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Ten Colored Are Elected To The State Legislatures

Associated Negro Press.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Gauged by his acquisition of new elective office the American Negro voter gained but little in the great campaign which has just closed. In many states from New York to California he was found striking out in an effort to work his way into the legislative councils of the states, but save in those districts where he was already entrenched, his success was entirely negligible. Second to his aspiration for office was his fight against segregation measures in which he was successful, and third was his effort to elect white candidates friendly to him. In this latter respect the returns show him to be not much better off than he was.

In Massachusetts and in California, two of the most widely separated states, the Negro vote registered most strongly against segregation. In Massachusetts it was against the segregation of Negroes in the departments at Washington. Negro voters took occasion to express their resentment against Butler at the polls for this evil which Coolidge overlooks. In California the segregation measures defeated were local issues.

Ten Legislators

Colored America elected ten state legislators. Five in Illinois, two in Missouri, one in California and two in Nebraska. St. Louis also won a justice of the peace, as did Gary, Ind., and two constables must be checked to the credit of the Missouri town.

The election of 1926 demonstrates beyond question that Colored America has ceased to be influenced by sentiment of party, and henceforth must be reckoned with on accomplishments. If there were an opportunity for a genuine protest against Republican indifference and riding on a high horse, the Negro voter gave that protest at the ballot in the state of the nation where his votes count, and it has been in no uncertain terms.

In the states of Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New York, Massachusetts and Oklahoma there were enough Negroes who voted the Democratic ticket or remained from the polls by disgust and indifference, to have changed the results in favor of Democrats! Disgusted indifference did more among

Catholics Hit Novel Of 'the Life On The Mississippi River

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

New York, Oct. 27.—65,000 members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae have a complaint demanding the elimination of seven pages of Edna Ferber's recent novel, "Show-Boat," wherein a covenant in Chicago is described as "a prison," and it is stated that "every lady on Clark street sends her daughter there."

Another complaint was recently filed by Tom Taggart, Democratic leader of Indiana in which he complained his name was used for the character of a gambler in the book. The name was changed in later editions.

Pays Tribute to Negro.

According to Alice Nelson-Dunbar writing in the Washington Eagle, Miss Ferber "has apparently gone out of her way to pay tribute to the Negro spiritual; to the power of Negro music, to the debt of the American stage to the Negro element, to lovable and gracious Negro character, from the beautiful octoroon actress, Julia, to little Joe, the cook's helper."

Negroes than voting Democratic, but in all of the states mentioned, there were appreciable numbers who voted for the Democratic candidate for U.S. senator for personal reasons.

In the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, there were thousands of Colored voters who either remained away from the polls or voted for opposition candidates. Comments from these sections vary from a mild protest to a torrent of invectives about the "double dealing manner and false promises of the Republicans." While Republican Senators and Congressmen were elected from these states, they have plainly been placed on the defensive and if they hope to retain their prestige or, to be able to save the party in 1928, the days of "passing the buck" and "hide and seek" must give way to practical achievements and constructive legislation that reaches the common people, backbone of the republic. The Chicago Defender, the largest Negro newspaper came out strongly Democratic.

CRISIS NEAR IN AFRICA SAYS MAX YERGAN

The natives of South Africa are facing the most difficult race problem of any people anywhere and from this country there is coming a challenge to us (the Negro of America) as it can to no other because of what we are. Upon these facts the leading colored foreign worker in the Y. M. C. A., Mr. Mr. Max Yergan, based his address to a fair sized audience at the Pine St. department last Sunday afternoon.

Africans Like Ourselves

Mr. Yergan, who has just returned from a five years' organization campaign in South Africa, spoke in earnestness and hopefulness concerning fathers of the American Negro. He impressed it upon his audience at the very outset not to think of Africa as a continent of darkness and ignorance abounding with heathen, but to think of it as a land of men and women just like ourselves, who have seen the light of a new day and are struggling against great odds to progress.

Much Work to be Done.

The speaker told of his experience on first going to Africa of the discrimination and humiliation that he and his wife were subjected to, of the suspicions of the controlling governments who feared for foreigners to enter the land with any intentions of attempting to raise the natives to a new order of advancement. But he went on to paint a picture of the success of his work during his stay in South Africa. Among the achievements, 35 Associations were set up, having 1000 members and over a thousand teachers. Mr. Yergan jokingly told of making a trip of 3,500 miles on one occasion to set up an association. These associations, as expounded by the speaker, are aiding the natives and giving them a real consciousness, their purpose being threefold:

1. To spread Christianity among the people.
2. To awaken a social vision among the natives.
3. The opening up of a more liberal attitude on the part of governments in interpreting and performing their duties toward the people.

