

Tar Heel Manufacturer Suggests Reservation Monkey Mentalities

Calls the Simian Conference Planned for His Own State by Bryan—Darrow et al a Travesty on Law

MOCKERY OF RELIGION. BURLESQUE ON SCIENCE

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Mr. Edgerton is a native Johnstonian whose home was at Kenly. Many of our readers will recall an article which we republished from Success Magazine sometime ago concerning the success of Mr. Edgerton. His views concerning the Scopes trial are equally as interesting, and his home county folks will appreciate reading the article below.

(Mr. Edgerton, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, is one of the leading Methodist laymen of the country. For years he has been active in religious work, as well as in great business enterprises. His woken mill in Tennessee is one of the very few industrial plants in this country where all the employees gather every morning for a brief session of prayer before beginning their work.—Editor Manufacturers Record.)

Nashville, Tenn., June 28.—Charged with having been primarily responsible for the World War and for all the other crimes and misdemeanors committed through all the ages by his alleged offspring, the monkey goes on trial at the town of Dayton, Tennessee, in the alleged month of July of the year of our alleged Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-five. He is to be prosecuted, defended and tried by his own alleged children in the presence of an assembled throng of his self-confessed kinsmen who will be brought there either by their pride of ancestry or their evolved snobbishness. To heighten the dramatic interest it is to be a masked affair and staged as "Science versus Religion." Science is to be impersonated by Clarence Darrow, who, it is alleged, was hand-picked by the Civil Liberties Union because it is claimed that he is possessed of the uncanny power to convince any judge or jury anywhere at any time of anything. He is to prosecute the monkey and is to be assisted by others of like mental attitude. Religion is to be voluntarily impersonated by William Jennings Bryan and other lesser lights who are to defend the monkey in his efforts to disprove kinship with the human species in its present degenerated state. It is further alleged that the only consideration for the services of the principals in the drama is a guarantee that their names shall appear on the front page of every newspaper in America in every issue from signing of contract until play is entirely over. The actual money proceeds of the show are to be split, according to rumor, among the lemonade and popcorn vendors of Dayton, the newspapers of the nation and the alleged Union of those clamoring for freedom from the restraint of all law, civil and moral, except the unwritten laws of the forest, whence, they aver, they originally came.

Would not this be a splendid opportunity for the government to establish a reservation for the segregation and treatment of its mental derelicts? It will be perhaps a long time before so many of them will be caught together and identified again; for it now appears that many of the leaders in the school of erratic thought concerning our Constitution, our Bible and science will be in Dayton during the trial. Why not keep them there as public charges? Nobody would object to the necessary taxation for the purpose. The Indians have never given us much reason for such colohization and treatment; for it is not as much of a crime to scalp men or otherwise torture them physically as it is to undermine the foundations of their faith in the infinite power, love, and justice of their Creator, or to try to stop or deflect the processes of cultural development even though it be regarded as a mark of civilization.

Yes, it is going to be a big show. It will be a great rally day for the free thinkers, loose thinkers, and non thinkers. The vocational fundamentalist and the professional modernist will be there. The political and religious half-breeds will be there. The walking delegates of agnosticism, atheism, communism, and bolshevism will be there. Everything will be represented except science and religion. The forecast is that no previous occasion in history will have ever drawn together at one time a more impressive managerie of human exhibits of the monkey's prime-

val waywardness.

Yet, what a travesty upon law, a mockery of religion; and a burlesque on science it will be! How the spirits of both Moses and Darwin must be stinging with humiliation! Hell and the Soviet will both probably declare a holiday; and the flags in the Valhalla of the immortals will be at half mast. The jungles of Africa and the pagan thickets of the unchristianized orient will no doubt await news of the verdict with anxiety on the one hand and amused interest on the other.

Such a spectacle as turning an arena for publicity seekers with warped mentalities and a parade ground for freaks, fanatics and fools ought to be impossible in the country that gave John Marshall to immortal fame. The so-called anti-evolution act should never have been passed, and those who passed it did themselves and their constituencies poor credit. But having been passed, the man who deliberately violates it for whatever purpose, and those who defend his brazen defiance of the statute can have little or no quarrel with any other self-appointed choosers of laws that they will or will not obey. No lexicographer has yet defined a good law-abiding citizen as one who obeys only those laws which he sanctions. And herein, let it be emphasized, lies America's greatest menace today—the popular contempt in which many of its laws and much of its constituted authority are held. It is not simply the fact of the contempt itself that constitutes the menace, but the sympathetic and synthetic apologies made for it by many people and journals occupying influential positions of leadership who preach directly or by implication the anarchistic doctrine that it is all right to disregard those laws with which one may be in disagreement, as to their wisdom.

