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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## THE ADVOCATE

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### HE SANG STRAIGHT

#### TO OUR HEARTS

Roland Hayes, the world famed tenor sang for a Portland audience again this star which marked his seventh tour of America since he was heralded by English royalty.  
His voice to us who heard him several times before his great fame arrived, is none the sweeter. But he handles it like the finished artist that he is.  
He continues to be the same fine, unspoiled, lovable personage he was before he ever crossed the ocean.  
On his programs, he still finds considerable room for the Negro Spirituals which he sings like no one else can sing them on the concert stage today.  
Who, but Roland Hayes could sing, "I heard of a city called heaven and started to make it my home"?

### CRISIS BECOMES OF AGE

The Advocate congratulates the Crisis and its editor, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, upon the former's 21st birthday. Although the Crisis has just begun its career, we can remember it has always done a manly job.  
The Advocate knows something of the struggles of the Crisis and has reached maturity amid the constant fire of its daily battles with the forces of reaction and prejudice.  
The editor has long to carry on the cooperative work it undertook to do back in 1920.

### DECORATED FOR DOING DUTY

Down in the south the other day, a great meeting was held with many notables from various parts of the south who came to do honor to a woman who stood by her guns in the face of a hungry mob bent on "getting their man".  
The woman was decorated for bravery and for upholding the majesty of the law and civilization.  
The occasion was marked by much ceremony and speech-making. It most certainly surpassed the most cynical who witnessed it. But somehow we cannot help wondering if the practice (for it has become a practice in the south) to honor officers of the law is advisable. Is it not the duty of every official of the law to do his full duty to uphold the law? Has the time come in our civilization that we must place medals upon officers of the law for doing their sworn duty?

The editor had the honor of calling at the offices of The Manufacturer and Industrial News Bureau, E. Hofer and Son, publishers, the day this week. We were received with the utmost courtesy and cordiality by the editors and managers. After a visit in which we learned something of the vast field of work accomplished by those in authority and something about the special work carried on in this office, we were conducted through the plant.

We were very happy to meet the youthful editor whose writings we greatly admire. And we hope 'The Advocate' will find its rightful place among the many exchanges received each week at their office.

We are much pleased to note that in the September issue of 'Town and Country Life' a 64 page magazine published in London, England, an interesting biographical sketch of William Pickens together with a double column cut of the noted writer, orator and educator. Considerably more than a half page is devoted to the subject with special references to Mr. Pickens' autobiography, "Bursting Bonds".

From down in Hempstead, Texas comes the following from one of the Advocate's devoted readers:

"I still enjoy your paper. Those stories are fine; there is something about them—a charm I can't just explain. It is because they are from the Negro's pen. I think they are wonderful, and God has let me live to read Negro literature! And to think I have a cousin who is a wonderful editor! I wish all Negroes would read about their own folk and learn what they are doing."

The above was taken from a personal letter to the editor of The Advocate written by her grand cousin, Mrs. Nancy Walker.

An atmosphere of festivity is everywhere about the city. The celebration of the 21st birthday of the Crisis and the 21st anniversary of the Washington, D. C. race riot are being commemorated by numerous social functions in the city.

### STABILIZING SILVER

Senator Key Pittman of Nevada believes that the abandonment of the gold standard of coinage by Great Britain may lead to a solution of the world silver problem.  
England's move will probably result in a silver conference among the world's great nations, with the purpose of stabilizing the price of the metal at a normal level.  
Many economic authorities are of the opinion that the present world depression was largely brought about by the decline in buying power of such countries as China, India, Mexico, etc., which have the silver standard. When the value of silver went down, their purchasing power dropped accordingly. Stabilization of silver would bring this buying power back—and, from a national standpoint, would mean an industrial revival in our mining states.—E. Hofer.

The Advocate hopes in the organization of more groups, the colored people of the community have made provision for the political education of the group. Such an organization is not only timely, but almost imperative.

