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O r' oko, ko d' oko — Agla èpe

Enu kekere ko l' ony ni nigbati a gbo ibin okan ninu Olopa Ibadan ti oruko re nje Akindede, euti o mura ni ile re ti o si ja le lati lo si ibi ise ni aro Saturday ijo ketala osu yi, sugb n ti ko de ibi ise na benu ko si tan ja la wale re, wa ko si me ibiti o gbe lo di i-aiyi.

Odidi omoluwalé rin-arin sonu larin ilu? bi Egbé l' o gbe elo ni, a koro, Ki Efunare gbani lo wo arin na. Igi na da o

Ni aro Friday ojo k'okandilogun osu yi ni Balé Oyewole ati awon Igbimo Ibadan fi awon Oloye ati Mogaji mejo wonyi je oye titun:—

1. Ladeibo omo Irifin Balé oloye Aré-ago Balé, joye Assju Balé.
2. Latinwo omo Fynwa joye Aré-ala-a Balé.
3. Durojaiye Mogaji Fakayode oloye Ekefa Balogun joye Maye Balogun.
4. Isola, omo Balogun Ibikunde joye Aré-ago Balogun.
5. Adeduntan Mogaji Olupoyi Ayin-gun joye Ikolaba.
6. Sodimu oloye Ikolaba joye Ekefa Balogun.
7. Ogunware omo Omilabu oloye Maye Balogun joye Abese Balogun.
8. Fagade Mogaji Apete joye Aré-ago Balé.

A ki Balé ati Igbimo Ibadan: E ku ato, eku atunse ilu. Sugbon, e ma gba gbe ile Lafa l' Oje, Ile Balé Ol'um. Ile Basorun Fajinmi Awaiye-kú, ododo ake, ati awon mi bebé ti o ku lehin

Ni ona Ekotedo lati lo si ibiti Esin nsare (Race Course) ni oloja kan sa

akala ti oruko re nje Salami, ti o wa ni Alekuso logbe. Awon akoda na pe, sugbon nigbati o ti sa okan ninu won logbe, awon yaku ti salo. Eyi lhan pe aino ogun iwe ni i mu ogun pari, ti o ba je pe nigbati Salami akoda na ki gbe, ki nwon ma salo, owo iba te awon ole na.

Nwon gb-akoda na lo si Ile Alaran I.N.A Hospital ni Adeyo.

A gbo pe Ajele ranse si Balé pe kini se ti Balé ko fe fi Durojaiye omo Abayomi Mogaji Fakayode je oye? Nitari na ni Ajele se ranse pe bi Durojaiye ko ba joye, eniken ko gbo je oye loni titi Balé yio fi wa so inkan ti Durojaiye se fun on.

Awon agbagba si dorikodo nwon ni yio je oye loni: nwon si je oye na ni ojo k'okandilogun osu yi.

Ewu nla lo wa Ogbeni J. D. Okoya, Akowe Ile-Ilu, eniti mto alupupu re subu ni Ode Ajaba ninu ose ti o kaja.

A gbo pe enikan ti o ba Ogbeni na gun keké lehin lo sojo nigbati nwon fe ya fun mto kan ti nwon pade lona. A dupé pe wyn ko farapa pupu. A ki ore wa na o ku ewu o.

Lehin ti Ogbeni Hector Odusami gba-junjo alagbede wura ati awon enia re ti lo si Sesi tan ni aro Sunday ijeta ti awon oloja wé ile re ni Oke-Seni; nwon yi apoti onirin Safe re jade lati inu yara nwon ko ada ti i pe boya a se gi. Ope-lope ikan ninu awon aya ogbeni yi ti o fi ifura pada wa le lati Sesi, ti o kigbe nigbati o ngburo owo ada ninu ile. Oga-fa, awon arabi ti salo.

A ki ore wa na ku ewu o !

