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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.



KIDDING THEMSELVES

LAST Sunday afternoon the city auditorium at Lincoln was packed by an audience to hear an address by a ministerial representative of the much-advertised association of cockroaches, commonly called the Ku Klux Klan. Every time we read a report of one of these meetings we are amused. The seriousness with which the chief actors in this high comedy take themselves strikes us as particularly funny. The report of the Lincoln meeting is no exception. We are told that "a religious and patriotic atmosphere was given to the proceedings by a flag-draped rostrum, an opening with the singing of 'America,' the words of which were printed in large letters for the assembly to read, and by the repeating of the Lord's Prayer, led by F. L. Cook, Kleagle of the local Klan, who introduced the speaker."

Now the thing that strikes us as really funny about this "religious and patriotic atmosphere" is the unreligious and unpatriotic sentiments of the "reverend" orator who apparently was innocently—ignorantly, were the better word—unconscious of the incongruity of his utterances with this "religious and patriotic atmosphere." Religion and patriotism should draw men together and move them to work for the betterment of humanity. They should broaden men's visions and sympathies. But this reverend gentleman proclaimed a creed of hatred and suspicion and with evident pleasure stressed the fact that only 15,000,000 in America's population of nearly 120,000,000 are eligible to membership in this organization of the elect, which is limited to "white, native born, gentle protestants." This excludes only about 105,000,000 of us, who according to the creed of the cockroaches, are not worthy to be considered "100 per cent Americans," and against whom opposition and distrust must be directed. He painted in startling colors the great danger America is in from those of us who are not "white, native born, gentle protestants," and urged upon his hearers, many of them sympathetic and members of the legislature, if you please, the duty of saving America from this motley array of "aliens," who pay taxes, bear arms and do a citizen's full duty, but who have to be vigilantly watched. Well, we opine that the little bunch of us who are not "white, native born, gentle protestants" will be able to get along tolerably well despite our ineligibility to membership in the Kluxies. In the meantime they can go on taking themselves seriously for they seem to get a good deal of pleasure out of it and continue to kid themselves that they are religious and patriotic. To the great mass of sensible Americans they will continue to be regarded as a huge joke.

KILL KLAN BILL

THE Nebraska Senate killed the Strehlow anti-Klan bill Monday. It was permitted to ignominiously die in the Senate Committee of the whole without the formality of a roll call. The reason for this is apparent. It would have placed the senators on record and some of those gentlemen might find that record embarrassing in the future. We were assured by Senator Cooper last Tuesday that the bill would undoubtedly pass the Senate; but evidently he was mistaken. It seems that Senator Cooper changed his mind as to the necessity of the measure, for according to press reports, in the debate on the measure, he made the point that the present statutes against unlawful assemblage fully covers the situation. Why did Senator Cooper make this point, if, as he indicated to us, he favored the measure? He will understand why The Monitor asks him this pertinent question. It is further to be noted that Senator Robbins, also of Douglas county, asked if his measure was not directly aimed against the Klan, and his opposition to it was based upon an affirmative answer to his question. Why is Senator Robbins of Omaha so solicitous about anti-Klan legislation? Speaking

for its constituents, The Monitor desires to make it plain that we are no more deeply interested in anti-Klan legislation than are the other groups of American citizens, against whom the Klan directs its invectives, hostility and propaganda. The Klan is against our group and we know it; and we are openly and avowedly against the Klan. So the issue here is clear. The Klan is avowedly against other groups, also; so we are not alone in our opposition. It is not our exclusive fight. But we serve notice that any person under suspicion of being friendly to the Kluxies can count upon our opposition to any elective office he may seek. Dodging responsibility for the death of Strehlow's anti-Klan bill will not prove a heavy political asset with us.

CLEAN UP AND BEAUTIFY

SPRING is approaching. It is therefore an opportune time to call our people's attention to the necessity of planning early for the beautifying of their homes and property. A large proportion of our citizens are homeowners, or home-buyers. We are, in nearly every large city, very generally colonized. This is the tendency of the day. To our mind this is a serious economic blunder which American prejudice is making. But of this later. Now we simply note the fact. Since this is the fact, our people should see to it that our residential sections are unsurpassed in beauty, cleanliness and upkeep by any other in the city. We own many beautiful homes and their owners take pride in keeping up their property. There are others, however, who seem to lack this civic pride and are apparently indifferent to the appearance of their premises. Let us all no matter how humble or unpretentious our homes may be see to it that they are made as attractive as possible. As Spring approaches, clean up, paint up, plant flowers and beautify your home. Owner and tenant alike should act upon this suggestion.

CAUSE FOR REJOICING

WE have great cause for rejoicing in the legal victory which has just been won by the attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the case of the so-called Elaine rioters. The Supreme Court has reversed the Arkansas court. If there ever was a flagrant case of injustice it was that in which innocent Negro farmers, virtual peons, and who were simply legally contending for their rights were made to appear as rioters and nineteen of them were railroaded to death sentences within less than an hour. But, thank God, the race was alert, and the sense of justice was not dead even among some of the white people of Arkansas and the fight for justice was on. The value of a strong organization like the N. A. A. C. P. has been demonstrated. White attorneys like Moorfield Storey and colored attorneys like Scipio A. Jones and others came to the rescue and the fight for justice was on. It has been a hard fight, but the victory is near. There must be no slacking until peonage is driven from the land and all men, black and white, receive justice. Hold the line and fight for the right.

