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Editorial

CRITICISM

The Dawn of Tomorrow is being severely criticized for allowing the use of the word "Negro" in its news columns. While we deem it unnecessary to make an elaborate defense however, the following explanation may serve to make our position clear.

In the first place, the best scholars, the most learned men of the race have accepted without any compunction the term Negro as applying to our race. Du Bois, Kelly, Miller, Wm. Pickins, the late Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the late Booker T. Washington, and in fact all of the leaders and scholars unequivocally sanctioned the use of the word "Negro". All of the colored newspapers and magazines use the word "Negro" interchangeably with the word "Colored".

Pulpit and platform orators of the race invariably use the same term.

So, therefore, we see no reason why we should not be permitted to use the term "Negro", and especially when we are printing the news of the Associated Negro Press just as it is sent to us.

Again, the word Negro is a derivative of the Spanish word "negros," which simply means black. We, as a race, are black people and we should be proud of our color, we should be proud of the name "Negro" if it means black. We can never teach the world to respect and to honor black, if we ourselves show aversion to it.

It should be remembered however, that there is as much difference between the meaning of the word "Negro" and the term "Nigger" as there is between night and day. We should feel insulted to be called niggers, but we should feel highly honored to be called Negroes.

From the derivation of the word, negro means black. We are black people. We are proud of this fact, therefore, we should be proud of the name.

I think, however, if we used less time fussing over a name and more time thinking out ways and means whereby our coming generation shall find employment for their various talents we should be much further ahead. If we had heard as much noise and talk about building Negro enterprises as we have about our name I should feel that millions of boys and girls yet unborn, are going to be given the proper chance in this country.

A Word of Appreciation.

We were pleased to receive the following letter. These little letters of encouragement are much appreciated at this time.

—Editor

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Mr. J. F. Jenkins, Editor.

Dear Sir and Brother, allow me to congratulate you on your paper, The Dawn of Tomorrow, which is to bring new, clear light into the homes of our fair Canada. I have only had the pleasure of reading the first issue. If it continues to bring to us the sun-

shine over the hills and through the valleys, it should be called, the Sunshine of To-day. We needed a paper we could call our own. It should be in the home of every colored family in Canada, bought, not borrowed. I wish you every success. I am sending enclosed, money for subscription.

Yours Sincerely,

H. F. Logan,
8 Water Street,
St. Catharines, Ont.

CO-OPERATION

We have received some most interesting letters bearing upon race co-operation. While most of these have been questionnaires, yet they are the most encouraging feature with which we have met. It shows the trend of thought. It shows that our people are awakening to the necessity of race consciousness. In the main they point out the tremendous lot of good which has been accomplished through-out the United States through race co-operation, both along business and political lines.

They may well point to the achievements of the people of the United States, for the progress made there in the past 50 years rivals any of the seven wonders of the world. Starting 50 years ago with illiteracy registering 100 per cent, or there about and with a financial standing of zero, to-day they have reduced their illiteracy to 27 per cent. They own and operate 78 banks, one hundred insurance companies, besides thousands of other business enterprises. They point with pride even to a few millionaires. They have secured some of the most important appointments which the government has in its power to bestow upon any of its citizens.

One of the letter we received reads in part: "what can we do, how can we begin to co-operate, to build businesses to make places for our boys and girls who have absolutely no chance in this country? Our people here in Canada receive such little pay that their chances to enter remunerative employment, whereby they may be able to save money to enter business that our case seems almost hopeless."

Two things I may say by way of answering the above questions. First no matter how small our wages are we can make a start along some line of co-operation. Second we are inviting any and all who are interested in the upward striving of our race to send us suggestions as to how best to make this beginning. We shall be glad to publish all such suggestions whenever it is possible.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

(By the Associated Negro Press)

Montgomery, Ala., Aug.—Speculation as to the eventual outcome in the Tuskegee Hospital situation, as indulged in this, the capital city of the proud commonwealth of Alabama, has been intensified since the elevation of Calvin Coolidge to the Presidency of the United States. President Coolidge, then Vice-President, delivered the principal address at the dedication of the Tuskegee Veteran's Hospital, last April and his interest in the progress and welfare of the hospital is said to be keen. In view of the fact that the most outstanding incident in President Coolidge's career has been the sternness with which he upheld law and order in the Boston policemen's strike, even the Ku Klux are regarding him doubtfully and wondering what might happen if they again attempted to show the superiority of the fiery cross over the U.S. Government.

An interesting story has been going the rounds of the cordial and sympathetic attitude displayed by Mr. Coolidge when he spoke at the dedication of the hospital early in the spring. It seems that Governor Brandon, who now occupies office on Capitol Hill, where "Jeff" Davis once held forth here in the cradle of confederacy was also on the program. The governor, who is reputed to have been a "mule skinner" driving a couple of Alabama beauties hitched to a street car in a city near here, a few years ago, and who is popularly known as "Bill"

Brandon, the mule driver, throughout the state is said to have stormed and fumed because a Negro appeared on the program ahead of him and to have devoted a considerable part of his speech to protest at the slight. Later he went with the Vice-President to have his photograph made at the base of the famed monument of Booker T. Washington. Mr. Coolidge called to Dr. Moton and in a voice loud enough to be heard by all those about, asked him to stand on his right side, while the governor was placed on his left. "I want to give this picture to my sons at home," he said. And so the Governor of Alabama was photographed with a black man.

Hines Meets Committee

Advices from Washington indicate that while General Hines listened to the plan proposed by the white committee of the town of Tuskegee, who conferred with him at Washington last Friday, has decided to order the colored ward doctors who already have been selected to report for duty. Mr. Calhoun, the disbursing officer has already returned and has been received with marked courtesy by the officials who formerly rebuffed him. General Hines is said to have remarked just before President Harding's passing that he knew the President desired a full Colored personnel and that the plan would be carried out.

Crogman and Howard Honored

(By the Associated Negro Press)
Atlanta, Ga., Aug.—Following the announcement that Professor Crogman and David T. Howard, prominent Negro citizens of Atlanta, that the local Board of Education had named public schools in their honor, the Colored citizens held a public reception in honor of the two at the Reed Baptist Church, last Sunday afternoon. A large concourse of people of both races attended the exercises.

You Can't Fool a Horse-Fly.

Two Colored gentlemen were talking, when one of them became annoyed by a large fly that pestered him continually.

"Sam," he said "What kin' o' fly am dis?"

"Hoss-fly," said Sam. "It buzzes rooun' hosses, cows, an' jackasses."

"You makin' out to call me a jack-ass, Sam?"

"I aint makin' out to call you nuthin', but, lawdy me, you cain't fool dem hoss-flies."

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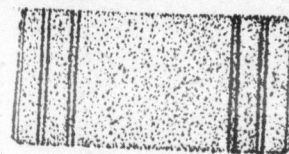
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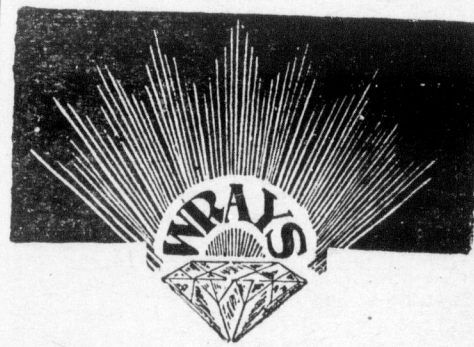
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