### Stages in the Development of Law.

The casual observer or average laymen is very apt to con-

sider the present system of laws as a set rule, designed for the regulation of the conduct of California, has written a letter the present generation; but to which has been forwarded to the student of Law, Law is the the National Association for the expression of Human History, Advancement of Colored People Boston, Mass., Feb. The anrevealing the nature and disposition of man in the Past and Present, and even anticipating effort which recently brought to American Independence, a colhis Future inclinations.

expression of the nature of of 1919. Speaking of the N. A. a Republic born in his blood as man; his desires, appetites, his A. C. P. victory, she wirtes: he bravely resisted British milhopes, his fears, his aspirations, or reflection of his soul.

under the rule of the survival of lesson for all of us." the fittest. Later in human history, we have the Code of which in substance reads, "If Constitution, conferred full citi- wherever they have been asked a man destroys the eye, of a-zenship upon women of the U- for help, from Boston Massacre his eye." "If one man breaks gave them the right to partici- civilization everywhere, break his bone."

The advent of Christianity tional government. had a softening influence upon self."

because of the fact that where-educational development. ever or whenever conditions or In considering a Law, it must effective.

the Common Law came from "What For?" man History as the thirty-ninth of man. article; declaring that no free-deeds of men are the only true accompanied by full information man shall be taken or imprison- reflections of their thoughts. ed or out-lawed or banished, but Law continues to develop and the nomince.

Then comes a period fo adven- when it fails in its purposeand injustice, brings us to the tracts, hold them to their liabillong period of agitation, the i- them a mantle of charity and dea of Human Bondage in a land oblivion, and give them a chance of Free Men, is entirely abolish- to live and enjoy the freedom ed, and it is enacted by the Con-that remains to them. A man gress of the United States that has a right to live and enjoy the meet in almost each college, lit- ville this morning enroute to "All persons born or naturalized freedom of the life that re- tle groups of Southern whites Atlanta where he has drawn 5 The United States, or Terri- mains to him, though he has who have become emancipated, years from a New York judge tories thereof are citizens of once fallen. the United States and of the States wherein they reside!"

WESTERN WOMAN COM-MENDS RACE SOLIDARI-TY IN ARKANSAS FIGHT.

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.)

Miss Alice Park, of Palo Alto, about the release fo the last ored man, Crispus Attucks, by One has said, that "Law is the victims of the Arkansas riot the colored race in the U. S. A

his likes and dislikes; in fact, once to a friend, editor of the as a national race day is advoit is the outward expression San Jose News. Of course, I cated by the National Equal am sorry for all the long agon-Rights League. March 5th sig-Whence came Law? Law be- ies of these men. But I rejoice nalizes the race's greatest asset gan with the creation of man. in the evidence of solidarity in in that the proto-martyr to the With the primitive man, might defending them all this time, new nation was colored and the was right, or rather man lived and in final success. It is a League holds that its annual

body of laws known to mankind, mendment to the United States service so loyally given them another man's bone, they shall pate without restriction in all

the harshness of the ancient problem of the Child Labor Law League which points out that, Law, in that men were taught in an effort to determine by as the date follows the Inagurathat great and lasting principle, decision of the Courts, as to tion appeals from the observ-"Love Thy Neighbor as Thy- whether or not the children of ances in the name of Attucks is not of the kind that conse-We live under the fundamen- ions should be allowed the ful of Mass., to abolish segregation tal rules of the Common Law, lest opportunity of physical and by the federal government At-

propositions arise which are not be considered as any other propprovided for by the statutes, osition. The "Why" of any to have prayers and send a resour only and inevitable resort proposition is always divided in- olution to Pres. Coolidge on Mar. were being raised largely among is to the Common Law. What to two questions; -"How 1st., making it "Equal Rights is the Common Law? The Comes?" and "What For?" We Sunday." All branches newly Common Law, may be termed need very little thought to con- organized Leagues, Equal Rights as those fixed principles of Hu- sider the "How Come?" of a Law Committees or other bodies are tor there and in Canada and man Conduct, which have regu- against Child Labor, such labor urged to hold meetings on Mar. lated the conduct of humanity as in its very nature is inju-5th and send resolutions to the from time immemorial up to the rious to the proper physical depresent time, which in fine is velopment of the child and at only the ultimate cosummation the same time deprives it of the of the combination of public o- opportunity to take advantage tions of human intelligence of the more modern and substantions of human intell rence tial educational facilities; and Whence came the Common Law? and if we have any sincere as-It dates back into antiquity, to pirations regarding the future the time whence the memory of American citizenship, we of man runneth not to the con-should have no hesitancy in the trary. Some have said that consideration of the question announced that nominations for