Race Writers To Publish Monthly

New York, Nov. 19.—The N.A.A.C.P. is informed that a group of young colored writers are planning to publish a quarterly magazine to be called "Fire!!" The Board of Editors includes Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Thurston, Aaron Douglas, Gwendolyn Bennett, John Davis, Wallace Thurman and Bruce Nugent. The new magazine is to be issued from 314 West 138th Street, New York. The first number is announced for publication on November 22nd.

Facing Crisis.

South Africa is facing an almost inevitable crisis, Mr. Yergan stated. Three reasons were given for the speaker forecasting of likely great difficulties. There are only about a million and a half white persons in this country, he declared, while there are five million and a half Negroes. This minority of number is leading the whites to resort to unjust tactics to keep the black men subordinate, which methods will sooner or later lead to conflicts. In this connection three measures opposing the natives were spoken of: 1. The color-bar bill which restricts the natives from competing with the whites in the trades; 2. A proposed bill to farther limit the voting power of the natives. These injustices have resulted in the birth of a group desirous of justice and fair play for all, a group perplexed and confused desirous of improving their home life, village life, educational, social, religious and political standing, and it is with this group that we are working in accomplishing the task of avoiding this crisis and aiding the Africans to progress, the organizer said. The exploitations of the rich resources of the

Mr. Yergan, who returns to Africa next July to continue his work, stated that he will return with strong confidence of helping the Africans to surmount their problems. He told of a governmental conference he attended in Belgium with five natives who accompanied him from South Africa, and of the favorable consideration given them. This conference was held just before he sailed for America. Mr. Yergan also told of the Y. M. C. A. being invited to be one of the co-operative agents of the governments in South Africa in a joint educational program.

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Editorial

THE DEATH OF JAMES GRANGER.

A few days ago death removed from our ranks one of our most prominent and useful citizens in the person of Mr. James Granger. He had been a resident of the city for many years and had greatly influenced its church and civic life. He was deeply interested in many forms of philanthropy and was a generous contributor to them all. Rising from the rank and file of the working man to a most prominent position in the city and Province, his sympathy was always with the common people and he did much to make conditions better for them. His interest in the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People was deep and genuine and had it not been for declining health, he would have been a director of that body. He often asked of its progress and expressed his desire to see it prosper. He was a regular contributor to its funds.

London and vicinity can not but feel keenly the loss of such a sterling character as was James Granger. However, we trust that his life will be taken as a model by the youth of the coming generation.

THE SALVATION ARMY

There is a report to the effect that once upon a time two very wealthy residents of the City of Toronto had a band of the Salvation Army haled into court for disturbing the peace and "dignity" of their neighborhood by singing, praying and otherwise giving thanks to the Creator. This occurred before the World War. It so happened that the sons of these two rich men went to France and fought in the trenches. There, they, like other soldiers, were subject to fatigue, hunger and privation. It was on such an occasion that they discovered that the Salvation Army was also in France and that it was not only administering to the spiritual welfare of the boys in khaki, but to their physical and bodily needs as well. The story goes that these two boys wrote home to their parents, telling them of the noble work of the Army; how self-sacrificing and devoted to duty they were, how thoughtful of the boys in the trenches and how kind, sympathetic and humane

to all alike, rich or poor, friend or foe. One boy observed: "I believe they act as near as is humanly possible just as Christ would have acted. Of the many organizations here working along us and for us, the Salvation Army is by far the most cheering and inspiring. Many times I have been relieved from duty, cold, wet, hungry, without a cent. I have appealed to some organizations who supply refreshments, for a cup of coffee. I have sometimes been refused if I did not have the price. But the Army, never. I am always made welcome and given my hot coffee and rolls. I am told to play whenever I can. They seem not so much interested in getting their pay as in giving comfort to us weary soldiers. They have done much to make me understand the real spirit and the true character of Christ."

It is not recorded that these two wealthy Toronto families endowed the Army, but we are sure they should have. For their sons had been brought into touch with the spirit of the Master. In Toronto they had been brought up in the church, of course. They had attended Sunday school regularly, to be sure. But they had rubbed elbows with people only in their own fine church. Perhaps they were made to believe that Christ cared only for fine churches and wealthy members.

