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An effort is now being made by the Government to take Prohibition out of Politics. That's all right if it goes further and takes Politics out of Prohibition also.

It is really amusing just how serious some light headed colored men take themselves. They are always flaunting themselves in some form or manner before the public. In and around this City can be found a few fellows of that ilk.

During the month of July, fifteen persons were killed on the highways of the State; one hundred and six were injured, thirty-nine of whom were seriously hurt. The reckless operation of automobiles seems to be the most prominent door to the great beyond.

It is getting tiresome to read accounts of automobile wrecks in which colored people are involved. The dispatches usually tell how the colored men stand by and refuse to give assistance. Of course, no one with any fairness in his heart can believe such stuff. Negroes are not made that way.

Stool Pigeon Charles Daney of New York seems to have gotten at last what he long deserved—a beating up. While no decent man can uphold lawlessness yet this notorious fellow seemed beyond even the law—always protected by the police. No wonder outraged decency decided to give a lesson that the law would not.

The lynching of a colored man was prevented last week in Maryland only because the man was not caught by the would-be cowardly murderers. A young white woman—16 years old—had declared that she was attacked by a colored man. Later, however, she confessed to officers that she had not told the truth. Instead of a colored man, she confessed that it was a white man whom she was trying to "protect." We wonder just how many colored men have been sent to eternity for the "protection" of some white brute. Lynchers don't want the truth, they want beastial fun.

FORWARD MARCH—THE ODD FELLOWS.

The Odd Fellows in their annual convention held in Georgetown last week have decided to invest its surplus money in government bonds or real estate or both for safety. This action was taken because of the many bank failures in recent times. Of course, there were a few big-mouthed, little brained fellows who objected to real estate but the sober sense of men who know there is no safer investment than good real estate prevailed. This action is quite in contrast to the action of the Pythians who allowed themselves to be fooled by a few failures in

life and one or two others who, while pretending to have the welfare of the Order at heart, were moved by sinister motives. The Odd Fellows know the value and safety of placing money in real estate for they have quite a few thousands already in such, the Pythians have nothing. Perhaps, that is one reason why big mouths could fool the Pythians in believing that to invest in real estate "is dangerous."

WHITE PRESS ON NEGRO ACTIVITIES.

Dr. Emmett J. Scott of Howard University, formerly Assistant to the Secretary of War during the so-called war to make the world safe for democracy, has written a vigorous protest to the publishing house of Doubleday-Page Company against the publication of the slanderous utterances of General Robert Lee Bulard of Alabama. In answer to the protest, Arthur W. Page, Editor of the World's Work, and son of the late gifted William Hines Page, delivers himself of this imaginary thing: "I don't believe that we shall get on with the Negro problem if publishers make it a rule to print only favorable opinions on Negro activities." Can you beat that! If Mr. Page knows anything at all, he knows that the white publishers (of books and newspapers) have never yet had any other rule than publish all that is favorable of the Negro, shut out the unfavorable things always. Where is there a publication that has a policy differing from that or a practise contrary to that of course, now and then a little space is given to the meritorious but very little and as inconspicuous as possible.

But my, the great story and screaming head lines when some criminal character and from a page stuff too. Mr. Page, of course, thinks that such publications are helping to "get on with the Negro problem." If the publishers were a little fairer and would exercise a little more charity, we believe "the problem" would not be quite the mountain it is represented to be. Certain would be found more quickly and easily if and when the public knew that Dr. Williams is nominally in charge of the Smith-Hughes technical and county school, the home of Christian college. Did you know that?

ANSWER, EDITOR ROACH.

While regretting the necessity of taking time and space again to discuss the unpardonable and unfair policy of the Indicator in attempting to fool its reader that it is the only honest journal in the State, a veritable sentinel on the wall in protecting the people from dishonesty, graft and rottenness as visited or trying to be visited by the State Colored Fair Association upon their heads, as it is called weeping for her children, will not be comforted, as long as he is kept on the outside by votes of the stockholders of the Association. The Editor has been asserting since he fell out with the Secretary that the Fair is rotten, that the administration is corrupt, that officers—particularly the Secretary—elect themselves by reason of having a controlling interest, or a majority of shares. We challenge Editor Roach to substantiate one or all of his contentions and ask him to prove, not by a string of insinuations, wild assertions, innuendoes and hear says as has been the burden of all his ranting in the past.

We assert and challenge Editor Roach to prove the contrary: 1st. That Dr. Wilkinson refused to handle the appropriation by the legislature because of the rottenness of the association. Dr. Wilkinson has never told the Editor that and will not. And let me say, Editor, we

The Searchlight
 By William Frank Williams.

