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Instead of raising so much Cain about believing in the Bible, a little more practise of the teachings of that holy book would make America a much better place in which to live, as good as it is.

William Jennings Bryan is dead. In his early life he was dubbed the "Boy Orator of the Platte." In his old age he was called the "Defender of the Faith." He died suddenly in Dayton, Tenn., Sunday last.

The coming session of the State legislature will do more real good if it provides adequate accommodation for the insane, instead of becoming all "het up" over the passage of an anti-evolution law. Some colored insane are being denied admission to the State Hospital because of the lack of room.

"Onward Christian Soldiers" is the tune to which a white mob recently marched on its way to attack the home of a colored man. The only offense of the colored man was his purchasing a valuable home in a very fine residential section. No wonder the word "Christian" is not popular in Turkey and China.

"Silent Cal" Coolidge, President of the United States, is still silent as to the appointing any outstanding colored man to a position of importance. His job has almost four years yet to run, too early yet to bother about the colored brother. Might as well stop worrying, boys.

We feel pretty sure now that the end of an American sport-lynching is in sight. Georgia, the champion lynching state, will soon have an anti-lynching law. At least such a bill has been introduced in its legislature. Whether it passes or not, it at least shows that decent sentiment in that state is beginning to assert itself.

The City of Columbia ought to be heartily ashamed to maintain such a building as Old Howard as a school house for colored children. This old building was built just after the Civil war when General O. O. Howard was in charge of the Freedmen's Bureau. It is a veritable fire trap. Should a fire break out there while crowded with little children all Columbia will be guilty of murder. Such a building doesn't speak very eloquently for community pride and progressiveness.

WHAT OFFICE HE WANTS? Representative Gasquet of the 6th South Carolina Congressional district must be planning to run for some other office, or has he doubts about his reelection next year? In a long write up from Washington the Congressman throws out what used to be

molasses to catch the flies—no the votes. The Representative has it published far and wide, down this way, that he intends to introduce and fight for one of the most important pieces of legislation that ever found its way into Congress. No doubt this country is suffering for this great piece of legislation. Just how so many Congresses have passed without giving the people of this country such an important law passes the comprehension of man. Compared with it, the tariff, reduction of taxes and such trifles shrink into insignificance. But this Congressman is going to see that Congress get on the job and give the people relief. And now what is the great law that all America is clamoring for? The Congressman says it is to have

white and colored people ride separately in the street cars of Washington, D. C., the seat of the greatest democracy in existence. He thinks that if he can do that he will more than earn the \$10,000 salary which he draws as a member of Congress, representing as he supposedly does the inhabitants, white and black, of the 6th district of this State. We think too that the Congressman will more than earn his \$10,000 salary if he can have such a bill pass Congress. But why the bunk? The Representative knows he has about as much chance in getting such a bill through as he has of jumping across the Atlantic ocean.

THE LIAR AND SLANDERER

The greatest enemies of society are the people, men and women, who are called gossipers, whisperers and character assassins.

"As a rule, they are, at heart, cowards—but by lies and insinuations they seek to rob their neighbors of that which is dearer to them than life.

All of us have met them and they greet you with: "I heard so and so of Mr. and Mrs., or Prof. or Rev. or Dr. So and So; now I don't know whether it is true or not." And some of these slanderous vipers will assert that such and such a thing about such and such a person is true, that they know it to be true; and all the time they know what they are saying is a vile and malicious lie, and they are only telling it to try to injure some person of whom they are envious or for some reason they do not like.

We have no patience with the liar, double-dealer and slanderer. The men, and sometimes the women, who try to kill men's and women's reputations in cold blood.

"This species should be treated as the venomous snakes."

"No man or woman is safe with the slanderer at large.

"To-day it is the other fellow whose character is attacked; tomorrow it may be you or yours.

"Liars are eventually going to be placed on the same plane as the murderer, the taker of human life; and after all we are not sure but that the character assassin is not much the worse and that society does not need to be more protected from him."

The above is taken from the Wisconsin Enterprise-Blade. It describes so well a specie of beings found in every community, that we desire to pass it on, hoping that it will reach home.

HAMPTON-TUSKEGEE FUND NEARS GOAL

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York, N. Y., Aug.—The Hampton Tuskegee Endowment Fund was pushed nearer its goal this week with the fulfillment of a pledge by Senator T. Coleman Du Pont for \$250,000.

NO. 2—A MYSTERIOUS FRATERNITY AND ITS SOURCE OF POWER

BY REV. J. P. WASHINGTON Pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church

Among all the institutions established in the world there is none like the church of Christ. It gives me inexplicable gratification at all times to speak or write about the church which our Savior purchased with His blood on Calvary's cross.

Before assailing its foundations its enemies would do well to give some study to its origin, nature, and construction. It cannot be accounted for or explained on other than super-natural grounds. It certainly is not a human institution; it bears within itself the evidence of its divine origin.

