

IF YOU LIVED IN GEORGIA PRIOR TO 1492 YOU WOULD BE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN 1920

Chicago, Sept. 2.—If Methuselah had been a colored man and lived in Georgia, he would have the distinction of being the only man of his race in that great commonwealth who would be entitled to vote in the coming election, according to a bill introduced in the Georgia legislature by Representative Harris of Heard county, the other day. The bill provides that a colored person must be a resident of the Empire State of the south since the year prior to 1492, before he can undertake even to consider any of the other ordinary qualifications for voting. Representative Harris' bill is a rare avis as such documents go and is as follows:

"An Act to forever forbid the privilege of voting to certain persons:

"Be it enacted by the General As-

sembly of the State of Georgia, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this Act,

"Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person born on the continent of Africa, or descendants of persons born on the continent of Africa, since the year 1492 A. D., to vote or hold office in the state of Georgia.

"Section 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that all laws, parts of laws, usages and customs in conflict with this law be, and the same are hereby repealed."

MOB "JUSTICE"

And Senator Harding's Reference to Lynching.

(By William Pickens.)

In addition to its unlawfulness and its disorganizing effect on society, the chief distinction of a mob is its miscarriage of justice. When inflicting punishment it is much more apt to do wrong than right—if indeed it be proper to ever speak of a mob as doing "right." We mean that it is apt to punish those who are not guilty, or to punish the guilty out of all proportion to their actual guilt. Those who investigate after the mob gets through, are often appalled at the gross miscarriage of its "justice."

There are two cases which are recent and sufficiently impressive to be still in the minds of all who read the newspapers: the burning of a Negro in Omaha, Neb., and the more recent hanging of three Negroes in Duluth, Minn.

OMAHA—The Negro was burned, the courthouse burned and the mayor of the city hanged almost to death. The Negro was charged with assault upon a white woman. But NOW: it is conceded by the police of Omaha that the Negro did not assault the woman, and that not only had the Negro not assaulted her, but that she had not been assaulted at all. It seems that the woman had been hired by those who had been ousted from control of the city government to embarrass those who had recently been placed in charge of the police force—an effort of the "outs" to discredit the "ins." Those who concocted the scheme undoubtedly did not expect to hang the mayor or burn the courthouse, and perhaps did not even think that the Negro would be lynched or burned. But the mob thought the case was genuine; mobs are generally more sincere than those who inspire them. The mad populace was not on the "inside." In this case, as in many others, the mob was the unwitting tool of disgruntled and selfish men.

DULUTH—Here six Negroes working for a circus are said to have assaulted one innocent white girl. The police jail was broken into, the Negroes were "tried" by the mob, and three of the prisoners "found guilty" and hanged. The prisoners had neither defense nor counsel, and the wonder of it is, how the other three were found guilty. Then for the investigation: This "innocent" girl came home on an electric car immediately after that alleged horror, and neither he nor she showed any nervousness nor made any complaint to the other passengers. Her escort took her home, where she went peacefully to bed and arose next morning—and still said nothing about it to her own parents. Her father heard of it first in a round-about way from the father of her escort. All this is impossible nonsense to people with brains and experience. No people could have so acted under the alleged circumstances. The girl would have needed an ambulance instead of an electric car.

Well, this is what the investigator, a white man, found out: That some white man, doubtless the girl's escort, had been hanging around the circus camp late at night selling whiskey to the Negroes; that he had some woman "hustling" for him; that the Negroes "ganged him" and took his whiskey and drank it. He was doing an illegal business; he could not complain that his whiskey had been taken—but he could make that other appeal (rape) more effectively to the great American heart and the fierce American passion. And this is about all there was to it, inasmuch as the family physician says, according to Duluth papers, that the "innocent girl" was not assaulted at all.

These two samples ought certainly to lend emphasis to Senator Harding's words when he says in his speech accepting the republican nomination for the presidency: "I believe the federal government should stamp out lynching and remove that stain from the fair name of America."

It is to be hoped that Governor Cox

will take similar ground so that both great parties will stand avowed against this insidious attack upon our civilization.

TEN DON'TS.

DON'T loaf when you can work. For the idle mind is the devil's workshop.

DON'T go and return to your work dirty and slovenly dressed. For it engenders disrespect.

DON'T spit on the floors of public carriers, assembly halls and the sidewalks. For it breeds bad health.

DON'T carry a frown when a smile is no heavier. For one's countenance is often adjusted by his habits.

DON'T spend all your time watching your neighbor's garden. Spend more time weeding yours.

DON'T let your back yard accumulate dirt and weeds. For this breeds disease.

DON'T indulge in the use of foul language. Wholesome words are easier to pronounce.

DON'T allow your liberty to be taken for license. Our liberty ceases where it interferes with our neighbor.

DON'T spend fifty dollars when your income is forty-nine. Rather reverse the process.

DON'T fail to identify yourself with some church in the city. No man more quickly goes wrong than he who remains away from church.

WHAT DO WE WANT.

By EMMETT J. SCOTT,
Secretary-Treasurer Howard University.

