

Matter of History**Confirmed by Coin**

Coins do more than throw corroborative light on historical events. In some cases they actually supply data missing in the records which would otherwise remain in the limbo of forgotten things.

There is an old tradition of the Christian church, for instance, that the Apostle Thomas, familiarly known as Doubting Thomas, went to India as a missionary. The Apocrypha contains a book known as the "Acts of St. Thomas," in which is revealed how the disciple converted one Gondapharnee, king of India, to Christianity.

As far as history can tell us, no such king of India ever lived. But in 1838 coins were found in northwestern India bearing the name Gondapharnee. Thus the tradition was corroborated and the apocryphal book found to contain the truth.

Shortly afterward other coins of the same period were discovered, lacking the name, but bearing a new inscription. This time it was "Great Saviour, King of Kings." No numismatist will go so far as to declare that this inscription refers to the king's conversion, but it may very likely be so.—Crawford Wyman in the Saturday Evening Post.

Pumice Deposits Due**to Volcanic Activity**

Nebraska possesses extraordinary deposits of pumice. Virtually the whole state is overlaid by natural deposits of this substance, in all stages of consolidation, from fairly solid rock to the finest dust.

Pumice is a volcanic product, and its presence in such large quantities in Nebraska and some adjoining states is taken to be evidence of former volcanic activity in that region. It is produced by the rapid expansion of gases in lava, due to sudden release of pressure, which either forms a very light, porous rock or may completely shatter the lava into dust, in which state it may be transported great distances by wind and deposited in drifts.

In the western portion of Nebraska there are impure masses of it, probably deposited in this way, 100 feet or more in depth. Nearly all the pumice or the volcanic ash used in the United States is made into polishing powder or incorporated in abrasive soap. Other uses are the manufacture of semi-fused filling brick or mineral wool or cement and of a cheap kind of glass.

Literary Anecdote

There was nothing that James Whitcomb Riley liked better than a cup of weak tea. Once when he and Edgar Wilson (Bill) Nye were eating chocolate soldiers after an arduous siege of lecturing, the talk turned to fame.

"The keystone of every famous author's glory is one character," said Nye. "Shakespeare achieved fame through inventing the character of Falstaff. Dickens is deservedly well known for his Samuel Weller. Thackeray created Becky Sharp. Now then, Mr. Riley, from what character of your invention did you obtain your reputation?"

"I got it Orphan Annie," answered Riley, who had not had more than three cups of diluted tea since dinner time.—Akron Beacon-Journal.

Important in Commerce

"Ramie" is the name of a fiber-producing plant and of the fiber produced thereby. The fiber is one of the strongest and finest known. The plant is widely grown in China, more or less in India and has been grown in California on a small scale. From China and India it is exported to various countries of Europe and to the United States. The fiber is employed in the manufacture of nets, cordage, gas mantles, underwear, canvas, dress goods, etc., and for embroideries. Some of the woven fabrics composed of it closely resemble those made of flax linen in various characteristics, including appearance.

"Ich dien" is a German phrase, meaning literally "I serve." It was originally the motto of John, the blind king of Bohemia, who served in the army of the king of France and was slain in the battle of Crecy, 1346. The victorious English army was led by Edward the Black Prince, who appropriated the motto, which since that time has been the motto of the prince of Wales.

VACATION SCHOOL AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

The Cultural Center, 2915 R street, South Side, has opened a vacation school, which offers classes in canning, cooking, sewing, flower and lamp shade making and embroidery for girls and woodwork, toy making and reed work for boys, five days in each week. The hours are from 9 a. m. to noon. Saturdays at the same hours courses in piano lessons, dramatics and folk lore are offered. A playground equipped for tennis, basketball, baseball and other athletic sports is open daily from 5 to 8 p. m., under the direction and supervision of Mr. Martin Thomas.

The teaching staff of the vacation school is as follows: Mr. Charles Lightner, woodwork; Mrs. R. W. Taylor, cooking; Mrs. E. E. Southers, art; Miss Ruth Adams, sewing; Miss Elaine Smith and Miss Dorothy Allen, piano; Miss Catherine Williams,

folk lore; Mr. Martin Thomas, recreation leader; Mrs. Lovetta Busch, is house visitor and Mrs. M. L. Rhone, director.

It is the purpose of this vacation school to provide profitably and helpfully for the spare time of children during the summer months by keeping them off the streets and giving the something to occupy their attention. The value of such an agency cannot be over estimated.

