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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 cower 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."

STAND BY DR. BUNDY

DOCTOR LE ROY BUNDY, who was given a life sentence for his alleged activity in defending his people against the blood thirsty East St. Louis mob, but who is now out on \$50,000 bail given by Chicago colored men, pending a review of his case by the Supreme Court of Illinois in October will be in Omaha next week. He will tell his story of the awful scenes of the St. Louis horror, the report of which can be found in the Congressional Record, said that no colored man could expect justice in the midst of those conditions. That report is enough to make every American hang his head in shame. If Dr. Bundy was active in advising his people to arm for their defense against the mobs which, unrestrained by the authorities were terrorizing men, women and children at intervals during June and July, The Monitor believes he did his duty and would have been less than a man if he had not done so. When the authorities fail to protect citizens and do not even try to protect them as investigation discloses was the fact at East St. Louis, then the only recourse that citizens have is to defend themselves. This we understand was precisely what Dr. Bundy did. Our people everywhere should stand unitedly behind Doctor Bundy and let the United States know that fiendish mobs cannot dash out the brains of Negro babies against curb stones as was done in East St. Louis and throw children into burning houses to be burned to crisp and we do nothing to prevent it. Let us stand by Doctor Bundy and exhaust every legal resource to see to it that Dr. Bundy is freed from the charge of "conspiracy to commit murder." The blood of the 11 black victims, many of them babes in arms, helpless children and women, of the East St. Louis massacre should be sufficient to purge Dr. Bundy of any such charge.

WATCH YOUR POCKETBOOK

BECAUSE wages are high, but only relatively so when the correspondingly high cost of living is considered, our people, in common with others, are handling more money than they have ever done before. And too many of us are spending our earnings too freely. We live up to every penny we make. The consequence is that when sickness comes or loss of employment we are "up against it," to use the language of the street. There will doubtless come, and that sooner than we think, reaction from the present inflated and abnormal state of affairs. The result will be lower wages and in many instances lack of employment. This will entail suffering and hardship. Our advice to our readers is this: During this era of high wages, watch your pocketbook. Save something for the proverbial rainy day. Invest your earnings first in a home, not beyond your means, but within your means. Invest any surplus earnings you may have in some sound enterprise that promises you a fair rate of interest on your savings or investment. Steer clear of get-rich-quick schemes. Don't be afraid, how-

ever, to investigate and invest in conservative enterprises. The pith and point of all we would say is be thrifty, be not miserly, but saving. Watch your pocketbook.

CURRENT AND OTHERWISE By W. H. A. Moore.

(By Associated Negro Press.)
The criminal presence of ignorance is not confined to the household of the Negro here in the United States. The woeful ignorance of social law prevailing among American whites is one of the many amazing instances of the stupid insolence that may, in the end, spell death for American institutions. Keeping at the social and economic top of a social organization is no easy job because it requires the exercising of a high and disinterested intelligence to maintain the position with a level head. Mere assertion of superiority will not do it. Neither will desire expressed in the noisy terms of the dauntless upholder of the blood integrity of the "Anglo-Saxon race" come as close as a mile to the purpose in mind. SUPERIORITY is a fact of life and not a creation of the imagination. IT IS LIVED, NOT DREAMED! He is superior to me who can do things better than I can do them; who can think clearer than I can think; who can live closer to the truth than I can live; who can face death with a calmer heart than I can face it. It is superiority of mind and heart that counts in the longer run of life. All else is twaddle.

Duluth is still "madly searching" for the brutes who sullied the fair name of that fair city with the horrible lynching of three Negroes who may have raped a young white woman of that place. I say "may have" because there has been no proof brought forward that there was a young white woman raped by anybody, up to this date at the time alleged in the dispatches recounting the incidents attending the lynching. But "rape" is the one crime that justifies lynching. A street brawl is precipitated by any one of a thousand trivial causes between a crowd of black and white underbreds. If the whites in the brawl happen to outnumber the blacks, a "lynching" occurs and rape is the cause. If, however, the blacks get the best of the fight there is a "race riot" in which the black casualties outnumber the white. The Jack Johnson-Jim Jefferies "riot", is one of the few instances about which the press dispatches were unable to work up a "white superiority" end to the story of the fracas. But when Duluth finds the culprits who besmirched her fair name with the disgusting instances of a lynching, you may be sure they will be fitly punished. Let the flag wave long.

Tomorrow demands that we shall be part of its larger and stronger spirit. We must begin to produce men and women whose vision is as clear-pointed as their aspiration. The "great Negro" of the future must be one of the "great men" of the world.

Books on the "Race Problem" are being published fast and furiously. Some of them are solving the "problem" with a temper of satisfaction that

is extremely interesting. DuBois' "Darkwater" is exciting widespread interest and the sales of the book should increase by leaps and bounds as a consequence. Let us hope it will make him rich and thereby put him beyond the necessity of being attached to any "welfare" movement as a means of making a livelihood.