"Social and industrial unrest is sweeping over our country. It is a symptom of the times not to be ignored. The country is in upheaval. Efforts have been made to set race against race; labor against capital; employe against employer; farmer against tenant; the stronger against the weaker; men of high repute against men of low repute. We colored Americans have been compelled to bear more than our share of injustice and discrimination at a time when it would seem that, if ever before in the history of our country, we have proved our right to fair play, to a square deal.

"Anti-racial outbreaks have stirred hostilities and done much to destroy former relations of good fellowship between the races. Present conditions, if not halted, may become dangerous and alarming. It is necessary, therefore, that the real leaders of both races should seek in every way possible to stabilize the present situation. The races are not hopelessly hostile toward each other. The situation is serious but not desperate. A healthy sentiment in favor of fair play is growing up on many sides.

"What the Negro wants with all his heart, and what America will proudly concede him, I do believe, can be stated very easily: In substitution for lynchings he wants justice in the courts; he wants the privilege of serving on juries; the right to vote; the right to hold office, like other citizens. He wants better educational facilities, abolition of the "Jim Crow" car and of discrimination and segregation in the government service; the same military training and chance for promotion in the army that white men enjoy; destruction of the peonage system, an equal wage, better housing, better sanitary conditions and reforms in those penal institutions where men and women of his race have suffered grievous wrongs. That is the Negro problem, that is America's problem. Does it impose too much upon the greatest democracy in the world? I cannot believe that it does."

A Bee or a Spider?

"The honeybee makes her honey from the same nectar from which the hermit spider distills one of the deadliest poisons known. The question is, how do you treat your opportunities? Do you distill them into success or failure?—F. H. Cheley in "Stories for Talks to Boys"

The Last Word.
"The last word" is the most dangerous of infernal machines.—Douglas Jerrold.

Chinese Decorate Roof Ridge.
The roof ridge of a Chinese house is usually decorated with an elaborate plaster ornament in the form of a design, embodying the character "fu," signifying happiness. To prevent the ornament being damaged by birds the owner of the house sticks numerous ordinary sewing needles point outward into the soft plaster.

Ways to Clean Books.
Speaking of books, most family libraries are disfigured by one or two once-lovely volumes in unpractical bindings of pale silk or white leather, long since dimmed by grime. Art gum or a soft kneaded eraser may clean them. If not, try fine powdered pumice lightly applied with a clean cambric. This is what picture dealers use to clean the margins of old prints. It roughens the surface less than rubber.

Could be Better.
A writer says it was probably a bagpipe instead of a fiddle that Nero played while Rome was burning, taking this position presumably on the fact that nearly all historians agree the music was rotten. It is for this reason we have stuck to the fiddle theory. Nero was a punk musician, and walls of the bagpipe are sweetness itself compared to the sound of the violin in the hands of a well-meaning amateur.

Wastes Time on Trifles.
I have a friend, a most estimable man, who is so conscientious about doing little things to a complete finish that he never allows himself to neglect details of the most trifling nature. The result is that, although he is a tremendous worker, his energies are so exhausted on trifles that he has very little strength or time for important things that need his attention.—Orison Swett Marden in Chicago Daily News.

Skim Milk Good Food.
Some persons imagine that when the cream is taken from the top of milk the nourishment is withdrawn. Skim milk used to be regarded as scarcely better than water. The fact is that though the fat is drawn off in the cream and it should not, therefore, be substituted for full milk in the diet of a child who gets fats in no other form, skim milk is as rich in protein as is full milk, and is, therefore, for most purposes quite suitable.

Goths Supplanted Finns.
Prof. Paul C. Sinding, in his "History of Scandinavia," says: "On the entrance of the Goths into Scandinavia the land was inhabited by two reciprocally kindred nations, whose present names are the Laplanders and Finns. Both of them had come from the East, but the Laplanders were forced by the Finns up to the remotest parts of Norway and Sweden, where remains of them are yet to be found. The Finns themselves were, after a valiant resistance, forced back by the Goths, and their descendants at present live in Finland."



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Meaning of "Flivver."
"Flivver" has long been in use as a slang word, particularly by theatrical people, who speak of a poor play as a "flivver." In a general way the word means anything that goes wrong or fails to come up to expectations. It is equivalent to the word "fizzle." Its real origin is one of the mysteries of slang.

Fishing.
To dream of fishing is a sign of happiness, if with pole and line, small net; if with nets, much greater. If you catch any fish by either method it's a sign of success, in proportion to the manner of catching. To dream of a fish pond is a sign of good fortune; of a fish bone, of illness, of a fin, of poverty. To be surrounded by many fishermen signifies great good luck and remarkable success in your undertakings.—Chicago Herald and Examiner

The Dreams of Children.
The dream carpets of little children are often very wonderful—bright, vivid, gay; but with so elusive a charm but sometimes it is not perceived by the less sensitive grown-up eyes. Children live so much in the approval of older people, and spread their quaint and darling ideas so trustfully to daddy or mummy—and sometimesaddy or mummy, tired or obtuse or just frankly amused, tramples mud on the design that has filled the whole of a childish heart.

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