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## ARTICLE XIV. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged.

1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

### WOOLING THE COLORED VOTE.

**BRUCE GRIT,** the versatile veteran newspaper writer who always says something worth while expresses so fully our own observations on efforts to woo the vote of our group, which can no longer be counted upon as absolutely belonging to any one party, that we take the liberty of commending its thoughtful perusal to our large family of intelligent and thoughtful readers. Mr. Bruce pertinently says:

"The managers of both political parties and their satellites are now working out schemes to capture the Negro vote in the next general election, and to minimize the influence of the Negro in the preliminary proceedings both parties will very probably want his vote and will make a strong play to capture it. But the leaders on both sides are not anxious to create a situation such as existed in 1896, 1900, 1904, etc., when the Negro delegates and Negro members of the national republican committee exercised some influence and had a voice in party councils. This time the white leaders in both the old parties are going to make a strong and determined play to offset the Negro vote with the women vote, in the states where women exercise the right to vote. At the same time they will attempt to lead the black brethren gently on, and stuff him as full of promises as a Bologna sausage is stuffed with chopped meat in order, if we bite, to make the victory in November somewhat overwhelming. After which the Negro can go hang—or call a mass meeting and pass resolutions denunciatory of the party leaders, and their shameless desertion of a large element.

"White women all over the country are organizing except in some southern states, like Mississippi, which recently defeated woman suffrage, because its opponents know that if the black women of the south ever get an opportunity to vote in that section the democratic majority from that part of the country in congress will dwindle beyond the point of visibility in a few years. So these modern Pharaohs suppress the male and female Negro vote in the south for their own purposes. In the coming national campaign Negroes of light and learning in the northern, eastern and western states should require party managers to reduce to writing the pledges to be made to the Negro contingent for any support of this element which these leaders can guarantee. I am not sure that they can guarantee this year as much as they have been able to in former years, because there is now a decidedly different type of Negro standing at the door of opportunity, and he wants to come and he is going to come in that door or find another.

"Nothing is clearer to me than this. The Negro is an observant, thinking entity, and he is determined to break through the barriers which have so long made him politically—a thing apart—after he has helped to win victories for his favorite candidates, state and national. There is going to be a change in the attitude of Negroes toward political parties, because they are beginning to think. I said THINK and are learning how to reason out things for themselves."

### THE AFRICAN CHARACTER.

**LAST** week Omaha had among its guests a woman of marked culture and refinement and by no means lacking in personal beauty and attractiveness. A woman of such modesty, grace and winsomeness that she would attract admiring attention anywhere. No one would believe that she was a devoted missionary who had spent eight years in the heart of Africa, hundreds of miles away from any other white woman, without molestation or the slightest fear of insult of any kind from the black people among whom she had elected to live and labor for His Name's sake.

Miss Miller's tribute to the character of the native African, whom she learned to love, but corroborates the testimony of others. When uncontaminated by the vices of the white man the African manifests the highest type of character. Noble Christian women of the type of Miss Miller fully prove that there are still to be found men and women of light and leading who subordinate personal ease and comfort to the service of humanity; that if there be those who would exploit and debase, there are others who esteem it a privilege to serve and uplift. This is a truth that we do well to keep in mind when there is the temptation to become embittered. If the native African type of character be so high, as those who know it best cheerfully testify, it should be the ambition of those who draw their ancestry, no matter how remotely, from that virile and noble people, to maintain those characteristics wherever their lot may be cast. It is up to us to justify the missionary's and the poet's tribute to "Ethiopia's blameless race."

### THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

**THE** Boy Scout movement should be encouraged among our people. Omaha, we are pleased to say, has four patrols, making up Troop 23, and those in charge as well as the boys themselves are determined to make it the banner troop of the city. Scouting teaches boys manliness, obedience, honesty, helpfulness, reverence and patriotism. It aims to supplement the various existing educational agencies and to promote the ability in boys to do things for themselves and others. Do you know what the Scout oath is? It is this:

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout law; to help other people at all times to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

Don't you think that this is the kind of teaching and training all American boys need?

### BOLSHEVISM.

**BOLSHEVISM** finds fertile soil for germination and growth in homes which are godless. We make the statement without fear of successful contradiction that ninety-eight per cent of the radical, dangerous bolshevistic element which is today endangering the stability of our institutions come from atheistic homes and surroundings. Whatever else our race may be, it is not atheistic or irreligious, and therefore bolshevism cannot flourish among our group.

### EXERCISING THE SUFFRAGE.

**NOW** that women can vote the women of our group everywhere should fit themselves by study of the science of government and the issues before the country to prepare themselves to vote intelligently and wisely for the best interests of their country.

### PRESS COMMENT ON LEXINGTON MOB

**GOVERNOR MORROW DOES HIS DUTY**

A few weeks ago Governor Morrow, in his message to the legislature had the following to say in reference to mob violence: "The people of Kentucky are opposed to mobs and mob-violence and do not desire to be served by a cowardly public officer who surrenders a prisoner at the demand of those who, crying out in the name of the law, break, disgrace and destroy law. A statute, in compliance with the constitutional amendment just adopted, should be passed, providing for the automatic removal of any peace officer or jailer who surrenders a prisoner at the unlawful demand of the mob." He has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth that Kentucky is not going to have

her name disgraced on account of mob law. Governor Morrow and the officials at Lexington did their whole duty. They demonstrated to the entire country that it only takes a bit of courage and determination to stamp out mob rule. There was no excuse for an attempt to lynch Will Lockett.—The Louisville (Ky.) News.

