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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.

BRYAN

THE sudden call of William Jennings Bryan at Dayton, Tenn., last Sunday afternoon shocked not only America but the world, for he was an international character. And yet how fitting was the close of his strenuous earthly career, a militant career, for more than thirty years he had been on the firing line, fighting for policies and principles which he apparently believed to be right, certainly which he enthusiastically espoused and championed.

And yet was there not a note of sincerity in many things which he did, certain inconsistencies which did not ring true to absolute sincerity? He was largely an opportunist. An opportunist, despite the fact that his opportunism frequently found him on the unpopular side. We believe an analysis of his political career will show this to be true: he was always seeking or trying to make an issue that would be popular, and having found or made such an one he threw himself into it with the vigor and abandon of a crusader. Opportunism is written large in the unbiased biography of William Jennings Bryan, an opportunism which reveals striking inconsistencies.

An avowed pacifist and opponent of war, he raised the Third Nebraska regiment and was commissioned as its colonel in the Spanish American War. Roosevelt was colonel of the Rough Riders. Each had political aspirations, if Roosevelt had not organized the Rough Riders would Bryan, the great Commoner, the ardent pacifist, have raised the Third Nebraska regiment and applied for a commission? And is it not remarkable that he who was so opposed to militarism should direct that his body should be laid to rest in Arlington, the burial plot of America's soldier dead? There let him rest. No one would say nay to his request; but it is quite inconsistent with the cause of peace which in late years he had so uncompromisingly championed.

But whatever may be thought or said of Bryan's political career his religious sincerity cannot be questioned. We believe that he was a Christian man and like all great outstanding Americans his witness for Christ and the fundamental verities of the Christian religion has been a most valuable contribution to his country. That he was mistaken in his views concerning the power of the evolutionary theory to overthrow the Christian religion or destroy or weaken religious faith and hope does not detract from his consistent witness for righteousness and religious truth, as he conceived it.

He was a great religious and moral force in our national life, and because he was this, we could never understand his absolute silence on questions which peculiarly affected our group, and affecting us, vitally concern the nation. We cannot recall a single utterance of the great Commoner against mob violence, of which our people have been so largely victims, or any phase of race relations. We may be mistaken as to this, but we know of none. Positive and outspoken on so many questions, he was negative and silent on these. Was not this due to his opportunism which was writ large in his public career?

His life, however, was a busy and useful one. He was unquestionably one of the great men of his day and generation. He shed luster upon Nebraska and Ne-

braska can well consider him her great gift to the nation, for it was here his powers matured, it was here he was nurtured and started upon his great career which made him an international figure. Whatever may have been his faults, and who is faultless, his virtues overtopped them all and the world is richer for the life labor and example of William Jennings Bryan.

IS THERE A RISING TIDE OF HATE?

MANY writers in discussing world conditions seem to stress the belief that there is a great conflict between the white and colored races impending. Is there the rising tide of hate which many seem to sense? If there be then the forces of Christianity should be concentrated upon turning this tide of hatred into one of goodwill. There is an imperative duty resting upon those in dominant places, whose exploitation and mistreatment of the darker races is responsible for this rising tide to avert it by showing justice and kindness.

LEARN TO MAKE THE MOST OF SMALL THINGS

UNDER the above caption, The Negro World, one of our most thought-stimulating exchanges which is a welcome visitor to our desk, recently published the following excellent editorial, the sentiment of which we heartily endorse and commend to the thoughtful consideration of our readers:

The Negro people, we believe from long experience and close observation, buy more things they do not need and could get along without than any other group of the citizenship. They place a smaller valuation upon small things than any other group. They buy things on credit that they could do without and which the collector calls once a week regularly to collect upon than any other group. The credit system of buying all sorts of things, from illustrated Bibles to pianos and music boxes of all sorts, appeals to them. In this way most Negro families, especially in the large cities, have themselves mortgaged to insurance agents, furniture and picture dealers, clothing installment concerns, so that every week they are driven almost crazy paying and standing off collectors for all sorts of things it was not really necessary to buy in the first instance. In all of the installment plan business, it should not be overlooked, the prices charged are invariably twice as much as the same articles could be purchased for for cash.

We should learn to say "No!" to the credit system sharks when they offer and often force their trashy articles upon us, upon which we must pay a little something each week, and which helps to make the purchasing power of the pay envelope less for the necessary things. And even in the necessary things, foodstuffs, clothing and the like, we must have the best and are more extravagant than any other group of people in the same financial condition of wage-earning and poverty which beset the average of us.

And we buy most we need. We sell very little, except our labor, and for that we receive the smallest rate because we must do work others do not care to do. We buy much; we sell little. The profit is made in the selling and not in the buy-

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

In order to even matters we should sell at least half a smuch as we buy. When we don't do that we are playing a losing game.

The Negro World insists that the race everywhere should cultivate the high art of selling things that others want and will pay for. Start in a small way. Start! If you don't start you will always stand still.

"DAN DESDUNES EXPLAINS"

WE publish in this issue a two-inch display advertisement which was published in the Sunday World-Herald announcing that Desdunes' hand would not play at the Ku Klux Klan public meeting as it had been previously announced it would. The caption of this editorial is taken from that advertisement.

Mr. Desdunes' explanation is brief. He says, "I was simple enough to believe that a band, like a railroad, was created to serve all the people. I know better now."

