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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.



SENATE MARKS TIME

THE SENATE seems to be still marking time on the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill, while this famous American pastime which is making our country a stench in the nostrils of the nations, continues with small slackening. While colored Americans are foremost in advocating a measure to suppress lynching because they are the heaviest sufferers, this is not a matter which affects them only, but the entire country. The question at issue is: Shall lawful procedure be granted in the case of persons accused of crime, according to the fundamental code of justice, recognized among nations from time immemorial, or shall mobs surpland the court. This is the question underlying the demand for federal suppression of the lynching evil. The Senate should cease marking time and take decisive action—temporizing and compromising weakens respect for legislative bodies as well as for individuals.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION

THE remarkably light vote at the recent primaries shows that the people have not yet been educated to the importance of themselves nominating the men whom they desire to make the race at the regular election. In a way the primaries are more important than the regular elections. Taken as a whole, however, the candidates chosen are capable men, who in event of their election in November will doubtless give good service. This is true of the men nominated on all tickets. The time has arrived when party affiliations rest very lightly with voters and men are chosen rather for their own personal worth than for their party labels. Colored voters, too, are becoming discriminating in this matter. The real battle now begins.

ELECTION RESULTS

IT will be difficult to say until the official count who has been nominated for governor on the republican ticket and also for a few other offices. We shall therefore defer any extended comment at this time. It looks as though The Monitor's candidate, Adam McMullen has won, although the vote is the closest in years, less than 100 votes standing between McMullen and Randall. For senator R. Beecher Howell defeats Congressman Jefferis by 10,000, although Jefferis polled a heavy vote in Douglas county. The value and influence of the colored vote has been demonstrated at the primaries. United it will be tremendous in the fall election.

UNSETTLED

THE COUNTRY is in a very unsettled condition. The coal strike and the railroad strike may yet reach larger proportions and assume a more serious aspect, serious as it is now. These are times when people need to keep their heads and look ahead.

COLORED CITIZENS SHOULD TAKE THEIR PART IN POLITICS

By H. J. PINKETT
The Constitution of the United States provides for our political system. In the beginning of our history it was believed by the leaders that the people were not wise enough to govern themselves, that the wisest only should rule. Thomas Jefferson of the early leaders was the only powerful exponent of the rule of the people through suffrage. His faith was only strong enough to include white persons, it did not include all Jews, for Jews did not vote in Maryland until after 1830. The colored slaves were counted as a basis of representation, but could not vote; the colored people of the southern states are still counted as a basis of congressional representation, but do not vote, and cannot do so. Shortly after the civil war the ballot

was given to the colored man. Much has been said about this question in the years that have passed since this great act was done.

Opponents of suffrage, and especially when exercised by colored people, have no faith whatever in the rule of the people.

The period immediately following the close of the civil war, after the colored people were given the ballot, was a trying one. War had bankrupted the south; no state was solvent. The reconstruction government and the old leaders in the south enacted their black codes, vagrancy laws, and thus reduced the freedmen to the most abject slavery, worse than the old system itself.

When the 15th Amendment was passed and ratified and the colored man began to vote much of this was changed.

Very soon many colored men were sent to the legislatures of the southern states. And amidst the chaos that prevailed they sought to place the bankrupt section on a sound basis. In some cases they succeeded, in some cases they failed. They did some splendid things. They established free public schools in the south for the first time in the history of the country; they supported and elected to high office the best white men of the south, and they chose for their own political leaders many remarkable men. At the front of them all, of course, was FREDERICK DOUGLAS. But there were Langston and Hill in Virginia, Cunej in Texas, Pledger in Georgia, Smalls in South Carolina, Pinchback of Louisiana, Rainey, Murray and White of North Carolina, Jas. Hill of Mississippi, and later, John R. Lynch; John R. Clifford of West Virginia; Hiram Waddy of Maryland; Turner of Missouri, and White of Kentucky.

In this period two colored senators were sent to the National Congress from Mississippi, and altogether there were twenty-four men who were sent to the National House of Representatives. There were several governors in this period of reconstruction. Pinchback of Louisiana is the best known. Miller of South Carolina served very acceptably as Lieutenant Governor. F. L. Cardozo was one of the best treasurers South Carolina ever had. Many important state and county and city offices were filled by colored men.