England. Did it, or did it not? The Writer, at this time is not al in 1925 has been extremely Harold was beaten at Hastings permitted to give in detail, the slow in reaching the National in 1066, and even before then history of the development of Office. All such nominations an excellent system of laws ex- Law from its incipiency up to should be sent as soon as possiisted; for the Romans had been the present, but this is only to ble to the Chairman of the Spinthere 400 years before that suggest a course of study to gran Medal Award Committee, time. Then comes the Magna those who should happen to read Bishop John Hurst, care of the Charta, signed by King John of this little article. To study N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth Avenue England on June 15th, 1215, medicine, you learn the mechan- New York. Nominations should which contained one of the most ism of man. To study law, you state the specific achievement important clauses, known to Hu- learn to know man and the mind on which the nomination for the

by lawful judgment of his peers change, and is becoming more or by the law of the land. . . . humane as civilization advanc-The Birth of the Jury System. es. A Law ceases to be a law

ture and discovery. America A law is only law when it is is discovered, settled and devel- universal in its application. oped. America is oppressed by One has said that "Law is the the tyranny of the English des- effort of society to protect perpot and the spirit of human lib- sons in their rights and relaerty and justice, militating a- tions, to guard them in their gainst the yoke of oppression property, enforce their con-Declaration of Independence, ity to their torts, punish their when in substance, declares that crimes by means of remedies "All Men are Free and Equal," administered by the govern-America in her eagerness to de-ment; under these seven heads, velop has accepted the Slave hang all the law. It endeavors System, which soon becomes even in the case of those who meeting a cordial response. unbearable, and thus after a have fallen, to throw around

H. F. McGIRT, Camden, S. C. accorded to all citizens of the Week's issue.

#### ANNUAL ATTUCKS Educated Negroes DAY.

Anniversary of Death of Crispus Attcuks, First American Martyr Urged for Observance Every March 5th-Special Value This Year From Cool-, idge Inauguration-March 1st For Equal Rights Sunday.

69 Fifth Avenue, New York, nual observance on March 5th commending the solidarity of of the death of the first martyr "I telephoned the news at itary occupation and tyranny,

Attucks leaflets can be securthe affairs of municipal and na-ed from 103 Court St., Boston, office of Corresponding Secre-Today, we are faced with the tary, Wm. Monroe Trotter of the the present and future genera- of Mass., to President Coolidge tucks died to found, will be very

All churches also are asked White House.

SPINGARN MEDAL NOMINA-TO N. A. A. C. P.

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.) The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, today the award of the Spingarn Med-The actions and award is based and should be concerning the life history of

## ESTS WHITE STUDENTS IN SOUTHERN COLLEGES.

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.) George F. Collins, lecturer for the Fellowship of Reconciliation has written a letter to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stating that on his present Marcus Garvey Southern tour he is telling stulents in white Southern Colleges about the work of the N. A. A. C. P., is distributing N. A. A. C. P. literature and is Special to The Leader:

He writes in part:

# Waste Their Time.

Gomez Declares Some of Race Degenerating.

Educated Negroes from the South, who have gone to large cities in the North and West-New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Detroit—are degenerattroit, Mich., who preached two be exposed to mortal eyes. sermons to large congregations at the Bethel A. M. E. church the board of trustees of the gations numbered probably more than 3,000 people.

"In the recent migration," the minister said, "many of our people went to the industrial centers of the North and West and among these were many B. A. observance as "Citizenship Foun-Morris Brown college of Atlandation Day" affords a vital opportunity to proclaim publicity by the denomination. We have to secrecy. Hammurabi, perhaps the oldest United States. The 19th A- to white Americans the soldier found to our surprise and shame that these educated Negroes nother man, they shall destroy nited States of America and to the World War to save white good as Christians and helpful leaders, but, on the contrary, dissipation of the Northern cities. The reason is that the members of this young generation are not taking God with them, and the type of education crates a man for better living."

-In introducing the Rev. Gomez, the Rev. E. A. Adams, pastor of Bethel church, said that Dr. Gomez was now building a church in Detroit at a cost of \$225,000 and that the funds Southern Negroes who migrated to that city. Gomez is from the Bermuda Island, was a pas-New York City. He is said to be-known in the African Methodist Episcopal church throughout the United States as one of its best preachers, is a student TIONS SLOW IN COMING of sociology and his sermons to Columbia Negroes yesterday made a profound impression .-The State.

### N. A. A. C. P. HELPS STOP "BIRTH OF NATION" FILM IN HARTFORD, CONN.

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.) United protest of colored peosome other picture as that one 29 years old, born in Mississippi. Mr. Still has orchestrated the could not be permitted in the

of the Executive Committee of the local M. A. A. C. P. states that the coming together in 24 hours of all Negro organizations to stop the showing of this vicios film is the most encouraging sign of unity, she has ever observed in Hartford.