Last Sunday evening was cold and bleak. As we briskly walked through the city our attention was caught by the Army band. They were playing hymns and putting life into them. We felt a thrill of religious reverence. We walked on and soon passed another detachment of the Army singing with all the force of their nature. We stopped on the third corner to await the coming of the street car. Suddenly there burst upon our ears the peals of the first band. They were coming! They were marching down the middle of the streets. With the Army's banner lifted high! As a boy we have watched our soldiers marching off to war. We have felt the thrill of patriotism and have sometimes yelled "hurrah!" But the enthusiasm which possessed us last Sunday evening was of a different kind. Old as we are, we could hardly refrain from doffing our hat and shouting at the top of our voice, "God bless you self-sacrificing followers of the cross."

We know something of the Army's work among the poor. We have never known it to turn down a needy case without doing whatever little it could to comfort, to cheer, to assist. We have watched their "pot boil" year by year just before Yuletide. We have observed the workers sticking to their posts on days and nights which seemed really too cold for human beings to be exposed. We have found out by observation and by investigation that the funds from the "boiling pot" go to make more happy homes among the really poor on Christmas morning than the average person dreams of.

What the creed, the denomination of the Salvation Army is we know not and we care not. But, to our mind it comes nearer representing the true religion of the lowly Nazarene; it comes nearer striking a common basis on which all humanity can meet and worship in spirit and in truth than any church we now know of.

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On last Wednesday evening, Miss Mabel Morley of Hill street became the bride of Mr. Geo. Harris this city. The wedding was a quiet one. The bride, groom and a few friends and relatives repaired to the residence of Rev. S. R. Drake at 8.30 p.m. where the ceremony was performed by him. The bride and groom are living with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Stewart of Hill street.

The Merry-makers Club, a new organization composed of the young men of the city, is giving its maiden function next Thursday evening. It will be a grand concert at St. George's hall. Come out and help the boys make the affair a success.

The B.M.E. Sunday school will hold its Christmas concert on December 16. The Hill Street Baptist will hold its Sunday school concert some time later. We trust our citizens will give both of these concerts their patronage. We get an idea of the ability of the children and an angle of the future possibility of the race by seeing our children perform.

Mrs. C. E. Jenkins and her twin boys have been released from the hospital. They are doing fine.

Last Thursday evening about forty of our citizens gave a surprise on the families of Mr. Ed. Moxley and Rev. Thomas Woodcock. Many valuable parcels were left at both houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moxley wish to thank their many friends for the agreeable surprise tendered them last

Thursday evening. The numerous valuable parcels left are very highly appreciated by them

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Woodcock wish to express their gratitude to the citizens of London for their kind consideration of them last Thursday evening. They consider their gifts as showers of blessing, sent through the donors from the Creator.

"Our Domestics," a comedy drama, will be produced by the Get Acquainted Club some time in the near future. Before you see this play, we advise you to see your physician and have your laughing apparatus tested and in good working order.

The Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People has secured St. Andrew's Hall in which to have a grand night some time next month. Rev. E. McEwin Williams of Toronto will be the principal speaker. The Get Acquainted Club has consented to assist with music.

BRANTFORD.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Johnso, of Oakville, a niece of Rev. and Mrs. Wright, who passed away on October 28 at Toronto hospital. Rev. Wright left to join Mrs. Wright at the funeral which was held at Oakville, Ont.

The stork passed through Brantford Oct. 25th and stopped at Campbell St., leaving a fine baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snowdon. Mother and baby are doing fine at this writing.

On Oct. 29th a few of the young

people motored to London to the Get Acquainted Club's Hallowe'en concert which was a big success. They reported having had a splendid time.

On Oct. 31st, owing to Rev. Wright's absence, Mr. John Lucas took charge of the morning service, and Rev. Geo. Johnson in the evening. The services were greatly enjoyed by all. November 7th was fuartely meeting, there being a good attendance all day. Rev. Stewart of Hamilton spoke in the afternoon. He gave a wonderful address which was greatly appreciated. In the evening Rev. Wright delivered one of his able and popular discourses. Visitors were present from Chatham, London and Woodstock, the church being well filled.

Mrs. Isaac Johnson entertained Mr. Roy Anderson and brothers, Mr. P. Fuller and Mr. Charles Smith. On Monday evening, Nov. 8th, the party motored to Hamilton to attend a Thanksgiving ball. The party included Miss Bertha Johnson, Mrs. Delfish, Miss Bertha Payne, Mrs. I Johnson, the Misses Murray, Miss G. Walker, Mrs. W. M. C. Curtis and others. They report having had a good time.