PRESENTS PUPILS IN RECITAL

Miss Elaine Smith presented her pupils in pianoforte recital Sunday afternoon at the north side branch of the Y. W. C. A. An appreciative audience was present and each pupil showed painstaking work upon the part of their young teacher and diligent application on their part. Each number elicited applause.

The following program was given: Duet—"Coming of the Giants," Kathleen and Juanita Macy; "Daisy Chains" and "Hickory Sticks," Pauline Harbin; "May Dance" and "The Swan," Charlotte Hicks; Burgmuller's Etude in C Minor, Kathleen Macy; "The Pony Race," Orville Jones; "Under the Lilacs," Ellen Richardson; "Melody of Love" and "The Storm," Helen Singleton; Duet, "Grande Valse Caprice," Ellen Richardson and teacher.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC

Zion Baptist church held its seventeenth annual Fourth of July picnic at Miller park. It was largely attended by old and young. Tables groaned under the load of good things to eat and games and various forms of recreation, added pleasure to the outing.

Doubtful Evidence

Young Minister: "Dear, do you think the congregation agreed with what I said in my sermon?"

Doting Wife: "I'm sure they did, my love, everybody was nodding."

CHRIST TEMPLE

Twenty-sixth and Burdette streets. O. J. Burckhardt, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30. Preaching by Dr. F. W. Faulks at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Christian Living." At 8:00 p. m. the pastor's subject will be "Why Does Not God Kill the Devil; or, in Other Words, Why Does He Permit Evil?" Don't miss hearing this subject; there is material in it for thought.

HONOR OFFICERS OF THE O. E. S.

One of the most unique affairs of the season was given by the Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star at Masonic Hall at Twenty-fourth and Parker streets, June 29th, in honor of the W. G. Matron Sister Maggie E. Ranson and W. G. Patron Brother T. B. Smith, of Amaranthus Grand Chapter O. E. S. Nebraska and jurisdiction. W. G. Patron Smith made his official visit and his address was very timely and instructive. Too much praise cannot be given the president of the Matrons' and Patrons' Council, Sister Lydia Wilson and the committee from all chapters for their untiring efforts in making the meeting a great success. The table and hall were artistically decorated with Chapter colors and beautiful cut flowers were seen everywhere throughout the building.

WALTER WHITE SUBMITS FLOOD PEONAGE FACTS TO SECRETARY HOOVER

New York, N. Y.—In a letter to Herbert Hoover, director of Mississippi Flood relief, Walter White, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has submitted the results of his investigation of peonage conditions in the flood area.

"At Vicksburg, for example," reports Mr. White in his letter to Mr. Hoover, "I was told by General Curtis T. Green that Negroes are to be held in the camps until the landlords for whom they were working at the time of the flood, came to the camps and 'identified their Negroes.' He further informed me that when Negroes were thus 'identified' their landlord or his authorized agent would take these Negroes back to the plantation from which they had come, and that no man would be allowed to talk to any other than his own Negroes. . . . At Memphis, I was told of Negroes eluding guards at the refugee camp at the fair grounds and escaping, preferring to forego food, shelter, clothing and medical attention rather than go back to the plantation from which they had been driven by the flood.

"At Vicksburg I was shown by General Green report sheets of Negroes who were taken away from the camp by local industries. The name of the foreman and the official who requested Negroes for work, the date and hour these colored refugees were taken away from the camp, and the

name of the person who took them as well as the hour, date and name of the official who returned them were included in these report sheets.

I later found that these Negroes did not object to working even if they were not paid but they did object to the cursing, beating and other brutality to which some of these employers subjected them."

Mr. White's letter asks full freedom of movement for Negro refugees, as American citizens and "a checking of the efforts of selfish persons to use the Red Cross towards retention of Negroes as though they were chattels."

JUDGE JAYNE OF DETROIT DELIVERS KEYNOTE TALK AT N. A. A. C. P. MEET

Indianapolis, Ind., June 23—Delivering the keynote address last night at the opening mass meeting in Caleb Mills hall, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, now in 18th annual conference here, Judge Ira W. Jayne of the Wayne County circuit court, Detroit, and a member of the Association's Board of Directors, voiced his hope in the Negro's struggle for equal opportunity in America.

"I am not yet ready to believe that the majority of my fellow men, that is my white fellow men, have had their sense of justice eaten away by the canker of race prejudice," declared Judge Jayne. "I believe that in the hearts and minds of a multitude of your fellow white citizens similarly situated, alike in everything but color, there is an abiding sense of justice which may be successfully aroused.

