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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.

CONCERNING THE KLAN ____ contributed regularly to The Negro THE Monitor is giving in this issue | World. His last poem was published space to the Ku Klux Klan. We are after his lamented death. It is entidoing so because we believe that this tled "Loved and Lost." God's mesmenace to amity between American citizens should be destroyed. Certain germs cannot live in light and air. Bright light and fresh air are the best of germicides. We do not believe My fallen star has spent its light

that it is possible for this virulent America to survive in the light of pubof a helathy public sentiment, inimical to the growth of this un-American and bolshevistic institution, that the What matters if today should earth southern press of respectability is sc

all sections is denouncing it. Befitting well a king's renown? The opposition which the proposal My lonely soul is trouble-tossed, to organize a branch here is meeting from all sides shows that the spirit of true Americanism is not dead here. Great God! I dare not question Thee-The Monitor is of the opinion that a Thy way eternally is just; branch of the Klan has been in exist- This seeming mystery to me ence in Omaha, as well as in many Will be revealed, if I but trust: other northern cities, for some months Ah, Thou alone dost know the cost and is just now with bold effrontery coming into the open. We have belost! lieved and stated that there was a subtle, well-directed, well-financed FIGHT IDEAS WITH IDEAS agency at work spreading a propagranda to discredit our people in this TN a thrilling and thoughtful address moonshine stills and shoot down the doors are open. We must tell Jesu community, for the purpose of creat- I delivered before the local branch revenue officers from ambush. ing a sentiment that it was hoped of the N. A. A. C. P. last Sunday The south will never be safe for would eventually drive the newcomers afternoon at Zion Baptist church, democracy nor civilization until the from the south back to that section George Wells Parker, editor of The best thinking whites get in touch with in order that the south might recover New Era, among many excellent this neglected element and convert the lost labor without which it faces things, said this: "Ideas are power- them to decent and peaceful living. FIFTY YEARS OF NEGRO CITIZEN. bankruptcy. In the light of recent de- ful things. We must learn to fight It is a task that will tax the utmost velopments we are convinced that our ideas with ideas." Think this over, resources of wisdom and persistence opinion was well-founded. What that A whole system of sound philosophy but it should be undertaken at the agency was that has been functioning is expressed in these words.

a disproportionate amount of our in that journal February 5, four days senger sent to summon him surely was near at hand when he wrote these beautiful lines which one may well call his swan song or threnody.

And left but memory to me; germ which threatens the health of My day of dream has kissed the night. Farewell; its sun no more I see; licity. We deem it highly significant My summer bloomed for winter's frost; Alas, I've lived and lover and lost! any other than a descriptive sense.

set against it and that the pulpit of Lit with gems of royal worth

When one has lived and loved and

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Just as prejudiced as white men, Sharing all their color-hatred, He, himself, a segregator. Still condemning segregation. To him, any race-endeavor Seems unworthy, vain and fruitless Unless viewed by Anglo-Saxons With full favor and approval. So the Negro doubts the Negro, Treats his own kind with suspicion,

Blindly holds himself in bondage. VI.

Helps to keep his race divided,

O, black people! cease your sleeping-Get you off the road of folly. Stop and think you of the future; For your children's sake, awaken! Shun this alien education, Which disheartens and divides you, For division is your weakness, Is the cause of your condition.

VII. Seek the books of Negro scholars, Read their magazines and papers, Learn the truth of darker peoples Know their past and present greatness Spur you on to greater efforts And will speed you to your freedom.

WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

World.

A NEGLECTED ELEMENT Considerable has been said and writof the white people of the south getting together with the thinking Negroes for the purpose of arriving at a better understanding and better relations between the two races. This movement is a proper and helpful one and should be productive of a certain amount of good, as the participants on both sides may be able to transmit the results of their understanding to the masses of which they are the exponents. But the neglected element, which seems to have been left out of should exist in this government.

