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Of the thousands of passengers carried by the street cars of Columbia during August the majority were colored. The Street Car Company at least ought appreciate the worth of the colored population.

Continental Europeans don't care much for what they call Anglo-Saxon hypocrisy, asserting that England and America are full of it, and the further West (from Europe) one travels the more hypocrisy is encountered. That's pretty hard on America.

"Whites are setting an example in criminality for the Negroes in South Carolina," says Judge C. C. Featherstone in his charge to the Grand jury in York Monday. But Negroes had better learn, if they haven't already, that they can't get away with what lawless whites can. It's not healthy to take such an example.

A Washington correspondent writing of the accomplishments of Henry Lincoln Johnson, who died last week, said: "he was light brown in color, and showed a trace of Anglo-Saxon blood." Just why did he lug that in? especially since it is maintained by the defenders of the Nordics that such a mixture makes for an inferior individual.

Governor Austin Peay of Tennessee, either does not believe in praying for rain or he fears that if the prayers were answered, it would be answered too abundantly. Being called on by ministers of Chattanooga to issue a proclamation calling upon the people to pray for rain, he declined, saying: "it appears that rain is coming and it may rain too much."

An unhealthy and unjust sentiment is growing up in the public minds, fanned up by unfair stories in the daily press, as to automobile accidents where colored people are involved. The colored man is always at fault; he was reckless or drunk. Now, any fair-minded person knows that such is not true. Why not a little justice obtrude itself in the situation? It would be better all round.

HENRY LINCOLN JOHNSON.

"Linc" Johnson, as he is popularly known, is dead. He died in Washington, D. C., where he has been making his home for some few years. Mr. Johnson was, perhaps, the most widely known colored politician of the present day. At the time of his death, he was the Republican National Committeeman of Georgia, this native state, the only colored man to occupy such a place, being so elected at the

Republican National Convention in Chicago, 1920. By profession he was a lawyer, and had under President Taft occupied the position of Recorder of Deeds. He was nominated for the same position by President Harding, but because he belonged to the Negro race, and at this particular time the country was yet, seemingly, engaged in punishing the Negro for creditable showing he had made in the World War, the Senate refused to confirm his appointment. Mr. Johnson was a man of pleasing personality, able and an orator of the first rank. He was a republican first, last and all the time and wore himself out campaigning for the party. Had he been of another race, with his intelligence and ability, he would have been high up in the government. But, considering his limitations, he did well. His was an active and useful life and the race is poorer by his death.

SCHOOL TIME.

The country over, the public schools and colleges are throwing wide their doors to young America. The colored people showed not neglect to send their children to these places of opportunity. No sacrifice should be too great to give the boy and girl a chance. The person who must make his way through the world in these days and time without an education is unduly handicapped. Never mind about wasting time on discussing the kind of education. Any and all kinds of education is good that makes the mind stronger, the heart kinder and the hand skillful, that enables the person to find himself. The uneducated is the prey of the heartless and the God forsaken scoundrel—and Lord knows the world is full of them. The need for education among the colored people is greater perhaps than that of any other group in America, and the parent who is too indolent and good for nothing to undergo whatever hardships necessary to give his child a chance is all but criminal, if not that.

Education is the greatest weapon, offensive and defensive, that can be placed in the possession of the child. It is the one thing above all else that he needs on this battlefield of life. See to it then, parents, that your children are placed in the schools and see to it that they are kept in them.

DR. H. M. SMITH, OF SYRACUSE, N. Y., AT SECOND CALVARY SUNDAY.

On Sunday, September 20th, a visiting minister, Rev. Dr. H. M. Smith, Pastor of the church of Syracuse, N. Y., will preach two sermons, fore-noon and night. The Rev. Mr. Smith is a very able minister of unusual preparation, broad vision and a very progressive program. The church which he serves as pastor, has just recently dedicated an addition to the church for community benefits at a cost of \$25,000. This indicates his breadth of vision as a christian leader.

WIVES ORGANIZE TO HEN-PECK HUSBANDS.

London, Eng., Sept.—As a counter movement among the men, a group of angry wives in Yorkshire have organized the "Society of Wives of Hen-Pecked Husbands." To be eligible a woman must be married five years, have three children and swear to nag her husband fifteen minutes three times each day.

WHITE ROWDIES CONTINUE PERSECUTION OF MAIL CARRIER

New York, N. Y., Sept.—One year ago residents of Staten Island began their attempt to force Samuel Brown, a colored mail carrier, to move from, or sell, his home in a district which had previously been inhabited by whites. They tore up the shrubbery of his lawn and broke out windows. About two months ago, they began again and sent emissaries to treat with Brown, with a view of forcing him to sell. This he refused to do, explaining that as soon as he had been made an offer of \$10,000 for his home, the fire insurance on it was cancelled, and he became convinced that he was being persecuted. He therefore, decided to stay. After the outbreak against him two months ago, he sought the authorities and a grand jury investigation was begun with the result that six whites were indicted, one of the leading real estate promoters of the district, who lives next door to Brown.

