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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.



### THE AMERICAN LEGION

THE Monitor has been friendly and desires to be friendly towards the American Legion and we have urged eligible young men of our race to become actively identified with this organization. They have been somewhat reluctant to do so. Perhaps it is because they have reason to believe that the white legionnaires are not sincerely friendly or fraternal. We are advised that the American Legion is directly responsible for the present boxing rule, forbidding "mixed bouts" in Nebraska. If this be true we can understand why colored ex-service men are unwilling to ally themselves with the American Legion, whose attitude in this respect is scarcely in keeping with any exalted standard of Americanism. The American Legion, in our opinion, should vindicate its ideals by taking decisive action in having this ruling repealed. Is the American Legion in Nebraska big enough and courageous enough to do this? We hope so. And furthermore we hope the American Legion will prove the one great national organization strong enough and catholic enough to weld American manhood, irrespective of racial descent or creedal agreement, into a truly democratic brotherhood which will preserve all that is highest and best in American institutions from all destructive forces, internal and external, which threaten their perpetuity. Believing that it can be made this, despite narrowness which may obtrude here and there, we urge our eligible young men to identify themselves with and feel themselves a part of this organization. In the meantime we urge the Nebraska posts, composed of high-minded men, to come clean and stand four square against all unnecessary and irritating discrimination.

### THE BOXING RULING

THE Monitor desires to congratulate the committee who waited upon Governor McKelvie last Thursday to respectfully protest against Nebraska's Jim-Crow boxing ruling, upon their able presentation of the case, so admirably and fairly reported by the Lincoln Star of that date. We reprint the Star's report verbatim in this issue. That the committee made a favorable impression cannot be doubted. The petition presented by the committee contains the names of Omaha's foremost citizens of all shades of political belief and representing commercial, judicial and professional classes, showing that the ruling does not express the sentiment of this community. The ruling is unquestionably unfair, un-American and unconstitutional and should be expunged. Jim Crow laws and rules, which certain influences are moving heaven and earth to put across, also tolerated, per force, in some sections, are directly violative of the constitution of the United States and are certainly out of place in such a progressive and fair-minded state as Nebraska. The Monitor believes that Governor McKelvie will see to it that this ruling is changed.

### DEGENERACY

A striking story of moral turpitude and low marital ideals comes from California, where with unblinking effrontery a wealthy female of the species offers an invalid wife \$100 a month for life, if she will secure a divorce and permit the aforesaid female of wealth to have her divorced husband. The wealthy vamp confesses that she loves the invalid's husband and is willing to pay for him. Poor silly thing! She does not know what love means. She has a passion for this male, which she will as easily transfer to another who may catch her fancy later. And the particular male of the species which this female covets says he does not love his wife and of course is willing that the bargain should be made. If he had any manhood about him he would scorn the idea of deserting his invalid wife.

moral rottenness because so many of our young people are inclined to look with leniency upon what the rich do, and in a lesser way would emulate their example. But the very thing proposed here discloses moral rottenness which every self-respecting man and woman should shun and abhor. It shows degeneracy of the lowest type.

### WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

#### RED HERRIN

By William Pickens.

So far nothing has been done about the lynching of a score or more of white men by white in Herrin, Ill. This ought to convince anybody that nothing will be done by local authorities and "state" rights to protect black men against lynching in Georgia. And as long as lynching is tolerated by the nation in Georgia, it can be expected by the nation in all of its other parts.

"Lynch him!" is the cry raised now in many a northern city, as soon as something happens to arouse the ire of the crowd. And yet, the southern senators pretend to think that lynching is only their business.

Nothing but a federal law, vigorously enforced by a court and a jury not in local sympathy with the criminals, can save this country from this fascinating decline into anarchy.

#### BASEBALL!

This may be a new note in American racial life but the Chicago Enterprise believes in the new.

We are considered the strongest physical people of earth and yet the white race that boasts itself too weak for physical labor but giants in mental labor, bars us from physical prowess competition.

Today and henceforth the Chicago Enterprise challenges the white race in that field of athletics known as baseball.

We believe that many of our teams can defeat the strongest white baseball teams on earth if the series are staged during the proper season and under the proper circumstances.

If we cannot play on your teams, Anglo-Saxons (and that is a loss to yourself nine times out of ten), then be brave and fair enough to stand up against us in a world's baseball championship series. If not call your world's pennant team the "White World's Championship Team."—Chicago Enterprise.

#### CLEAN DOORSTEPS

(From the Pittsburgh Press.)

In a local police court she stood a tawdry example of a wasted life. Apparently unmindful, she told of having left her husband for another man, who was subsequently the father of her child, and later of marrying a third without the formality of a divorce.