It cannot be overthrown by men or devils; no, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." There is a power in the church inexplicable to its enemies; and that power has been constant and unflinching for over nineteen hundred years; it has the members of the church together by forces beyond the power of human mind to estimate. It has laid upon the brotherhood of Christians obligations which have been paramount to every earthly obligation. A bond more potent than any ties of blood, than any of the charms of pleasure, than the authority of kings, than any and all motives from the highest to the lowest, that sway the minds of men, has controlled them. Through all of these nineteen centuries there have been members of the mysterious brotherhood of the church who have put aside earthly ambitions and suppressed every appetite, desire, passion and hope that has been contrary to the mystic influence that has swayed their souls.

This strange power has changed enemies into life long friends, it has in an instant, made friends of those unknown to each other before. It has sent men out from homes of luxury and ease, to brave the danger, and endure hardship, poverty and toil as "soldiers of Jesus Christ." It has given strength to the weak, courage to the brave to the extent that they are willing to cheerfully endure hunger, thirst, reproach, and every kind of hardship, until with a smile and a song they have suffered scourging, chains, imprisonment, and even death itself.

All this they have done not because they have been reckless adventurers, indifferent to their own interests. On the other hand they have been men of prudence, wisdom, understanding, and the highest culture, fitted to fill the most exalted position in the social life. They have turned their back on the delights of home and loved ones to face the struggles of exiles; sacrificed the love of friends, to confront the malice of foes; and they have not done all this from any of the motives which ordinarily influence men. It has not been for honor, grandeur, personal gain or fame.

Without complaint they have endured every hardship; without repining they have suffered every pain; without a murmur or whisper of disappointment or regret they have died. For many centuries this has been going on; and it is still going on today.

Under whose command? Can the enemies explain it? Let them say what mighty force has bound this brotherhood together, what mysterious power has sent them into the world and held them true and steadfast through the passing centuries, under whose command they have acted. And let those who attempt to answer remember that the members of this brotherhood spurn human authority in the highest concerns, that they do not bow to any ruler's orders, that emperors have never awed them, that monarchs have never controlled them, and warriors have never frightened them.

How then can they be accounted for? From what motives do their actions spring, what has drawn them from all earthly associations and made them such mighty power in the world? It is because they have banded themselves together into some secret fraternity under terrible oaths enforced by horrid penalties, which leave them no choice but to obey some ghostly leader or die?

The influence of such secret orders is short-lived, and most of them soon pass away and are forgotten. Are they then the followers of an Alexander who conquered the world? Not a man on earth has the slightest concern for any law that mighty Grecian warrior made. Is it then a Caesar dominating the mightiest empire of his time? No man cares for Caesar now. Can it be a Charlemagne or Charles V. Louis XIV, or Napoleon? Myriads obeyed them while they lived. Do they still have their followers? No, these men are dead. No voice of authority issues from their tombs. A child would not fear to disobey them today.

Who then controls this mysterious brotherhood and what is its source of power? What power is this that sends men around the world at a word? Do they have a commander? Are they under the orders of a Captain?

To the above we answer in the affirmative. They do have a commander, a leader—but they have never seen him nor heard his voice, during all these nineteen centuries. He has been the absent Lord, having taken his journey into a far country, and in all that time he has not made one single appearance.

His influence has never been diminished, and his word is still clothed with mighty power. But not yet is the wonder ended. This Commander is no great historic Conqueror, no ruler of myriads of men, with iron cross on his brow. Ah, who then is He? One entirely without wealth or prestige, a poverty stricken despised Jew, laboring with his hands in a carpenter's shop, a person whose very existence is doubted, whose authority is denied, whose words seem to many as idle tales, whose very birth is discredited, and who went to his ignominious death as a malefactor.

Nineteen centuries ago, this man standing on the slope of the Mount of Olives, speaking to fishermen and lowly toilers, quietly and seriously gave utterance to amazing words.

He said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world.—Matt.28:18-20.

Only on supernatural grounds can His power be accounted for. He is a supernatural Man, not of the earth, but the Lord of heaven. Even this does not tell all. There is more to add to the explanation. The conquerors of history wielded mighty power, and influence over myriads of men while they lived. But they are dead, and their power and influence are ended.

Jesus, the great Commander of the church, is not dead, He is the living Christ. And He is alive forever more. It is because He imparts His own glorious life to His words and His people, that His word has power, and that His church cannot be overthrown by the "gates of hell."

It is therefore, or ought be, no source of surprise that the enemies of the church deny and assail the fact of Christ's resurrection. If Christ be not risen from the dead, there would be no Christian church. Because of their indomitable faith in Christ and His church, many a sainted soul has given his life for the sacred Cause.

Does this power still hold its own? We again answer in the affirmative. "Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood, Shall never lose its power; Till all the ransomed church of God, Be saved to sin no more."

"MORE ANON."