"The soil has been well prepared. They listen to your artists because of the beauty of the sound. They read your authors for the feel of their words. The time has come to submit to them the proposition of justice in the abstract. We have successfully taken our case to the courts of law. Let us now take it to the courts of public opinion. We must get our appeal into the white pulpit and the white press. Why not over the radio into the white home? It is a task of magnitude. It does appear discouraging. I know when the fiery Henry Ward Beecher carried his message to his cowardly contemporaries his listeners sought to enforce his silence. But the masses of our fellow white men can be told that as for them, race prejudice is a weapon in the hands of the enemy. Its sole purpose is their own injury, I believe our cause is just; so just that all must listen."

In the course of his address Judge Jayne referred to denial of the ballot to Negroes in the South and said: "Northern white men have at last awakened to the fact that they are also the victims of Southn minority usurpation of the Congressional representation, when, as in some states in the North it takes six times as many voters to send a representative to Congress or to a convention as it does in some states in the South. The time has come to use the resentment of these populous states to our utmost advantage. It is not beyond the realm of imagination to foresee the Southern boss promising and furnishing fair local government in return for the appearance at the polls of his colored brother whom he has so long sought to keep away."

SPEAKER CONDEMNS SEGREGATION UNDER PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Boston, Mass.—(Special)—The National Equal Rights league and its national headquarters signaled "Salem Race Day" not only by a two-day commemoration, on the 16th in Faneuil Hall, "Cradle of Liberty," and outdoors at Bunker Hill monument on the 17th, but by having a national officer of the N. A. A. C. P., Prof. Neval H. Thomas, of Washington, local president and member of the association's board of directors, as orator guest for both observances, a notable example of amity and union of civil rights organizations.

At Faneuil Hall, in the course of a great oration, one of the greatest excoriations of jim crowism ever heard here, Prof. Thomas, leading authority as to federal segregation, declared emphatically the following: "Segregation is the great issue before the American people, this country's most widespread evil. It is war against democracy and human progress, hence against the constitution of our country. It was invented to kill the soul and destroy the self respect of a great people, and to promote the conceit, and intolerance, and the political, civil and economic advantage of the dominant group.

"I am thankful for the splendid traditions of equality that fill the pages of Massachusetts history, but I deplore the fact that with this same great commonwealth in the saddle at Washington there is more segregation than at any time since the Civil War. In every department of the

federal and municipal government there is pronounced discrimination in position, salaries, quotas of appointments, toilets, rest rooms and restaurants.

"Nearby, I saw the statues of Sumner, Phillips, and Garrison, and with them those of Crispus Attucks, and the black regiments of Civil War fame. We have just marched from the spot where black and white blood flowed in one crimson stream in the Boston massacre, and we are here celebrating the 153rd anniversary of the daring and tide-turning heroism of Peter Salem and Salem Poor at Bunker Hill, and in the name of all of these services and sacrifices let us appeal again and again to President Coolidge for the abolition of every vestige of segregation from the federal service and the nation's capitol, most of which can be done by mere executive order.

"This great commonwealth must not lose her heritage. We must resist the march of the segregated school, the un-Christian Y's, hospitals, and every other civil distinction that is so generously offered to us."

At Bunker Hill monument on Friday, after being the city's guest in viewing the military parade through the league, which had secured the presence therein of the Peter Salem Garrison, Army and Navy Union, Prof. Thomas declared that the license given lynchings is giving bloodthirsty, homicidal traits to American character which seriously menace the government and demanded that President Coolidge get sincerely behind a federal anti-lynching law.

At both meetings, a Peter Salem resolution, offered by Monroe Trotter, was adopted calling upon President Coolidge to abolish federal segregation by executive order, and to urge and back stronger laws against peonage and a federal anti-lynching law. A. G. Wolff, of the local Equal Rights league, presided at Faneuil Hall, and Rev. C. C. Somerville, vice president at large at the monument.

Mrs. M. Cravath Simpson scored lynchings at Faneuil Hall where Rev. Chellis V. Smith, white, and Rev. Leroy Ferguson also spoke and Rev. B. W. Swain, first national vice president of the league offered prayer. The other speakers at the monument were Dr. Alice W. McKane and Mrs. Minnie T. Wright. Mr. Thomas was guest at Boston's big New Parker House hotel and was entertained by officers and members of the league till Sunday.

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