### SOUTHERN BRUTALITY

Some weeks ago a Negro maniac around Birmingham, Ala., restrained, shot and killed two white young women. The third one whom he shot, recovered. Lately, while riding through the streets of Birmingham, she saw a colored man who doubtless looked like the criminal who had shot her, and she thus "identified" him. Such an "identification" only means if the identifier is honest, that the accused persons resembles closely the person for whom he is taken; it does not, cannot in reason, prove that he is the person wanted. Only an expert check-up of time and place, a sifting of the evidence of "alibis", a cool dispassionate analysis of other elements besides "looks", can determine whether such "identified" person is the one wanted. In brief, only an impartial and methodical court of law and evidence could determine whether this colored young man was the guilty party or not.

But in Alabama, as soon as this girl "identified" this Negro, he was doomed, whether innocent or not. Under the pretext of "questioning" him, the officers smuggled the brother of the girl into the jail and allowed him to shoot the prisoner in cold blood, an act equal in its cowardice to the act of the maniac who had killed the other girls. Only the act of this white young maniac was far more cowardly because he ran less risk than the black criminal ran, and knew that he was running far less risk. There is nothing romantic in the shooting perhaps to death of this black prisoner, who was behind the iron bars of a prison: it is just plain savage brutality.

It is said that when his sister "identified" this Negro, the young white fellow was "so excited" that he could not control himself. But it was not excitement that made him unlawfully conceal and smuggle that gun into jail; that was cold, calculating planning, with criminal intent. He did not need a gun to protect himself against a Negro prisoner confined in a white man's jail with scores of armed white officers all around him. The young white man did not go armed for self-protection; he armed himself to kill. He is a criminal and a murderer at heart, even if the Negro does not die, and even if there is not a jury of white men in Alabama who will convict the white killer.

Strangely enough perhaps, a reward of \$3,300 posted for the apprehension of the maniac, may be shared by the girl victim who "identified" him and her brother who shot him.  
And yet, these white gentlemen talk as if they expect every Negro to turn himself into a blood hound to help track down black killers of white folk, while white men pin medals of honor on the white killers of black folk.—We object!

By William Pickens

We have seen a glimpse of the life of a man who has been a victim of the system of segregation. He is a man who has been a victim of the system of segregation. He is a man who has been a victim of the system of segregation.

There is a tragic decrease in our receipts, and while it is easy and fashionable to say that we would not be amiss to go in and quest of other causes. One denominational paper has said that the denomination it represents handles too much money—so much so that it leads to what we call euphemistically designate as extravagance. This denomination works in the same conditions that Zion operates, and yet it boasts of a plethora of certain funds. Old man Depression apparently cuts but a small figure in their picture.  
What then is the reason we do not do better? Is our system a failure, or are we unable to operate it? Are we indifferent? Or what?  
These questions can not be ignored or laughed away, or dismissed with a jerk of the thumb. They challenge our serious thought.  
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Shiloh Baptist Church  
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First A. M. E. Zion Church  
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Rev. W. R. Lovell, Minister

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH  
BETHEL ALLEN C. E. LEAGUE

(Anna Morrison, Reporter)  
The League and church choir, under the direction of Prof. Elmer C. Bartlett and Rev. Daniel G. Hill Jr., were the guests of the Clinton Kelly Methodist church last Sunday evening. A group of Negro Spirituals was sung by the choir. A vocal solo by Miss Dolores Burdine, accompanied by Miss Eleanor Gragg, pianiste, represented the League.

The program was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience of both white and colored.

Remember the League meets every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Everybody is welcome.

### MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

Musical programs will be given by the choir every Sunday evening until a minister has been called by the church officials.  
Repairs and improvements are being made on our church edifice by competent workmen.

### SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

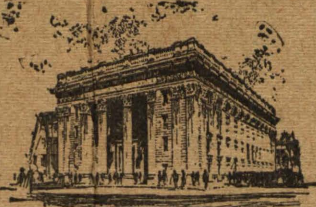
Rev. G. G. Gardener, Pastor  
The B. Y. P. U. of Shiloh gave an interesting program Sunday evening under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Williams.