WHITE PRESIDENTS OF NEGRO COLLEGES

The prevailing differences existing in our colleges between white presidents and Negro students are obvious, and have long since been expected by students of conditions in these colleges. Just why some of our greatest writers are up in the air about these differences and don't know where to lay the blame is a reflection on their pronounced wisdom. Oceans of blood have been spilled in nearly every country on the globe as a result of such an evil as is now gnawing at the vitals of our young manhood and womanhood in most of our schools conducted by white presidents—TYRANNY.

Our first example was the American Revolution which was forced upon the Colonies by the tyranny of Great Britain, and a second example was the great Civil War which was caused by secession rather than freedom of our fathers and grandfathers. Then next we had the big fight with Spain at which time Cuba was suffering under the yoke of the tyranny of Spain.

This is a progressive age and our students are keeping step to the time of "freedom." Not freedom to conduct the policy of their schools but freedom to be put on their merit and not be driven about like dumb cattle. That's all they want. The intellect and the manhood of the students of Fisk, Howard and Lincoln are at the same high water mark as those of Harvard, Yale and Princeton, if you please. Then why can't they be put on the same basis of honor and trust?

The Searchlight does not yet advocate the replacement of all white presidents in our colleges by Negro presidents, but it does advocate the replacement of the antiquated, white-haired, hunch-backed, and pre-occupied presidents by colored presidents. As the Searchlight believes that they die

out, but if they continue to persist in putting a muzzle on the manhood and freedom of our youths, put them out at any cost! It is foolish to question about the preparedness of Negro men to head our larger colleges. The real pity is that so much presidential timber is serving under white presidents who are their inferiors. And usually in such schools these black intellectual and executive giants have to tread a rocky road to remain "under" their inferiors. Page Professor Kelly Miller!

Morehouse is the greatest example of Negro generalship, so far as the higher colleges are concerned, and the Searchlight ventures to say that there are some other John Hopes, but they just haven't been given an opportunity.

We believe the time will come when all Negro colleges and industrial schools will be conducted by Negro presidents and faculties. This time must come for the sake of the race. It is our belief that when white men were put at the head of these schools fifty years ago, it was intended that they remain in charge only until these schools and big northern schools had trained them sufficiently to take them over. Claffin, Clark, Morehouse and some others are reaping early benefits from this idea. Others will follow. We do not believe the great endowment associations of the North would insist on white presidents forever just because they support the colleges. Their greatest glory should be in the fact that they have rendered humanity the service of bringing up to the times a people who were illiterate and half savage a few score years ago.

With malice towards none, but resentment towards the tyrant, we trust that this generation will be marked with the guidance of all Negro colleges and schools by the hands of God and Negro presidents. stock companies, affairs are determined by stocks and not by persons. 5th. That Demonstration agents in getting up exhibits for the Fair cost the association \$893.33 for 1924, although they are paid for just such work, not specifically, of course. Certainly they ought to be the last ones to talk about the association "purging" itself. As to such a cost as this, however, we believe there certainly ought to be some kind of "purging." 6th. That almost the entire sum appropriated by the legislature for the past 2 years was spent on the activities of the Farm and Home Demonstration agents; in 1923, the sum of \$52,400 being paid to them for premiums alone. What after all do these agents want, the whole \$1500 appropriation turned over to them? We can't see what else Editor Roach says, have met in convention assembled at the State college and decide not to encourage the people to have a real fair. 7th. That Lawyer Frederick is not an officer of the Fair Association. He, however, is open to engagement for this association or any other, to Editor Roach or any other person or persons that desire his services. Now, Editor Roach, answer and be specific or stop your yodling.

WEAR STOCKINGS OR STAY OFF DANCE FLOOR

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug.—All dancers on the Floor of the Million Dollar Pier are warned to wear costumes that include hosiery. There is no limit set on the invisibility of the hosiery.

"By The People, For The People, Of The People"

THE COMFORT OF SERVICE

BY TOM TRUTH

The Enduring Quantity
 Greatness achieved by diligence, perseverance, honesty, and discerningly correct foresight is founded on a rock. It is a truly valid quantity. It surmounts all obstacles and overrides all attacks. It imparts pleasure to its surroundings and sends forth into the mingling throngs of humanity, a ray of joy and good will, sunshine and love. It places in many lives renewed confidence in the rewards of goodness. It can be compared with the mighty oak, which, growing up, gives a kindly and cooling shade, and, as its days become numerous, is an object of loving reference; when its day is passed, it is recalled with a fondness born of appreciation of its great value. It is always mentioned as worthy of emulation.

Men think of it with but two views. That group ruled by a passion for immediate greatness see its rise, while they consider it, with a spirit of consuming jealousy; with the identical spirit, they witness its prominence, and finally, at the indication of its permanence, they develop an unquenchable hatred toward it.