Ogbeni Charles A. Odumosu, Olotu Ile-itewe ti Dokita J. Odumosu ni Ijebu-Ode ba Mojo de sabin ni Saturday ti ogunjó osu yi, o si pada lo lehin igbati o pari ise ti o ba wa ni jo kanná. A ki ore wa na katijo.

## IROHIN ILE BALE. MONDAY APRIL 22, 1929.

Ajo Igbimọ ni Ile Bale ni ans ko si bi o ti ri ni. Awon oloye titan ti nwon sese fi je jeki apejo na dun pupo.

Apejo bere ni agogo mewa koja isaju marundinlogoji. Iwe ti a ri gba ti a si ka lati owo. Ajele agba ni wanyi —

Ogunjibi omo Odobode eniti oun pelu adeusun njo ja si ile oko. Bale ati Igbimọ si ti da ejo yi ni ejo kerindinlogun osu ti o kaju: sugbon, nigbati ko te won loran nwon mu ejo ta lo si Oyo, nwon wa mu iwe wa lati olo Ajele agba eyiti Akowe Igbimọ ka pe: Ajele agba ni oun ri si idajọ ti Bale ati Igbimọ da fun awon ejele yi; ti nwon ba si ni ko te awon loran awon fe gbe ejo didi, ki nwon o gbe e didi lona ti o to.

Gegebi a ti wadi awon mejeji si niyi: nwon so fun wa pe bi a ba mu owo Aperin kuro, ko si eniti o ni ile ju baba Ogunjibi lo mo ni igboro Ibadan yi.

Bale ati Igbimọ pinu pe ki awon mejeji pada lo si odo Ajele, ki o si da a fun won bi o ti to.

Elerunde ati Ogunleye ti nwon se olo oko, awon Igbimọ si ti da ekeji lebi sugbon nigbati ko kuro ni oko, nwon ni ki won o fi iwe ipa (Warrant) mu u. O lo si odo Ajele agba ni Oyo, Ajele ni ki nwon da ejo na duro titi oun o fi wadi oro na, ati pe, oun si ti ko iwe si won ni olo keje yi pe ki won o yan onise, ki Ajele Ibadan na o yan onise lati lo wadi bi ni abe Ibadan tabi ni abe Oyo ni oko na wa.

Ejo ti Deboje ati awon ebi re mu wa siwaju Bale ati Igbimọ ti nwon ri pe awon ko le da afi bi won ba mu lo siwaju Ajele, o si tun da won pada pe ki ise ise oun, ti Bale ati Igbimọ ni i. Ni ese kanna. Bale ati Igbimọ si ran akoda kan lati lo pe Bale Lalupon ati awon onija na wa lati pari re fun won.

Bale ati Igbimọ soro si ejo Fakunle ati Aji Jeje sugbon ko danindanin;

n won si fi ejo na si apejo ni.

Gegebi a ti so ni ese ti o koja nipase Ile yi, nwon ko ejo o di odo Oyo nigbe. ti nwon de ibe, Baba U'afin so fun won pe "Omu ni ise ilu" ki won o tun pada si odo Bale, o yan onise kan pelu won pe ki won so fun Bale ki won ba won yanju ile na, nitori pe oun ko fe ki oruko ile na o parun rara. Nigbati nwon je ise. Afarin, Bale ni ki nwon pe awon ara ile Moto wa. Nwon fi eniti o je aburo ti o si ni ese ati owo lowo je oye yi, nwon so fun u pe ko gbajọ tori eyi yaju si egbon re o.

Lehin na ni awon Igbimọ pe awon ti nyi won ni okan pada, lehin iglati o ti yan aburo si Igbimọ pe "Alara niam o dun oun, e ni o ku aisun o ku aiwo?" ki o ma ba ebi ebi je o. Nwon didi nwon dapẹ lowo Bale ati Igbimọ.