The program was as follows:  
Opening Selection, Miss Daisy Wright  
Reading, Roy Williams  
Piano Solo, Miss Marie Nailing  
Paper, Mrs. G. G. Gardener  
Saxophone Solo, Mr. Leonard Moore  
Sunday School convenes at 10:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. All are invited to worship with us.

At a recent election of officers of the Shiloh Baptist Church, the following were elected: Mrs. W. L. Reese, president; Mrs. Alma Flowers, vice-president; Mrs. Jessie Flowers, secretary.

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To attract the attention of the girl of his heart, the Dyak swain carries wood for her or helps her with some other tasks. When he feels that he has shown good will sufficient to impress the lady, he makes a midnight call at her domicile. Waking her stealthily, he offers her gifts of food. If she accepts them she has signified her willingness to "middle-aisle it" with him. A refusal of the gift means "no" for this wedding.  
When the marriage ceremony begins the couple sit on two heated iron bars—symbolic of the iron bond of matrimony. A priest then approaches and presents each with a cigar and some betel nuts. What brand of cigars the natives prefer is unknown. You may be sure, however, that the best is none too good for this gala occasion, even though it may not measure up to the standards of economy and quality to which we are accustomed. A five cent cigar free from spit tipping is what an American bride would undoubtedly insist upon under similar circumstances.  
After the presentation of the cigars, the priest waves two chickens over their heads while uttering his incantations and blessings. Following this, the groom places the cigar between the lips of the bride and a betel nut in the hollow of her cheek and proclaims her to be his wife. The blood of the two chickens is then sprinkled over the newly-weds as the ceremony ends.

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## HAYES' CONCERT TRIUMPH IN ART

(By Beatrice Cannady)  
A large audience greeted Roland Hayes, tenor, when he appeared Saturday evening at the public auditorium under the auspices of the Selby C. Oppenheimer Concert Series.

The beloved singer sang a splendidly arranged and even balanced program of choice selections, including among which were groups of Russian songs and Negro Spirituals. The former ended each in its particular exquisite surprise at the end of flawless interpretation and the latter sung with Hayes' inimitable and soul-inspiring manner. Particularly fascinating were: "Poor Pilgrim," "I heard of a city called heaven and started to make it my home" with no piano accompaniment, was perhaps the most unique and choicest.

Mr. Hayes had to respond to a number of encores. At the close of the program the audience lingered for a good many minutes in an effort to induce the singer to sing just one more number.

Mr. Hayes' concert the best he has ever given here with the office times which I had the pleasure of representing him before he became renowned. I am just humanly selfish really to think that way whether I believe it or not.

## MR. GRAYSON GREETED BY LARGE ENTHUSIASM

(By Beatrice Cannady)  
One of the loveliest concerts of the early season was given last Monday night at Masonic Temple Ball room when Muriel Cutter, presented Jesse Grayson, contralto.

Approximately three hundred and fifty people of the two races greeted the singer and showered her with applause and gorgeous cut flowers. Her program which she sang charmingly, was well suited to her voice with a few exceptions noticeable in the numbers employing high notes. Her voice was loveliest in the low tones, being a deep contralto.

Two groups of Negro spirituals, one introducing and the other closing her program were delightful and her style greatly pleased the audience. A Spanish number also elicited favor. Mrs. Grayson was ably accompanied by Robert Flack and much of the artistic success of the program was due to his sympathetic accompanying.

Mrs. Grayson was charming in a gown of coral pink with which she wore crystals.

Ushers were pretty in evening gowns of colorful material. They were Misses Chrystalee Maxwell, Jennie Dora Grayson, Lenora Henderson and Nellie Allen and Mrs. Richard Bogle.

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Dahlen (9) Q Biancone (23)  
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## Oregon Press Keeps Talking About Lillard

### THE COAST CONFERENCE STARTS SOMETHING

The Pacific coast conference has barred the University of Oregon's star negro athlete, Joe Lillard, from college competition because he played professional baseball under an assumed name in the East. It has also declared all young men who have played baseball for money ineligible thus terminating a "gentleman's agreement" of several years' standing which tolerated practices forbidden by the conference rules.

