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OUR ANSWER



From Audrey Bowser's Poem, "The Brown and The Blue"

Old Glory's stripes are shining red
With our good soldiers' gore,
Since Attacks fell and Salem bled,
Black fighters 'neath its folds have
led
The fight in every war.

At Pillow and Wagner's hellish fray
On San Juan's blazing hill;
And the blood that flowed at El Caney
Has drenched it deeper still.

What though an envious hate and
pride
Upon us fix their bans?
What though our birthright be de-
nied?
One glory they can never hide—
We are Americans!

And when the dangers darkly reach
Across the nation's sky,
We hurl our lives into the breach
To suffer, bleed and die.

SEGREGATION ORDINANCES UNCONSTITUTIONAL

That the supreme court of the United States has given its verdict against the constitutionality of the segregation ordinances which have been introduced in several southern cities will be hailed with delight by all fair-minded Americans.

Credit for this victory must be given to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which went to the front on this issue. Moorfield Storey, who prepared the brief and argued the case, has done a notable service not only for Colored Americans, but for all Americans.

Jim Crow car laws and other ordinances of like character fall in the same category with these segregation ordinances, and the fight must not stop until they are declared unconstitutional and stricken from the statute books of the several states.

While never ceasing to contend for our legal rights, let us continue to do our full duty as American citizens, endeavoring always so to conduct ourselves that by the very force of our character and the worthiness of our citizenship all our civil rights and privileges will be granted us not grudgingly or of necessity, but cheerfully and gladly.

AVOID REDUPLICATION

At present several organizations of our women are taking steps to send gifts at Thanksgiving and Christmas to our boys at Camp Funston. The Monitor endorses the spirit which animates these good women, but we desire to sound a note of warning. It is this: Unless there is intelligent understanding and cooperation between the various groups there will be duplication and reduplication, which will be shamefully wasteful. Some men will receive an abundance, while others will be neglected.

Moreover, there should be wise discretion used in our giving at this time, for unless there is, later on, when the need for our gifts may be greater, our resources will be largely depleted.

Each group or organization should get together through their accredited representatives and come to a decision just how many and which men each organization or group will undertake to provide for. For example, one organization might agree to furnish ten sweaters for ten given men, whose names they have; another organization could agree to provide something else for the same ten. Another group would make similar provision for another list of ten or twenty.

Let there be intelligent cooperation and understanding in this laudable work that there may be no reduplication in some cases and overlooking in others.

MONITOR AS MODEL

They say that imitation is the sincerest flattery. If this be true, The Monitor should feel quite "sot up," for the Jewish Bulletin, published by our good friend, Isaac Konicky, who is proud of the fact that T. Thomas Fortune, at one time editor of the New York Age, gave him a start in life, has adopted the form and style of The Monitor. It has taken our descriptive caption, "A National Weekly Newspaper Devoted to the Interests of Colored Americans," as its own, substituting the word "Jewish" for "Colored" Americans. Moreover, it has changed its place of publication to the Waters-Barnhart Printing company,

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Indian Summer

Palm Beach and Coronado sands haven't anything on this weather. Just why it is called Indian summer and why Indians should have a summer different from anybody else has never been judicially explained. The only thing about Indian summer is that it is always a bit unsteady on its pins. It starts out with a whoop in the morning, but it's no telling what it intends doing before night comes. Indian summer carries more atmospherical samples than a traveling man for a mail order house and shows the whole line so as to keep something doing. One day you will bet that you are inhaling the fragrance of June roses and the next day you will wonder why nature didn't make you a polar bear and be through with it. Some mornings you start out in your linen doodads and canvas pumps, and before whistling time you telephone to the wife and ask her to send Johnny down with the extra-padded, fur-lined, shoe-length raglan.

The evenings, too, are as deceptive as a Theda, Sara vampire. Along about midnight you may be dreaming about the orange groves of California or the rose gardens of Persia, but before six bells the butler and maid are hammering at the door and shouting that the water pipes are frozen and bursted.

One of the greatest blessings of Indian summer is a head or chest cold that begins at this time and sticks around until the violets bloom. Why such colds should have such tenacity is not explained by medical science, nevertheless the same is as true as the charges of a fair judge to a jury of twelve dumbs on dress parade in front of the witness stand.

These are the fine points of Indian summer—also points of the opposite kind.

EDITORIAL REFLECTIONS

Edited by E. Whitney Kyle.

Prejudice is as old as the ages.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

The weaker a man is the stronger his habits grow on him.

One can preach a better sermon with his life than with his lips.

Faith never stands around with its hands in its pockets.

Even in this world God has a way of honoring those who honor him.

The best government is that which teaches us to govern ourselves.

Most of the tragedies of life do not reach the newspapers. They are bound up in human hearts that are sealed to all the world.

It's a sad day when from sheer fear of loss of popularity, or the fear of an adverse expression of the public, men hold their peace.

Right moves on straight lines and seeks the light. Wrong wobbles, shuns, evades, twists and often betrays itself by its own dexterity.

Have a will of your own, but be sure you will aright. No one has much use for the wavering, faint-hearted, undecided individual who cannot make up his mind to a thing and then stick to it.