There were excesses, of course, in such a period, but the "orgy" of spending which we heard so much about in those days was hardly more to be deplored than the present situation the world over. In those days the charge was made that the whole trouble was due to the fact that colored men were administering government; now the trouble is caused by "war and economic depression." The truth is that the trouble was caused by war and its waste, and the colored legislatures took over empty treasuries and sought to run governments on them. Finding them empty they sought, just as Nebraska is now seeking, to raise money by taxation, with about the same result.

All unprejudiced political writers must admit that the period of reconstruction in the southern states reflects credit upon colored men in politics. In the field of national politics for fifty years the colored men have helped forward every great measure for the betterment of America, in state and nation. And in every case where there has been an excess committed in politics by a colored man, it has been found that someone of the other group was "behind the scenes."

In the early years of the colored man's participation in politics, too much was staked on this single issue. Not that too much activity was had in politics, but the relative activity in other fields was not great enough to balance matters. But the loss of the ballot to the colored man has resulted in a handicap under which no other group in America has suffered. The colored man cannot compete in industry with other elements who vote

when he cannot. It leaves him exposed to the burdens of maintaining the government, without any power whatever to express himself as to these burdens.

In the Northern states the colored people have been free to exercise the right of franchise. Here they have been republicans. They have been republicans, in many cases, because of tradition, but almost always because the democratic party is ruled by the south, and the south is anti-Negro. It is safe to say that if the south had shown a disposition to be fair to the colored people, they would have divided politically long ago.

The truth is that the Republican party of Lincoln and Grant is dead; only the name survives, and the colored man is outside the pale. The colored man, therefore, must either divide his vote or build a party of his own; he cannot longer follow the party name and aid men who are as much opposed to him as the old democratic party of the south. In other words, the colored people must vote to advance their own interests and improve their own economic and civic status. It is not being improved by clinging to the ghost of the GREAT REPUBLICAN PARTY, which died a long time ago. The party, of course, has good men still, and they should be supported, just as good men in other parties, all things considered, ought to be supported. But to worship a party name as we once did is a mistake.

In our early political history we had men who sold the highest interests of the race for cash and the "concessions," the right to commercialize vice. We still make mistakes along this line. Other racial groups never fail to receive representation in the various departments of the government no matter what other "privileges" they may have. We may well profit by their example in all constructive ways.

REALIZATION ought to come to all of us that the world today is in such an unhappy state, and all of us should be glad to do, politically and otherwise, all that we can to bring order out of chaos. We ought to begin by thinking straight and acting in all cases in the same way.

We should participate in politics, because it is through this method that we make ourselves felt in affairs of government, but in doing so we should act to further the cause of justice and right.

No people or race, in the history of the world, in so short a time, has achieved so much in all respects, as the American colored people. But they have a long long way to go. Their journey henceforth will be far more difficult than it has ever been. In order to make it, all their religious, moral, intellectual, economic and political strength will have to be preserved and united. For, as Bishop Grant said ten years ago: "I was a slave, I have heard the baying of the bloodhounds in slavery days, but the hardships I endured in those days are as nothing compared to what the colored people will suffer in the coming years. The fight is not yet won."

NOTE—This concludes the series of articles on the announced topics. At some future time, if it is desired, I will write a serial article on France and her people as I observed them and studied them during my service in France during the World War.

—H. J. P.

MISS LAWSON LOOKS LIKE SURE WINNER

With our popularity contest drawing to a close, it looks like Miss Lawson is a sure winner. There, of course, may be some surprises in store. This week 500 votes were sent in for Miss Williams, 200 for Miss Lawson and six for Miss Busch. Contest ends July 31st. It is not yet too late to win.

Please remember this: A contest-ant sending in a NEW YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION FOR ONE DOLLAR CASH, will be credited with 250 votes for each subscription sent in; or a SIX MONTHS' TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR FIFTY CENTS CASH, will be credited with 100 votes for each subscription sent in. Subscription blanks may be secured at The Monitor office, 414 South 13th street, or at 1119 North 21st street. Win a prize and earn a liberal commission for New Subscribers.