Already there is a chorus of protest from Oregon newspapers and individuals who see the hand of California reaching out to remove a dangerous competitor on purely selfish grounds. This criticism is merited or not depending entirely upon the motives and intentions of the conference members. Lillard was ineligible under the rules. This is admitted. It was therefore not wrong to bar him. But it is wrong if in barring him others who have done what he did or more are permitted to remain.

For instance, Lillard is not the only collegian who has played baseball for money. Current report is that many have, under the impression that it was permitted. The conference is now in honor bound to apply its rules against them or as many as it can "get the goods" on. But it must go farther. Several members of the 1931 U. S. C. football squad played football for \$10 a day during the filming of a recent football picture at Hollywood. They are in exactly the same position as the semi-pro baseball player and should be barred if he is.

Nor is this all. Each of the big schools is paying its football players in one form or another. If amateurism is to be restored these individuals must be declared ineligible or the practice stopped at least. The California schools, who seem to have initiated the Lillard protest, are the worst offenders because they have money. The northern schools follow suit so far as their resources will permit. The conference can not out the "small fry" who make a few dollars playing baseball and permit the \$200 a month clock winders to stay if it expects to retain public respect.

Ultimately the conference will frankly recognize that simon-pure amateurism is neither necessary nor desirable. It will establish a scale of \$40, \$50 or \$60 a month throughout the college year, which will enable the athlete to attend college and play his game, making the rest of his expense money during the summer. If the colleges will then put themselves on honor to neither offer nor pay for such a "small fry" who make a few dollars playing baseball and permit the \$200 a month clock winders to stay if it expects to retain public respect.

But a lot of mud is being flung before a wholesome, reasonable solution is reached. All the schools have so much on each other that if the lid is once blown off a ten-sided pie throwing contest is certain. And the scrap may ruin college football. — Democrat-Herald

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### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

Faculty representatives of the coast conference college decide in camera and after lengthy deliberation that Joe Lillard must not play football any more. Divagations of the hearing are not for the profane view, and we know nothing of them. But there is the announcement that Lillard is barred for "having played under an assumed name." That seems pretty terrible, although we are left in darkness as to whether Joe was under alias when he was playing semi-professional baseball last summer or is under alias now.

A prominent citizen of Corvallis was telling in Portland Thursday about some other charges being unofficially bruited against Lillard, among them that the player is around thirty years old, married, father of several children, and with a record back east of professionalism in several branches of sports. A citizen of Corvallis, the home of the state college—would learn about these things, if anybody. If these charges are true, Lillard has been most properly barred, but so far as public information goes the only charge considered was that Lillard had played under an assumed name.

If football regulations in the coast conference by autocracy under the new czar is to gain public support it will need to be frank. If the barring of Lillard is based on a list of charges additional to the rather piffing one given for his being barred, the public should be told about them. If the barring of Lillard is an earnest and a beginning of a general purging of coast conference football of all taints of professionalism and doubtful practices in the obtaining of players, the czar and the faculty representatives will have general acclaim. There is a field of efforts along this line, and time will show whether or not the new czar is prepared to traverse them all. In the present state of things one school and one player for that school seem to have been singled out. So where do we go from here?

### PORTLAND OREGONIAN

#### THE CASE OF LILLARD

The Oregonian is properly incensed over the failure of the athletic czars of Oregon to let the public know all the facts in connection with the Joe Lillard case. We can see no reason why the public should not have been allowed to know all about the case, as much as it concerns a public institution maintained by money paid in by the taxpayers. The only thing given out in the Lillard case was the fact that Joe had played semi-professional baseball. However, the agreement whereby it is not a violation of non-professional to play baseball between school terms, it isn't to be supposed that Mr. Lillard was dropped on any such flimsy charge. We are in accord with the sentiment of the Oregonian sports editor and its editorial page as to the advisability or unfairness of dropping Lillard merely because he

played semi-professional baseball. If that is the only charge against him it isn't a charge worth mentioning and the mere fact that the charge is so flimsy must leave in the public mind that there was a more serious charge which the athletic hierarchy did not care to divulge for some reason or other, either to protect Joe or to protect the university. In any event, the public is entitled to the information and we are in sympathy with the attitude of the board in trying to suppress the facts.