Plain sewing done. Children's clothes a specialty. Mrs. L. Johnson, Webster 1621.—Adv.

which knows how to get out high-class publications. And, by the way, we note that the Mediator, the Omaha Nebraskan and the Jewish Bulletin, all wide-awake publications, have followed The Monitor to the Waters-Barnhart Printing company, showing therein good taste and fine judgment. But we started to speak of the Jewish Bulletin. Its initial number in its new form is most attractive and well edited. Such a paper fills a distinctive place in the community and we wish it abundant and well-deserved success. The Monitor is pleased to be taken as a model and pace-setter.

THE GOVERNMENT MUST ACT

The United States government is face to face with an act of treason in Natchez, Miss., which it cannot ignore. Lieutenant Saunders was mobbed and his life endangered because he wore the uniform of a United States army officer, his assailants boldly stating that "no nigger shall wear a uniform here which white folks have to salute."

This man, an officer and a gentleman was visiting his parents after an absence of fourteen years, and was conducting himself as a gentleman.

Those Mississippi traitors—for that's what they are—have not insulted an insignificant "wuthless niggah," but have been guilty of an act of treason against the United States.

Here is a clear case in which the government of the United States must act.

Let us not look upon acts of violence against our people in certain localities and by certain individuals as typical of the feeling and attitude of the great majority of Americans against our people. Let us not become embittered against all for the unjust acts and deeds of the few.

The supreme court has in its recent decision sounded the death-knell of all undemocratic, anti-racial ordinances on the statute books of the nation.

A PATRIOTIC MESSAGE WHICH ALL AMERICANS SHOULD READ

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ordination of local efforts and Church organizations with the War Commission.

Within a few weeks the commission will ask of the Church \$500,000. The Bishops are confident that every loyal churchman and woman will respond generously to this war call of the Church.

6. Finally, brethren, let us be earnest and constant in prayer at home and in church, for God's blessing on what we are confident is a righteous cause, for the President and his advisers—first that they may in camp and battle, on leave and in hospital, be faithful and unafraid; then, if God wills, that they may have a safe return.

Let our churches be open for private prayer as well as for the regular services and for others of a less formal character, with opportunities afforded for the mention of particular persons and needs.

Let the opportunity of these days of stress and anxiety be seized for the preaching of the deep truths of the living God, our Judge and our loving Father, and of His Son, who in becoming man assures us of His sympathy with the struggles and sorrows of His people.

After the war will come peace; let us prepare for it by sustaining a worthy spirit. Christian people will throughout the war hold high the standard of chivalry and of character. Reparation and not revenge must be the object kept before us. We will control our feelings of resentment and try to believe the best possible interpretation of the motives and ideals of the people who are fighting us and over whom we shall be victorious.

We will steadily press the education of the young and prepare them for a better citizenship than ours of today.

We will support and advance the cause of Christian missions with greater and not diminished loyalty and generosity, knowing that it is the power of Christ alone that will inspire and enable the nations of the world to work together for peace and righteousness, for human brotherhood, and the fulfilment of human life in the Kingdom of God.

Our Women and Children

Conducted by

Lucille Skaggs Edwards

THE NEED OF COOKS

The Youth's Companion in an editorial on "The Need of Cooks" comments on the fact that we as a nation are "good feeders" and have always been accustomed to a generous diet, but concludes as follows:

"But in spite of the universal abundance, probably, indeed, because of it, we have not become a nation of good cooks. The statement, of course, requires some qualifications, for meats and plain vegetables are usually well cooked, and some of our pastry is as good as can be had anywhere in the world; but we have never learned how to cook as the French do, who make such uses of left-overs and cheap cuts of meat and odds and ends that they seem to be favors rather than make-shifts. Now that we are at war there is no art or field of service that American women can cultivate in which they can serve their country to better advantage than in cookery."

"It is not necessary to invent new dishes or new names for old ones. Corned beef hash may be a poorly 'bonded' concrete of meat, potato and grease; but the late Mark Hanna used to invite statesmen and diplomats to his house for a breakfast of corned beef hash, and send them away filled as if with the ambrosia of the gods. Beef smothered in onions can be so sublimated that it will appear rather as a tenderloin overwhelmed with soft endearments. It all depends on the cook."

"We need to save, and there is no better way to save than to utilize what we have been accustomed to waste. The tops and the parings of many vegetables, bones and the trimmings from meat, the inedible parts of celery and cabbage, are the very foundation of the finest soup stocks and gravies, and the head of a large codfish makes a better chowder than the best cut of cod steak. Cucumbers too old to serve raw are as good as eggplant when cooked in the same way, and a green cucumber, fried, is a dainty that an epicure will relish. A basket of clams will yield, besides the solid portion of the clams themselves, a dozen cupfuls of broth for which the hotels charge 25 cents apiece, and the foundation for a clam bisque that would cost 30 cents a portion."

"It all depends upon the cook, and cooking is both a science and an art—a science to produce the most nutritious dishes at the smallest cost; an art to make them tempting to the appetite. The most ambitious woman need not regard the field as too small, for the ablest will never exhaust its possibilities."

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JNO. ALBERT WILLIAMS, Pastor.