"poor whites," we do not intend it in as is used by members of this group themselves, when they seek to define LET CHRISTIAN PEOPLE PRAY: Lay on my head a gold-bright crown its status as an element of the southern community. This group furnishes

of the south. In some states, like you rest." (Matthew, 11:28.)

earliest possible moment.-New York

A PROSCRIPTIVE SOCIETY

trail of the organizers.

Age.

the department of justice. In that interview Mr. Byrn seened delighted to have occasion to give such an organization as the Ku Klux Klan his hearty approval, and in substan."e v/elcomed it to Nebraska.

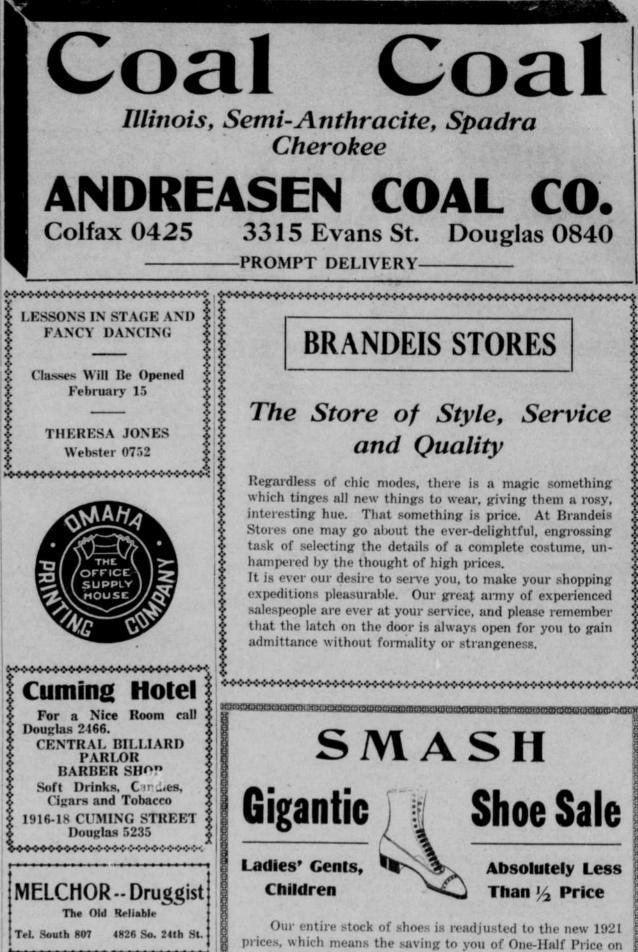
I believe I am in good position to give a detailed record in this connection, in view of the fact that I was born near the Blue Ridge mountains of Tennessee, where this Ku Klux Klan had its birth in 1868. It was born in the dark, had dark lanterns as its guiding star and its members were dark lantern conspirators and race haters. Bigotry brought it into existence and it fed and nourished upon it until 1871, when President Grant ordered the United States army to suppress and annihilate this damnable menace.

In this connection, memory carries me back to my boyhood days while on a farm in those old Blue Ridge mountains, when a committee of this un-American organization waited on my father at 12 o'clock at night with masked faces and ordered my father under the penalty of death to dis-For the knowledge of your own kind charge a poor honest Negro who was Will restore your hope and courage; in his employ, and whose only offense was that he was being educated in the Roman Catholic faith. Father was -Hubert H. Harrison in The Negro forced to discharge this poor, unfortunate ex-slave in order to save his own life and that of his family.

Such an organization as this is contrary to the constitution, the letter and spirit of this government. Nebraska soil is too fertile on which to ten of late years about the better class grow such Dead Sea fruit. America is too broad for such a narrow-minded institution; and while it may and did have its birth in my native state, yet I am firmly of the belief that it was conceived in the womb of hell, and spat out of the ulcerating and nauseating mouth of the devil himself. Three of my sons wore the uniform of this government in the late world war, that liberty of conscience, regardless of race, color or creed, should prevail: that no discrimination of race or creed this understanding, is the mass of Klan, I will say, "Avaunt, thou pes-To this organization, the "Ku Klux When we employ the expression tiferous polecat, you are not wanted on Nebraska soil." ED F. MOREARTY.