November 19th a number of young people surprised Miss Walker on her birthday by giving her a party at her home.

Mrs. Walker is very poorly at present, as is also Miss Bertha Johnson.

CHATHAM.

Ben and Douglas Talbot of Detroit visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Talbot, recently.

Mrs. Geo. Colman and Mr. B. Highgate were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Talbot.

Mrs. Murray of Galveston, Texas, and Miss Alice Clark, of Detroit, have returned home after visiting Mrs. B. Talbot.

Miss Beulah Harding spent Thanksgiving with her mother and father.

Mr. Harold Taylor of Boston, has returned home after visiting his aunt, Mrs. G. Needham.

LaVere Needham has returned after spending the week-end in Detroit.

Mrs. S. Lynn is spending a few days with Mrs. Davis of Toronto.

Mrs. L. Pryor spent a few days in

Miss Viola Hesderson graduated from Queen Mary school on Wednesday night.

WINSTON JONES RUNS 85 YARDS FOR TEAM'S LONE TOUCHDOWN.

Pacific Coast News Bureau.

Los Angeles Cal., Oct. 30.—Continuing his sensational work of last week, Winston Jones, Colored fullback of Lincoln High School, aved his team from defeat when he took the pigskin at the kickoff of the third quarter of Friday's game with Manual Arts High and raced through his opponents' entire line-up for a touchdown.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jake Selby, of Chatham were week end visitors in the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Toles of Hamilton spent the Thanksgiving holidays in our city.

Mrs. Herb Morrison of Collingwood has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cromwell for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson of Hamilton spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshall.

Mrs. Nellie Budd and sister, Mrs. Dobbins of Hamilton, spent the Thanksgiving holidays the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac James.

Mrs. Herb Morrison is visiting in Toronto before returning to her home in Collingwood.

The many friends of Mrs. Henry Morton will be pleased to know that she is steadily improving after being laid up for the past two months with rheumatism.

Ms. Chas. Joynes of Hamilton spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister, Mrs. Isaac James.

Frank Gardner of Hamilton spent the holidays in our city.

Arthur Marshall of Toronto, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall, Drew St.

Mrs. Herb Morrison, Percy James and brother Wallace attended the ball in Hamilton last week.

Mr. Harold Marshall has returned to Toronto after spending the summer with his parents.

HAMILTON.

The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Stewart. It being quarterly meeting, love feast was administered in the morning and holy communion in the afternoon and evening. The three children of Mr. Fred Duncan, Toledo, O., were baptized by Rev. Stewart at the morning service.

The annual tea meeting was held on November 25th. An excellent menu was served, followed by a good programme.

We are glad to report progress in the condition of Mrs. Mary Rhodes and pray for a speedy recovery.

Sunday will be ladies' day and we look for a crowded church and a good spiritual time together.

Dr. Morrison and Lawyer Cross of Toronto spent Sunday in the city and paid a visit to our Sunday school.

Sunday, November 7th was men's day. The entire program was conducted by men. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Stewart.

The quarterly conference was held on Monday, Nov. 15th. Reports read by the various auxiliaries of the church showed steady progress.

LOVE DIVINE.

Yes, amid all my trials, this fact I've learned well,
'Tis His love chooses that I pass under the rod;
And why this or that trouble comes, I cannot tell,
For no one is yet able to comprehend God.

It is said, God moves in a mysterious way,
Performing His wonders, as we daily can prove.
But though mystified often, we trust Him and say,
The motives that move Him must be prompted by love.

Yes, 'tis love rules the world, and the mountains may fall,
Or the oceans burst loose from the bounds He has wrought.
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On Tuesday night Rev. E. A. Richardson, pastor of the B.M.E. church, took charge of the opening service. He also led in the prayer meetings at 7:30 o'clock each night of the campaign. Quite a number of B. M. E. church members attended these meetings and they speak very highly of their treatment at the hands of our white brethren and sisters.

The Armistice Supper on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, was not attended as well as was expected, although the conveners, Mrs. Herb Harrison, Mrs. Rev. A. E. Richardson, Mrs. F. Taylor, and Mrs. Wm. Harrison Jr., were not discouraged with the smallness of the crowd. The proceeds amounted to between \$20 and \$25 which was added to the Stewards' treasury. The official board wish to thank all who assisted in making the supper a success.

Rev. E. A. Richardson and Mrs. Wm. Harrison assisted the Salvation

Army Monday night at their Armistice supper program. They sang very acceptably and received several encores.