Bertha Lawson, 2624 North Twenty-fifth street, 1482 votes.

Dorothy Williams, 1119 No. 21st street, 668 votes.

Lovetta Busch, 5219 South 29th street, 85 votes.

Audrey Trueheart, 1443 So. 17th street, 32 votes.

Cerelda Tucker, 2508 M. Street, So. Side, 15 votes.

Ireta Walker, 1926 So. 14th Street, 9 votes.

Otis Watson, 2925 Grant street, 9 votes.

ARE WARNED AGAIN

New York, N. Y., July 21.—Following a report that the Dyer Anti-lynching measure should not be acted on during the present session of Congress, republican leaders have been warned by many organizations that failure to act promptly would sound the "death knell" of the party at the coming fall elections.

HINDUS ARE COLORED

New York City, July 21.—A report to the city police that the Erie railroad officials had employed one hundred-fifty Hindus as strikebreakers led to an investigation. "The Orientals" turned out to be American born colored people.

The Sphinx

This column is open to the readers of this paper, and THE SPHINX will answer all questions to the best of its ability. No attention will be given to letters asking for Medical or Legal advice. Address all communications: THE SPHINX, c/o The Monitor, Box 1204, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sphinx:

About six months ago I began keeping company with a very refined gentleman from the south and during all this time I have been absolutely true to him, until a few weeks ago I could no longer stand his coolness. He had made no effort to take me out in public until I became so discouraged that I sought other company.

After I had met another friend with whom I really felt thoroughly contented my acquaintance from the south realized what he had lost and immediately set about to gain my confidence and lost love.

I have tried to be fair to both parties and while the qualifications of my southern friend are excellent and far about the average I cannot feel as contented and happy while around him as I do when around my newly found friend.

He continues to throw himself in my way and now my parents have stepped in in his behalf, which makes it exceedingly hard for me to decide. There is no question in my mind but that either of my friends would make an ideal and devoted husband. Now the question is, should I follow the dictates of my own conscience and marry my second friend or the wishes of my parents and marry the southern gentleman? PERPLEXED.

There is only one course to follow in a case like this. Follow the dictates of your heart, and if the qualifications of the two gentlemen are as you have described them you can not go wrong. Thank you for writing, and let me hear from you again.

"THE SPHINX"

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEASON

The usual services were held Sunday and were well attended. At the close of the service the congregation remained for a few minutes when the pastor called to their attention the need of a fund of \$500 for necessary repairs and improvements. Twenty-three persons promptly subscribed \$155 and several others, desiring to talk the matter over with their husbands or wives, deferred their subscription until later. It is believed the balance will be subscribed Sunday. Services at the usual hours, 7:30, 10 and 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Public invited and always given cordial welcome. Come and see.

BOY HAS NARROW ESCAPE

In the same vicinity in which his brother Joseph had such a miraculous escape three weeks ago, Dwight, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dorsey, was injured an dhis wheel demolished by an automobile last Tuesday night. It is believed that Dwight owes his life to the fact that he jumped from his bicycle just before the automobile struck it. He received a badly sprained ankle and other minor injuries.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

New York, July 21.—At a meeting held under the auspices of United Civic League Wednesday night, it was decided to run a colored candidate against Congressman Martin C. Ausorge, seeking renomination from the 21st district.

AUGUSTA POLICE CHIEF PROBING THEATER FIRE

Augusta, Ga., July 21.—Several persons were arrested here last week in connection with a fire discovered in the Palace theater. Police Chief Reynolds said the fire was of incendiary origin.

A Kind Wish.

When Jean went to her little neighbor's to visit she often talked to the grandmother of the house. "I have a grandmother, too," she would say, "but she's in heaven."

And she and the grandmother of the house were good friends until one day the grandmother was cross. She scolded the two little girls for leaving the screen door open, for walking in a flower bed and dropping crumbs on the floor.

The two youngsters sought refuge on the porch. Grandmother started to follow them there a little later, to try to make up. She realized the necessity of doing so, for when she reached the door she heard Jean say: "Ruth, I wish your grandmother was visitin' my grandmother today."

