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ENCOURAGING SIGNALS.

That there is much room for hope that better conditions among the races are coming about was amply demonstrated last Monday when articles heralding the achievements of two Negroes, former Columbians, appeared in THE STATE and THE COLUMBIA RECORD.

The articles told about the contribution one is making in the field of surgery, and the other is making in the field of creative music. The surgeon is Doctor Luther O. Baumgardner, now of Cleveland, Ohio. The Musician is Hall Johnson, now of New York City.

The article concerning Mr. Johnson was based on a comment made in TIME THE WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE which gave a brief resume of his life and told of the work he has done in directing the famous Hall Johnson Choir which has achieved international fame, and which has meant so much to the success of that epoch making play "The Green Pastures." The article expressed pride in the fact that its subject had lived in Columbia and had attended school at Allen University in this city.

The article concerning Doctor Baumgardner was based upon a scientific article which appeared under his authorship in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SURGERY. It also showed pride in the fact that he lived in Columbia and received his early training at Allen University. We deem it of timely significance that these articles about these two men should have appeared in Columbia newspapers on the same day; for their fathers were colleagues on the faculty of Allen University. Doctor William Decker Johnson was, for years president of that school, and Professor James Luther Baumgardner served until his death as Professor of Mathematics.

We commend THE STATE and THE RECORD for their having given to their readers information that teaches them that mere color of skin is no real barrier to altruistic accomplishment.

Doctor Baumgardner's mother and the one to whom he gives the credit for whatever he has achieved, is Mrs. Francis G. Baumgardner, a resident of Columbia.

"WILL ROGERS HIMSELF"

It was our delight during several editions of the Ziegfield Follies to listen to that delightful philosopher Will Rogers poke fun at men high up in the affairs of state for the bungling they had done, while twirling his lariat and chewing on his wad of gum. Will Rogers' words are heralded far and wide as being filled with wisdom, especially in their treatment of public questions. His syndicated articles are used by those of high and low estate of the fourth estate.

In his article last Sunday morning titled "Goodbye Olympics" he paid his respects to Herbert Hoover for his part in the casting of the B. E. F. from Washington in the following language: "And say if Mr. Hoover had come out here (meaning Los Angeles. Parenthesis ours.) and opened those games like he should have done he would have not been in Washington during that mess they had, in fact they wouldn't have had it. I saw some movies of that away back some couple of weeks ago, and what made it look so bad was the army going in with tanks full war equipment. I was just thinking of the effect of that being shown all over the world. We can never go around preaching 'Disarmament' and 'Brotherly Love' any more. It does look like there could have been some more sensible way out than that. I am a believer when you are at outs with a man or a group, is not to send somebody (they always bungle it.) Go out and talk it over with 'em, and lay your side right on the line and say, 'Here there is no money in the Treasury to pay it, we don't owe it to you till it's due, don't you think you have made a mistake coming here.' Or whatever else he had to say. But it's all over and they are big men and are supposed to know the right thing to do in big cases. Sometimes it makes you think we don't need a different man as bad as we need different advisers for the same man."

Will, in the main has stated the case pretty clearly. We do need a different man however and we may only have a different man if Norman Thomas is elected. That is to say we will not have a different man. The American electorate is not sufficiently educated politically nor economically to see the vast superiority of a man like Norman Thomas over Hoover or Roosevelt. Chronologically, however, America is going; and education is a slow but sure process. Ultimately our Country will place men in public office because they are qualified rather than because they are the minions of some particular dominant party. Dominant Democracy is responsible for vast rich because of their having exploited the masses of their labor and denied them the right to share in the good things of life. If such a time does not come it were better that chaos set and be our nefarious lot.

THE BEAUTY CONTEST CLOSES.

Though our official date of publication is Saturday, August 27, the paper is available for local consumption Thursday evening that is received in the local mail Friday morning. Hence this editorial.

Gentle reader: If you have not been in attendance upon the Beauty Contest that has been in progress at THE CAPITOL THEATRE for the past fortnight you have missed an "eye full" and FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 26 will be your last clear chance to avoid chiding yourself out of a real feast upon the finest in real temptation charm!