In these days of distempered, extreme thought, the most of which carries keen edges and sharp points for all adversaries, the sane, level-headed good American occupies a difficult position. He is faced by those who apparently want no law and who construe liberty as the unbridged and unrestrained right of every person to think and act as he pleases without reference to what anybody else may think, do or wish. He is bayoneted from the rear by those who think that all physical, mental moral and spiritual operations, habits and moods should be dictated by law and regulated and controlled by the government. He is flanked on one side by a group who stand transfixed by the theory that if they move forward a step from where they were left by their fathers they will plunge over a precipice to destruction, and on the other by a restless horde who believe that anything that is or has been is all wrong and that all things should be changed because nothing can be changed except with better results. Hence, that person is safest now and most secure in his Americanism who has no theory or opinion except those expressed by the silence of his tongue and the works of his hands, head and heart as they in unison turn the opportunities given him by his God and his country into the largest and most enduring values for both.

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Build thee more stately mansions,
O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll,
Leave the low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from Heaven with a dome more vast.
Until thou, at length, art free,
Leaving thine out-grown shell by life's unresting sea.

TUBERCULOSIS EDUCATION WORKER FOR NEGROES

Sanatorium, July 2.—A colored woman health worker, Florence C. Williams, of Raleigh, has been employed by the North Carolina Sanatorium and the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association to do tuberculosis educational work among the colored people of North Carolina.

Mrs. Williams has done health work in the South for a number of years. For the past eighteen months she has been with the West Virginia State Board of Health. This summer she will teach tuberculosis and hygiene in the State and county summer schools for colored teachers. After these schools close she will work in cooperation with the colored supervisors of schools, who are employed by the State Department of Education.

Dr. R. P. McCain, superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium, speaking of the employment of the colored tuberculosis educational worker, said, "Negroes, for various reasons, delay treatment until the disease is too far gone to be cured. A health worker among the colored

people to give information concerning the disease and help detect early cases and secure treatment for them, has been much needed in the State."

MRS. COOLIDGE HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Swampscott, Mass., July 3.—Mrs. Coolidge barely escaped being run down by a motorcycle this morning during a walk about Swampscott, a leap to the side of the road saving her.

She was returning to White Court and had just turned into the private driveway when four members of the State constabulary on motorcycles turned into the lane behind her. Driving at a fast clip, according to witnesses, the motorcycle officers were behind her almost before anyone was aware. The grinding brakes and a yell by James Haley, her secret service man, gave Mrs. Coolidge her only warning and as she jumped to one side of the riad the leading machine shot between her and Haley. The motorcycle detachment, which was coming to White Court to escort the President to Cambridge, proceeded to the summer White House without stopping.—Associated Press.

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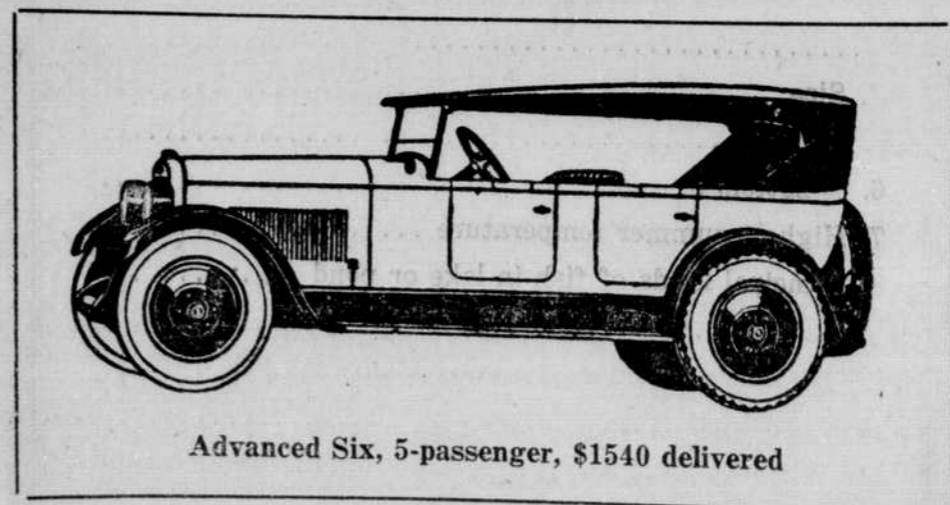
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