are placed on or near the street—not later than the first week in April. Everybody is expected to help in making Cheraw a healthy town, by removing from their premises all homes for disease breeding germs and mosquitoes.

A ralling has been placed around the Green, and painted—this for the safe guarding of shrubbery planted there. But alas! The ralling cannot fence out the papers that year by year continue to gambol at their own sweet will over Green and adjacent streets.

Would it be unreasonable on the part of the League, to ask those who are responsible for the generous and impartial distribution of these papers, to follow the example of the Cheraw Hardware Store, and confine all waste and unsightly debris in a pen or box at the rear of buildings instead of the front? They can be just as easily removed from that location, and the business section of the town would then make us glad instead of sad when our visiting friends accidentally catch a glimpse of it on Sunday afternoons.

The Library is growing steadily in interest, number of books and subscribers, having considerably over a hundred members, who are promptly on hand every Saturday afternoon.

A deeply interested committee is working out a plan for a beautiful memorial to our boys who lost their lives in the World War. It is to be hoped their plan will soon crystallize into a certainty, and that this memorial so earnestly desired by all our people may be delayed no longer.

Services at Methodist Church.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Pastor.

"The Friendly Church." Sunday School at 10 A. M., Mr. H. A. McLeod, Superintendent.

There were two hundred and forty-five people present in the School last Sunday. The goal fixed for regular attendance is three hundred.

Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the Pastor.

Morning Subject: "Conservation and Conquest." Evening Subject: "The Friend of Sinners."

Junior Epworth League at 3 P. M. Senior League at 7:45 P. M. Revival Services through the week at 10:30 A. M. and 8 P. M. Public cordially invited to all services.

School Boys Take a Trip.

After careful preparation on Sunday for a trip to Florida via row boat to Georgetown as a first lap of the journey, four school boys, Frank Brasington, Roderick Watts, Curtis Richards and Braxton Parker caused their parents considerable anxiety on last Monday.

It seems that the boys had taken a boat on Sunday afternoon down to where Thompson Creek empties into the river about 3 miles from Cheraw, preparatory to the trip but when, on Monday, they arrived at the spot where they left the boat, they found that the owner had gotten there ahead of them and had taken it back to Cheraw. The boys had to give up their trip but spent the day in the woods starting to Cheraw in the afternoon about four o'clock. They were overtaken on the road by R. McI. Watts and J. A. Parker, fathers of two of the boys, who were out looking for them, and brought back to town, "none the worse" for their experience.

PATENTED WEEVIL REMEDIES

Much Money Wasted on Such Device Says Director Long.

Clemson College, March 24.—It is evident that the farmers of South Carolina are spending thousands of dollars in the purchasing of different machines, exterminators, and patented methods of boll weevil control simply upon the authority of statements made by the agents who are selling them, says Director W. W. Long, who feels sure that millions of dollars have been absolutely thrown away in this manner by the farmers of the Southern states as the boll weevil has made its advances through the cotton belt, by purchasing contrivances and materials that failed to do what was claimed for them.

Clemson College makes this offer to all of the agents who are selling boll weevil exterminators, catchers and patented methods of boll weevil control; that if such agents will submit their machines and patented methods to the experts of the United States Department of Agriculture, in the event that the experts of the United States Department of Agriculture and Clemson College find them meritorious and consequently are willing after sufficient trial to advise farmers to make the purchase of any of these exterminators, catchers or methods of control, Clemson College will at once use all its power and influence through the public press and through all of its agencies, to call to the attention of the people the success of any exterminator or catcher or method of control, thus eliminating the expense on the part of the manufacturers or patentees in the hiring of agents and the large sum expended for advertising and other necessary expenses in bringing their machines or products to the attention of the farmers of South Carolina.

If these agencies have what they claim, they will be glad of the opportunity of having the college and the United States Government to become in the last analysis their advertising and sales agents. If there are any companies or any agents offering for sale machines and remedies for the control of the boll weevil who are not willing for the government to pass upon the efficiency of their machines and methods, the fact should raise a reasonable doubt in the minds of farmers as to the wisdom of investing in their so-called machines and methods of control of the boll weevil.

Royal Arch Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of Royal Arch Masons this Friday night to give the M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees to eight candidates. These come from Cheraw and other parts of the county, and are fine material to work on. It is hoped that a goodly number of members will be out to give the candidates a hearty, rousing welcome.

The Revival Services.

Great interest is being taken in the preparation for the Revival Services to begin at the Methodist Church on next Sunday. The hours for service during the week will be 10:30 A. M. and 8 P. M. The morning service will last just one hour. The evening service will last about one hour also.

Clean-Up-Week!

Don't forget Clean-Up-Week! The town truck will be at your service thru the first week of April ONLY. After that you will have to haul off your own tin cans. So get busy, and have them ready NEXT WEEK.

The Girl of Cheer.

If things go wrong, she don't complain. Just tries to see the joke. She's always finding little ways of helping other folk.

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Fringed tweed skirts, worn very short, are being seen about town, in the very bright colors of checks and plaids.

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A great many pearl gray hats are seen in both the straw and felt, trimmed in ostrich, ribbon and pom-pom of feathers.

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Red heels are seen more and more on the avenue.

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CHERAW GETS ALL DAY SUNDAY TELEPHONE SERVICE

The following letter is self explanatory and will be very gratifying to many of our readers:

Mr. L. A. Meiklejohn, Mayor, Cheraw, S. C.

Dear Sir: With reference to your request of March 20th that continuous service be given on Sundays as on other days, I am glad to say that, effective as of April 2nd, we shall inaugurate a twenty-four-hour service in our Cheraw, S. C. exchange.