The contest closes at the time mentioned and the decision of the judges will be announced. The writer is already glad Mr. Frigidaire did not draft him to act as the expert judge because it is very likely that all the beauties should have received his vote for first prize. Competent judges have rendered their signal decisions on the two previous nights. A new set will serve at the final show. When the findings of the three sets of judges are in the results will be carefully tabulated and the winner announced. THE PALMETTO LEADER is indebted in staging this contest a howling success and to all the various merchants who [illegible] several beauties. Remember the [illegible] Mr. Frigidaire? To create a [illegible] the artistic and the aesthetic; and to [illegible] talent of professional [illegible]

Aside from the [illegible] contestant receive The [illegible] to furnish [illegible] The [illegible] participants [illegible] and due [illegible] has been [illegible]

BETWEEN THE LINES

BY GORDON B. HANCOCK

WONDERS WITHIN AND WITHOUT

In its finest [illegible] the glory and grandeur [illegible] the gates of the "the city of [illegible] swarmed the [illegible] of Athens in rectitude [illegible] and banking [illegible] ancient world [illegible] the immortals [illegible] leading men [illegible] of the spiritual world, as [illegible] and sages [illegible] depth beneath [illegible] of the spirit [illegible] after truth! [illegible] the seekers [illegible] conclusion that [illegible] never [illegible] that are [illegible] of mankind. Even the [illegible] the inside [illegible] infinite [illegible] another and [illegible] world where we live and [illegible] we must conclude, 'Star [illegible] and the lone world.' This is a [illegible] world with wonders of [illegible] with wonders of [illegible] and woman [illegible] within and [illegible] we turn the eye of our mind within [illegible] wonders that we talked with [illegible] ago pressed [illegible] a woman expressing [illegible] until something terrible [illegible] and she would not be consoled. [illegible] brother was accidentally [illegible] I talked with a man at [illegible] noon and when I asked him how he felt he replied that he was not feeling [illegible] that "been feeling troubled all month." [illegible] that same evening [illegible] where he stood [illegible] his feeling [illegible] of the eve [illegible] of her bodily [illegible] troubled the man that [illegible] before an [illegible] whole day [illegible] was a boy, I [illegible] When I [illegible] to pay train when he went [illegible] to preach. for he was a [illegible] this particular Saturday, I drove [illegible] the way we talked about [illegible] and laughed heartily [illegible] good bye at the station, as we had [illegible] without number before, there we [illegible] yet the next day I [illegible] day long. I left my young fellows [illegible] be alone with my troubled [illegible] I was exceedingly sorrowful and [illegible] under hand. But it was about [illegible] room when the weight was heavy [illegible] It was about that time that [illegible] concerning away from home. So [illegible] that when told [illegible] there was a feeling of relief. There [illegible] wonderful about life and living.

Many years ago [illegible] in South Carolina, one of [illegible] was taken very dangerously ill after [illegible] for a long time. Her malady was [illegible] and weeks [illegible] inconclusive. For weeks appeared that the end was near [illegible] and when it was by very strong friends, urged that his daughter wanted to see me. I went forthwith to her bedside [illegible] to speak words of consolation. The father and family [illegible] in deep sorrow for the impending event of death. The father took me aside and asked me to come back for the funeral, and I promised that I would, and we parted with great heaviness of heart! That night the father dreamed that he was taken to a great field and hillside where herbs grew in rich profusion. Thirteen herbs were pointed out to him as the cure for his daughter's malady. When he awoke the next morning he betook himself to the nearby forest and field and found the herbs even as he had dreamed. He boiled them and made a tea which he gave the dying daughter. Although the father is gone, that daughter is a healthy woman today after nearly twenty years. This world would be a better world if we spent more time communing with ourselves, with Nature and with God!

Wonders within and without!

POINTED POINTS

BY GEORGE A. SINGLETON

The Week's Text:—Blessed are those who wash their robes that theirs may be the right to enter the gates of the city.—Rev. 22:14.

The Weekly Thot:—"There is no road to righteousness that does not have the crossroad to unrighteousness."—"Ted" Booth.