In passing it may be asked, would a railroad knowingly carry a crowd whose purpose was to dynamite its bridges, tear up its tracks and derail its trains? We opine that the railroad who conceived it to be its duty to "serve all the people" would consider it its duty to decline to serve such people. It would draw the line. Or if it were the known intention of the crowd to destroy the property and jeopardize the lives of people on competing or rival lines, we hardly think that any railroad would lend its influence to that program, do you? Is it necessary to press the analogy?

We are very glad that Mr. Desdunes cancelled his engagement with the Klan, whether it was due to his own better judgment, which is probably true, or to influence brought to bear upon him by some of his staunchest friends and supporters many of whom belong to the people whom the Klan would like to destroy. That he was wholly within his rights to accept a business engagement of that nature cannot be questioned, but the expediency of accepting such, knowing the principles, or lack of principle, if you please, for which the hooded order stands is, indeed, most questionable. We believe that Mr. Desdunes has strengthened himself among all classes, even the hooded brigade, by his refusal to play for an organization which is inimical to his race and the religion of his godly and devout parents.

NAVY TRIES TO CONQUER FOGS

Make Tests to Seek Dissolution Method of "Mariner's Nightmare."

Washington.—The United States navy is making another effort to conquer the last unconquered monster of the sea—fog.

Every other obstacle in the way of navigation has been surmounted. But fog is still untamed.

Often it comes without warning, the result of quick changes in ocean air currents, temperature, or atmospheric pressure.

It strikes the navigator blind. True, he has his charts and instruments. But what good are these if he cannot see the ocean around him or the sky above?

His only course is to steam forward by what is called "dead reckoning." He knows his location when the fog drops, knows the direction he is going and the speed at which his ship is traveling.

Recall La Honda Disaster.

Armed with this knowledge, he can figure his position on the chart—approximately—as his ship plows through the waves.

This enables him to avoid rocks and reefs—sometimes. Sometimes dead reckoning goes wrong.

The La Honda disaster, off the California coast, furnished terrible proof of this.

Seven destroyers of the battle fleet were traveling through fog at a speed of 20 knots. Their object was to turn in to shore, but a series of jagged reefs had first to be passed.

Dead reckoning told the commander of the first destroyer that the place to turn had been reached. He changed his course, the others following in line.

Suddenly the roar of breakers was heard. The destroyers tried to swerve, to reverse. Too late—their speed was too great. One after the other the seven ships piled up on the jagged rocks. The commander's dead reckoning had been wrong—and fog collected another toll.

Study Cottrell Principle.

Naval scientists are now trying to combat fog by figuring out a suitable modification of "Cottrell's Precipitation."

The original purpose of the precipitator was to "lay" smoke and fumes belched from factories and furnaces and thus prevent their spread.

The precipitator, named for its inventor, Dr. F. G. Cottrell, is a device for making tiny particles in the air collect into larger masses. Powerful electric currents are used. When the particles form in larger bodies they drop to the ground.

The naval investigators have hopes that the precipitator principle can be used to dispel fog off a ship's bows. With this in view they are studying the composition of fog, trying to figure out a modification of Cottrell's device that will apply to its particles as well as to particles of smoke.

Arctic Oxen Try Out in Warmer Climate

Oslo, Norway.—Ten musk oxen, brought from Greenland recently on a sailing vessel, are spending the summer on Kijholmen Island, off the west coast of Norway.

It is hoped they will become used to the climate of northern Europe.

The flesh of these animals makes excellent eating, as Arctic explorers can testify, and there is always a demand for them in zoological gardens.

The animals wander at will about the island, finding an abundance of food in the grasses and rough herbage. They still resent the approach of human beings, however.

The most anxious time for those interested in the experiment will be during the summer. The natural habitat of the musk ox is among the bleak regions of Arctic America, and it is possible they will not survive a more southern summer.

Foresees People Will Talk With Bees, Ants

Boston.—J. B. S. Haldane, British biochemist, says it's only a question of time before man will be talking with bees and ants.

The investigations of Wheeler of Harvard have made it very probable that the behavior of social insects such as ants, instead of being based on a complicated series of special instincts, rests largely on an economic foundation not so very unlike our own.

The ant that brings back a bug to the nest gets paid for it by a sweet juice secreted by those that stayed at home.

On the other hand, a German entomologist at Kiel has been tackling the problem of how much one bee can tell another and how he does it.

Tomorrow it looks as if we should be overhearing the conversation of bees, and the day after tomorrow be joining in it.

Was on Constitution

Bangor, Me.—Samuel G. Haskell of Georgetown, Me., was once a member of the crew of the Constitution, not when she was making her fighting reputation, but when she made her last voyage in 1878. Mr. Haskell was present when the celebration of the Constitution's one hundredth anniversary took place.

Egypt Offers Prize for Rebuilding of Mosque

Washington.—The Egyptian government has instituted a competition, open to architects of any nationality, for the reconstruction of the mosque of Amrou in Cairo as it was in the days of its greatest splendor. Prizes will be awarded of \$12,500, \$5,000 and \$2,000, respectively, for the best three plans submitted to the Egyptian minister of religion by January 1, 1927, accompanied by treatises on the subject. The mosque was built in the year 663 by Amrou, the Arab conqueror of Egypt, and was at its highest splendor between the Tenth and Fourteenth centuries.

Ends Honey-moon

Hammonton, N. J.—A bride and bridegroom on the way from Paterson to Atlantic City for their honeymoon were injured on the White Horse pike where the car in which they were riding crashed into a phone pole near Egg Harbor.

The injured are Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stein, who received cuts about the face and head and suffered from shock.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of C. E. Allen, deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 24th day of July, 1925, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 24th day of July, 1925, at 9 o'clock a. m. to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Mildred Clark and Louis A. Garland or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

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