Those of its own type look upon its separation from the multitude as an ascendant star of promise and encouragement. They see its final altitude and permanency with joy and are inspired by it, then, with a feeling of confidence in their own course. They seek to be governed by its procedure.

The man who wears this vestment of true greatness is, in his initial stages, of kindred blood to the man of the bubble. He has worked, — worked hard, — for some one above him. He, too, following the normal course of human life, has suffered. He, too, has done this, contentedly for a time. And, then, he has looked above himself and compared the apparent ease of those who are "up" with his strenuous struggle. But here the likeness ends, kinship breaks. For, with calm and considerate thought, he chooses to plod on his honest way. Of course, he is for an instant unsettled by the quick elevation of a man, possibly his associate, who takes the path of least resistance. But he, the wearer of the pure mantle, belongs to that class of people who are surprised at the sudden rise of the bubble, expect its sudden collapse, and care not for its post mortem whereabouts. And making friends, serving humanity, he advances from one step to another. Employing well considered measures, solidifying his increases by utilizing every honest support possible, he, wearing a garment of glory which is as possible of destroying as pure gold is of tarnishing, finally, but surely, reaches a location where he may rest, not lazily but serviceably, on his laurels. He is stable in his position and enjoys the remainder of his days in contentment; and when gray hairs cast their silvery halo around his brow, he, leaving behind a name and a reputation which serves as a worthy example for generations, goes down without regret to rest with the countless millions who have gone on before.

The difference in the ending of the plodder and the ending of the bubble-man and the former and the latter at the cross

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

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

Monday (August 10th) afternoon we left Columbia on train No. 17 enroute for Abbeville to assist our friend and brother in the person of Rev. W. E. White, pastor of Warrenton circuit in the Abbeville district. We were met at the station by Brother Simon Davis and son who took us to his home, and within a few moments we were at the table which was well laid. From thence we were carried to the church; there we found Pastor White on the job pushing up the fire, having a committee conducting an ardent prayer meeting. Shortly afterward we were introduced to the congregation, which was very pleasing to behold. We ascended the rostrum and selected as a text Jer. 6:16 verse. Subject "The Old Path."

Tuesday at 11:30 we had service; we preached from Romans 10th Chapter 10th verse; and so on through the entire meeting we preached high noon and night. The meeting was brought to a close Friday night in the midst of a great uproar resulting from the descension of the Holy Ghost. During this meeting 12 persons were converted besides 2 accessions were added to the church. The meeting was well attended each night, and what was most commendable harmony prevailed throughout.

Pastor White had to leave Friday P. M. for his Sunday School Convention, thereby leaving us in charge of the affairs which we carried out in accordance with the instruction given us. Pastor White has things well in hand on the Warrenton circuit; the people every where are shouting his praise.

We were royally entertained in the homes of Brothers Simon Davis, Jimmie Jones, James Finley, Jas. Tolbert, and Wm. Johnson. We spent three nights at the home of Brother and Sister Davis, one night at the home of Brother and Sister Finley, and one night at the home of Mr. William Johnson and wife. We took special dinner at the home of Brothers Jones and Jas. Tolbert.

Words are inadequate for us to express our gratitude and appreciation to these kind hearted people who spared no pains in making it pleasant for us. Rev. White's influence can be felt over the entire circuit. Wherever the right influence is exerted, the results will soon be seen. "Rev. White is known" over the state as a five years pastor.

Conditions Most Alarming

We have taken special notice of the agricultural conditions on our journey and we found them to be most alarming. Scarcely any crops are being made in those sections of the state. Going from Columbia upwards to Abbeville, we found that very little cotton, and practically no corn will be made this year.

The people seem to be in good spirit; they are happy as ever. Just the opposite, in the lower parts of the state, more cotton will be made this year, than any year since 1920. This is a mystery; who can understand it?

"Blind unbelief is sure to err, And scan His works in vain; God is His own Interpreter, And He will make it plain."

roads common to all mankind. The plodder made a more thorough survey of the future than the bubble-man, and selected not a by-path, not a dangerous short cut, which possibly seemed like a real highway, but the right road of right.

He realized that graft is a sure road to disgrace and unhappiness and that service fills one's life with joy, oftentimes unseen, and secures, for those who give it, the respect, confidence and love of their fellow-men.

Comfort is the crown worn by those who go down
 With a record of service to men.
 Those laugh and sing who enjoy this thing.
 To them there's no remorse in the end.
 They serve and they live, thinking largely to give.
 The best they can give in the right.
 They receive, in return, love from men that they learn
 And end with a page honor bright.