

THE PASSING THROG

A DIFFERENT STORY TOLD.

The Associate Press sent out a different story when the Kentucky white soldiers ran amuck and beat up a lot of colored people than it did when the black soldiers ran amuck and avenged the dastardly outrages that had been perpetrated upon them from time to time by the white citizens of Texas. It had no censure for the white soldiers, but it pronounced the colored soldiers savages for their retaliatory acts. In other words, the same acts committed by a white soldier and commended by the general public (white) is pronounced the most heinous of crimes, when committed by black soldiers. There has never been a disturbance of a riotous nature between whites and blacks in the United States, in which the blacks were the aggressors. Two centuries of subjection to the whites of this country has made of the blacks a quiet and submissive people and they have to be imposed upon almost beyond human endurance before they are provoked to defend themselves to say nothing of retaliation. The average white man of the South is not willing to even let the black man pursue the even tenor of his way by himself, but he interferes with him wherever and whenever he meets him, and if he resents it the cowardly cur will get a crowd of a like number of human hyenas to himself and then proceed to put the "nigger" in his place. Of course the knowledge and wisdom of the world you have, but you have not yet learned to "do unto others as you would have them do to you."

NOT SO WORSE AFTER ALL.

"You never miss the water until the well runs dry," is a time worn adage, and you never know that you are thirsty until you hear that there is no water to be had. Within the past twelve months more than almost a million colored folks have left the South and come North, East and West and are still coming and the autocratic white man of the South has taken alarm lest he loses the help that he has been able to dog around for the past two hundred years on either no pay or so little pay that it was the same as no pay, and now he is asking, "What can we do to make you colored folks content in the South?" "The white man of the South is your best friend and wants you to remain in the South among us," and to that end many things are being done or planned to be done for the colored folks by those hell devils for their betterment such as was never before dreamed of. The following from a southern correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor is self-explanatory:

"Louisiana is planning to do more for the Negro this year than she has ever done in any one year since the black man ceased to be a chattel of his master. The appropriation for industrial work among the Negroes for the 12 months from June 20, 1917, has been increased by \$9000, half of which comes from several foreign funds, and the remainder from contributions of citizens who have been persuaded that the only way in which the Negro can be kept in the South is by giving him better wages and surrounding him with as good conditions and as great opportunities as he can find in the North.

"A special agent has just been employed to take charge of the free education of the Negroes along lines of farming, cattle and poultry raising, carpentering, repair work, gardening and similar branches. In addition, the agent will have supervision over the canning work of Negro women in five parishes, all regular industrial work for the blacks and special industrial work in three parish schools where Negroes are taught trades.

"The Jeans fund will allow \$3900 this year for industrial work in the regular term of school. The Rosenwald fund will contribute \$300 to any community which erects a Negro school. Of the total of \$4500 of increased appropriations, \$1964 is to be allotted for regular work, \$2000 for canning work, and \$500 for parish training schools.

The remainder of the \$9000 will be distributed in the industrial work among the Negroes according to the needs of the various parishes.

"To date more than 4000 Negro women and girls are canning vegetables and fruits in parishes where agents are employed to direct the work, and the territory thus supervised and directed will be largely increased this autumn and winter. Demonstrations to the number of 400 have been held, at which 7500 quarts were canned. In addition to this 8000 quarts of vegetables and fruits were conserved in the individual homes. All this work has been done in two months and is still in progress."

COLORS FOLKS COME WEST.

Hundreds of opportunities are opening up every day for colored help in the Northwest and if you have any interest in the colored men, women and children in the South, where there is an everlasting strife between the blacks and whites it would be humane for you to write to them and try to induce them to come to the Northwest and thereby relieve the South of its cause of friction and at the same time put those colored folk in a position to better their conditions a thousand per cent. Once upon a time only colored women were in demand in the Northwest and the men had to do such odd jobs as came their way, but at present both men and women are in demand and at wages bordering on to the fabulous, in comparison to what they are getting in the South. It is no exaggeration to say, one thousand colored women could find employment in and about Seattle as household servants at wages ranging from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per month, and not overworked at that. The wages for the men range from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per day and as much overtime as you are willing to do, for which you get price and ah alf. Lieutenant Rostom, president of the Protective Benevolent Brotherhood, is endeavoring to get more men here to fill the jobs that are being offered and to that end he is sending to various parts of the South for colored help. Lets each and every one of us do something to help get more here.