THE COMFORT OF SERVICE

BY TOM TRUTH

In the lives of some men there is a constant unrest which makes them dissatisfied and unhappy. They exist without having a friendly thought toward others, because they see in every man one who may block them in their great ideas. These people are in such a condition because of their desire to rise above other people. They never rise. They can't. They do not take the time to think that our Savior has set for us an example which shows us the only way to eternal greatness through His work of redemption. They lack the thought of helping others and as the result, fail to meet other men in the right spirit.

There is a feeling of content and quiet which rewards those who try as best they can to help their fellow-men. It seemingly enters into the lives of these people, who, no matter how great may be their daily task, seek their places with the servants of mankind. Quickening the spirit of life in their pulses, giving to them a care-free vigor and clean mind, this wonderful sensation inspires in such people with a peculiar confidence in the goodness of living and gives a pleasing calmness to life.

People, who by attempting to serve others have this feeling, are not those who allow their minds to think of things that lead to evil, though evil may be ever present around them; for it serves as an agent to drive away ambition toward wrong things. They learn men and their ways—they make friends and acquire a sense of self-confidence,—they it is who rise, for they do not try to rise above others, but seek to rise with others.

They are the ones who enjoy great peace of mind and happiness. They are happy because the comfort of service makes them so.

This comfort of service is what the rightly ambitious seek. It is greatness. This greatness may not fit men to ride rough shod through the evils and wrong doings of life, but it does fit them to enjoy life, and when it is in a life, it prepares that life to receive, though sometimes not the misguided praise of men, that acme of praise for which every well balanced mind yearns.

This praise is the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" of the great Judge of greatness. You'll find it's the clan who will and who can.

That the comfort of service draws nigh.

Let service to man be your hope and plan In the days that before you do lie.

Your reward may not be what others can see,

Just a smile may be all you will get; But there comes, from above, the smile of God's love

That pays you when life's sun is set.

OKLAHOMA CULTURE (WHITE) ROCKED BY NEGRO HISTORY BOOK

July 24.—Evidence that one small book has rocked Oklahoma civilization to its very foundations, has come to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York. Oklahoma school officials and the local American Legion are in a panic and the gravest apprehensions are felt for the culture of this highly intellectual State.

The offending volume is Dr. Carter G. Woodson's "The Negro In Our History" which was discovered by whites in a Negro Manual Training High School of the State.

"Members of the school board says the Muskogee Daily Phoenix, "after reading it, expressed

surprise and horror that such a work should have crept into our Negro schools. All professed ignorance of its existence. G. K. Reiff, who was then acting as Superintendent, ordered all copies confiscated and prohibited its further use.

"The theme of the book," declares the Oklahoma white paper, "is found in one of its full page illustrations, a picture of a 'mixed' jury, half Negro and half white, in the District of Columbia. The picture is captioned 'The New Freedom'."

The Oklahoma white newspaper then goes on to recite, as follows, the further grievances of Oklahoma's intellectual white lights against Dr. Carter's book:

"The author speaks bitterly of America's treatment of the Negro soldier and condemns the government for frowning upon the intermingling of Negro soldiers and French women. Negro soldiers, it declares, were often more courageous than their 'superior' white officers.

"The closing pages of the book deal with the race war that broke out in Washington, D. C. after the close of the world struggle. The author comments boastfully upon the fact that in the second day of the fighting the Negroes killed more white people than the whites killed Negroes."

TID-BITS

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Mummies were found in the Sand Cave in Kentucky 100 years ago, it has been reported. Red rot is the most important cause of loss to the sugar cane farmers in India.

Twenty-seven million automobiles was the new saturation point set in January.

Rocky Mountain blue jays pick up scraps with their feet and carry them away to their nests.

Honey, as such, is not present in the flower, but is a substance that has been partially digested by the bee.

Caros fiber, used by the natives of Brazil for fishing nets, may be made into paper of unusual strength.

Much valuable information about the culture of the Pueblo Indians has been lost because many of the graves were rifled by prehistoric grave-robbers.

Radiators painted with aluminum paint radiate less heat than those that are covered with other kinds.

Even Iceland is experiencing a heat wave this summer.

Four out of every 10 Bibles sold by the British and Foreign Bible Societies in 1924 went to China.

The world's tallest man is Jan Van Albert, twenty-three, who stands 9 feet 3 2-3 inches high. Spain leads the world in the production of olive oil.

Japan is the world's third largest machinery market.

Jelly contains more sugar than the solution from which it is made.

The Grand waterfall in Labrador is 200 feet high.

Ten of England's most noted hangmen have attempted suicide in recent years.

A scab beetle 15,000,000 years old has been found in North China.

Greenland is the largest island in the world.

The present territory of Sweden is about half the size of California.

ARRESTED PEDDLING BRUSHES

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Columbia, S. C., July—Coleman Maples was arrested here Wednesday for selling paint brushes on the street. Maples claims the brushes were given to him by another man and that he was selling them on a commission basis.