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OATH OF COLORED AMERICAN YOUTH

"I will never bring disgrace upon my race by any unworthy deed or dishonorable act; I will live a clean, decent, manly life, and will ever respect and defend the virtue and honor of womanhood; I will uphold and obey the just laws of my country and of the community in which I live, and will encourage others to do likewise; I will not allow prejudice, injustice, insult or outrage to cover my spirit or sour my soul, but will ever preserve the inner freedom of heart and conscience; I will not allow myself to be overcome of evil, but will strive to overcome evil with good; I will endeavor to develop and exert the best powers within me for my own personal improvement, and will strive unceasingly to quicken the sense of racial duty and responsibility; I will in all these ways aim to uplift my race so that, to everyone bound to it by ties of blood, it shall become a bond of ennoblement, and not a byword of reproach."

DULUTH AND OMAHA

WE PUBLISH in this issue a remarkable article from the Duluth Rip-Saw of June 26 on the triple mob-murder which recently branded that city. The article is remarkable from the fact that the Rip-Saw, a white newspaper, has the courage and the conscience to tear to shreds the dime-novel story of the alleged assault upon a young woman by six males which in the mind of even law-abiding people was sufficient provocation and justification for the Duluth mob. It exposes the shady character of the youth who was with the girl and points out discrepancies and inconsistencies in the story of the pair which throws doubt upon the story.

The facts as presented by the Rip-Saw should be given the widest publicity in order that the adverse public sentiment which is always created against the whole Negro race by reason of these sensationally reported "assaults by Negroes on white women"—nine-tenths of them damnable lies—might be corrected. We wish the white press would only be fair and always publish the truth when ascertained even though it may reflect upon their own group as when it is used to blacken the character of ours. The alleged crimes of Negroes are published in box-car type. When it is learned that the accusation is false, retraction of the hurtful story is seldom ever made, and if made, is in some obscure place in the paper.

It would seem that the Duluth lynching was planned, inspired and executed by the same hoodlum el-

ements and under practically the same conditions which brought shame to Omaha last September. The story told about the alleged assault by Will Brown upon the Omaha girl was infinitely more incredible than the story told in Duluth. Here, as in Duluth, the girl's companion was a pool hall loafer and tough of the first water. The story as given in the press was an insult to the intelligence of the people of Omaha, and yet it served its purpose.

Some day and that very soon the scrutinizing public will not be so blinded by race prejudice that every time some story is given publicity about a crime against some woman by Negroes that they will not take it at face value. They will want to know something about the character of the people making the charges. When that day comes there will be less disposition to make some hapless Negro the scapegoat for another's sin.

MULTIPLYING AGENCIES

WE HAVE received a communication requesting a contribution towards a fund of \$10,000, which is being asked for the "Community Home of St. Benedict the Moor for the Colored People of Omaha." This is a very laudable undertaking upon the part of the Roman Catholic Church in Omaha to minister in a social way towards the uplift of the increasing population of color in our city. Any agency, honestly and sincerely working for civic betterment is to be cordially welcomed. The Monitor cordially welcomes all honest endeavors along this line; and yet we feel that

we would be remiss in a very important duty, if we did not point out the danger of unduly multiplying agencies which seek to reach the community as a whole. This no religious or denominational organization, however zealous and powerful it be, can do. It, at best, can only serve a special group. Therefore, any community work, that is to say work that represents the community, should be absolutely non-sectarian and undenominational. For some months there has been conducted a community center on Lake street which is functioning for the whole community in the same manner that the Community House of St. Benedict the Moor proposes to function. It, too, is making a drive for funds. Is there not serious danger of confusion arising in the minds of the public who are being appealed to for community work? The Society of St. Benedict the Moor can and doubtless will do good work, but, naturally, for various reasons which we need not here point out, its work will be necessarily more restricted than that of a similar work which enlists the co-operation of all elements of our citizenship, irrespective of religious or denominational lines. Since the number of Roman Catholics among the colored people here is very small, practically negligible, it seems to us that it would be much better for them to throw their weight on the side of the community center already established. The Y. W. C. A., another work appealing to the whole community has just been established and is making a drive for funds. A multiplicity of agencies seeking the same general end and functioning among our people will have a tendency to weaken rather than to strengthen the work of social uplift among our people. The times demand concentration of effort, not dissipation of energy.

BOURKE COCKRAN'S APPEAL

BOURKE COCKRAN in a pathetic appeal from Tammany to insert a wet plank in the democratic platform urged the South to rally to its support upon the questionable ground of States Rights. He stated that the South which had successfully (?) handled its "Negro problem" upon the laissez fair doctrine needed to be reminded that that privilege was in danger by the same principle that would deprive the several states of their liberty to be wet or dry. It would seem that he was willing in this appeal to trade off the rights of millions of black human beings for the privilege of enjoying booze. It was an unworthy demagogic appeal which fortunately the Southern delegates did not heed.

INCREASE THEIR

PASTOR'S SALARY

The congregation of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church, South Side, have voluntarily increased the salary of their pastor, the Rev. J. A. Broadnax, \$200 a year. This has been done in addition to raising a substantial fund for improvement upon the church building.

WEDDING BELLS

Zion Baptist Church was the scene of one of the season's most beautiful weddings Wednesday afternoon when Miss Thelma Jones, and Mr. A. Harold Bentley were artistically united. The Rev. Dr. Botts read the ceremony.

The bride was charmingly dressed in a white taffeta gown and carried a bouquet of white and pink roses. Miss Aline Bentley, sister of the groom, was the maid of honor, Miss Viva Robinson was the bridesmaid and Mrs. Elsie Foster was matron of honor, all of whom carried bouquets of pink and white carnations.

Little Olive Jackson acted as ring bearer while little Margaret Dallas acted as flower girl.

After the wedding a reception was given at the home of Mrs. Walter P. Ervin, where more than 100 guests were entertained.

The happy pair were the recipients of many valuable presents.

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The business offices of the Kaffir Chemical Laboratories, which were temporarily located upstairs in the Kaffir block, have been removed to the first floor, and now occupy all of 819 North Sixteenth street. This leaves several suites of offices available on the second floor for rental to professional and business firms. The shipping room will soon occupy 813 North Sixteenth street. The Kaffir block is most conveniently located at Sixteenth and Cuming streets, six street car lines passing the door.

RETURNS FROM PORTO RICO

Mrs. Grace Hutten, who has been employed as a government teacher in Porto Rico for the past three years, returned home for her summer vacation Friday. Mrs. Hutten was one of sixteen teachers out of 250 who were anxious to return to the United States who was fortunate enough to secure passage on one of the government transports. This year she has been teaching at Isabel and enjoys her work thoroughly. Mrs. Hutten has been promoted to supervisor of English with a substantial increase in salary.

MEETING OF DOUGLAS REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

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