Mr. James McArthur and Willmore Johnston left on Wednesday sight on the steamer Modjeska as cooks for a couple of trips. We wish them a safe return.

Misses Valva and Norma Miller and Francis Nolik are on the public school honor roll, standing first in their class. Well done, kiddies.

A number of our young people went over to Collingwood one day this week to a dance gives there. They report a good time.

STRATFORD.

Master William Harrison is on his vacation in Whitehall, Mich., Chicago, and other points.

Miss Elsie Duncan spent the Thanksgiving holiday at her home in Guelph.

Robert Hesson, Miss Gertie Harrison and Carl Harrison went to London for Thanksgiving.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Hobb, Mr. and Mrs. Degroat and children motored up from London to visit her father who is not very well.

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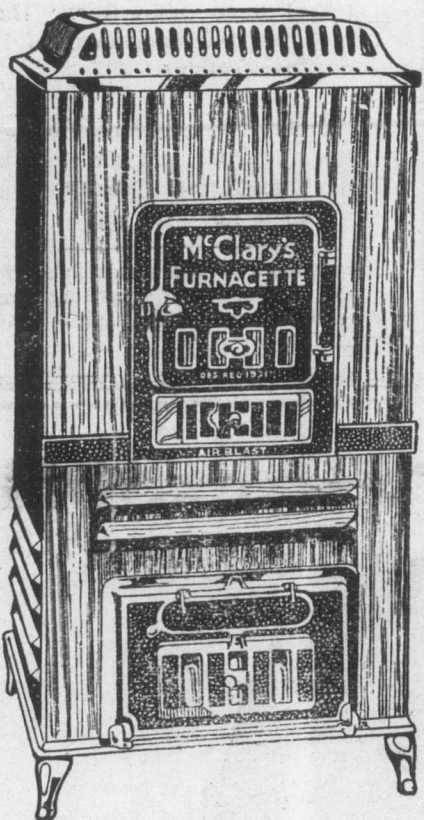
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The B. M. E. church continues to interest a goodly number of worshippers at the services held within its sacred precincts. On Sunday, Nov. 14, two very interesting sermons were given by the pastor, Rev. Stewart. Sub. 11 a.m. "Antediluvian Piety." Text. Gen. 6. 9. "And Noah walked with God." This is the grandest statement that can be made about man To say that one is rich or learned, or honored, is to awake more or less interest in him, but to say that he walks with God is to give him a place in the thought of his fellows; higher and grander than anything else can do. There are some facts that cannot be doubted; this is one of them: That the man whose companion in life is God, lives a life greatly superior to all other men. At 7 p.m. the text was taken from St. John 13: 35. Sub. "Our Badge of Recognition." The speaker began by saying that in these words of the text the Master gives to us the mark of a Christian, the thing that should distinguish His disciples from all others. The great need in the Church today is real "Brotherly Love." It cannot be taught to the world if we do not possess it ourselves the speaker said. Several selections appropriate for the service were rendered by the choir.

Sunday Nov. 14th is Missionary Day. A special service will be conducted by the women of our local society at 7 p.m.

The Union Thanksgiving service was well attended on Monday Nov. 8th at Grant A.M.E. Church.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Gill was baptised on Sunday Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Best, 45 Sullivan St. Rev. F. O. Stewart of the B.M.E. Church officiated.

A very happy event took place on Oct. 1st last at the home of Mrs. Sarah Earll, Owen Sound, Ont., when her daughter, Miss Rachel Christina, became the bride of Mr. Andrew Wayman Hackley, Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Andrew W. Hackley, Toronto. They were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by the Rev. E. A. Richardson pastor of the B.M.E. Church of that city in the presence of immediate relatives. Mrs. Richardson, wife of Rev. E. A. Richardson was bride's matron, while Moses Earll, brother of the bride acted as best man. The happy couple are residing in Toronto.

Backs Down On The Border Edict

Mexicali, Lower California, Mexico, Nov.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau)—After a recent conference with American Consul Bohr, Adolfo Miranda, chief of the immigration service in Mexicali, whose recent order barring Negroes from entry into Mexico for longer than a 9-hour period created national attention, modified his original order by stating that republic black Americans will be granted border permits which will entitle them to cross at any and all hours, provided they present letters of recommendation, vouching for their character and their employment if employed on the Mexican side.

In this conference with Mr. Miranda the American Consul was assured that every facility would be offered to so handle the regulations that no unnecessary hardship might be imposed upon the respectable law abiding Black American.

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