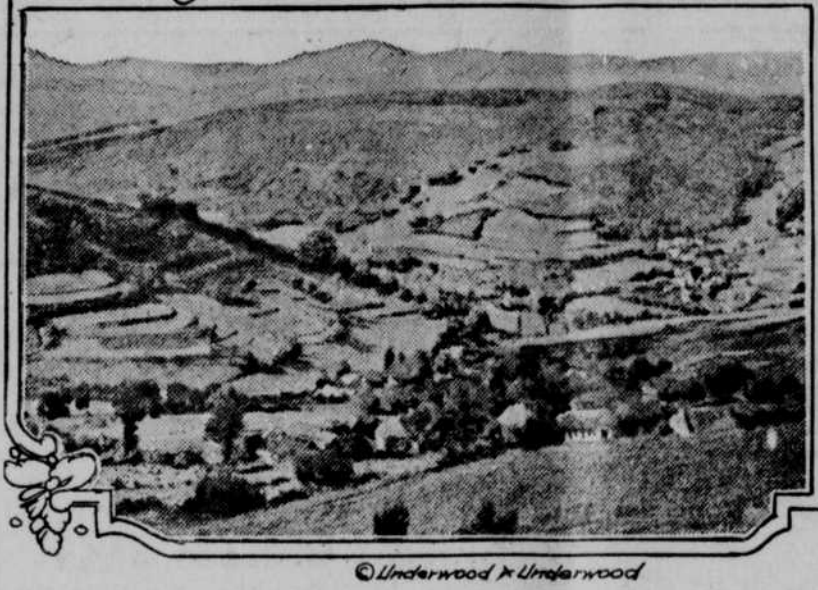
She had sinned against decency, had outraged the conventions. But was she entirely without precedent? Do our standards of morality, of marriage, of home life make this case stand out as a horrible example, or do they lend a mitigating tinge to the complexion of the matter?

The solution to such problems is not to be found in books or pink-tea lectures. It must be found in the hearts of men.

There is a great element we need that we do not have—it is personal goodness. Virtue for virtue's sake. Goodness for the happiness it brings. Knowledge that loose living and its lures are false friends, bearing rich promise and barren realization.

Is there anything in our lives that would furnish an extenuating circumstance for the unfortunate girl mentioned above? Our skeletons bared, could she point a finger at us and say, "They were as bad as I, but were not found out. I have not sinned alone."

# Liechtenstein, Tiny and Contented



Farm Lands of Liechtenstein.

Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.

It is a contented people indeed, who, when their monarch would abdicate and make them free, insist that he still remain their ruler. Such an attempted abdication and the refusal to accept it occurred recently in Liechtenstein, one of Europe's tiniest independent states.

Liechtenstein is tucked away in the eastern Alps south of Lake Constance along the upper Rhine, where that stream runs in a deep valley between Switzerland and Austria. Before the World War, Austria was something more than a neighbor. The little domain had a customs and postal agreement with the larger state and in a very limited sense therefore functioned as a part of it. But it had its own hereditary ruler, Prince Johann II, its own little duly elected parliament of 15 members, and its own high courts and lesser governmental machinery.

There was another tie with Austria, though in a way it was only accidental. Prince Johann owned extensive estates in Austria and by virtue of their ownership sat in the Austrian upper house. But Johann also owned large estates in Germany. In fact the aggregate acreage of his estates in various countries amounted to fifty times the area of land of which he was monarch with its 42 square miles, its greatest length of 15 miles and its greatest width of 6.

Cynics or even more economists may find in Johann's extensive land holdings a reason for his high place in the affections of his people. Without seriously feeling the drain on his large income he has virtually "run" Liechtenstein from his private purse so that only the most nominal taxation is known in the little land.

Three-quarters of a century ago the inhabitants petitioned for an entailment fund and the prince granted a subsidy, perhaps with a smile. It was used thereafter to decorate and illuminate Vaduz, the Paris of Liechtenstein, when he visited there.

Overlooked by Bismarck. In the Austro-Prussian war back in the eighteen-sixties Liechtenstein cast her lot with her ally, Austria. Her entire population bravely said good-bye to her soldier boys, and the entire standing army of four score men marched off to battle. But they arrived after the war was over.

When it came to making peace terms Bismarck nodded, for once, and little Liechtenstein was completely forgotten. It was just as well, or she might not have retained her freedom. But, apparently, she is determined not to be ignored again.

Her army marched home again, stacked their muskets and hung their leather helmets, the bugler's trumpet and the captain's sword in the ancient castle of Vaduz, where they remain today. The citizenry informed the prince they wanted no more of war. He abolished military service, and since then "disarmament" has been complete in Liechtenstein, though, technically, the country has been at war with Prussia since 1866.

Not only are there virtually no taxes in Liechtenstein, but the country has no public debt. A small levy is made for keeping up the dikes lest the Rhine overflows her fields in springtime. Customs and the ready generosity of her monarch keep her treasury filled.

This quaint, but electric-lighted nation, with its roadside shrines and modern typewriters, is somewhat smaller than the District of Columbia. It is elongated, as if by pressure of its neighbor nations, Austria and Switzerland, suggesting Mark Twain's complaint about another land where, he said, "people had to sleep with their knees pulled up because they couldn't stretch out without a passport."