Still Shrouded in Mystery.

Mary and her little brother were playing in the back yard.

A worm came to play its humble part in their lives, too.

"Oh, Mary," he cried, suddenly. "I have found a worm!"

A robin looked enviously from a tree.

"Oh, Mary," the child exclaimed, "is a worm good luck? Say, Mary, is a worm good luck?"

Mary replied, but her voice was quiet, so that I do not know yet whether a worm is good luck or not—Washington Star.

Husbands They Would Like.

Half of the women enrolled at the University of Wisconsin are willing to marry a man on a salary of \$2,500 a year, according to a report issued by the statistics committee of the university. An average of one cooed out of seven wants a husband with a salary of at least \$5,000 a year, while one cooed demanded a \$20,000-a-year husband.

Letters From Our Readers

Short, timely letters are invited. We prefer that writers sign their names, but in all cases letters signed with a nom de plume or as "Reader," "Subscriber," etc., must be accompanied by the name and address of the author for the editor's information.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mrs. A. C. Stanley went to Atchison, Kansas, last week, where she attended the grand session of the Daughters of Tabernacle.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Mosley visited his mother in Kansas City, Mo., the past week.

Windle Thomas is visiting his grandmother in Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Vera Jackson of Kansas City, Kans., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson.

Mrs. Sarah Baker of Oklahoma City, Okla., is visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

J. E. Jeltz spent several days campaigning last week. His wife joined him at Omaha, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Odessa Patrick went to Chillicothe, Mo., last week to visit her mother and friends.

Mrs. C. C. Thomas of Fremont is visiting her husband, Dr. C. C. Thomas, here. Dr. Thomas has recently opened a dentistry.

Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, state missionary, passed through the city Monday enroute to his home in Omaha.

The contractor began wrecking Mt. Zion Baptist church Monday, preparatory for erecting a new building.

Mrs. Alma Wiley returned home Tuesday after six weeks' absence with her mother and friends in Plattsburg, Mo., also visiting friends in St. Joseph and Kansas City, Mo.

Sam Roy is reported ill at this time.

Services at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday were conducted by Rev. C. W. Wilson in absence of the pastor, Rev. H. W. Botts. Sunday school was fairly attended, and the services were enjoyed by those present. These services marked the closing meetings in the old structure, for Monday morning the contractor began wrecking the roof and walls, preparatory for erecting the new building, the picture of which was portrayed in the State Journal last Sunday. We have the promise of being able to occupy it in October.

Rev. C. W. Ross and wife left on Monday for Detroit, Mich., for an indefinite stay.

Services at the A. M. E. church were held as usual, the pastor spoke words of interest to his hearers. The Sunday school being nicely attended.

Mrs. Lucy Davis and Mrs. Sarah Forbes returned Saturday from the grand session of the Daughters of Tabernacle at Atchison, Kans., last week. Mrs. Sarah Forbes was re-elected as grand treasurer. They report a profitable session.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Johnson entertained the Utopian Art Club at their spacious place on Woodcrest avenue in Collegeview last Thursday night. A pleasant time was had by the several present.

The picnic given by the mission of Mt. Zion Baptist church in Epworth park last Tuesday, was marred by the rain. About five auto loads of people came over from Omaha, and owing to continued storms they were forced to return early, the affair being depleted.

Mrs. Laura Johnson has just returned home from a lecture tour for the O. E. S.

The services of Mt. Zion Baptist church will be held in Third Christian church next Sunday so far as one is able to find out now.

A. B. Mosley has purchased an Overland car. Look out for Mose.

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SILENT ANTI-LYNCH PARADE IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., July 21.—A silent parade through the streets as a protest against lynching and the sending of resolutions to Congress against the Ku Klux Klan and in favor of the Anti-Lynching Bill, featured the fifteen annual session of the Equal Rights League which closed last Friday night.

Rev. M. A. Shaw was elected president, and Monroe Trotter, secretary.

REAL ESTATE MAN DEAD

Albany, Ga., July 1.—Preston News Service—Charles H. McCarthy, real estate dealer and secretary-treasurer of the Knights of Pythias Endowment Bureau of the State of Georgia, died here after a year's illness.

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