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The RECORDER believes no man should be denied the right to contribute his best to humanity. As long as that right is denied any man, no man's rights are inviolate.

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Something for Nothing

Will Irwin writing in "Liberty" makes the statement that the American people gamble away six billion six hundred million dollars a year. There is no question but that the statement is as authoritative as any such estimate can be.

We would that we could utter the Pharaasaical prayer "Lord, we thank Thee, that we are not as other men" but we know better. We are convinced that our own people, in the ratio of their members join fully in the folly of throwing away their tenth-six million six hundred thousand dollars.

It has done no good during the years to invoke the law to stop this worse than waste. The law has been useless in overcoming the inborn acquisitiveness of the human species in preying upon the weak-minded. It has proven equally futile to convince the unreasoning minds that seek to get something for nothing that it can't be done, and so the slaughter of the innocents continues.

But the effort to save the people from themselves must go on. So sporadic appeals to the law of the land are made and examples made of those who occasionally are caught red handed.

At other times reputable journals like Liberty publish an article like that of Irwin's to paint the folly in its most glaring colors in the hope, perhaps, that some may realize their amazing silliness and come to themselves.

Time and again this publication has sought to arouse not so much the consciences as the common sense of those who mistakenly imagine they are not gambling, because of the very small sums they invest. For the most part they are not taking a chance but are simply submitting to bare-faced robbery, and in the aggregate that robbery nets the robbers the tidy sum of millions in a year.

For forty years or more that vicious kind of hold-up has been going on in the Twin Cities and we have known that we are unable to move the forces of law successfully against it.

But we have never ceased to be aggravated at its cruel injustice to many wives and children and society, nor unaware of its supreme ridiculousness.

Some days we have a great urge to write the names of certain good (?) church members who permit themselves to be willing contributors of 10 cents a day to the racketeers (\$36.50) per year, but find it difficult to spare 25c a week (\$13.00) per year for the church they profess to love, and in like manner other men who cannot support the organization that makes their good jobs possible by dues of 50c a month, but can spend that much a day in foolish attempt to get something for nothing.

Our only consolation is found in Mr. Irwin's exposure which shows that thousands of supposedly intelligent white people joyfully rob themselves of many, many millions each 12 months, and so with the poet, we wonderingly exclaim: "What fools these mortals be."

Other Editors Say

Farmers Tricking North

New census figures just issued show:

1. Colored farms in the United States have decreased by 61,000 in the past five years.
2. Practically all of this decline occurred in the lynching belt of the South.
3. Georgia lost 13,000 colored farms and 10,000 sharecroppers, Arkansas 8,200 farms and 5,000 sharecroppers, Texas 5,000 farms and 11,000 sharecroppers, North Carolina 7,000 colored farms and 4,800 croppers.
4. While colored farms and farm operators decreased in the past five years, the census figures show the number of colored farm owners increased by 4,000. But 69,000 farm tenants left the soil and 2,400 sharecroppers went along with them.
5. Where did they go? Some of them went to the cities. Others came North to farm, quitting Dixie forever.
6. There are 200 new colored farms in West Virginia, 600 new ones in Montana, 800 in New Mexico, 1,600 in Arizona, 200 in Washington State, 1,400 in California, 200 in Ohio, 150 in Wisconsin.
7. By geographic divisions, the census shows: 3,000 new colored farms in the Mountain States alone; even New England has 250 new colored farms that weren't there five years ago.

Over half the farm workers in Mississippi are still colored; two-fifths of those in South Carolina and Louisiana are colored. One-fifth of the farm work in Georgia, Arkansas, Virginia, Alabama and North Carolina is done by us.

But the census shows that colored farmers are leaving the South. The migration to the North and West is just a trickle now, with a promise of becoming a larger stream.

Well, why should we stay in Dixie where lynching, Jim Crow, disfranchisement and rotten schools are the rule? This is a free country, why not move North?

—Baltimore Afro-American.

Health and Hygiene

By Dr. W. D. Brown

HEAT EXHAUSTION

Dr. W. D. Brown

Now that hot weather has arrived, it is well that we discuss its deleterious effect on the body and means of preventing serious injury. First of all heat exhaustion will not occur when heat production and heat dissipation are kept at a constant level. Heat in the body is produced by bodily activity. This means the more active one is the more heat is produced from muscular action. An excess of this produced heat is thrown off by the skin, primarily, through conduction, radiation, and evaporation of perspiration. When the surrounding atmosphere is hotter than the normal temperature of the body, conduction and radiation are reversed and the body instead of being cooled is made hotter by this atmosphere. The only important method of heat-loss then is evaporation of perspiration. To withstand high temperatures, one must perspire and the air must be dry enough and in motion enough to pick up this fluid from the body surface thereby cooling the body.

