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BLOOD

Among the gifts which God has bestowed upon us and for all of which we are profoundly grateful, is a sense of humor. It enables us to get a great enjoyment out of life. It softens the force of what many might consider hard knocks and keeps us from growing cynical or pessimistic. We honestly believe that a keen sense of humor contributes to longevity. At any rate, we are grateful for the saving grace of humor.

You no doubt may think it foolish when we tell you that we were really amused as well as gratified by the nomination of Senator Curtis for the vice presidency by the republican party. We were amused at the emphasis placed upon his Indian ancestry. Spellbinders did not "view with alarm," but "pointed with pride" to the fact that his grandmother was an Indian squaw and that he "was born in a wigwam" and that from this lowly birth and humble conditions he had risen to the commanding place of usefulness which he has so long occupied in the supreme council of "the greatest nation on the earth."

To us, think us silly if you please, it is all the same to us, but this laudation of his Indian blood and ancestry touched our sense of humor, when we recalled that it was but a few short years ago that the same breed of men, the Nordic or caucasian, if you please, was damning the Indian, treating him with cruelty and contempt, robbing him of his lands and trying to exterminate him, that was now recognizing his worth and acclaiming him. It really amused us; but it also gratified us to know that Indian blood had not disqualified him, and we read in his triumph a prophecy of the coming day, when men of the same breed who now look with scorn and contempt upon the man in whose veins flow the rich red blood of African ancestry will

recognize ability and high achievement with the same pride, granting it to be sincere, with which they have acclaimed the republican nominee for the office of vice-president.

African blood flows in the veins of many Americans today who occupy high positions in the land, but it is not known—generally; but the day will come when it will be regarded with the same pride with which men and women now speak of their Indian blood and ancestry. Dream on, little black, even though born in rude log cabin. Your day will dawn. Be ready in mind and heart when your day shall come, as come it will. After all there is only one blood and that is rich, red blood. And what does it matter, if we only be true to that which is highest, noblest and best? Love and faith win in the end. "Kind hearts are more than coronets, And simple faith than Norman blood."

"A SWELL DRESSER"

It seems to be the height of the ambition of many of our race to be known as "a swell dresser." So long as they can dress swell that's all they seem to care for. Where a neat working suit and a best suit, or "suit for nice," as it is sometimes put, serves the average mechanic and ordinary business man, who does not go in much for society, of the other group many of our people of a corresponding or even lower grade of compensation, wages or income, must have from three to six changes, or he is not "a swell dresser." Where the wives and daughters of the other group may be satisfied with three or four gowns, those of ours must have ten or twelve with shoes, hats, gloves, etc., to match. For people of our economic status we believe this to be a grave mistake. Not that we do not want to see our people dress neatly and look

nice, for we do. Pride in one's personal appearance is perfectly right and proper and is an indication of self respect, but this laudable desire for being properly and neatly clad is no excuse for the extravagance in expenditure for dress which is a weakness displayed by so many moderate wage earners among us.

As illustrative of what we mean: A bell boy in a certain club told one of his fellow employees, who is a man drawing a much larger salary and who is a property owner and comparatively well to do, as our people go, that he had bought some "dandy silk socks at a bargain, only \$1.25 a pair, and it is a chance you ought not let slip. You ought to buy some."

The gentleman replied that he could not afford to wear those kind of socks, and that he, the bell boy, should be buying 35 cent socks, and putting the difference between \$1.25 and 35 cents in a savings account, wisely adding, "If you do that, son, the time will come when you may be able to afford \$1.25 socks, but that time is not now."

Now, far too many of us are like this bell boy. We must have \$1.25 silk socks when our income calls for 25 or 35 cent cotton or lisle hose. Too many of us want to be known as "a swell dresser." Our ambition ought to be higher than this. It ought to be for getting ahead mentally, materially and spiritually. Those who pride themselves on being "a swell dresser," as a rule, never amount to anything more than this.

"SOUND METHODS" OF ADVANCEMENT ASS'N GET PRAISE FROM COOLIDGE

Greeting From President of United States Is Read at Opening of Los Angeles Conference.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 28—President Coolidge, in a message of greeting to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, read last night at the opening mass meeting of the association's 19th annual conference, commended the "sound methods" used in securing the Negro's constitutional rights, and expressed his hope for the increasing success of the association in promoting its "worthy objects."

The message of greeting from President Coolidge, in full, addressed to James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the association, is as follows:

"My dear Mr. Johnson: Thank you for informing me of the coming annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as I am glad each year to express my regard for the aims and achievements of your organization. You have used sound methods in securing for the Negro the rights to which he is entitled under the constitution. At the same time you have promoted the cause of tolerance among all races and creeds.

"As opportunities have increased, so have the colored people shown their ability and energy in taking advantage of them. May I reiterate here, what I said in my annual message to congress in December:

"History does not anywhere record so much progress made in the same length of time as that which has been accomplished by the Ne-

gro race in the United States since the Emancipation proclamation. They have come up from slavery to be prominent in education, the professions, art, science, agriculture, banking, and commerce. It is estimated that 50,000 of them are on the government pay rolls, drawing \$50,000,000 each year. They have been the recipients of presidential appointments and their professional ability has arisen to a sufficiently high plane so that they have been intrusted with the entire management and control of the great Veterans' hospital at Tuskegee, where their conduct has taken high rank. They have shown that they have been worthy of all the encouragement which they have received. Nevertheless, they are too often subjected to thoughtless and inconsiderate treatment, unworthy alike of the white or colored races. They have especially been made the target of the foul crime of lynching. For several years these acts of unlawful violence had been diminishing. In the last year they have shown an increase. Every principle of order and law and liberty is opposed to this crime. The congress should enact any legislation it can under the constitution to provide for its elimination."

"May your association have increasing success in promoting its worthy objects."

Very truly yours,
(Signed) CALVIN COOLIDGE.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Growing out of the Negro trade week activity, a committee composed of members of the Ministerial Alliance, co-operating with business men of the city have worked out plans for the formation of a permanent organization, the purpose of which when perfected will be to promote, instill

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July 17th has been selected as the date upon which a mass meeting will be held for the purpose of adoption of the plans, creation of a permanent organization and the election of officers. The place of meeting will be announced in a later issue of this paper. The public in general is respectfully urged to be present and lend it moral support.

The committee is composed of Milton L. Hunter, Jacob C. Cary, and M. Lynch, chairman.

GEORGE STARNES

George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Starnes, who live at 5307 South Twenty-eighth street. He entered the West Side school in September, 1922, when he was five years old. Since entering school George has been promoted four different times before the end of the semester. He has never attended summer school, but has completed his grade school work within six school years, finishing in the June class Friday. George has the distinction of being the youngest member of his class with the highest grades. His report

card shows an average of five and one-half A's for each school year, finishing with 11 A's to his credit this term.

He is also a member of the baseball team of the Cultural Center. He is 11 years old and has won the red and black seals for high grade writing. George omitted the following grades: 1B, 3A, 5B, and 7A. He shows talent for music, particularly the violin, which he has been studying since his entrance in school, and the piano, which he has been studying for one year. Although eleven years old, George has great ambition and plans for the future. He expects to enter South High school in the fall.

Announcement

In answer to the many telephone calls of inquiry and to those who may still be under the impression, this is to announce that Miss Estella Troy Robertson and Mr. Leroy Newland were not married Saturday night. They only celebrated with a pair of newlyweds, who were Miss Leola Oliver and Mr. James Hollins, who were married Saturday night, and who are at home to their friends, at 1908 North Twenty-fifth street.

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10 a. m. Sunday School

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8 p. m. Service and Sermon

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