Ogbeni Seidu Fela Williams ko iwe kan si Bale ti akowe ka ni oju zbogbo Igbimọ ati ilu pe: Ogbeni Seidu Williams yi ni, oun ngbe Ita Bankole ni Eko oun si be Bale ati Igbimọ nipase aburo oun ti nje Badaru Abina pe nigbati ofin iwe Ile-yiya (Land Lease) bere, Ijoba Ibadan kowe si lati wa gbawe tire; nigbati oun ko tete je ipe won ta (fine) oun, oun si tan, sugbon lehinna oun kowe si Ajele Ibadan fun iwe ase yi, o si P' oun ni esi pe oun o ri si i, ati pe oun ni lati gba ase lowo Ajele agba ki oun to mo bi oun o ti se, esi ti oun tun ni gba ni wipe Ajele agba ni oun ko le fi owo si iru iwe be ati pe Ijoba Ibadan ni o ni lle na kanhin. Ki Bale jowo ba oun be Ajele nitori aburo oun yi, ki o jowo ki o fi owo si iwe ase na.

Ni ojukkanna Bale ni ki Akowe Igbimọ kowe ebe ki o si gan iwe ogbeni na mo o lati fi sowo si Ajele pe oun ba ogbeni na bebẹ ni odo re o.

Ajele si tun kowe bere bi Igbimọ ti ranse lo so fun Oluwo pe awon Oja Oja ti won fe ma pe ni Obadare.

Bale ati Igbimọ si da esi pada pe awon ti ranse lo ni ijeta (20.4.29)

## Irohin Kano.

100 wa dūn lati tun ri "Yoruba News" ti o yọ si wa gbaṅṅe nigbati o ko kanle laal 15, 4, 29. Adura wa ni pe ki ifufe nisan ti o ti da a wole lati bi o tun mejì sèhin ma tun le se e mo, ki o le ma ba lẹṅṅe re lo dede lakoko yi. Bayin enia wa a-ra-ma-sauwo, o dọwọ nyan o.

## Ole ni Sabongari.

Ni oru mọju Thursday 11, 4, 29 awon Olopa mejì kan ninnu awon ti nso Sabongari pade. Awon ole mefin kan ni ona toro ti o wa ni sikari Plot (De) Ogbeni John Dada—lati lo si ghayawu awon ona wurawuru ti o lo si ara toro. Anu se ni lati so pe awon o e yara o si awon Olopa Oba na, o fa si ba okebi nian won ni igba-aya. O wa ni ile Alarun masiyi. Eyi sele niwon agogo kan oru.

Ki a tun wo, ki a toju ri, awon Olopa mejì miran tun nse lẹṅṅe won wa si apa ita kanma niwon agogo merin abo 4, o a ni ife kan na, niwon pale awon o e na; okan nian won tun gbe o fa o tun ta si awon Olopa, o tun ba okan nian won ni ebe sugbon ko wole pupo bi ti isaju.

A nireti pe awon Ijoba yio ba wa ri si oru na, ki awon se ibowo awon Heto ti o wa ni kosi Sabongari ti awon ole yonyi fi se ile ti won si ati be wa yonu ni Sabongari Howu, ki omo enia fi gbeṅṅe osan s'ese, ki o ma si gbeṅṅe sanni loru? Edumare mo gbo wo wa o.

## Ole Kẹkẹ—Bicycles.

Lati enu bi osu mejì wa yi, Kẹkẹ omọ-omọ gbeṅṅo ti nwon ji lo ko niye: bi ki obinkan fi ti si ara ogri nian ogba re. Ki awon omọ Jaguṅba wo yi si wole g'e e firi; bẹni awon se g'le ti Ogbeni wa John Dada, Tailor lo; tabi ki o g'le e to si odo, ki o fi ti si ara igi kan. Ki o ya ki enis nifosi; ofon ti fe, ona kẹkẹ ti jin, ese ni o fi sa a dele.

