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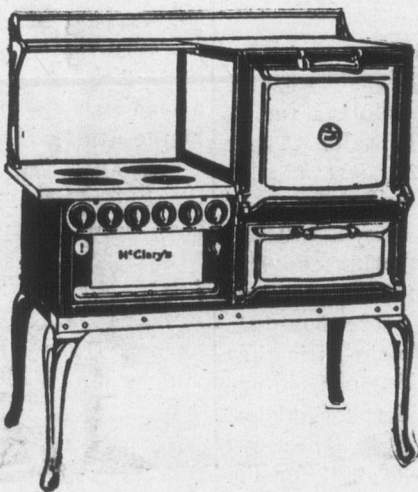
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ing about Hot Springs and its people as it is very interesting to know how quickly our people are advancing but space is limited. The coloured population of Hot Springs is around 7,000 and it is interesting to note that these few people control over \$5,000,000 to business and property. They also have a bank which is controlled by the "Woodmen of Union." The opportunities in the south for the coloured man are unlimited as was evidenced by us on our visit to some of the smaller towns in Arkansas. They are employed in all forms of industry. We visited the towns of Malvern, Archadelphia, Benton and Eldorado and found our people actively engaged in all lines of business, professionally and otherwise. There are many wealthy farmers and oil well owners who are enjoying life far better than a great many of our people in the north. The reason why the Negro in the South is progressing more rapidly than those in the North especially in Canada is because (as far as I can see) the leaders are willing to acknowledge themselves Negroes and are content to mingle with their own people thereby inspiring them to elevate themselves in all walks of life.

We expect to leave Hot Springs by June 4th. From there we intend visiting Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City, during the summer months.

The outstanding feature of the people of the South is their unbounded hospitality, which we fully appreciated and enjoyed. We regret very much leaving the South and intend to return before very long.

JOSEPH and McPHERSON

Back to the Land

One of the greatest problems facing the world today, and in particular the people of the North American Continent; is to retain the people of the country districts on the farms and prevent them migrating to the big cities, where the attractions of the movies and the great white lights prove irresistible to so many people raised on the farm. It is granted that the hours on the farm, particularly in certain seasons, are long and arduous and sometimes the pay is short in comparison with the big salaries drawn by workers in certain big industries in the large cities. But the farmers job is a permanent one, while the city workers is kept on the pay roll only as long as the industry is flourishing. The high cost of living in the cities more than balances the losses sustained by the agriculturalists through short crops, poor prices or other handicaps, due to living in the country.

While the problem is a world one this article deals only with the case from a Canadian point of view. It is quite obvious to all thinkers, that if we cannot encourage young Canadians to stay on the farm, and others to go on the land, we must turn to other peoples to whom agricultural work

appeals. That is the big reason why the Federal Govt. is encouraging the coming into the country of immigrants, destined to go upon the land. The bulk of the immigrants so far are from the British Isles, while northern Europe is a big field for Canadian immigration also.

Among the races so far that have not yet taken up the "Back to the Land" question is the colored race and it seems reasonable to believe that a propaganda among that race with that point in view would be received with pleasure. The opportunities for the colored man in the professions is limited. The principal fields open to him are railroading, hotels, steamboats, etc.

The question will be asked, would the colored men and women do well in the agricultural field? Why not? People of other races, who never saw farms before, landing in Western Canada, have made good and so can the colored race if they only take up the question seriously. Free land in the Canadian West can still be had by complying with certain reasonable homesteading regulations. Land in Northern Ontario and Quebec is also available. In the fruit districts of B.C. the Japs and Chinese are entering the field, and certainly all Canada would be pleased to see Canadians and British Subjects by birth or naturalization, enter this line and block the Asiatic immigration.

The Colored man is by nature a respecter of law and order and is and will be a good citizen of Canada, while the Jap and Chinaman will never take any real interest in this country outside of the commercial advantages it offers to himself or to the country of his birth. This is home to the colored man and home brings the responsibilities of citizenship, while to the Asiatics their real home is in Japan or China. It is suggested that, after a thorough investigation, an attempt should be made to get a colony of about 25 families to make a start in this new movement. Schools and transportation will follow if not precede settlements. Any keen observer realizes that Canada is in a unique position from an agricultural and stock raising point of view. Our closeness to the British markets gives us a great advantage over our competitors in disposing of our cattle and farm products.

The U.S., in the past our greatest competitor, has now reached a point where she will soon cease to be an exporter of food stuffs and with her vast population she will have to turn to us for her supplies for the farms and the ranches. The advice here offered to the colored man, looking out for the future, is to look into this matter with real earnestness.

The land is the source of all wealth and the nearer to nature we get the closer we will come to health, happiness and prosperity.

T. P. TESTER.

Given Life Sentence For Strangling Child

Associated Negro Press.

Ferriday, La., June 2—Alex Floyd, a white man, was sentenced to life imprisonment for strangling to death a four-year-old colored baby, Adelle Le Black, who annoyed him while at play. He admitted the crime.

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