

**WHY WHITE PEOPLE SHOULD READ NEGRO NEWSPAPERS.**

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white people should read Negro newspapers is that it would make them better acquainted with colored people; and, with better acquaintance would come better understanding. The main cause of prejudice is ignorance. People of one race or nation dislike people of another race or nation because they do not know the best things about them. In every people there are more good qualities than bad qualities; and when those good qualities are known and appreciated, blind prejudice is bound to vanish.

Anyone who knows the Chinese only by the few Celestial laundrymen in his town is more than apt to have a contemptuous opinion of the whole race and to speak of them as "chinks." But when he learns that many of the inventions which have made human progress possible (notably the mariner's compass and printing from movable type, were originated by the Chinese; that the Chinese have produced great philosophers and sages; that in spite of all the modern advancement of Japan, the literature of China still constitutes the classics of the Mikado's kingdom, just as Greek and Latin literature constitute the classics of the western world; when he learns that most Japanese banks have Chinese cashiers, because honesty is considered a traditional virtue of all Chinese business men; when he learns that as a race the Chinese are exceptionally industrious, frugal and temperate; and that their civilization

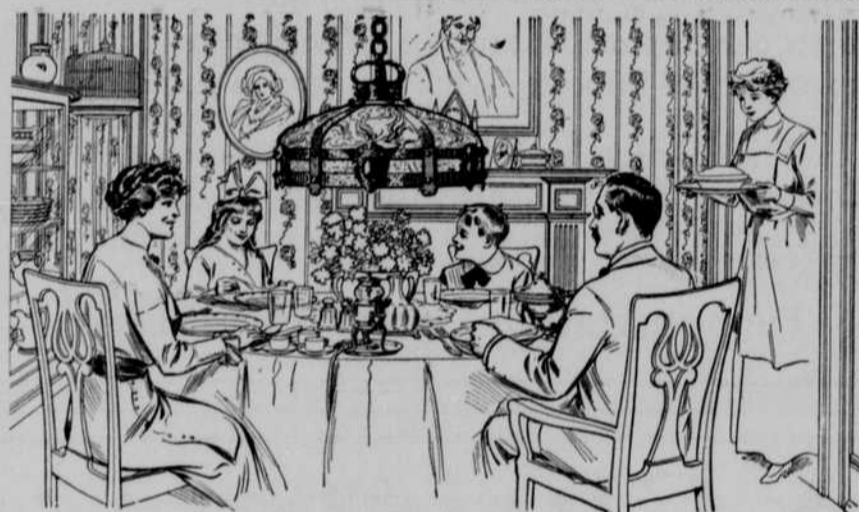
on the whole, is the most remarkable that any branch of the human family has yet evolved, having endured for five thousand years or more, and been adequate for the general peace and happiness of the people, while scores of other civilizations have blossomed and perished; when anyone has learned these and other similar facts about the Chinese, how will it be possible for him to think of them only with contempt and speak of the race as "chinks" To do so would merely be a proof of his own inferiority.

The Chinese are on the other side of the world; but, in many respects, they are no farther distant from the white people of the United States than are the Negroes who live in this country.

Much of the prejudice against us arises from ignorance of our better qualities. Through a hostile or indifferent press the deeds of the worst elements in the race are made common knowledge. In many localities we are known and judged by those members of the race who are frequenters of police courts.

White Americans need to become better acquainted with colored Americans. They need to come into closer touch with the progressive, home-building, education-seeking elements of the Negro race; to come into closer sympathy with their aspirations and struggles. This they can accomplish in a large measure by reading Negro publications.

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