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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.

FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

AMERICA is seething with discontent. Not only America, but the world. Many reasons are assigned for it. Some are pertinent, some far-fetched. Attempt to disguise it or ignore it as we may, the sad and deplorable fact remains that despite our talk of brotherhood and democracy, each man's hand is at the throat of his brother. It ought not to be so, but it is. The strained relations between capital and labor, more serious than surface conditions indicate is a case in point. So also is the thinly veiled antagonistic temper of various racial groups, composing the nations displayed from time to time against one another. The country seethes with discontent which genders hatred and ill-will. Many trace this unhappy condition to the world war. Nor are they far wrong. War is evoked by a spirit of hate and reprisal, and this spirit once conjured is not easily exorcised or allayed. "This kind goeth not forth but by prayer and fasting." The only panacea for the spirit of discontent which seriously threatens the peace and perpetuity of the world is the invocation of the Spirit of Christ, Who by precept and example teaches that all men are brethren. And the manifestation of this spirit is an individual matter. Each individual must go back to the first principles of reverence for God, the Father of all mankind, and obedience to His commandments. The individual must fear God and keep His commandments; for individual righteousness, right thinking, right living, must precede civic, communal, national and international righteousness. No matter what others may be doing it is up to the individual who believes in Christian principles to actively contribute his share to the prosperity and peace of the nation by a consistent and courageous life. Impending disaster can only be averted by individual acknowledgment of the necessity for each one of us to "fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

A NEW EXCHANGE FROM WHICH WE QUOTE.

THE Michigan State News is the name of a neatly printed, well-edited new exchange which has just come to our desk from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Its editor is George M. Smith, who many years ago was in our Sunday school class in St. Matthew's church, Detroit. This fact naturally adds a note of personal interest to this publication, which we wish abundant success and prosperity. The following editorial from last week's issue of The News is so timely and so applicable to almost every community that we gladly quote it in full here as expressing our own sentiments:

"In nearly all of the smaller cities of the state as well as in the larger ones the necessity of a definite and practical method of providing suitable homes is claiming the attention of all forward-looking citizens.

In most of our cities and towns committees and organizations are now working on this grave situation. Where there is no such committee or organized effort there should be one. No phase of our progress is more vital than the securing of proper dwellings for our citizens.

Good homes owned and occupied by us are not only concrete and tangible evidence of our ambitions and well-being, but they are also absolutely to our fuller and finer development.

Good wages and better working conditions and better churches cannot take the place of suitable and adequate homes. In fact it is in the home that the desire for and the development to appreciate better civic conditions is formed.

Today homes are scarce and good

homes are greatly in demand. For this very reason it is the all-important duty of every community to see that our people do not suffer unduly or unjustly in the matter of securing decent and desirable homes.

Our education, our progress and our standing demands this. Our self-respect, the respect we expect from our neighbors and our determination to keep abreast with all other Americans cannot possibly grow as it should in surroundings less desirable than those occupied by others.

We have harder times securing good homes, therefore we must exert more effort and give this serious condition the attention that it merits.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

The next president of the United States is to be elected in November. The nominations for the office are to be made in June. Politics saturates the air at this time from one end of the country to the other. The office of "chief executive" is the greatest in the gift of the nation, and has international aspects of the most far reaching kind.

The people of our group, from one end of the country to the other are much concerned about the personality of the individual who is to be elected by convention for the office. The republican party having enjoyed the advantage of our support for so many years is naturally being carefully watched, and the leaders and candidates are being scrutinized as never before. It is no far fetched statement to declare that at this time, as important as may be party loyalty, political principle means more than anything else. It is highly essential that all political maneuvering and strategy, leading to the "consummation devoutly to be wished" must bear this fact in mind.

The action of "lily white" democrats posing as "dyled in the wool" republicans in the south in states where contests have been brought about, has stirred the thoughtful people everywhere. The sentiment of the entire race is expressed by Robert R. Church when he declares that the republican party is put to the acid test, and will rise or fall by its Chicago decisions and declarations.

The new thought and the new attitude of the new Negro must be recognized. It is neither a theory nor a dream, but a practical reality. The new Negro everywhere is resolved to live or die now and forever on the principles of eternal justice. He is not unreasonable in his demands, does not expect miracles to be performed, but he does expect a "showdown" and though he "walks through the valley of the shadow of death," fears no evil. He figures, and rightly, that "decision day" has come.

For example, these are notable incidents in the trend of events: Virginia, Texas, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and a few other states are playing the "lily white" game with pernicious activity. Governor Lowden of Illinois defiantly proposed in the state convention the proposed platform of Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago, which included the cutting down of representation in congress and the electoral college where franchise is denied; only two men mentioned for president have openly declared in favor of the kind of justice the Negro demands, namely, Nicholas Murray Butler of New York, and General Leonard Wood. New parties are being proposed by those tired of both democratic and republican inefficiency and indifference. These facts are notable.

PERISCOPE.

THE HOPE OF FRANCE.

By William Pickens, New York, N. Y.
Africa has been the refuge for good men and good principles ever since the angel told the father and the

mother to take the child and "flee into Egypt." O men of France! the sole security of your future is in a close and closer alliance with your blacks in Africa. It is your best hope for military prestige, and perhaps for economic existence, and possibly for lifeblood itself.

It is more than an accident of history that black men saved you in the dangerous day from Teutonic arrogance and barbarism. It was a dispensation of the Providence who shapes our ends. The white world is going to desert you, to be sure, you are shade of its color and flesh of its flesh, but you are not of its genius and spirit. You are the last liberal spirit left in the white world today. More than English, German or American. You still feel that you are men among men in the world. The dominant feeling among most other whites is that they are men among brutes and half brutes.

Your liberalism is your providential strong point and it is more than an accident that a great black people have been closely allied with your recent interests and your destiny.

You alone among white nations seem to be near to the realization that God made the world for all men of all colors, or that he would not have made all colors of men for the world. It is true that the colored race originated civilization; that is, that they happened to be the first people civilized. But that does not give them any better title to civilization than it gives you and the German—although your ancestors and the ancestors of Kaiser Wilhelm were extraordinarily late in adopting civilization. Civilization is the joint product of all the races of Africa, Asia and Europe, who contributed to it. When the German was a wild thing, civilization was being nursed in Africa.

A close alliance with your African blacks, mighty in their fecundity and endurance, is your one best bet for future life and power.

Washington, D. C., May 20.—Sabbatical leave has been granted by the trustees of Howard University to four of its teachers during the school term of 1920-21. Prof. Charles H. Wesley of the department of history has been awarded an Austin teacher's scholarship in Harvard University, and will study for the Ph. D. degree next year. Professor Martha MacLear of the School of Education is planning to study at Columbia university, being registered for the degree of Ph. D. Miss MacLear's study will be the "History of Education." She will also do some work in sociology.

Professor Thomas W. Turner, acting dean of the School of Education, and professor of applied biology, will continue research in vegetable physiology at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. This particular line of research has large agricultural significance, and for this reason the United States Department of Agriculture has given him ample facilities in the last few years for carrying on investigation in its laboratories. Also because of the important bearing which these investigations have in the field of agriculture, the department sent him to Northern Maine Experimental laboratory, where better facilities were offered for carrying on his investigations in connection with the sterility of the white potato. Professor Turner will give attention while at Cornell next year, also to "Education," particularly "Agricultural Education." Professor George W. Hines, assistant professor in the School of Commerce and Finance, will attend the University of Washington at Seattle. His major work will be in corporation finance, while he will also take certain studies in accounting and business organization.

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