I look for a close and hot fight this fall. It looks like Harding to me. In the meantime let us wish Lincoln Johnson all the good luck that can come to him.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is a very useful attachment to the general plan for the amelioration of the untoward situation in which the Negro finds himself in this country. It has not touched the deeper responses of our group, and in the clearer appreciations of IDEAS it has not sounded the depths of social consciousness wherein are to be found the subtler and more powerful social impulses of the human family. A man is not a race. He may be preponderantly typical and yet fall short in his possession of those elements of character which present singleness of purpose and forgetfulness of self. When the association becomes less of a movement and more of a crusade, I look for it to take its rightful place in the sounder affections of the race. Until that hour let us be patient and pray to the Lord that the sins of the fathers will stay with the fathers.

"The Negro worker is with us to stay," says the New York Mail. This is good news. With tales of his slothfulness, laziness and criminal indifference to economic exigency loudly ringing in my ears, I have been steadily inclining myself to the belief that I would be wise if I hid to the Canadian tall timbers and there awaited the crash that was to sound a noisy requiem to America's "Black Dream." But we are "here to stay," it seems. I say again, this is good news. In the meantime let us be happy, raise larger families, cook better food, make more money, and stick to prohibition. Who was it who said, "To h-l with the king."

COX AND ROOSEVELT

After a deadlock that became the most prolonged in the history of political conventions in either of the present parties, the democratic party nominated Cox and Roosevelt as their standard bearers. The deadlock exceeded the great one in the republican convention of 1880 when the "306" stood together for Grant against Blaine, and when Garfield was suddenly picked upon the final ballot.

In the democratic party there has been only two occasions like it. One was the nomination of 1860, when Stephen A. Douglas in a much smaller convention, fought in vain for 57 ballots to break the two-thirds rule, and the other was the nomination of Wilson at Baltimore in 1912 on the forty-seventh ballot after Clark had actually received a majority. But that convention was at an end on the sixth day of its sessions, and it was the eighth day of the sessions of the present convention.

The democrats have nominated their strongest man and it will behoove the republican managers to put up a vigorous battle all along the line. Governor Cox has thrice carried the normally republican state of Ohio and will again put up a formidable battle to hold it in the democratic column. His success in the past in Ohio has been largely due to his personal popularity. In a presidential campaign

where the fight will be mainly on principles, not men, it is safe to assume that Ohio will again turn to her republican allegiance.

The country is heartily sick of the misrule of the Wilson party which has loaded the old donkey with such a heavy burden that he is well broken down under the load.

Some colored people are saying that Cox will hold the Negro vote in Ohio owing to his fair attitude toward them. But we would remind these forecasters that the Negroes are looking across the border to the south, realizing that the strength of the democratic parties is in the states where disfranchisement, lynchings, segregation and proscriptions of all kinds obtain. However good a man Governor Cox may be from a personal aspect it cannot be forgotten, it is imperative that every Negro remember it, that the bourbon democracy of the states south of the Mason and Dixon line are the bone and sinew of the democratic party, that they control it and have a way of forcing their will on their fellow democrats of the north even as they are now bringing their anti-Negro propaganda north in the endeavor to alienate the Caucasian friends of the race. But thank God, the hundreds of northern boys who had a taste of the southern whites in the camps during the late war turn deaf ears to the dastards of the north when they try to make sentiment in the northern states. With a handicap of 130 pilfered electoral votes in the south against it the republican party will hit the line hard in those states where the American principle of a free ballot obtains, where freemen may exercise the highest privilege of American citizenship, and bring the country back to the safe and sane ranks of republican supremacy.—The Advocate, Wilmington, Del.

THE HARVEST OF OUR HOPES.

Father of souls that bade us go
Along the tangled ways of life,
Our souls are stronger for the strife,
Our joy is deeper for the woe.

The wind has torn the forest hem,
The rain has found the lily's heart;
Yet this is sweeter for the smart,
And that is stouter in the stem.

The moon has pierced the breast of
night,
Till fainting darkness pines and
pales,
Or feels the print of starry nails,
Let out the falling drops of light.

And clouds shall gather in the sky,
A coronal of plaited thorn
Across the forehead of the morn,
Yet glory cometh by and by.

For sweeter does the sunlight show,
And fairer still the dawn appears
That had its baptism in tears,
And clearer is the afterglow.

The sower flings his seeds afield,
I dare not question of its kind;
It leaves the furrows red behind;
No bird will rob him of the yield.

"Seed of the church," I heard him say,
"I water it with tears and blood;
My life is mingled with the flood,
And not one ear of wheat shall die."

The troubles of our time increase,
Like fading shadows we depart;
O, brother of the broken heart,
Let sorrow blossom into peace.

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