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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

THE Monitor is giving in this issue a disproportionate amount of our space to the Ku Klux Klan. We are doing so because we believe that this menace 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 that it is possible for this virulent germ which threatens the health of America to survive in the light of publicity. We deem it highly significant of a healthy public sentiment, inimical to the growth of this un-American and bolshevistic institution, that the southern press of respectability is set against it and that the pulpit of all sections is denouncing it.

The opposition which the proposal to organize a branch here is meeting from all sides shows that the spirit of true Americanism is not dead here. The Monitor is of the opinion that a branch of the Klan has been in existence in Omaha, as well as in many other northern cities, for some months and is just now with bold effrontery coming into the open. We have believed and stated that there was a subtle, well-directed, well-financed agency at work spreading a propaganda to discredit our people in this community, for the purpose of creating a sentiment that it was hoped would eventually drive the newcomers from the south back to that section in order that the south might recover the lost labor without which it faces bankruptcy. In the light of recent developments we are convinced that our opinion was well-founded. What that agency was that has been functioning in creating racial hatred in many northern and western communities we believe is none other than the Ku Klux Klan.

If now there be, as it is alleged, an active canvass for members for this organization in our city, The Monitor believes that it is the duty of Mayor Smith to do as Mayor Hylan did in New York, forbid any such canvass being made and using his authority to ferret out and suppress the organization. We call upon him to do this so far as Omaha is concerned and respectfully request Governor McKelvie to take similar action with reference to its organization in this state. We also suggest to our readers that they write to their congressmen urging them to demand a congressional investigation and suppression of the activities of the Klan.

SUPPORT YOUR LEADERS

THE Monitor respectfully calls upon our people in this community to stand unitedly and firmly behind their leaders who have been fearlessly battling for right and principle, openly, frankly and above board. This is quite imperative. For the time may come when those who are opposed to the triumphing of certain principles may resort to underhand methods to discredit and weaken the influence of those who are contending for these principles which involve fundamental rights of American citizenship. Manly men admire a fair and fearless fighter for what he believes to be right even though he may not agree with him. Cowards and cravens use underhand methods. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

A POET'S SWAN SONG

WE have learned with keen regret of the death of our talented and dear friend, Sergeant Lucian B. Watkins, the richly-gifted poet, who departed this life at the hospital at Fort McHenry, Maryland, on Tuesday, February 4, at the early age of 42 years. He was a rare gentleman and a poet of the first rank. In his last letter to us he wrote that he was looking forward to the speedy publication of a volume of his poems. His choice verses have appeared in the leading newspapers and magazines of the country. For several months he had

contributed regularly to The Negro World. His last poem was published in that journal February 5, four days after his lamented death. It is entitled "Loved and Lost." God's messenger 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.

My fallen star has spent its light
 And left but memory to me;
 My day of dream has kissed the night.
 Farewell; its sun no more I see;
 My summer bloomed for winter's frost;
 Alas, I've lived and loved and lost!

What matters if today should earth
 Lay on my head a gold-bright crown
 Lit with gems of royal worth
 Befitting well a king's renown?
 My lonely soul is trouble-tossed,
 Alas, I've lived and loved and lost!

Great God! I dare not question Thee—
 Thy way eternally is just;
 This seeming mystery to me
 Will be revealed, if I but trust:
 Ah, Thou alone dost know the cost
 When one has lived and loved and lost!

FIGHT IDEAS WITH IDEAS

IN a thrilling and thoughtful address delivered before the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. last Sunday afternoon at Zion Baptist church, George Wells Parker, editor of The New Era, among many excellent things, said this: "Ideas are powerful things. We must learn to fight ideas with ideas." Think this over. A whole system of sound philosophy is expressed in these words.

IS IT A SOP TO CAESAR?

THE Monitor would like to ask the Ministerial Alliance, a report of whose meeting appears in this issue, what they mean by "the unwarranted mingling of the races on such levels as are common in such institutions?" Are not these reverend gentlemen adroitly throwing a sop to Caesar? Whose hand are they playing? Perhaps the joker is still in the deck.

"KNOW THYSELF!"

An Admonition to the New Negro

(In the key of "Hawatha")

I.
 In the average Negro only
 Were acquainted with his history;
 Knew the truth of his ancestors,
 Knew the greatness of black people;
 His would be a loftier manhood,
 He would meet the boasting white man
 With his head up, proud, courageous,
 For he'd feel his own importance
 In the world and its achievements.

II.
 But alas, his way of thinking
 Has been shaped by Anglo-Saxons
 Through their books and moving pictures,
 Their newspapers, church and customs.
 All of these are used for spreading
 Made-to-order news and science;
 Built to fit the selfish purpose
 Of the white race, first and always.

III.
 Thus the little Negro school boy
 Reads of "savages" and "head-men";
 Slavery and "half-child" people,
 "Vicious blacks" and "backward races."
 Then he learns of great white nations,
 Of their past and present glories,
 Of their intellect and prowess
 And their noble, "God-like" virtues.

IV.
 'Till the dusky, heart-sick student
 Comes to loathe and hate his color,
 Learns to feel himself inferior
 And to view white skin with reverence.

Thus the victim grows to manhood;
 Robbed of pride and self-reliance,
 Made a slave of cant, and lacking
 Purpose and initiative.

V.
 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,
 Helps to keep his race divided,
 Blindly holds himself in bondage.

