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A GREAT SCIENTIST
PROFESSOR Carver of Tuskegee Institute has rendered a great service to the world which places him in the very forefront of scientists. His experiments with the sweet potato and the peanut, which have resulted in the extraction, development, discovery or invention of a vast variety of food products, have given him an enviable place in the scientific world. What Burbank has done in his famous laboratories for fruits and flowers, that Carver has done in his laboratory for the peanut and sweet potato. Who would ever believe that the peanut were so rich in food products, or that it would yield dyes, inks and pomades? Professor Carver has done great service for the world and the members of our race can be justly proud of his achievements. His work and example in his chosen field should be an inspiration to our youth who are inclined to feel that they are limited and circumscribed in their opportunities. Chemistry, scientific agriculture, electricity, aeronautics and other branches offer many unexplored fields for discovery and conquest.

THINK HIGHLY
 OUR youth need to have brought before them frequently the names of the great men and women of our race who have achieved great things for God and humanity. We have many such. Their biographies should be familiar to us all. A false system of education keeps before our youth the idea that none of our folk have ever amounted to much and that consequently ours is an "inferior race." This is the tendency of American thought and American custom. This underlies the principle of segregation and the denial of our constitutional rights. It is to impress upon the American of color that he is inherently an inferior being to every other race variety. It is therefore quite necessary that press and pulpit, and the press is becoming a powerful agency among us, should disabuse the minds of our people of this fallacy to which they have unconsciously become more or less enslaved, by giving them concrete examples of successful achievement and of worthwhile things done and being done by men and women of our race. It is up to us to give the facts which by others are either unknown or suppressed. We must teach our people to think highly of themselves. To think highly is the first step towards acting highly.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS
 FREDERICK Douglass is one of America's greatest names. Recently when the names of America's greatest were being discussed for a place in the hall of fame that of Douglass was seriously considered. He was not chosen by the committee, but the fact that his place in American history was of sufficient importance to have him numbered among those eligible for such a distinction is not without significance. His birthday has been fixed as February 14. His death occurred on February 20. No year should be permitted to pass without fit commemoration of this great American who arose from galling chattel slavery to eminent heights of statesmanship.

SAVAGERY SHAMES NATION
 THE horrible and almost unbelievable outbursts of savagery upon the part of white Americans against black Americans which occur from time to time in various sections of this country, but most frequently in the South, are such as to raise grave doubts in the minds of many as to the genuineness and effectiveness of civilization among white people. The brutality manifested at such times shows that "wisdom has fled to brutish beasts and men have lost their reason." One of the most recent manifestations of this savagery occurred at Nodena, Ark., a few days ago, an account of which appears elsewhere in our columns; but before these words reach our readers there may be, and doubtless will be, an out-

break of this murderous insanity elsewhere. We know that the great mass of Americans are humane and kind hearted and for this reason it perturbs us the more when we notice the general apathy and indifference with which the general public seems to view such manifestations of savagery which really belie our national character. We hope the day will never come when black Americans will be guilty of such acts of savagery as have been so frequently manifested by white Americans, whose training and advantages should make them examples and exponents of sanity, sobriety and self-restraint, upon whom we should rely for the highest moral leadership. Such savagery as that to which we here refer and deplore shames the nation.

DOPE PEDDLERS
JUDGE Munger recently sentenced several dope peddlers to prison terms. He did the correct thing. The Monitor only regrets that some of the "higher ups," who have used these men and women as their agents and have amassed fortunes through this damning traffic in narcotics, did not also get what rightfully belongs to them. We hope the federal authorities will not cease their efforts until every member of the "dope ring" is run down and given his deserts.

SNYCOPATED SPASMS

LOOKING UP THE EDITOR
 IN this here cullud community, as it were, it is a funny thing how folks always forget the editor. When they want to pull off something splazzy and make a big dent in the social ring, they blow around to the editorial wickiup, pat friend editor on the back and ask him to spread the salve on a little thick so that they will be able to harvest a nifty crop of mazzama. Then when the splash has been splashed, and they almost break their backs hauling home the cash, they expect friend Ed. to mess up a column or two of his paper about what a swell diggins they had, who was there and what they wore. If Ed. slips a cog and forgets to mention the glad spread, friend promoter gets warmish under the red necktie and tells Ed. that his paper is all to the bum. Now the correct and customary way to put across a big thing is to invite brother editor in on the ground floor. Slip him a couple of passes so he can come into the door without wrecking his pocketbook. His said money container is never very hefty at the best and if he tried to keep up with every social bing-bang that spreads its glorious colors over the signboards, he would be hauled to the poor farm before the violets bloom again. Of course, we know that the general public doesn't know about this custom, but it is time that it is taking a tumble. Friend Ed. knows that the success of his ink sheet depends upon getting all the news and it keeps him stepping around to get it, but when you expect him to dig into his jeans and pass out a bone or two every other night, you're getting ready to break up his playhouse. So kindly consider, Mister and Misses Public, that Ed. is human and that pickings are scarce in this era of hefty expense. Locate the soft spot in your cardiac regions and slip Ed. a couple of pasteboards so that he can take a peep at your joy fests without missing his regular two meals a day.