GAZETTE-TIMES (Corvallis, Oregon)

### "SMILING" GEORGE EXCELLENT STUDENT

(From the Willamette Collegian)  
"Undoubtedly one of the best football prospects 'Spec' Keene has this year is 'Smiling' George Cannady. George, as has been mentioned previously, has a splendid football record in high school. His ability on the gridiron was well shown in the Columbia game last Friday. Cannady is the fastest man on the squad — in fact so fast that he has difficulty keeping behind his interference. Success in football is not entirely independent of the player's personality. George illustrates this well for not only has he a smile for every one — even in the game, but his spirit is encouraging to the rest of the players. Although football means a great deal to George he places scholarship at the head of the list. Much is to be expected from Cannady during the next four years."

### FISK PREPARING FOR HOME-COMING GAME WITH WEST VIRGINIA

(By Ramon Scruggs)

Nashville, Tenn. October 29—There is much hustle and bustle going on around Fisk campus in preparation for the big home-coming game with West Virginia State college in Sulphur Dell on October 31.

Coach Johnson's boys after taking a severe beating at the hands of Abbot's Tuskegee champions returned home in a more serious frame of mind. The big question now, before them, is to take Roy Vaughn's Morhouse aggregation and stay primed for their wide-heralded struggle against the yellow jackets. Coach Johnson and his boys considered the Tuskegee game the turning point for the uphill climb and are expecting to stay in the winning column from this point on for the rest of the season.

Two teams are as a championship Fisk team loved in defeat the West Virginia fans last year the Tennesseeans are eager to avenge the defeat of last year. The fans are assured of seeing a great game in spite of the discouraging record of the teams up to date in the present season.

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# WEST INDIANS SUPERIOR IN MANY RESPECTS

## Says Well Known Historian

## Natives Can Learn Much From Them

BY CARTER G. WOODSON

It is timely that, at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in New York City from the 8 to the 12 of November, some consideration will be given to the unusually large contribution made by the natives of the West Indies to the development of the race in the United States. Because of prejudice, with which almost any foreigner would naturally meet, we have been accustomed to refer to these citizens with epithets which are more indicative of the ignorance of those who utter them than an evaluation of the worth of people who in several respects are far in advance of the native Negroes of the United States.

Very few often forget that in the course of the triangular slave trade the majority of the enslaved Africans were first brought to the West Indies where cheap labor was very much in demand to produce sugar, and that a large number of the first slaves brought to the United States came from the West Indies, which served as a sort of way station from Africa to America. Having enjoyed in the West Indies some yrs. later more privileges than were allowed the Negroes of the cotton plantations, the natives who continued to come from those islands to the United States brought a higher culture which tended to elevate their less fortunate fellowmen in the settlements along the Atlantic. Refugees from the Haitian Revolution, started by Desalines and Toussaint Louverture, settled in this country in and near the ports along the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico and stimulated the struggle for freedom. The most outstanding of these West Indian immigrants was Denmark Vesey, who worked out the best conceived plan for a servile insurrection started during enslavement of the race.

In recent years we have profited by the contribution of the West Indians in various ways. Few of us think of the fact that Bishop J. B. Smalls and Bishop C. C. Alleyne of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and Bishop W. B. Darrick and Bishop John Hurst of the African Methodist Episcopal Church were born in the West Indies; and also the fearless fighter, R. C. O. Benjamin, the noted lawyer, D. Augusta Straker; the beloved educator, W. H. Croghan; and the distinguished scholar, E. W. Blyden. Without achievements of such gentlemen, those who rehearse progress of the Negro race in America would have less to talk about.