VI.
 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
 For the knowledge of your own kind
 Will restore your hope and courage;
 Spur you on to greater efforts
 And will speed you to your freedom.
 —Hubert H. Harrison in The Negro World.

WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

A NEGLECTED ELEMENT
 Considerable has been said and written of late years about the better class of 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 this understanding, is the mass of "poor whites" of the south.

When we employ the expression "poor whites," we do not intend it in any other than a descriptive sense, as is used by members of this group themselves, when they seek to define its status as an element of the southern community. This group furnishes the mass of illiteracy and ignorance of the south. In some states, like Mississippi, they are known as "hull billies"; in others, like Georgia and North Carolina, they are colloquially called "crackers." Whatever the local classification, they are the mudsills of the community and the pawns of such demagogues as Vardaman and Hardwick and Tom Watson. They constitute the ignorant mobs that perpetrate lynchings and burnings of human beings at the bidding of shrewd leaders in the background. They run the moonshine stills and shoot down the revenue officers from ambush.

The south will never be safe for democracy nor civilization until the best thinking whites get in touch with this neglected element and convert them to decent and peaceful living. It is a task that will tax the utmost resources of wisdom and persistence but it should be undertaken at the earliest possible moment.—New York Age.

A PROSCRIPTIVE SOCIETY

We note from extensive "write-ups" in the daily papers that an organization, Ku Klux Klan, is making an active canvass for members in Omaha. We have been asked what we think of it. Enough has appeared already in the papers to put it in the class of dark lantern organizations that decent men should avoid. Some weeks ago, Mayor Hylan, of New York, announced that he would not permit the "Klan" to organize in that city and he ordered the arrest of organizers as disturbers of the peace. The federal department of justice is also on the trail of the organizers.

It is claimed for the Ku Klux Klan that it stands for 100 per cent Americanism, white supremacy and complete separation of church and state. In the south, where the "Klan" has been organized for five years, it is known as an anti-Catholic society which works in the dark and which is proscriptive and anything but American in spirit. It is one of the aids by which Tom Watson has risen to political power in Georgia—the home of the Ku Klux Klan. There the appeal for white supremacy is the strong point of the organization which is at home in the south, as was its progenitor—the Ku Klux Klan of half a century ago.

One of the operatives of the department of justice is quoted as saying that the "Klan" is out in the open and that it should be welcomed in the north. The fact that no member is permitted to know more than five other members shows that it is far from being out in the open. It is a "cock-roach" society, that, under the guise of patriotism, teaches narrowness and proscriptive while sowing the seeds of dissension in every community to which it is permitted access.—The True Voice (Omaha).

Letters From Our Readers

THE KU KLUX KLAN

Omaha, Feb. 21.—In the issue of February 17, 1921, of the World-Herald, there appeared an article in which appeared an interview with one Mr. Byrn, a special agent at Omaha under

the department of justice. In that interview Mr. Byrn seemed delighted to have occasion to give such an organization as the Ku Klux Klan his hearty approval, and in substance welcomed 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 discharge a poor honest Negro who was in his employ, and whose only offense was that he was being educated in the Roman Catholic faith. Father was 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 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 should exist in this government.

To this organization, the "Ku Klux Klan," I will say, "Avaunt, thou pestiferous polecat, you are not wanted on Nebraska soil."

ED F. MOREARTY.

LET CHRISTIAN PEOPLE PRAY:

AN OPEN LETTER
 "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew, 11:28.)

I write this open letter asking the co-operation of every true, honest Christian in Omaha. Pray every night and morning and please read the ninety-first psalm before you pray. Pray without ceasing that God's work may prosper here in Omaha, that His sheep may not be scattered, that His power be manifested. That the church of God move on. Fast and pray. Pray continuously. Any of my Christian friends who would care to come, my doors are open. We must tell Jesus all of our troubles.

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

FIFTY YEARS OF NEGRO CITIZENSHIP 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 constitutional history based upon the decisions of the United States supreme court from the incumbency of Justice John Marshall to the present time.

Dr. Woodson endeavors to show that because of the inconsistency and the reactionary tendency of that tribunal, Negro citizenship has been made a fiction. The constitution as it was expounded by Justice Marshall and Justice Storey gave the federal government power to protect any citizen in the enjoyment of the rights guaranteed him by the constitution. These principles were recognized and followed prior to the civil war. When Negroes became free, however, the supreme court receded from the position of using implied and resultant powers to secure to all citizens the enjoyment of their rights and yielded to the reactionary doctrine of leaving the Negro citizen at the mercy of the states, which, according to the doctrine of divided sovereignty, must exercise police power over persons and property regardless of their claims as citizens who are by the constitution guaranteed certain rights which neither states nor individuals can legally take away.

Left then at the mercy of their former oppressors, the Negro has had his rights gradually encroached upon by the autocratic former master class until law for the Negro in most parts now means the will of the particular white man who may be lording it over the Negro. Dr. Woodson, therefore, observes with a feeling of disappointment this prostitution of an important department of the federal government to the use of the reactionary forces in the United States endeavoring to whittle away the essentials of the constitution, which guarantees to all persons in this country all of the rights enjoyed under the most progressive democracy on earth.

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 If a book come from the heart, it will contrive to reach other hearts; all art and authoritat are of small amount to that.—Carlyle

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 The new quartermaster of the good freighter Sioux 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 shouted, "I don't mind your writing your name in the old pond, but for the love of Mike, stop going back to read it!"—American Legion Weekly.

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