### MOB RULE KILLED IN KENTUCKY

At least so long as his honor, Edwin P. Morrow, is governor of the state of Kentucky, there will be no great gathering and holiday preparations to pull off a lynching in that state.

Instead of a holiday feast, celebrated with all the fiendish glee of the heathens, mourning has encoined itself about the homes of the celebrants. Mobism has gone down in defeat, while law and order have perched themselves upon the portals of "law supreme."

Governor Morrow has, almost overnight, stepped into the class of the big men of the country. It surely requires a big man in this day and hour to get above the howlings of the mob. He did not take snap judgment, but, brave and courageous, he met and faced the mob, pleaded with them to let the law take its course, and warned the maddened crowd that the law must be enforced and the processes for the administration of justice must be respected.—The St. Louis Argus.

### THE TRUE SPIRIT OF KENTUCKY

"It was not the spirit of Kentucky—a state of true sportsmen and chivalrous gentlemen—that moved the mob in the streets of Lexington. It was the spirit of bolshevism, which seeks to rule by violence and in defiance of law and the mandates for its orderly execution. But it was the true spirit of Kentucky that faced the mob and in fearlessness, and with dispatch, stopped the disorderly defiance of the dignified progress of justice.

"There can be no approval of the mob, no sympathy with the spirit that moved it. Its leaders should be brought to face the justice they defied and sought to frustrate.

"For the officials who stood bravely to their duty, and with patience, there must be commendation. For the soldiers who executed the orders given to them, after all persuasion had been shown to be ineffective, in which they stayed the wave of lawlessness. They spoke the true spirit of Kentucky."—The Cincinnati Inquirer.

### THE LAW MUST BE SUPREME

The great American crime, lynching, has received its most serious setback this week, when the governor of Kentucky used the state troops to protect a convicted criminal from a mob. The anti-lynching spirit has passed from faith into action. It is profoundly to be regretted that disrespect for law has grown to such proportions that lives are forfeited to express defiance of its mandates. Yet the law cost lives in its making, and is worth them in being maintained. The sober judgment of the American people will support Governor Morrow in his act. It will do more than that, for the troops, too, have done the unusual thing. Many times in labor troubles, differences between men of the same race, militia have failed to do what they were sent to do. In race troubles they have frequently been indistinguishable from the rioters in their attacks upon Negroes. Yet in Kentucky in defense of a Negro criminal they shot and shot to kill. The criminal is just a pebble on life's beach, but the defense of the majesty of the law is a beaconlight, marking the advance of civilization.

A review of the rise of lynching

shows the danger of superficial thinking. Vigilantes were a corrective force in days when bad men exceeded good in number, and courts were weak. But tree-imb justice has no place any more. And the defense of it which has occurred even in the halls of congress, is really an admission that so little care has been taken in choosing officials that the courts are not to be trusted. It used to be said after each lynching that "The Best Citizens" participated. Strange the best citizens found little of crime within the white race to condemn, but were eagle-eyed when a Negro was accused. Stranger still, lynchings have been most frequent where Negroes have had least to do with choosing the officials. The truth is that the brute in men found an easy vent in killing and burning black men, and horror for the crimes alleged has been only a secondary thought.

The road downward is easy and the vogue which lynching has acquired is accounted for; but, thank God, the rise of a spirit of opposition to it is unmistakable. Where there used to be only an occasional sheriff who protected his prisoner, the president of the United States has asked for the supremacy of the law, and the full recognition of its control over persons accused of crime; Mayor Smith of Omaha has risked his life to prevent a lynching; and Governor Morrow of Kentucky has found willing obedience on the part of his state troops in defending a Negro criminal. The denial of equality of opportunity which has been bitter to Negroes will be easier to bear now that we can feel our lives are our own to await the working out of our problem, since we are no longer the sport of mobs.—The Call (Kansas City, Mo.).

### THE NEGRO.

(By Edmund Lester Person, in The Review, Baltimore, Md., Sun.)

There have been certain recent indications that this perennial problem may at any time again become acute. There are a score of useful books by white people, South and North, and by Negroes, which illuminate the problem, even when they do not try to solve it.

Benjamin G. Brawley's "Short History of the American Negro" (MacMillan, 1913); Booker Washington's "Story of the Negro" (Doubleday, 1909) and George S. Merriam's "The Negro and the Nation" (Hold, 1906) should serve for historical information, while "The Negro Year Book (Negro Year Book Publishing Co.) is a reference book on Negro activities.

Two admirable books by Southern writers are Thomas Nelson Page's "The Negro: the Southerner's Problem" (Scribner, 1904) and Mrs. L. H. Hammond's "In Black and White" (Revell, 1914). From a South African point of view is Maurice S. Evans' "Black and White in the Southern States" (Longmans, 1915). One should not fail to see W. E. B. Du Bois' "The Souls of Black Folk" (McClurg), his "The Negro" (Holt, 1915), Booker Washington's "The Future of the American Negro" (Small, Maynard, 1910), and Kelley Miller's "An Appeal to Conscience" (MacMillan, 1918). Similar in their nature are Benjamin Brawley's "Your Negro Neighbor" (MacMillan, 1918), and his "The Negro in Literature and Art in the United States" (Duffield, 1918). A legal work, perhaps more useful for reference than for continued readings is Gilbert T. Stephenson's "Race Distinctions in American Law" (Appleton, 1910).

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