The reasons for these differences are simple. In the first place, the native West Indian is almost two generations farther removed from slavery than the native Negro of the United States. Being in a country where the blacks outnumber the whites, moreover, the Negroes on those islands have figured more conspicuously in the social, economic, and political life than members of this race have been able to do in the United States. The whites in the West Indies constitute the governing class in the sense that they have the last word in exercising final authority in practically all spheres even in matters of religion; but inasmuch as conditions compel them to use Negroes in all capacities, there are practically no functions in the life of the people which the West Indian Negroes are not permitted to exercise.

The American, whether white or black, then, in visiting the West Indies today, is surprised to find these conditions obtaining there in contradistinction to the situation in our own country. We hardly know what to think when we see a Negro engineer or conductor on a train, a Negro manager in charge of an international corporation, or a construction contractor with Negro mechanics and artisans working at trades from which they are excluded by unions in the United States. For this very reason the West Indian Negro, as a rule, is more of a dynamic force in a community than the native born Negro of the United States.

In his home in the West Indies, although he did not receive such high wages as employers pay for the same sort of work in this country, he could go, nevertheless, into most any occupation for which he had prepared

himself; and he has developed, therefore, with the thought that for him all things are possible. The Negro in the United States, however, discriminated against here, turned away there, and told not to go yonder, has developed a sort of inferiority complex; and instead of thinking of great things which he can do he spends too much time brooding over the things which he is told he must not do, when if he had sufficient courage he might do those very things.

The West Indian Negroes, moreover, have developed with a keener appreciation of cooperation than we find in the native Negroes, who are apparently so close to slavery that they have not yet got rid of the distrust and the ill will for one another which the slaveholding class instilled into the minds of the bondmen to keep them from uniting and starting servile insurrections. The West Indian Negroes, as one has well said in post-classic language, hang together whereas the native Negroes of the United States prefer to be hanged separately.

Wherever you find a native of the West Indies you will probably be able to interest him in doing something for another native of one of these islands. Wherever you find a native Negro of the United States you will find it easy to interest him in doing something to oppose another Negro of his country. Wherever you find a native of the West Indies starting some sort of enterprise you are more apt to see his average fellow countrymen coming to his support, giving him every chance to do the thing as it should be. When you meet a native Negro of the United States, who has been informed of an enterprise started by one of his group, however, he is liable to begin immediately to find fault with the undertaking, to criticize the founder, and to do whatever he can to prevent the carrying out of the plans.

The West Indian, of course, cannot always easily succeed, for he may not have many of his native land in his chosen community in this country, and he does not usually understand enough of the slave psychology of the native Negro to deal with them as they must be to organize the group for constructive effort. Before the American Negroes can be useful to themselves each one must be torn away from some white exploiter whose advice these Negroes always seek on important matters, sometimes even that upon such a matter as whether the Negro's son Henry should marry Sam's daughter Jane; and the exploiter usually gives the advice that redounds to his good. Some people have been unwise enough to call this interracial cooperation, but it is really racial extermination. The native West Indian, fortunate in having no such connection in this country, would do well to help break these ties which still hold native Negroes in serfdom and peonage.

The mind of the West Indian Negro therefore, has shown larger proportions than that of the native Negroes of this country. While the West Indian Negro is conceiving such a plan as the redemption of Africa through realistic education and international trade the native Negroes in the United States are satisfied with menial jobs as a political compensation for the unusual honor of having one of twelve million of people, and with their number stand for a picture with President of the United States. When these douceurs are thrown at the native Negroes all of their problems, so far as their mind can conceive them, are immediately solved.

It is timely, then to call for a sort of "approachment" between these two elements of the same race in America. The one has much ambition and few resources; the other has little ambition and many resources. The one can learn much from the other; the one can be of great assistance to the other. The one can not advance very far without the other. The two must stand together or go down together.

This close understanding, moreover, must not be a matter of concern only to those natives of the West Indies now living in the United States, but to those living on the distant islands of the seas, those who have never

## 'Birth of a Nation' Harmful Picture

BY WILLIAM PICKENS

Some people, like the honest officials of AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, object to our opposition to performances of "The Birth of a Nation", on the ground that we are interfering with the freedom of organization and of speech, — and that "The Birth of a Nation" should have the same rights as other shows and theatricals.