To prevent over-heating, work or rest in as cool and as sun-protected a place as possible. Eat lightly and avoid meat which stimulates heat production in the body. Drink plenty of water so that perspiration will be free. See that plenty of salt is imbibed, as much is lost through perspiration. Avoid alcoholic drinks, as they disturb the portion of the brain that controls the blood circulation.

There have been many deaths since this heat wave. Do not take heat exhaustion lightly when it occurs. See that the one so stricken is removed to a cool, shady spot. Call a physician to administer necessary stimulants. Apply cool water to the skin in streams to reduce the fever and to stimulate the circulation of blood. Ice to head is also of value to relieve various nervous manifestations. The use of a hot bath is mentioned only to be emphatically avoided as it is paralyzing to surface blood circulation.

LETTERS

Poor Music

Editor:

The only local Negro band broadcasting over the radio now is doing a rotten job of it. All of the musicians in that band, I am told, are

good players, but you couldn't tell it by listening to them labor through the half-hour broadcast over W.D.G.Y.

I suppose the band members will get angry over this letter (if you dare publish it), but instead of getting angry they had better practice every day and get someone to arrange for them.

Every time I tune in on Ray Dy-sart and his band I immediately tune out. It's awful, men, it's terrible.

Yours for better local radio bands,
 D. C.

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We do not believe the public which buys the papers from the boys want to make poor business men out of them. Therefore we urge you to pay for the paper when you get it.

HERE AND THERE

(Continued from Page One) future holds for them.

It would be difficult, though not impossible, to do this thing in communities with colored populations as small and as scattered as they are in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but in places where the colored people live in such numbers, where the attitudes of the white people encourage them—compel them, in fact—to trade with each other, where in the language of one colored storekeeper, "the white people come to sell and not to buy," the thing is perfectly feasible.

The church claims to be the most potent and wide-spread influence among its people. It is a claim I am glad to acknowledge. But the possession of that influence carries with it the responsibility for its full and proper use. It is not enough to point the people to that home in the skies we all hope to

occupy. Do we not pray for the Kingdom of God to come on "this earth"? Do not the Scriptures say something about "our daily bread"?

The way to great improvement in the lot of the colored people is clearly defined before us. Let us awake and take it.

"NORTH IN POWER"

(Continued from Page 1) pride and remaining where it is. I have an idea that the latter will be its course. But at any rate "things ain't the some no mo'."

In an attempt to analyze the activities of the convention (stripping it of all bally-hoo and clap-trap) the writer is forced to come to the conclusion that Roosevelt can expect and will receive the full support of his party machinery. There are grumblings and gnashing of teeth, to be sure. But even the dumbest red neck from Arkansas knows that minus Roosevelt the party would have about as much chance as the Communists in Nazidom. And between the average man's pride and his privilege—well, you tell 'em. So the South will stick with Roosevelt and the Northern Negro Democrats will continue to be elevated to greater prestige. And I rise to opine that such a course won't do the party one bit of harm. And if what the writer has gleaned is true from innumerable conversations with people in Chicago, Cleveland, South Bend, Pittsburgh, Gettysburg, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, then Landon might as well stay home. But don't take that too prophetically—look what Schmeling did to Joe!

COTTON-HEAD SMITH'S WALK
 Senator "Cotton" Ed Smith gained more publicity walking out on the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia because of the presence of Negro delegates than he has gained in all of his years as a "cracker" statesman. His antics gave Negro Republicans something to make capital of and also placed the senator among the grand order of public "jackasses."

If there ever was a more silly evidence of paucity of statesman-like timber in our southern states here is a supreme example of it. There is a feeling of sadness for the future of a section which will send such an intolerant, bigoted, silly old reprobate as "Cotton" Ed Smith to the highest law-making body of the country. South Carolina surely should retire old "Cotton" Ed. He has made a laughing stock of his constituents by his dumbbell walk at Philadelphia.

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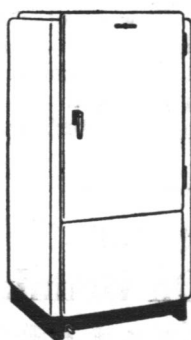
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