Niwon ojo kerin tabi karun esu April yi ni nwon ma okunrin kan de g'ig'iroro lati Zaria pelu Baisikulu kan; niwon npe oruko okunrin yi ni Momo Hadeja, a gbo pe

nwon ri okunrin yi o sio ni ebe Titi kan ni Sabongari. Zaria pelu Baisikulu na. Nwon bi fi iere ni o ri Baisikulu na o so pe onu haya re lo wo oṅṅe kan ni igboro Birni (Kano City) ni nwon di i towo igbe pelu Baisikulu; i awon mu a lo si odo Oba Kano-abi ti awon gbe nwardi ejo re uba yi.

## A Dramatic Entertainment.

Awon Ege Iranlowo ti Saji U. N. A. Kano se bebe ni a'e Friday 17, 4, 29, nigbati awon se re ni irabi Ajodun Oṅun leta ti won da Ege na sife. Nwon yan Ogbeni W. Macanlay John ni Alaga. Awon igbeni G. France, T. A. Dairo, France ti Treasury A. A. Bina ati awon g'ajun obirin ni nwon si nyan lati rogba yi alaga ka.

Awon ere ti won se na dūn pupo, sugbon awon eleṅṅe kan ti won ko riwo gba lwa iwole ipo waju ti ipa ehin ti da-rudrudu g'le, nwon ko si je ki a gbadan ere na nipa pe awon nso eka si ori ile ti oko tle mba omo eni ni ete ti ete na yo b'ib'oli. Paripari re ni pe awon kan nipa pe a o fi jẹṅṅe pati wole, nwon surumọ awon ti eso enu ona; Ogbeni S. M. Ogunmopede ati Ogbeni Aiyi Ogunmopede debi pe won ko igi ti Ogbeni Ajayi Ogunmopede. Bikosepe ti ki bilis o ma wo ero na, awon Ogbeni na iba g'bon iya won dudu o. Sugbon inu wa dūn lati gbo pe awon ti nwon se alda na ri nida won, nwon si wa sipe; a rope awon igbeni wa na si ti de riji patapata.

A kan sara si Ogbeni Wajola ohan nnu Iyo (Salt) ere na ti nida Hausa ati Ijinle Yoruba bi omi, Ogbeni J. Mabozunje ati Ogbeni Anosun, Babalawo ninu ere na. Alufa Ijo Kev. T. K. Aderin ati awon obirin pupo nwon se o o jo ni igu o. A se yi; s'imo tun o.

Mr. D. H. Holley of the Lagos Town Council came up on the 16/4/29 and put up with his friend Mr. F. Morton. The Agent, Messrs. The Lagos Stores Ltd. Kano. We say zanu da zna.

## Sanni Giwa Kabo o.

Gbere ni a ri ebeṅṅe wa yi nnu oko ero ti o de i'eyi ni ojo 10/4/29 ehin idahan losi ile fan igba de; a ki ogbeni D. O. Sanyaolu ati awon Iyawo ogbeni wa yi ku afajuba o.



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### STREET LIGHTING.

AT its present rate of development, Ibadan is badly in need of street lighting. Its huge population, number 800,000, is steadily increasing. The volume of trading activities inside the town is fast extending to every town in Nigeria and new motor lorries are being purchased every fortnight almost along with this rapid development is the daily influx of strangers who, coming in search of employment and trade, eventually settle down for good, so that, the town is expanding more and more.

The prevailing darkness of the unlighted streets and thoroughfares in the town is a great opportunity to those bad characters that are always present in every community, to ply their trade. Who can ever thought of moving about in such dark nights as we had been experiencing recently? But with properly lighted streets the case would be different.

The recent wounding of a policeman by a band of robbers is an illustration of the case in point. It is certain that such a thing could not be possible with lighted streets and continuous streams of people going about their business at all hours of the night.