AN OPEN LETTER

"Come unto me, all ye that labor the mass of illiteracy and ignorance and are heavy laden, and I will give Alas, I've lived and loved and lost! Mississippi, they are known as "hill I write this open letter asking the billies," in others, like Georgia and co-operation of every true, honest North Carolina, they are colloquially Christian in Omaha. Pray every night called "crackers." Whatever the local and morning and please read the classification, they are the mudsills of ninety-first psalm before you pray, the community and the pawns of such Pray without ceasing that God's work demagogues as Vardaman and Hard- may prosper here in Omaha, that Hi wick and Tom Watson. They consti- sheep may not be scattered, that His tute the ignorant mobs that perpetrate power be manifested. That the church lynchings and burnings of human be- of God move on. Fast and pray. Pray ings at the bidding of shrewder lead- continuously. Any of my Christian Phone Webster 130 ers in the background. They run the friends who would care to come, my



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in creating racial hatred in many northern and western communities we believe is none other than the Ku Klux Klan.

IS IT A SOP TO CAESAR? THE Monitor would like to ask the

"KNOW THYSELF!"

An Admonition to the New Negro

(In the key of "Hiawatha")

Were acquainted with his hist'ry;

Knew the greatness of black people;

II.

Slavery and "half-child" people,

tures,

Knew the truth of his ancestors,

If now there be, as it is alleged, an I Ministerial Alliance, a report of in the daily papers that an organiza- of the United States supreme court active canvass for members for this whose meeting appears in this issue, tion, Ku Klux Klan, is making an ac- from the incumbency of Justice John organization in our city, The Monitor what they mean by "the unwarranted tive canvass for members in Omaha. Marshall to the present time. believes that it is the duty of Mayor mingling of the races on such levels We have been asked what we think Dr. Woodson endeavors to show that Smith to do as Mayor Hylan did in as are common in such institutions?" of it. Enough has appeared already because of the inconsistency and the New York, forbid any such canvass Are not these reverend gentlemen in the papers to put it in the class of reactionary tendency of that tribunal. being made and using his authority to advoitly throwing a sop to Caesar? dark lantern organizations that de- Negro citizenship has been made a fic ferret out and suppress the organiza- Whose hand are they playing? Per- cent men should avoid. Some weeks tion. The constitution as it was extion. We call upon him to do this so haps the joker is still in the deck.

far as Omaha is concerned and respectfully request Governor McKelvie to take similar action with reference to its organization in this state. We a'so suggest to our readers that they write to their congressmen urging them to demand a congressional investigation and suppression of the In the average Negro only activities of the Klan.

SUPPORT YOUR LEADERS

THE Monitor respectfully calls upon His would be a loftier manhood, our people in this community to He would meet the boasting white man stand unitedly and firmly behind their With his head up, proud, courageous, leaders who have been fearlessly bat- For he'd feel his own importance tling for right and principle, openly, In the world and its achievements. frankly and above board. This is quite imperative. For the time may come when those who are opposed to the But alas, his way of thinking triumphing of certain principles may Has been shaped oy Anglo-Saxons resort to underhand methods to dis- Through their books and moving piccredit and weaken the influence of those who are contending for these Their newspapers, church and customs. principles which involve fundamental All of these are used for spreading rights of American citizenship. Manly Made-to-order news and science; men admire a fair and fearless fighter Built to fit the selfish purpose for what he believes to be right even Of the white race, first and always. though he may not agree with him. Cowards and cravens use underhand methods. To be forewarned is to be Thus the little Negro school boy forearmed. Reads of "savages" and "head-men;"