Now the affair has broken out anew, with redoubled vigor, and Brown has just turned over to the district attorney the following letter: "You are sure in for it. You have started something you will not be able to finish. Why? Because we have voted to take the matter in hand and orders have been issued to our Staten Island members to act without delay. What has happened to you so far has been the work of a novice. As you know, we have some very effective methods of handling people of our calibre. We fight for a principle, and it does not matter when or how we defend that principle. When we have decided to move against a person nothing can stop us. The little protection you have now will prove a high joke, as you will find. There are five of us for each "Nigger" on Staten Island. Are you aware of that? Apparently you are not, and neither is your District Attorney. He too, will find out. Shortly now you can sell out now you can sell out at a profit to your neighbor, thus adding to the revenge you have already obtained. You can then laugh at him. Hence now is the time to get out and—fast. If you wait until we act you will have nothing to sell, and the laugh will be turned. We have lots of work to do, and we would rather have you straighten out this affair yourself. You have received letters which have been charged to us. We have never written you before, nor have we done anything thus far to harm you. A word to the wise is usually sufficient. Are you wise?—K. K. K. This happens in New York, and is a phase of the persecution Negro families have to undergo in the struggle to improve themselves and their condition. Brown's wife is a school teacher and they have two children.

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COTTON PICKERS GO TO WORK IN AUTOS.

(By The Associated Negro Press) Birmingham, Ala., Sept.—Plantation owners in this state are being hard put this day by the scarcity and high cost of labor. Cotton pickers used to crowd around the big house early in the morning, waiting for a chance to go to work. Now the owner must send automobiles for them, and many come in their own cars, running from four to eight cylinders. The old prices for picking were 30 to 50 cents a hundred—that was ten years ago—now the pickers demand from \$4.35 to \$1.50 and don't seem satisfied. The laborers who are not making an effort to come North, are going to work on the public highways, in factories and in the mines.

Disloyal to the Race.

In considering the matter it

seems to me that there is no other people as disloyal to their race as ours. There are reasons for this and let us consider these reasons.

1st. The average colored person doesn't know the race. 2nd. they don't care for the race. For that you don't know about, you don't care about.

For an instance, Henry Lincoln Johnson is dead, one among the outstanding factors of the nation, regardless of color and some of our people don't know that he ever lived, less much to know that he is dead. For I have had some of them to ask me: "Who was Henry Lincoln Johnson?"

Take The Palmetto Leader for an example, some of our people don't care for it. They subscribe for from ten to fifteen dollars a year for white papers, when they went put one dollar a year in the Palmetto Leader or no other colored paper. Any one that will do this is one that is disloyal to his race. Let him be who he will or may I don't say that we should not take white papers for I take them, and it is nothing but right that all of us should take them, but any colored person that will take papers and neglect their own; that man or woman is not true to their race.

Our churches, schools, stores, insurance companies, insurance agents, barber shops and pressing clubs, are not patronized by their own people as they should. If the colored people could join the white churches as they can their own some of the colored preachers would have to hunt another job. The same is true of schools and so on.

It is true that some of these firms are not what they ought be for some of our barber shops even in the larger towns are not decent enough for a rabbit to go to have his hair cut and we have some pressing clubs that the proprietors are not intelligent enough for a buzzard to carry his suit there to be pressed. If these places are not what they should be, it is no one to make them what they should be but the race.

When we do our duty as a race, we can demand something of our people, or we can demand the other fellow to come in that will do something but we must first do our duty. But it seems that our people would rather have trouble than to patronize their own race.

In Jacksonville a few days ago, a white collector went to a colored home and killed the mother with a seven months old baby in her arms. Of course he was cleared.

It seems like our people like this better than supporting their own race. Now to you who will not support your race I will ask you this my black Brother, when you get sick, who is coming to see you and sit with you in the dark hours of the night? Or when you die who is going to dig your grave?

So I will ask you please to be loyal to your race? For to be loyal to your race is to be loyal to humanity, and to be loyal to humanity is to be true to God. For no man can be true to God that is not loyal to humanity; nor can he be loyal to humanity that is not loyal to his race.

GRADY JONES.

Four years after a small ring was placed around the leg of a common tern at Easter Egg Rock, Me., the bird was found on the Niger Delta, West Africa. A gull ringed in the British Isles in 1923 was found in Newfoundland last year. Both of these birds either had crossed the Atlantic or the Pacific Ocean in some manner.

The famous Pony Express was inaugurated April 3, 1860.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE.

By Rev. J. P. Washington, Pastor of St. James A. M. E. church

While it is impossible, in a world made up of widely differing individuals, to formulate a set of rules by which each could be shown the surest and swiftest way to secure success in life, still it is possible to call attention to certain qualities of mind and character whose possession has come to be universally looked upon as essential to those who may aspire to struggle into the front rank of the world's workers. As a matter of fact it would be as difficult to define the expression "Success in life" as would be to lay down a royal road which leads to it.