According to the official reply to the Hon. R. Irving the Commercial Member for the Colony Division at the last Legislative Council session that some £70,000

would be expended upon Electric Lighting of Ibadan, we confidently hope the authorities will not long delay this much needed improvement

### Abeokuta.

Abeokuta, a town of British West Africa in the Egba division of the Yoruba country S. Nigeria Protectorate. It is situated in 7° 8' N., 3° 25' E., on the Ogun river, 64 m N of Lagos by railway or 81 m by water. Population, approximately 60,000, Abeokuta lies in a beautiful and fertile country, the surface of which is broken by masses of grey granite. It is spread over an extensive area, being surrounded by mud walls 18 miles in extent. Abeokuta under the reforming zeal of its native rulers, was largely transformed during the early years of the 20th century. Law courts, government offices, prisons, and a substantial bridge were built, good roads made, and a large staff of sanitary inspectors appointed. The streets are generally narrow and the houses built of mud. There are numerous markets in which a considerable trade is done in native products and articles of European manufacture. Palm oil, timber, rubber, yams and shea-butter are the chief articles of trade. An official newspaper is published in the Yoruba and English languages. Abeokuta is the headquarters of the Yoruba branch of the Church Missionary Society and British and American missionaries have met with some success in their civilizing work. In their schools about 2000 children are educated. The completion in 1890 of a railway from Lagos helped not only to develop trade but to strengthen generally the influence of the white man.

Abeokuta word meaning "under the rock" dating from 1825, owes its origin to the incessant inroads of slave-hunters from Dahomey and Ibadan which compelled the village populations scattered over the open country to take refuge in this rocky stronghold against the common enemy. Here they constituted themselves a free confederacy of many distinct tribal groups, each preserving the traditional customs, religious rites and even the very names of their original villages.

Yet this apparently incoherent aggregate held its ground successfully against powerful armies often sent against the

place both by the King of Dahomey from the West and by the people of Ibadan from the north-east. The district of Egba of which Abeokuta is the capital has an area of 3,000 sq. m. and a population of 55,000. It is officially known as the Abeokuta Province of the Southern Nigeria Protectorate. It contains luxuriant forests of palm trees which constitute the chief wealth of the people. Cotton is indigenous and is grown for export. The Egbas are enthusiastic farmers and have largely adopted European methods of cultivation. They are very tenacious of their independence, but accepted without opposition the establishment of a British protectorate, which, while putting a stop to inter-tribal warfare, slave-raiding and human sacrifices, and exercising control over the working of laws, left to the people executive and fiscal autonomy. The administration is in the hands of a council of chiefs which exercises legislative, executive and to some extent judicial functions.

The President of the Council or ruling chief chosen from among the members of the two recognized reigning families is called the Alake, a word meaning "Lord of Ake;" Ake being the name of the principal quarter of Abeokuta after the ancient capital of the Egbas.

The Alake exercises little authority apart from his council the form of government being largely democratic. Revenue is chiefly derived from tolls or import duties. A visit of the Alake to England in 1904 evoked considerable public interest. The chief was a man of great intelligence, eager to study western civilization and an ardent agriculturist.

From Encyclopaedia Britannica 13th edition pp 42 and 43 volume 1-2.

O ya wa lenu la ti gbogbo awon omi Jaguda tun ni si ile Bale lati se ise buru won.

Nwon yo iwe ile ati sile kan lo ni apo okan ninu awon ti o lo si Ajọ Igbimọ ni Ile Bale lana, enyin enia wa, e ma jafara o.