HAVE WE EFFICIENT LEADERS IN OUR RACE.
 By H. Wallace Thurman
 WE often hear this question discussed both pro and con among members of our race and there seems to be a great difference of opinion in regard to the answer. I believe that we have a number of undeveloped leaders in our race, who, if properly developed, would come forth as great leaders capable of amalgamating forces strong enough to meet optimistically the most perplexing racial issues.

These men, who could be developed into efficient leaders, must first develop themselves along many lines. They must first obtain a good education, eradicate all selfishness and dishonesty from their makeup, and not allow themselves to become the minions of others, as many of our so-called leaders do today. He must be straight-forward and unafraid of investigation. It seems that many of our race, especially the business and professional men, fear investigation as they do the smallpox. We frequently find a man who is mentally fit, but who is morally unfit, and vice versa, consequently we find ourselves in critical times with a dearth of men capable of becoming leaders. The majority of our ministers are disqualified as leaders because everything with which they become connected, they wish to make a denominational affair, causing unnecessary and avoidable strife. The majority of our lawyers are disqualified because they usually become connected with dirty politics and then, when they are called upon to make a stand for their race, are unable to make a showing because they are held in leash by their unscrupulous connections. The majority of our physicians, dentists and pharmacists are disqualified because they are generally selfish and too self-centered to concern themselves over the affairs of others. The majority of our teachers keep themselves so far out of the limelight that we hardly ever hear of them. The majority of our laymen are either too busy trying to earn a living or else too illiterate to qualify as leaders. The majority of our business men are either grafters or at least trying to be and so are no good to themselves or no one else. With so many disqualified, where am I to find my leaders? Among the minority of the men that I have been discussing you will find a few brilliant, honest and unselfish, moral men, who are submerged by the faults of others. If these precious few come out of their shell and put out their banner of truth, honesty and unselfishness, they are fought by the afore-mentioned majority and our one ray of promising sunshine is hidden by the clouds of immorality and selfishness. So (with apologies to Marc Antony), friends, business men and professionals and laymen of the colored race, lend me your ears. If you would see the race advance and see our capable men developed into efficient leaders to make this advancement possible, think less of your own personal interest and think more of the interest of the race—quit trying to be grafters and quit being antagonistic towards one another. Assemble one and all under the banners of truth, unselfishness, good morals and honesty, and you will be agreeably surprised at the number of efficient men that will crop out and at the amount of good that these leaders can do for the race.

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IN DEFENSE OF HIS NAME
 Omaha, Neb., February 8, 1921.—Be it known to the public that I, Charles H. Bradford, issue the following statement in defense of my good name in connection with the York Rite Masons:
 I personally obtained that restraining order against Mr. Clarence J. Goode because there was no other course left open to me but to do it. I came to Omaha in August, 1918, with a good name, being honest, just and upright in my dealings towards all men and I shall resist, by all honorable means any attempt by any man or set of men to bring any stain or dishonor on my name. When I came to this city I nursed a sick wife and son. I made my start from the ground and climbed up, having at that time less than \$100.00 in cash, but both I and my wife had in addition to this a clean name. Both of us were members of fraternities or lodges at that time. Since we came here we have lived upright and clean as near as it was humanly possible to do with God's help. I am a Christian and even though none of us are sinless before God, yet I have endeavored to follow close to the Golden Rule, "Do unto all men as I would have them do unto me."

I wish it to be plainly understood that I cherish no ill will toward any member of the York Rite Masons, as such be it far from me to do such. On the contrary, I wish to say hereby to the people of Omaha that there are some of the finest men in the world to be found among the members of the York Rite Masons. Men whom any man could trust to the limit without fear of any act of impropriety, whether in your home or in the street. But there are exceptions in people in lodges as well as outside who not only are unworthy of connection with the lodge but who cannot be trusted in anything whatsoever. I am myself a Thirty-second Degree Mason, not in name only, but in my heart. Therefore, as long as Masonry is practiced in the spirit of its foundation cleanly and unimpeachably, I am for it; when it is not, I am against it. Therefore, I am serving virtual notice on the York Rite Masons that they be exceedingly careful and say nothing until you know all the facts concerning this unfavorable talk about me. I desire also to serve notice on the public that in order to form a just opinion about the whole matter, come to the trial which will take place Monday morning, February 14. I am quite frank in declaring hereby by my complete disassociation and disconnection with the York Rite Masonic order, but with good will to all

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