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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.



### ERADICATION OF LYNCHING SEEN

THAT the lynching evil is steadily being reduced, both as to numbers and area, and that its eradication is only a matter of years, is the substance of a statement given out by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation as the result of a careful study of the lynching record for the past forty years.

During that period, the statement points out, lynchings have occurred in forty-four states, in as many as thirty-three in a single year (1892) and in an average of twenty-one states a year, whereas in 1921 only thirteen states had lynchings and in 1922 only ten. This indicates that the habit is being gradually pushed off the map.

The number of victims also has steadily decreased, with slight variations, from the high mark of 255 in 1892 to 57 last year, the latter figure being only about half the annual average for the forty-year period, which was 109. In addition, it is pointed out that there has been a notable decrease in the lynching habit in the states where it still persists. Last year's record represents a decrease of 27 per cent from the forty-year annual average of 79 for the same ten states.

The figures for certain states where special efforts have been made to curb lynching are cited as particularly encouraging in their assurance that the habit can be overcome when public sentiment and law unite against it. For example, Alabama with a yearly average of eight lynchings for the forty years, has cut the number to two. Tennessee, with an average of six, had but two last year, and a total of only five in the last four years. Oklahoma and South Carolina, each with an average of four, had but one each in 1922. Louisiana, with an average of nine, has cut the record to three. North Carolina, Virginia, Missouri and Kentucky, each averaging from two to five victims per year for forty years past, had not a single one in 1922.

It was pointed out that in several states special legislation has been enacted and found very helpful in curbing lynching, among the most effective measures being a state constabulary under the control of the governor, as in Alabama and Tennessee, and provision for the removal of officers who surrender prisoners to mobs, as in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky and South Carolina. These two measures consistently applied, says the commission, will make it possible for any state to reduce lynching to the vanishing point.

### THE WHITE MAN PROBLEM

WE are accustomed to regard the Negro as the great problem of the south. Recent events, however, impress us with the fact that the southern whites constitute the greater problem. No one can in any way blame the Negroes for the Bastrop and Harrison incidents. In fact, it is hard to see why the Negroes should be blamed for much of anything that is wrong with the south today.

A fair comparison of the southern whites with the Negroes in so far as their behavior as citizens is concerned is to the disadvantage of the whites. Only the whites are guilty of mob violence, lynch law and those crimes which indicate utter contempt for law and lawful authority. The Negro is peaceable, tractable and as industrious as other classes of citizens. The whites, following that strange characteristic of human nature which makes us hate whom we have wronged, follow a systematic policy of disfranchising the Negro politically, reducing him to serfdom economically and teaching him to "know his place" socially. He is kept in ignorance and practical slavery by whites who often are distinguished from him only by the color of their skins and, perhaps, a greater brutality.

Even in the statistics of sexual crimes the whites show no superiority, notwithstanding the fact that a Negro needs only be accused of such a crime to be found guilty and lynched. The percentage of white who commit such crimes is practically as great as that of Negroes. Many cases are on record where the offense was committed by a white man and some Negro paid the penalty. Practically all the mixing of races which is going on in the south is due to criminal or immoral conduct by whites. A Negro woman is without protection and, should she seek justice in the courts, she finds herself without redress.

Such treatment of a weaker race cannot but react disastrously on the whites. In a locality which is used to lynching and murdering Negroes, it is natural and easy to lynch and murder whites. Respect for legal authority disappears and the legal government gives way to mob rule and terrorism. This is evidently the condition in parts of the south today, constituting its most serious problems.—Lincoln State Journal.

For news when it is news, you must read the Monitor.



JEAN DeLISLE

Operatic Songbird with Funny John Barry and "The Bon Tons" at the Popular Gayety Twice Daily all Next Week

### JOHN BARRY WITH "BON TONS"

Unique Funster Comes to the Gayety With Musical Show of a Great Merit.

Announced as the Gayety theatre's attraction for the week starting Saturday matinee Jacobs & Jermon's "Bon Tons" come highly recommended by the press of other cities where this new attraction has appeared this season. "Bon Tons" is one of the oldest of Columbia circuit titles but the show itself is completely changed from previous seasons and peopled with clever entertainers.

In the matter of principal players the "Bon Tons" will be capably equipped with John Barry featured as the leading comedian. Barry is a man of quaint and quiet method who gets his laughs without the aid of noise or roistering. Bob Startzman is first aid to Barry's comedy effects and Dave Kinder plays the "straight" roles in various scenes. Both Startzman and Kinder also contribute specialties—Kinder being a whistler and Startzman a "coon shouter" who changes from white to black as he sings his opening song in full view of the audience.

Jean DeLisle, Miss Lou Barry, June Bobbie and Gertrude Beck are listed as the principal women—leaders in song and dance interludes backed by a chorus of twenty-odd show girls and choristers. Miss DeLisle is prima donna soprano and gains the rare distinction among artists of her class in being an expert wooden-shoe dancer as well.

There will be a ladies' matinee at 2:15 daily all week starting Monday, Sunday's matinee begins at 3:00.

### TEXAS "NIGHTS" ADD FLOGGING OF SICK WOMAN TO PROGRAM

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in his legitimate rights, can not grant him a fair hearing, can not guarantee him against arbitrary conviction and punishment, the time will surely come when the law can do these things for no citizen.

If the time has come when a mob can invade the poorest home, in defiance of our traditions, in contradiction of our fundamental rights, the time will come when the mob can go anywhere.

We are not dealing with an isolated proposition in this latest outrage, but with an illustration, with a symptom, a warning.

The silence of Goose Creek is not significant because of what it means to that community, but because it shows how any and all communities may be terrorized, may be frightened, intimidated and made to serve the will of ruthless but organized groups.—Houston Chronicle.

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### RESIDENT JONES CALLS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Head of the Unincorporated Baptists Summons Officials to Meet During the Sunday School Congress at Indianapolis.

Evanston, Ill., Feb. 9. (Special).—A call was issued here today by President Edward P. Jones of the National Baptist Convention, calling the executive board to meet at Indianapolis, Ind., June 13-18th. He stated that this was in keeping with precedent set some years ago, holding the executive session in connection with the Sunday school congress to afford every officer an opportunity to make both meetings. The meeting of the executive board summons the officials of the National Baptist Convention consisting of its president, the secretaries, treasurer, vice-presidents, the chairmen and secretaries of the various boards and the vice-presidents from the sixty or seventy state conventions. In all it means an added attendance to the congress of between one hundred fifty and two hundred persons.

At this meeting President Jones states that a program will be formulated for the annual National Baptist convention that will hold its next session in Fort Worth, Texas. In sending out the call he has urged upon the Baptists throughout the country to make every preparation not only to be present at the executive session but to see that their Sunday school are represented in the congress.

### PROBATE NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of John H. Costello, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the deceased will meet the executrix of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 27th day of March, 1923, and on the 28th day of May, 1923, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 24th day of February, 1923. Bryce Crawford, County Judge.

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### MME. DEMPSEY BREAKS LEG IN MOVIE STUNT

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