A POET'S SWAN SONG

"Vicious blacks" and "backward races." E have learned with keen regret Then he learns of great white nations, of the death of our talented and Of their past and present glories, dear friend, Sergeant Lucian B. Wat- Of their intellect and prowess kins, the richly-gifted poet, who de- And their noble, "God-like" virtues. parted this life at the hospital at Fort McHenry, Maryland, on Tuesday, Feb-

ruary 4, at the early age of 42 years. 'Till the dusky, heart-sick student He was a rare gentleman and a poet Comes to loathe and hate his color, of the first rank. In his last letter Learns to feel himself inferior to us he wrote that he was looking And to view white skin with rever forward to the speedy publication of ence.

a volume of his poems. His choice Thus the victim grows to manhood; verses have appeared in the leading Robbed of pride and self-reliance, newspapers and magazines of the Made a slave of cant, and lacking untry, For several months he had Purpose and initiative.

all of our troubles.

Yours in the name of Jesus, MRS. MARIE RAYFORD. 2510 Patrick Ave.

SHIP AS QUALIFIED BY THE U. S. SUPREME COURT.

By Dr. Carter G. Woodson

This is the leading article in the current number of The Journal of Negro History. It is a study in constitu-We note from extensive "write-ups" tional history based upon the decisions

ago, Mayor Hylan, of New York, an- pounded by Justice Marshall and Jusnounced that he would not permit the tice Storey gave the federal govern-"Klan" to organize in that city and ment power to protect any citizen in the enjoyment of the rights guaranteed he ordered the arrest of organizers as disturbers of the peace. The federal him by the constitution. These prindepartment of justice is also on the ciples were recognized and followed prior to the civil war. When Negroes became free, however, the supreme It is claimed for the Ku Klux Klan court receded from the position of that it stands for 100 per cent Americanism, white supremacy and com- secure to all citizens the enjoyment of using implied and resultant powers to plete separation of church and state. their rights and yielded to the reac-In the south, where the "Klan" has tionary doctrine of leaving the Negro been organized for five years, it is citizen at the mercy of the states. known as an anti-Catholic society which, according to the doctrine of which works in the dark and which is divided sovereignty, must exercise poproscriptive and anything but Amer- lice power over persons and property ican in spirit. It is one of the aids by regardless of their claims as citizens which Tom Watson has risen to po- who are by the constitution guaranteed. litical power in Georgia-the home of certain rights which neither states nor the Kn Klux Klan. There the appeal individuals can legally take away.

for white supremacy is the strong Left then at the mercy of their forpoint of the organization which is at mer oppressors, the Negro has had home in the south, as was its progen- his rights gradually encroached upon itor-the Ku Klux Klan of half a by the autocratic former master class until law for the Negro in most parts

One of the operatives of the depart- now means the will of the particular ment of justice is quoted as saying white man who may be lording it over that the "Klan" is out in the open the Negro. Dr. Woodson, therefore, and that it should be welcomed in observes with a feeling of disappointthe north. The fact that no member ment this prostitution of an important is permitted to know more than five department of the federal government other members shows that it is far to the use of the reactionary forces in from being out in the open. It is a the United States endeavoring to whit-"cock-roach" society, that, under the tle away the essentials of the constituguise of patriotism, teaches narrow- tion, which guarantees to all persons ness and proscription while sewing in this country all of the rights enthe seeds of dissension in every com- loyed under the most progressive munity to which it is permitted ac- democracy on earth.

THE KU KLUX KLAN

Omaha, Feb. 21 .-- In the issue of Helps the Circulation. February 17, 1921, of the World-Her-One of the largest New York hotels ald, there appeared an article in which supplies each of its guests, who aver-appeared an interview with one Mr. ige 2,000 a day, with a free copy of Byrn, a special agent at Omaha under 1 morning newspaper.



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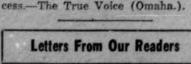
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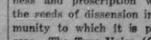
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What Makes a Book. The new quartermaster on the good freighter Sloux was at the wheel and was rattled. First the ship swung madly to port, then to starboard, and then back again. The old skipper stood her antics as long as he could, and then burst forth: "Say, son," he

If a book come from the heart, it will contrive to reach other hearts; all art and authorcraft are of small mount to that - Carlyle





century ago.