The only reason this service has not been given heretofore is that it has not been requested or that, at some previous time, it was given and then discontinued at the request of the patrons. It is quite customary in an exchange the size of Cheraw to give this service and we are very glad to accede to your request.

Yours very truly, Morgan B. Speir, Division Manager.

The Senior Epworth League.

The Senior Epworth League of the Methodist Church has completed its organization. The League now has nearly sixty members.

Following are the Officers and Committees:

President, Frank W. Wilson; Vice-President, Miss Mammie Jones; Secretary, Clyde Coward; Treasurer, Laney Melton; Recording Secretary, Miss Sue Frances Lytton; Pianist, Miss Lou Ester Maynard.

1. The Department of Spiritual Work. Lawrence C. Reid, Superintendent; Rev. R. A. Rouse, Loran A. Kerr, Mrs. L. E. Bull, Miss Gertrude Strother, Miss Vera Stricklin, and Miss Eleanor Gainey.

2. The Department of Social Service. Miss Katie Harrell, Superintendent; Hunter Page, Roachel Laney, Joe Reid, Miss Clara Powell, Mrs. Frank W. Wilson, and Miss Elizabeth Gay.

3. The Department of Recreation and Culture. Robe E. Hanna, Superintendent; Thomas B. Davis, A. H. Womack, Edward Walters, F. L. Finlayson, Miss Marion Martin, P. A. Murray, Jr.

5. Committee on Membership. J. H. Wannamaker, Chairman; E. Gilbert Smith, Reid Poe, S. H. Sherrill, G. I. Ray, Rufus Fenegan, and George B. Wells.

6. Music Committee. Miss Sue Frances Lytton, Chairman, Miss Lou Ester Maynard, Miss Katie Harrell, Laney Melton and Mrs. R. E. Hanna.

School Observes Carolina Day.

The Cheraw High School observed South Carolina Day, Jno. C. Calhoun and Wade Hampton, with an appropriate program on last Tuesday.

The following program was given: Song, Carolina.

Recitation, What Constitutes a State? Brevard Kendall.

Recitation, South Carolina—by J. C. Walmley, Margaret Duvall.

Recitation, God Gives Us Men. Sarah Pegues.

Violin selection by Mr. Sumwalt. Daniel Webster's Eulogy upon John C. Calhoun. Ernest Duvall.

Song, Dixie. Things in which S. C. was first. Sue Frances Lytton.

Land of the South. Lou Ester Maynard.

Ode to the Confederate Soldiers. Viola Sanborn.

Song, Maryland. Carolina. Margaret Watts.

Violin selection by Mr. Sumwalt. Wade Hampton Rides Today. Polly Harral.

Tramp! Tramp! Boys' double quartette.

Report of committee on Hampton's portrait. Miss M. Duvall.

Song, Columbia the Gem of the Ocean.

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At Pierre's dining on a recent evening an unusually number of smartly gowned women were present, and green, black and white predominated. The green dresses were usually of Jade, in velvet or satin, very simple, one having only a sun-ray effect of diamente trimming on one shoulder and one hip.

The younger set are wearing most simple robe de chemise type of frock, with an allover beading in unnoticeable pattern and a narrow girdle of beads at the natural waist-line.

A type of black frock seen at both Pierre's and the opera had a plain skirt, the waist bloused with bateau neckline and no sleeves, and spangled with small silver spangles sewed on with crossed black stitches.

Beige footwear and stockings are prominent.

A variety of tweed hats, developed in the same material as the suit, trimmed in flowers, feathers or cherries are noticeable.

Mimosa and red are the favored shades for evening.

Hats, very large and turned up in front are popular.

Skirts are ankle length except when worn by dancers.

At the Plantation plain black Canton dinner dresses of sleeveless mode predominated.

A black dress had the bodice embroidered in morning glories and two rows of this trimming embellished the skirt.

Plant Exchange.

The beautifying committee of the Civic League requests all persons, who have plants, bulbs or seeds, which they wish to exchange with others, to bring or send them to the Library between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, April 6th. Any requests for plants could be made known to Miss Marie Lynch, chairman, before or at that date.

KIMBERLY NEWS.

Mr. James Polson visited Mr. C. F. Stafford at Gibson last Saturday.

Miss Sallie Wallace spent Sunday with Mrs. Arthur Caulder.

Mr. Amice Rainwater spent Sunday with Miss Samie Grant.

Mr. Ailie Caulder and wife visited at Teal's Mill Sunday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Holt of Kimberly, March 24th, a daughter.

Mr. Walker Polson and Miss Lucille Jordan visited friends at Lamar, S. C., Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Polson visited her son, Mr. John Polson of Hartsville Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. H. T. Caulder and family, of Cheraw, visited the Kimberly Dairy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. George W. Grimm, of Cheraw, visited the Kimberly Dairy Monday afternoon.

Mr. William Freeman, of Goldsboro, N. C., has accepted a position with the Kimberly Dairy Co.

Sunday School at Fats Branch school every Sunday afternoon. Everybody is invited to attend.

Messrs. James Polson, Henry Polson and J. E. Johnson visited at Mr. E. H. Stafford's Sunday afternoon.

The Kimberly Dairy Co., will plant a humdinger corn crop for 1922.

Mrs. P. B. Polson, of Patrick, spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Futrell.

Mr. Jessie Chavis has moved to Marburg on the plantation of J. E. Funderburk.

Mr. Manning Quick is moving from Kimberly to Cheraw.