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We regard this performance as an attack on a helpless and handicapped minority, — an attack masquerading under the guise of a "show". We have regarded it for 15 years or more,

and see no reason to change our minds.

We believe in the freedom of the stage, and screen, but we do not believe in mob-incitement and dangerous race-hate taking advantage of the theatre in order to claim immunity. Just as we also believe in "free speech", — but would call the police if the "free speaker" took the stump and began to yell, "Lynch him! Lynch him!" While we believe in liberty of the press, we would do our best to hail into court any editor who wrote an editorial calling upon the mob to attack us, for that is not legitimate editorial privilege; that would be a plain crime, taking advantage of editorial power.

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A Health Column

By DeNorval Unthank, M. D.

### THE DEATH RATE OF THE NEGRO

The death rate among the Negro population is proportionally larger than that of the whites. This larger proportion leads to much conjecture. Many scientific circles attempt to

explain the difference as an inherited environment and occupation.

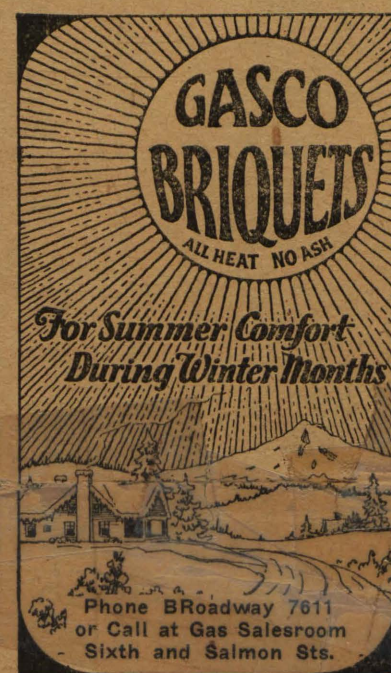
Other circles attempt to account for the difference as an inherited weakness from racial admixtures.

Other circles explain the difference as a matter of racial susceptibility.

A professor of Zoology at the University of California has given the matter some serious study. He set out to prove that there are other than environmental differences to account for the different death rate. He cites the difference in susceptibility to certain diseases. The Negro seems to be more susceptible to chest diseases especially tuberculosis. The Negro seems to be less susceptible to scarlet fever, Measles, Diphtheria, Hookworm, etc. The professor attempts to prove that his Susceptibility to scarlet fever, etc. increases in proportion as admixture of white blood increases.

Insurance companies use the increased death rate as substantial reasons for refusing to insure Negroes. Some cities and states use the facts as a justification for segregation.

Even insurance companies are having an about face in their opinions. One insurance statistician of national and international repute has just about apologized for many of the opinions he advanced on the Negro death rate 15 years ago.



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by Nancy Lee

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## BOOK REVIEW

By J. John Gilbert (New Publishing The Company, Chicago.) Reviewed for The Advocate by Clifford Mitchell

By reading this book you can mentally explore the universe. Transcending all physical and tangible bodies the theme of "The Invisible Fulcrum" dwells wholly on the laws of nature as they apply to the mind, thought, association of ideas, right thinking and perpetual life.

The religion of life, of love, of true understanding, happiness and peace, is illustrated in simple language in a manner that combines the truth principles of all faith, denominations and cults and reconciles the truth between religion and science.

The law of mental action is clearly defined as the law of gravitation and in a conclusive manner proves that man cannot go contrary to the law of nature but that man can take advantage of the law of nature and just to the extent that his mental forces are harmonious with same will his success be measured.

A simple mental rule of success is laid down in the treatise, as follows: Desire plus fixation of attention plus concentration plus suggestion equals desire realized. The theory is then analyzed and supported by concrete statements of facts and examples.

After reading this book it is not surprising to me that in many communities it has been dramatized as a pageant of life and endorsed by leaders of many religious faiths, civic organizations, etc. It is "The Drama of Life".

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