Given a hundred definitions, from as many men, each treating the subject from his own standpoint, and no two of them would be found alike; and the opinion of each of these as time passed along with its inevitable ups and downs, would be found to vary considerably. Perhaps, then without attempting the impossible, in a definition of success in life which will fit all who are seeking it, it will do to look upon it as the accomplishment of the laudable life-purpose of man of natural or cultivated parts, who has found an object in life worth living and working for, and has worked honestly, and perseveringly to attain it.

The fact is, the larger these facilities which go to build up success in life, the higher the aim which accompanies them; but it must not be forgotten that man is the most cultivable of all God's creatures, and that by careful and intelligent study of the qualities which have enabled others to shine, one may employ them and acquire them in building up similar accomplishments. This being so, it does not lie in the power of the young man who feels that he possesses only a moderate share of intelligence, force and ability to decide, on this account, that he is not called upon to make fight for one of the front places in the life of his generation. The most brilliant lives have often been those of men of ordinary gifts, who exerting to the utmost such powers as have been given them, have accomplished more than hundreds of men who were more bountifully supplied with mental qualifications.

If any man looks among the circle of his acquaintances, he will be surprised to see how few have made the voyage of life successfully, and sorrow cannot but arise when he considers the impotent conclusions to which young men of brilliant parts frequently come. Everyday witnesses the triumph of patient and studious mediocrity, and men of great intellect are constantly being forced to acknowledge with surprise, the success of persons whose abilities, in comparison with their own, have been deemed inconceivable.

These men know precisely the scope of their faculties and never wander beyond them. They wait patiently for opportunities which are of the kind they can improve, and they never let one pass unimproved. Being unnoticed, they excite so much the less opposition, and at last they surprise the world by the attainment of an object which others deemed as far away from their ambition as it seemed beyond their reach.

One of the most helpful and profitable exercises for a young man who has just experienced failure of any kind can perform is to analyze the whole transaction with merciless candor, and then make a cold-blooded comparison after finding out what portion of disaster is due to his own fault. In most cases, the cause of failure is to be found in the man; the reason it is not found there is, because there is the last place he looks for it.

Mother of Rev. H. M. Moore Dead.

A representative of The Palmetto Leader received a telegram and also a letter bearing the sad news of the death of the mother of the Rev. H. M. Moore one time pastor of the Second Calvary Baptist church, this city but now the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist church of Charlotte, N. C.

Dr. Moore is well known in this state having filled prominent places in Baptist ranks of this state for a number of years. His mother's remains were laid to rest in the Duncan Creek cemetery to await the trumpet of the Great Archangel. Dr. Moore has the profound sympathies of the entire state of South Carolina. Peace to her ashes and rest to her weary spirit.

PARENTS STRIVING TO EDUCATE CHILDREN.

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Sept. Forty-fifth annual session today with the largest enrollment in its history. More than fourteen hundred students have been registered and many are yet unclassified. This is four hundred more students than were enrolled on the opening date last year. Twenty-four states and twelve foreign countries are represented.

Of the new students enrolled, thirty-nine are classified in the Advanced or Collegiate courses in Trades, Home Economics and Teacher-Training; and fifty-seven in Agriculture. The Night School, and Normal Preparatory and Nurse Training Departments also show large increases.

Dr. Robert R. Moton, Principal in addressing the students in the Institute chapel last night extended a welcome to the students and teachers, both new and old, and predicted for them a year of good work if they applied themselves to their tasks and take advantage of the opportunities offered them. "At one time," said Dr. Moton, "we feared that the boll weevil and the drought would so limit the crops that it would reduce the enrollment, but the unprecedented numbers at the opening show that Negro farmers are learning to grow cotton in spite of the pest and that more attention is being given to crop diversification."

"The fact that we have an increased enrollment in our Agricultural Department shows that the Negro of the rural South is striving to become a better farmer. And certainly no section of our country can give larger returns to the intelligent Negro farmer than our own Southland" said Dr. Moton.

"I wish also to commend the parents of the students here for the sacrifices they are making to give their children an education. I have been into the homes of some of the parents and I know how they are struggling to keep their children in school. Such sacrifices are an unflinching sign of racial advancement."

SUES BANK OFFICIAL FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

(By The Associated Negro Press) Chicago, Ill., Sept.—Charles A. White, vice president of the Lincoln State Bank, the largest financial institution in the Negro section of Chicago, which carries the accounts of the Chicago Defender and the Chicago Whip, and which is said to have been responsible for the investigation which resulted in the dismissal of a quartet of employees some months ago, has been named in a breach of promise suit for \$50,000 instituted by a divorce, Mrs. Eleanor G. Carlton. White is well known to prominent Negroes of the district.