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Hundreds of people of both races are out of employment right here in our city in the dead of winter. It is a serious situation. While there is this problem of unemployment the public is being fed up with information that there is unprecedented building activity and general prosperity. This is all bunk. While the non-employment situation may be worse in other cities it is bad enough here. People, industrious people, who really want to work are begging for employment and cannot get it. What is wrong? There is something radically wrong somewhere. In a country as wealthy as the United States, which is by no means overpopulated, there ought to be gainful employment for all. There is not. Is it due to over-production, manipulation or what?

In Omaha the employment agencies are swamped with demands for work, but cannot find work for the exploring workers. In times of labor stringency, it is more difficult to get employment for colored workers than for white and very naturally so. The Free Employment Bureau operated under the Colored Commercial Club, with an alert energetic man at its head who strives to find and make openings for our group wherever he can, has many more applicants than places. Miss Edna M. Stratton, secretary of the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A., which also is interested in securing work for women, although limited to people calling in for workers, has had within the past few days nearly 50 applicants for work and counted herself most fortunate in being able to secure work, most of it temporary, for twenty-four.

Such other agencies as the City Employment Bureau at the City Hall and the Associated Charities, which tries to find work for all classes, are having the same experience: more workers than work; more jobless than there are jobs. What is to be the outcome of all this, socialism, communism, or what?

To those of our people who have work our advice is to do your best to hold on to your job and give every satisfaction. To those who are out of work we counsel courage and perseverance. Keep a brave heart. Wherever there is a will there is a way and sooner or later you must and will find work.

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COMMERCIALIZING CHRISTMAS

It is to be regretted that Christmas has become so largely commercialized. Fortunately, however, even rampant commercialism has not been able to rob it of its altruistic spirit. The spirit of the Founder of the Feast still prevails and to a larger degree than we sometimes realize modifies the temptation to sordidness which is almost inevitable from a commercialized Christmas.

MAKE YOUR WILL

Some of our people seem to think that if they make their will it will hasten their death. Of course this is a mistake. People who have any property should make their wills, so that in the event of their death, their earthly affairs will be in order. Where people who have no heirs and no will is made their property goes to the state. If one has no heirs he should make some institution, like his church, or lodge, or old folks' home, or educational institution, or if he prefers, some individuals, his beneficiary.

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Lack Grit

Our weakness as a race lies in our lack of grit—in the lack of sustained effort, for when we try at first and fail, then we abandon all further efforts. This is where the white man beats us and has the mastery over us, for when he tries at first and fails, or even fails at the seventh time, he does not slacken his efforts once he has convinced himself that the object is a worthy one.—Gold Coast Times.

Sentinels on Guard

All peoples, races and nations, except the Negro, are sentinels, perpetually on guard, to stop the loss of property rights and persons. No people can afford to sit quietly by while any other group is lynching, disfranchising, jim crowing, or misrepresenting them in any way. We need to be sentinels on guard. We should be eternally vigilant. We must develop backbone by standing erect; we hardly have time to get on our knees long enough to pray.—Kansas City Record Searchlight.

Cut Sluceways

So we have awakened to the realization that things are not what they ought to be and we have settled down to the acceptance of the fact that, in spite of law, constitutional or otherwise, the cards are stacked against us, and therefore as we do not control the deal, we must organize our forces in a new way in our effort to beat the play.

This means that the tide of segregation is rapidly bearing down upon us. As our efforts to build dams have failed utterly, we must begin to cut sluceways to control the flood tide.—Pacific (Los Angeles, Calif.) Defender.

SIDELIGHTS ON AFRICAN HISTORY (The Hamitic League)

Homer's Iliad

The great Iliad of Homer is the epic of peoples of African descent. Never was this dreamed of, not even by scholars, until Sir Arthur Evans made his astonishing discoveries in Crete and Mysenne. Anyone who has studied Grecian mythology deeply had much reason to believe that most of the principals of the Iliad were of African descent, but few people study the myths in such a manner.

In the myths Menelaus, Agamemnon and Helen, were all the descendants of Epaphos, the black touch-born son of Zeus and Io. Priam, king of Troy, and father of the great

hero Hector, was a blood brother of Tithonus, king of Ethiopia. Nearly all of the lesser principals were variously related to African ancestors.

When Sir Arthur Evans discovered the palace ruins of pre-historic Greece, for the first time in thousands of years the mural pictures of the peoples of Homer's time stood before the eyes of Europeans. They were not white, but brown-skinned and possessed of the African features of full lips and curling black hair.

Then our modern scholars went back to Homer's epic and studied the translations. It was found that descriptions had been mistranslated and words supposed to mean white, fair, rosy, etc., actually meant brown, chestnut, brunette, etc. So

after untold centuries Africa comes again into her own. The Iliad is an epic that belongs to her.

WONDER HOW THAT WOULD PAN OUT HERE?

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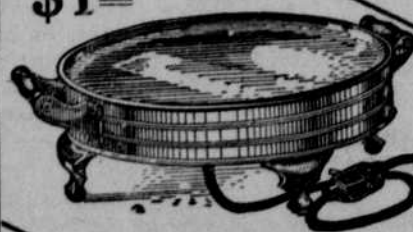
Each year this phrase means more and more to women, for they really do appreciate electrical gifts. They are so useful, practical and economical as well as eliminate much hard work. If you give "Her" electrical appliances, you will be showing thoughtfulness.

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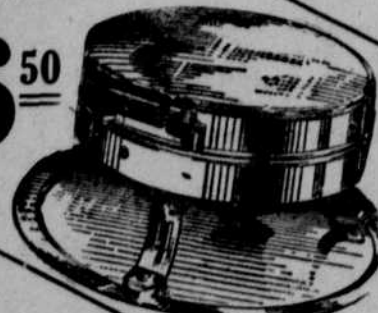
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