GIVE THEM WELCOME

WE are advised that thousands of our people are leaving the Southland seeking larger opportunities in the North and West. This places a responsibility upon our people in these sections to give these newcomers cordial welcome and do all in our power to make them valuable assets to the community. Many of them will impress us as being crude. Be it so. This should be seized as an opportunity for genuine helpfulness. Since we are judged by the masses, not by the classes, let us realize that it is our duty, if we have had advantages denied our brethren, to use our superior advantages to help elevate the masses. Our brethren are coming to better their condition. Give them welcome.

IN THE LAND WHERE CHRIST LIVED

By Mrs. Lelia Walker Wilson.

Palestine, the land where Christ lived, and long since known to all the civilized world as the Holy Land, on a whole cannot be called a beautiful land. Every province, and there are seven, has its peculiar physical form and taken separately they are interesting to note, but grouped, they remind one of our own hills and valleys, except of course, they are devoid of the natural signs of care and cultivation. In striking such a comparison, do not believe me to mean the more picturesque scenery which America has, but Palestine, to me is like the state of California, up-hill, down-hill; but with twice as much variety of scenery and climate. All America though, has such remarkable plateaus as Palestine.

Running north and south along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea is the Philistine Plain, or as some know it the Plain of Sharon, and the Phoenician coast. Gradually rising up from them into what is almost the middle of the country are the mountains of Judah, mountains of Ephraim and Mount Carmel. These mountains are a literal dividing line between East and West Palestine. Just beyond them lies the Dead Sea, 1,300 feet below the level of the Mediterranean. Due north of it and about sixty-five miles distant, is the Sea of Galilee. These two inland seas are joined by the River Jordan and its tributaries. Beyond them and further into the interior, lie the Mountains of Moab, Mountains of Gilead and Mount Hermon, all of which slope gently away to the Syrian Desert. The land of Palestine comprises the provinces of Judea, Samaria, Galilee, Phoenicia, Damascus, Decapolis and Perea, which in turn comprise all the various types of land from sandy seashores and fertile valleys to lofty, barren mountains and burning desert lands. These extremely varied regions coupled with the fact that they do not exceed eighty miles in width and 250 miles in length, help to make Palestine the most remarkable part of the world. It has been called the "least of all the lands" and rightly so, for had it been larger, its influence might have been less.

As might be supposed, in such a land of varied conditions, the inhabitants are engaged in just as varied pursuits. The chief, however, are farming and sheep raising. There are, of course, the merchants and traders, seafarers, laborers, learned men, guides, servants and countless professional "do nothings." But on a whole, the 700,000 persons get along to suit their fancy without much aid from the outside world and apparently not much thought of it. The most ancient methods are used in tilling the soil and grinding grain. In fact, everywhere is to be seen the most obsolete methods. It is just now and then that one glimpses an accidental touch in doing things, and always used by modern settlers. Donkeys and camels continue to be the chief beasts of burden, though the more recent and fashionable residents possess vehicles and horses.

Religion is the chief interest of the inhabitants, and why shouldn't it be? Living as they do in the land where Christ lived, their every move is among the most Holy of Holies and silent influences are exerted over them that apparently shut out the worst that is worldly. Of the religions, Mohammedanism has the largest number of followers. It prescribes Friday as the Sabbath, prohibits the use of intoxicants and believes in more than one wife. Faithful Mohammedans pray five times daily and wash their feet each time before doing so. Their women wear veils which cover the lower part of the face, the eyes alone being exposed. Among them marriage is easy and so is divorce, a word with a little money being enough to consummate either by a desiring husband.

The real cities of Palestine are few and present a sight far different from our cities and the scenes may be contrasted to the quiet simple pastoral life of the small towns and back-hill settlements of that land. In them may be found all the pictures of the Orient. A succession of narrow, crooked streets, always filled with brilliantly attired people; low stone dwellings; a row of disarranged, but well stocked shops; countless minarets and spires piercing the sky-line, suggesting the numerous mosques and churches; bazaars, beggars and a conglomeration of everything under the sun. Jerusalem in particular is the home of all the sects and "isms" known in Christendom, and it is not much more than that. Many things one would expect to find there are not to be seen. There are no parks or theatres, no concerts, no libraries, clubs or lectures. Simple things like soda-water, light lunches, tooth paste and shoe polish are unknown to shop keepers. Only the bare necessities of an antiquated people are carried.

Everywhere the Holy Land is spoken of in superlative terms and rightly so, for with its large number of biblically historical points, its singular geographical traits, its sacred importance, it is the one such place in all the world, holy, enchanted and alluring.

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MAMMY'S MONUMENT

Dey talks about a moneement
 Which deys gonna 'rect fo' me
 And what kin be de use ob it
 Is mo' dan I kin see.

Dey bettah take dat money
 Put it to some good use
 And look aftah my po' child'en
 What gits all dis abuse.

While dey up dar in Washu'in
 A passin' laws an rules
 Dey oughta pass some kinda law
 Dat gits cullud kids good schools.

Now it aint no use a'talkin
 It would be bettah still
 If dey use dat 'preparation
 And pass de Dyer bill.

Dey makes an awful lotta fuss
 And a terrible lot a noise
 But dey don't nevah do nothin'
 To stop 'em lynchin' boys.

If dey'd stop discriminatin'
 An holden my child'en down
 You'd see some mighty progressin'
 And advancin' goin' 'round.

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—J. B. Watson.

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