#### Travelers Pass It By.

Two fiefs of the Roman empire, Schellenberg and Vaduz, make up the latter day Liechtenstein. Both came into possession of the Liechtenstein family while their previous overlords were financially embarrassed. Many travelers passed through the little state, within a sight of the Vaduz castle mounted on its white cliff pedestal, for the route to Davos lies that way. But hardly any of the travelers stopped. When Robert Shackleton visited there not many

years ago he was welcomed as the first American to set foot in the country.

Yet Liechtenstein, small as it is, is larger than the oft visited Monaco or the much written about Marino. Its peasants are simple, sturdy, shrewd folk, intensely proud of their "bright stone of the Alps." There are good schools, even to kindergartens, and the abundant water power makes electricity available to the humblest residents of Vaduz or the smaller towns.

Cattle raising and agriculture are two industries. The stalwart men are not to be misjudged by the fact that nearly all of them wear earrings, a custom which probably found its way up from Italy.

The people of Liechtenstein speak German, but it is a German bereft of much of its harshness and containing many romance words. Only a very few of the ten thousand inhabitants are more than moderately well-to-do. There are scarcely any servants. Most of the members of parliament saw their own wood and do their own "chores." Hardly ever is an indigent person seen, and crime is reduced to a minimum.

#### Farms in the Rhine Valley.

Most of the villages of Liechtenstein, well built and scrupulously clean, are to be found in the Rhine valley. On the valley floor are farms and gardens and meadows, while up the hillsides extend vineyards and orchards and pasture lands. Farther back rise the Liechtenstein Alps from whose slopes and peaks one may survey nearly the whole of the little principality and look far off into Switzerland to the west.

In the matter of governmental machinery little Liechtenstein is completely fitted out with a nearly up-to-the-minute model. Of the fifteen members of parliament the prince names three and the remainder are elected. In the election every man over twenty-four years of age votes and proportional representation is practiced. A governor sits as the prince's representative and about him is grouped his little cabinet whose members bear such high sounding names as secretary of state, chancellor of the exchequer, chief justice, state engineer, and—eminently fitting in mountainous Liechtenstein—director of forests. And as a last word in modern government, their council chamber is fitted up with a long-distance telephone so that their monarch can sit in Vienna, or Munich, or Berlin, or Paris, and still have a princely finger in the political pie.

#### Have Odd King Somewhere.

Some queer citizens of London have been brought to light by a London periodical. After living for 60 years in one room in Upper Berkeley street, Edward Mott had to move out. He had never been in a train, tram or motor vehicle. But there is another man even stranger in bed in a hotel. He has spent the last seven years in bed in a hotel. He rises to have a wash now and then. Nobody knows who he is. He pays his bills regularly, and takes his food in his room. And there is not a thing wrong with him. There is another recluse who lives at the Savoy. He does not stay in bed, but he has not left his room for two years, and spends his time reading and painting. No one knows why. And over in Brixton there is a house in which an old man lives whom his neighbors have never seen. He orders his food by telephone and even the postman must leave his letters on the step.

#### Venerable Scottish Relic.

The sculptured relic known as the Hilton Cadboll stone has been placed in the Scottish National Museum of Antiquities. About a thousand years old, the stone's sculpture is a remarkable testimony to the artistic taste and craftsmanship of the early natives of Scotland. The stone stood for many years near the ruins of a chapel close to the village of Hilton of Cadboll, on the north side of the Moray firth; and it was more recently removed to Invergordon castle. One of the reasons for the proprietor of Invergordon placing it in the care of the authorities was the fact that the sculpture was weathering rapidly in its exposed position.

### U. ST. M. E. CHURCH RALLY

On Friday evening, August 25, at 8 o'clock and on Sunday afternoon, August 27, at 3 o'clock special services will be held in connection with the annual August rally. The Rev. F. Troupe will preach on Friday evening. Everyone ought to avail himself of the opportunity to hear this splendid man preach.

On Sunday afternoon the Rev. T. S. Saunders will deliver one of his most excellent sermons. Rev. Mr. Saunders is well known to be a man of great strength in the pulpit and in his church work.

The pastor and members of U. St. cordially invite the pastors and members of the respective churches of the city. The public is also invited.

G. W. CARTER, Pastor.

### PATTON HOTEL GUESTS

Among the guests registered at popular hostelry, the Patton Hotel, this week are the following: Arthur Russell, Evanston, Ill.; C. O. Traffic, New Orleans, La.; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Chambers, Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. A. T. Robinson, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Belle Wilson, Jackson, Miss.; L. Coleman, Kansas City, Mo.; Harry Cage, Portland, Ore.; G. Woods, Oakland, Calif.; R. Zenard, Little Rock, Ark.; J. M. Williams and L. A. Cloyd of Los Angeles, Calif.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL HOLD PICNIC

The Colored Commercial Club will hold its annual picnic at Elmwood park next Wednesday afternoon, August 30. There will be plenty of eatables and such drinkables as the law allows, with athletic games, races and baseball.

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