## AWON AKEWI

OR

## YORUBA PHLOSOPHY.

### AFOJUDI.

Afojudi, Afagbà di,  
 Awon agun-bani-rẹ:  
 Oju ni nwon ti i di ni!  
 Aja nsiwin ko mo'na?  
 Orun n' on fi sun yeye rẹ?  
 Arifin ejo ti i yan ahon!  
 A ki i f' oju kekere wo'ke,  
 Owo rere ni i na won.  
 A ki f' oju' ana w' oku:  
 Enit' o ba f' oju' ana w' oku,  
 Ebo'ra ni i bo o l' o' d' so!  
 Omi t' o t' oju eni kun  
 A ma gbe ni lo?  
 Eni ba f' oju agbara  
 Wo Kudeti, yio gbe e lo.  
 "Ore ni l' okuta"  
 "Imule mi l' oju."  
 A ki i b' odo o soro:  
 Gbigbe ni i gbeni ilo.  
 A ki i b' olopa soro  
 Ile ejo ni i ma ni ilo!  
 Ogbo l' ewu,  
 Irungbon l' agbo;  
 Tubomu l' oyaju!  
 E ma fa a l' ori  
 E jowo rẹ:  
 Ohun ti 'io fari oku  
 O wa ni koto.  
 E ma jumpata mo,  
 Iwa ni 'io kilọ f' oniwa.  
 Ode ni i le' mo wa 'le!  
 Ire kil' aja mb' ekun un se?  
 A f' enit' a ba mba si re.

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## News & Notes.

The complaint is general among the residents on this side of the town comprising Ekotedo, Mosafeg, Dugbe, Gbogi, Ogunpo, Abibi,—that the water from the only stand-pipe erected at Ekotedo is not always clear, it often resembles the colour of a weak Tea, *Agbo* or lemonade, with occasional trace of swampy scent.

As a large number of people—about 8,000—are daily using the water from this one pipe, we trust the authorities will have a look in and apply the necessary remedies to make the supply of water quite safe for drinking, baking and cooking purposes.

Dysentery has been raging in town recently and several sufferers have succumbed to the malady.

The Health Officers have been very busy inspecting the compounds and yards lately. We trust they will direct the attention of owners of the numerous disease breeding water holes and cess-pits—termed "wells"—all over the town, as to improve them by deepening and have them properly covered, or in default to close up such pits altogether.

The Administration is constructing the drain in front of the Roman Catholic Sisters' Convent at Idikan Street. This will do away with the pool of stagnant water always clogging the natural drain in front of their school-room. We hope the authorities will soon take up the work of improving this important motor road by continuing the drainage system right up to the upper junction of the road at Yeosa.

The volume of water passing through at every rain fall is so great that a gang of workmen is always detailed to mend the earthwork washouts fortnightly almost. This constant repairs and expense might be avoided by the construction of proper drains on each side of the road.

We understand an Official Residence for the Bale of Ibadan is to be built near the new Council Hall at Oke Mapo and that the foundation of the building will be laid in course of this year.

The First Anniversary of the local Order of Cherubim will be celebrated next Sunday when the members of the order will hold a Thanksgiving Service at Jehovah Nissi, U. N. A., Church, Idikan, at 3 p.m.

An article in reply to A. K. P. of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in our issue of the 5th and 12th March, left out of this impression will appear in our next.

### MORE POLICEMEN FOR IBADAN.

We respectfully beseech the authorities to engage more Policemen so that they will be able to guard all prominent places in Ibadan such as Oke Olu, un, Popo Yemoja, Foko, Bank and Alafara Junctions, and other places. Also the Ekotedo, Sabo, Naniende and Oke Padu quarters, inhabited by a large number of different alien populations, frequently infested with robbers.

### OSOGBO NEWS.

"From Sudden Death, Good Lord deliver us."

We have to report again the death of a prominent public letter writer in the person of Mr. J. N. B. Gomez, which took place at his residence, Gbayemu, in the morning of the 15/4/29. He went up to see the D. O. that morning, and on his return, he told his boy that he had a fever and that he wants tea. But before the boy could finish in the kitchen, he met him died on his bed.

R. I. P.

On the 18/4/29 Mr. Soyombo made an at home for the outing of the new born babe which has pleased God to bless him with. The day would have been a red letter day for him if he had only consulted his friends for proper arrangement. "Ko ni bi ati le se ifa to, ti ko ni hawa ekuro toto o. Sammy omọ wa, ma bere imotan loṣo awon ore, a ki gbọn tan o.

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