THE MASSES AND THE CLASSES.

To deny that the recent Labor Day pageant in Seattle was not an imposing spectacle would be foolhardy, and, if the capitalists that watched it pass up and down the streets of Seattle did not set up and take notice then they did not show their alleged good judgment. It was a true case of the masses parading their strength for the express purpose of intimidating the classes and it was a strong indication of the trouble that the United States seems doomed to confront in the near future. The spirit of organized labor, however, is not founded on humanity, but on selfishness. It has no desire to help working men and women, who are not members of its various organizations. Yea, it not only has no desire to do so, but it is perfectly willing to assist capitalists to rob all persons not members of its organizations, if the capitalists will only divide the swag with them on a basis that they themselves dictate, and thus are the great mass of humanity ground to pieces between the lower and the upper mill-stones—capital and organized labor. Sooner or later that condition of affairs will bring about a state of anarchy throughout the United States and both of those dictatorial powers will be completely overthrown and then, what will follow, God only knows. But men and women should reason together and try to reach an amicable adjustment of this great greed of gain so common to this country at present, and do unto others as they would have them do to them.

A UNITED EFFORT MIGHT MEAN SUCCESS.

Despite the fact that the colored citizens of Seattle own real estate valued at nearly or quite a million dollars, yet there never has been a colored man or woman in the city that sold any of this vast amount of property to them, all of which is a burning shame. There are a number of insurance companies in the city that carry hundreds

of colored patrons on their books and yet there is not a colored insurance solicitor in the city that makes a livelihood of the business. In the opinion of the writer there is room for at least two real estate agents and two insurance solicitors in the city among the colored citizens and there should be. Within the present year one or two efforts have been made to establish a real estate business by colored men, but thus far they have proven dismal failures and though two are still trying to do a rental, collection and real estate business among the colored citizens they are not making much headway, owing to the lukewarmness of the colored citizens themselves. The men who are in the business at present are P. Frazier, Hayden Richardson and Clarence R. Anderson, and we suggest to them that they in some way pool their issues and get together and make a united effort to handle the business, which is rightfully theirs.

SEATTLE'S PROPOSED SILENT PARADE.

At the meeting held last Thursday evening at the First A. M. E. church for the purpose of discussing the feasibility as well as possibility of the colored citizens of the Puget Sound country participating in a silent parade September 22nd, Lincoln's emancipation day—John F. Cragwell was elected chairman and A. R. Bonner secretary. While there was quite a sprinkling of citizens at the meeting, it was by no means a representative mass meeting and those present were not inclined to take final action one way or the other and so a subsequent meeting was called for next Monday evening, September 10th, at 8 p. m. at the First A. M. E. church, at which time final action will be taken. A committee consisting of Mrs. William Chandler, Mr. Magruder and W. L. Presto was appointed, who will visit the three leading churches and request each of them to send a committee of three or as many more as will come to the meeting next Monday evening. The silent parade, in our opinion, is a capital idea and would be of great good, providing always, a majority of the colored citizens would take part therein, but it would be a roaring farce with but a few hundred or less, therein. Cayton's Weekly gives the move its unqualified endorsement, but it seems that a great majority of our colored citizens think differently. However, we can have it if we will have it, and so let's have it.

TOO MUCH GREEK AND LATIN.

According to a survey made by Thomas Jesse Jones and published by the United States bureau of education, in southern private schools more Latin and Greek is taught than they teach in Massachusetts, although the 30,000 teachers in these schools have themselves had schooling only as far as the sixth elementary grade or less. Which prompts this gentleman to rise and remark that it appears the students are more interested in becoming gentlemen than in learning how to make a good living. Higher education for our people has always been frowned upon by a class of people who thought they understood Brooker T. Washington's methods.

Vocational training was conceived in his brain and carried into effect at Tuskegee Institute. It proved so successful it attracted the attention of the teaching world and now no school is considered up to standard if it has not facilities for teaching the hands as well as the brain. It is true we must creep before we can walk. Three-fourths of the 8,500,000 in

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