In Greenville.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 20.-

During the week-end Marcus "I am glad to emphasize the Garvey, President-general of the work of the N. A. A. C. P., be- Back-to-Africa Movement with fore the students. ... . It national headquarters in New has been very encouraging to York City passed thru Greenlargely through the work of the in a U. S. Court. Reports that Y. W.C. A. and Y. M. C. A. Garvey was on a south-bound My copy of the 'Fire in The train attracted wide attention. And in accompanying amend- Be sure to read "If A Man Die, Flint' is read through very fre- In company with his attendants ments the right of suffrage is Shall He Live Again?"-Next quently at the colleges where I he did not leave his Pullman

# Years Ago.

(For The Associated Negro Press.) Galesburg, Ill., Feb.-M. O. Williamson, white, former state

treasurer of Illinois, 85, this week broke a silence of more Author of "The Children of The Sun." than 22 years, and told how he with 15 others, opened the coffin of Abraham Lincoln on Seping and reflecting no credit on body and then closed and sealed the Negro race, according to the coffin, which was imbedded in solid concrete, never again to

in Columbia yesterday morning Lincoln Monument, and as the and last evening. The congretime drew near for the placing of the body of Lincoln under the monument, the board decided, with the consent of Robert Lincoin, the son, to open the coffin before it was sealed forever.

Robert T. Lincoln agreed to Ethiopians and both the proposal, to set at rest rumors sian and Medean nation that ghosts had carried away founded by peoples of A his father's ashes. But the son descent, according to their swore all members of the board legends. Tithonus, king of

dar box lined with copper, which an Ethiopian princess. Felix had been sealed with solder. Luschan, noted ehtnologist,

"When the copper covering claims he has never found the the bust was bent back, we reverently bent forward.

"There was Lincoln, looking just like his last pictures, seem- prophets Negroes?—R. E. K., ingly asleep. His face was dar- Memphis, Tenn. from pictures of him.

"Then the casket was again

NEGRO COMPOSER'S MUSIC PLAYED BY INTERNA-TIONAL COMPOSERS' GUILD.

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.) At the second of its three ple of Hartford, Con., led by concerts of the season in New man? D. L. O., Corinth, Miss. colored ministers and the Na- York City, the International tional Association for the Ad- Composers' Guild, which spec- a mixture of Greek and Egypvancement of Colored People, lalizes in the work of young mod tian. has resulted in the Mayor of ern musicians, played a "Fan-Hartford ordering two theatres tasy for small orchestra and is now studying with Edgar Vawhere "The Birth of a Nation" three women's voices," by Wil- rese, one of the leading writers film was to be shown, to show liam Still, a colored composer, of modern music in New York.

berlin University, then at the ful revues, such as "Shuffle A-

## Saw Lincoln's Body 22 Questions and Answers In Negro History

BY GEORGE WELLS PARKER

Questions pertaining to Negro His tember 20, 1902, gazed at the tory anywhere if of general interest, and not too long, will be answered by Mr. Parker in this column. When space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations, and when a stamped envelope is enclosed. Address all communications to George Wells Parker, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Were the Persians a colored

race?-B. N. K., Raleigh, N. C. The founders of the Persian people were closely akin to the thiopia, and his son, Memnor We had to certify that the were the builders of the first hody was actually in the coffin," citadel. A line of Ethiopian are not holding up and making Mr. Williamson said today. "So, kings were mentioned as having on the night in question, we ruled in the Shah Nameh, the secretly assembled at the Spring Perisan epic. As late as the are wasting their lives in the field Illihois cemetery within the time of Xerxes the Persian new monument and the sarco- monarchs boasted of their desphagus was carried into the cent from the golden line of Perroom, working open the casket seus, who was of African deswith chisels. It was a red ce- cent and husband of Andromeda,

> Nordic type among the true Persians, Were any of the Biblical

ker than yours and mine are The early prophets of Israel now. But that was to be ex- were a pretty dark bunch. pected. Otherwise there was Moses is represented as a typiscarcely any change. His fear cal Negro in a painting now in tures stood out as they had Berlin and in old prints from been engraved in my memory Hebrew sources, all of the proph

ets are represented as exceed-"He wore a black bow tie like ingly Negroid. In fact, the anthe one I have on, and one bow cient Hebrews were a very much was slightly mildewed. But mixed people and even today those were the only signs of de- there are thousands of them in composition we could observe. Palestine who are typically Ne-"It was an impressive occa- gro in everything save their language alone.

> Is there any test to distinguish Negro blood from white blood?-G. F. T., Cleveland, O.

> None. There have been claims but they are false. The most minute microscopic tests have never been able to develop any difference. Human blood is the same throughout the world.

Was Cleopatra a colored wo-Cleopatra was a mulatto and

Mr. Still studied music at O- scores for a number of success-Mrs Mary E. Seymour, Chr., New England Conservatory and long" and "Dixie to Broadway."

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