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PARKER DISPROVES CUTTING'S THESIS

The New York Sun of August 20, publishes a third of a page article by George Wells Parker, of our city, under the caption "Nations Are Not Destroyed But Made Great by Mixed Blood."

The article is in reply to one written by James D. W. Cutting, published in The Sun of June 11, in which the thesis which Mr. Cutting attempted to defend was that destruction awaits nations of mixed blood, and incidentally that the pure "Aryan race" is divinely appointed to rule the world.

Mr. Parker maintains that.

"It is a startling thesis if true; an important question of the moment, if scientific fact and historical truth will verify it."

Then with an array of unanswerable facts, ethnological and historical, he disproves Mr. Cutting's thesis.

We wish we had space to publish the article in its entirety.

The fact that the article by Mr. Parker was deemed of sufficient merit to be given such liberal space in The Sun is of itself a most complimentary tribute to his literary style and ability, upon which we sincerely congratulate him.

We have only space to quote the following closing paragraphs of Mr. Parker's scholarly article which show the vigor of his style and the soundness of his argument:

"This review of general ethnology must show that Mr. Cutting's theory has no basis whatever in either fact or history. If he has our own American people in mind the theory can have no application whatever. The original colonial population was estimated at 8,400,000, which most certainly was not Aryan, but suppose that we grant that it was. Has that original population multiplied so rapidly that we may consider the perpetuation of "Aryan" blood the only factor in saving this nation to civilization? Most certainly not.

In the past thirty years 80 per cent. of European immigrants have come from Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Syria and Turkey. All of them represent types of merged ethnic characters. In the State of Massachusetts two persons out of every three are foreign born or have foreign born parents. Boston itself has only 23.5 per cent. of native whites of five parentage. New York City has only 19.3 per cent. Bearing such facts in mind, according to Mr. Cutting this nation can but await dire destruction.

The truth is that the United States is a nation in the making, a people potential. In dreaming of her destiny we need the geologist's sense of time and the astronomer's sense of distance.

The verdict of history is that no pure blooded race has ever become great of itself. Such a race, if ever there can be one, must stand alone like a single chemical element awaiting combination with other chemicals to make it useful.

National existence depends upon healthy ideals and sterling virtues. When a civilization becomes effete; when the moral law is shattered upon the rock of might; when lust, vanity, cruelty and oppression destroy purity, honorable pride, mercy and justice; when honest labor becomes degraded and the pursuit of wealth for wealth's sake becomes the lone ambition; then the fate of that nation is sealed. Out of the mists sweeps a Sesostris, Darius, Alexander, Caesar, Atilla, Alaric or Bonaparte. All are scourges of God coming in answer to inevitable and immutable laws to purge the world and to give humankind another chance."

In the concluding paragraph Mr. Parker has pointed out the only source of a nation's greatness and permanency. His conclusion is that made of old and recorded in Holy Writ, that "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

"PROTECTION OF AMERICANS"

The lynching industry goes on. Five colored Americans in Florida, two of them women, and one in Texas, is the record for this week. Nothing is done about it. A hypocritical government and political candidates talk big about "the protection of Americans at home and abroad," while the murder of black American citizens goes on unrestricted. If the government is so anxious about "the protection of American lives" in Mexico and on the high seas, it ought to be consistent enough to show a little solicitude for "the protection of American lives," in Georgia, Texas, Florida and other sections of the lawless South, even though it be the lives of only humble black men and women.

We don't know who Mayor Dahlman will appoint as inspector of weights and measures; but it should be a man whose life, character, association and reputable standing in the community as well as his ability, will call for no explanation or apology, and who will therefore be a fit representative of our race. The appointment of any other type of a man would be an embarrassment to the administration and an injustice to our people.

News from all portions of the country is to the effect that industrial conditions are improving for our race. Opportunities for us to earn an honest living are multiplying. What our self-respecting people want is not charity or pity but an opportunity to work.

"Be ye temperate in all things," is the good advice given by the highest authority. This includes food, speech and all of God's gifts which have been given men for use and not abuse.

Yes, The Monitor is growing, thank you. Subscribers and advertisers like the publication.

Snow will soon be flying. How about your coal bin?

What are you doing to make a place for your boy or girl?

Grow with Growing Omaha.

"DON'T FORGET THE BUCKET, CHARLEY!"

It was Tuesday morning about half-past ten in front of a well-known wholesale liquor house on Farnam street; we were on our way to the bank. Our attention was drawn to an Oakland automobile containing three men evidently delegates to the Retail Credit Men's convention. They wore badges labelled "Des Moines." A rather elderly man, with whiskers, and a cane, scrambled out rather nimbly and started hastily for the front door of the liquor house. He was followed closely by a younger man. As the third man started to leave the auto, the old man shouted to him:

"Don't forget the bucket, Charley."

"That's right," he replied, and he reached into the auto. We saw him take out a large bucket about the size of a large sized candy bucket, and take it into the liquor house.

They were from Des Moines, Iowa.

NEGRO NEWSPAPERS O. K.

The average Colored man complains a good deal about the lack of a certain kind of news in the Afro-American paper and that is the excuse offered by some of the "big guns" for not subscribing to the Colored papers. But after all, isn't it a fact that the little weekly Afro-American journal is the life of every community? After one of these gentlemen has tired of reading the police court records, mobs and burning recitals of their people, they turn with keen appreciation to the Afro-American journal which chronicles the good deeds and achievements and optimistic accounts of the Afro-American life struggles. These men and their families can then lift up their heads and believe that after all life is worth living.—Louisville (Ky.) American Baptist.

AMONG RAILROAD MEN.

Sam M. Dukes on the O. W. limited Omaha to Portland is well pleased with his run.

Chas. Robinson, a former waiter on the U. P., will leave the first part of next week for Elgin, Ill., where he will be employed by Y. Cook, editor of the Mothers' Magazine.

Many of the waiters running on the road are being employed in the cafes of San Francisco which formerly used white help.

The Monitor is winning many friends up and down the road. All of the boys eagerly look for it each week. Subscribe now. \$1.50 a year. 1119 North 21st St., Omaha, Neb.

Mr. J. William Shields is the railroad representative of the Monitor.

Volney Carter, buffet man on the Overland limited between Chicago and Oakland who laid over between trips Friday night on account of the illness of his wife, resumed his run Monday. Mr. S. K. Brownlow relieved him.

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