The Weekly Thot carries the writer back to pleasant school days spent in Boston University. The quotation is from Edwin Prince Booth, schoolmate, classmate, friend; now a professor in the the great old school which took my feet out of the mire and clay.

While these lines are being written Bishop John Andrew Gregg, of Kansas City Kansas is abiding beneath the roof of the writer. The Bishop was President of Wilberforce and paid a visit to Boston. The writer was a student in the university and pastoring his first charge. President Gregg was invited over to dinner. Mr. Booth was present. From that meeting a long and lasting friendship sprang up between him and President Gregg. Tonight as Bishop Gregg and the Pointed Pointer talkt of other days we gazed at Booth's photograph, and the writer seized upon the lines of the Weekly Thot.

Life seems to consist of a dualism. One said: "Whenever a temple is erected to God the devil erects one nearby." "When I would do good evil is always present."

Socrates: "An unexamined life is not worth living." No one will question this statement. Examination reveals the inconsistencies and flaws. The first step the physician makes is the diagnosis.

Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., has definitely accepted the task of presiding over the destinies of Wilberforce University. He has been selected by the Executive Board. He will make good, is the wish and prayer of the church. His election will be the work of the Board of Trustees when it meets. Until then he will edit the Christian Recorder. This is right and wise. We are interested in the church as a whole. This writer pledges to do everything that he can to bring success to the administration of the Acting President.

Bishop Gregg is invited to Springfield by the Ministerial Alliance to deliver an address or preach a sermon on the evening of the 21 at an open air meeting. It is a pleasure to have him in the city. Sunday morning he will worship with the writer. At the evening service the writer will introduce him.

In 1928 the Pointed Pointer attended the General Conference in Louisville, and helpt to elegate Bishop Gregg. He has not forgotten it. Once more this writer says that men get up in the church and world by helping somebody else. Let us push in the same way the writer helpt Drs. Sims and Noah Williams. They are now bishops in the church. Could name others.

Musical Festival of one hundred fifty voices was had a few nights ago in this city. Your humble style was the President of the affair which was sponsored by the race churches of the city. The cooperating churches were Baptists, Seventh Day Adventists, A. M. E's., Church of God in Christ, and Episcopalians. Beautiful spirit of harmony. The program was superb. The press supported nobly. The pulpit stood by.

It was the first time that such an effort had been attempted in Springfield. The program consisted of numbers designed to interpret every phase of Negro music. Three classes of songs were sung: Spirituals, Folk Songs and Jubilees, and songs from the modern school. The daily press gave one half column of comment which you will read in another column.

For six weeks the writer workt. Now before you read another release he will have been to the dear city of Chicago to chat with the Senior Bishop of the church.

Mrs. Elsie Jenkins of Columbia was present at the Festival and will carry impressions of it back to the CapitalCity. She was also at the writer's residence last Sunday and listened to him try to make a talk on Seeking the lost and trying to save it.

Good times seem to be steadily on the income. Fifteen thousand miners are striking and picketing in a nearby town. This is a coal mining section. From the writer's door he can see the soldiers entrain and detrain to and from the scene of trouble. It is interesting how each section of the country has its unique problem.

The State Fair is on in full swing. One never sees a fair until one comes to the state of Illinois. More about it later. Such fine specimens of livestock and farm products. Remember this is the great corn section of the country. Thousands upon thousands of acres of corn.

SWANSEA NEWS.

Last Sunday, August 21, was a high day for service at Mt. Olivia A. M. E. church. The Sunday School was called to order at the usual hour 10:00 o'clock with all officers present.

We were favored to have with us the District Superintendent. He made some wholesome remarks that were enjoyed to the children as well as the adults.

The Box Party which was had on the lawn last Monday night at Mt. Olivia A. M. E. church was a success.

On Monday night, Aug. 29, there will be given a Female Concert at the above named church, under the direction of Mrs. Leola Bellinger. One and all are invited.

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fore his congregation with a burning message. He used as his text, Daniel 6:10, "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayd, and gave thanks before his God, as he did afore-time." The theme was A Good Man.

Prof. Ernest Grant, a teacher at Tuskegee Institute, is in the city visiting relatives and friends. Before moving to Alabama, he was a very active member on the choir. We were very glad to have him worship with us.

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