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## THE ROOSEVELT CREED

I BELIEVE in honesty, sincerity and the square deal; in making up one's mind what to do—and doing it.

- I believe in fearing God and taking one's own part.
- I believe in hitting the line hard when you are right.
- I believe in speaking softly and carrying a big stick.
- I believe in hard work and honest sport.
- I believe in a sane mind in a sane body.
- I believe we have room for but one soul loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people.

## THE NEGRO PRESS.

IN these perilous times of change when the old order of tyranny is fighting against the advance of democratic ideas the Negro press can be of immeasurable service to the people. Policies and principle should take definite shape, and we should resolve somewhat after this fashion.

We are on the side of law and order where law and order is administered fearlessly without fear and without discrimination.

We shall not stifle the truth, nor suppress it nor distort it, believing that pitiless publicity is the greatest foe to hidden wrongdoing, and that discontent with things that are wrong and unjust and unfair and cruel is divine, indicating progress and advancement.

We shall remain unbought by money or fair words or fear, and shall throw the full light of truth upon the things that are undemocratic and un-American, knowing that by so doing we serve best the nation of which we are a part.

We shall print the news—all the news—from every angle, and with all the breadth and fairmindedness we possess and shall interpret it, using all the wisdom and knowledge at our command.

We shall not besmirch our honor with the sin of silence, becoming either coward, opportunist or knave.

We shall not sell out and we shall not betray, but shall hew to the line of right as God gives us to see the right.

And we shall be fearless—the times demand it, the people need it, and conscience will accept naught else.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NO unbiased observer can fail to observe that most of the news items sent to the Associated Press by its correspondents in regard to individuals and happening of our race are, for the most part, biased, highly colored or utterly false. The policy of the past seems to have been that when a news item did not betray criminal tendencies and make use of such terms as "burly black brute," "black fiend," etc., possible, the item was of little worth, or if there was a possibility of poking fun or holding up to ridicule with the threadbare watermelon, chicken or razor episodes plenty space in the paper was given. Constructive forces, worthy achievements epoch-making situations either got no space or little space and that usually in an out-of-the-way part of the paper.

In situations where both races are involved the reports are often without truth or foundation. The happening at Elaine, Arkansas, is a case in point. All over the world the Associated Press sent a story of 'Negro Uprising,' 'Negroes Plan to Murder Whites,' and there is no truth in the whole affair. In Elaine, Arkansas, the situation was an unusual brutal attempt at intimidation and robbery of the black tenant by the white farmer. Elaine, like some other places in the south, has practiced peonage for years and is loath to give it up. So with Bourbon barbarism that out-Huns Hunism she massacred and robbed and kept "the Negro in his place."

But the most distressing thing about the whole affair was that so great an organization as the Associated Press lent itself to this lie, as it has to others, prostituting and misusing its power trying to maintain entrenched wrong.

We do not wish to believe that this lending of self was a deliberate and intentional act. But power is a great thing and entails great responsibility. And the power of the public press should not be used to debauch the public. To it rather is given the opportunity to mould public sentiment to the end that it shall love truth and fair play and justice and realize to what an extent these principles are involved in the destiny of the nation for

which the public is supposed to profess patriotism.

The Associated Press needs a new policy.

## THE OPPORTUNITY OF AN UNITED PRESS

ALIEN hatreds, anarchy, class clashes, mob rule, lynch law, radical labor and radical capital, segregation, disfranchisement, prejudice are playing havoc with the peace and prosperity of our nation. The mob spirit and lawlessness are rampant. Truth restrained or withheld abets the mob. One does not have to lead a mob in person to be a leader. Half truths, whole lies will do it as quick as anything we know. If the press of America would adopt a policy that embraced truth and fair play intolerance of lawlessness, absence of cheap sentimentality it would live up to the opportunity that is its, and stem the tide of lawlessness that is sweeping the country and put down the anarchy that is knawing at the nation's vitals.

## HOLY-CROSS DAY MODERNIZED

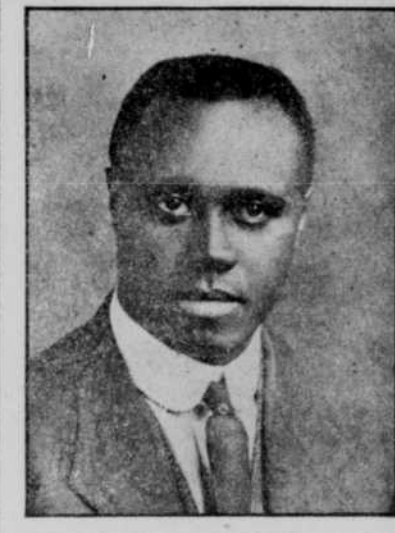
"Whose life laughs through and spit at their creed,  
Who maintain Thee in word, and defy Thee in deed."

ELSEWHERE in the columns of The Monitor we have published a more than significant challenge, by a Chinaman named Li Moy, to Christianity and democracy as practiced by the American white man. The solicitude of America for all the rest of the world arouses our occidental friend to show a bitterness and sarcasm. And we are forced to admit that their is irrefutable logic in his demand that we try the practical application of the ten commandments, which trial might make the fourteen points unnecessary. There is a scorn for these followers of the Christ who profess but do not act his precepts and a subtle defense of a Confucianism that, if mistaken in concept, gives a better example of practice. It is interesting to take cognizance at this time of the fact that this criticism of things American as crude and hollow-sounding is not confined to any one nation but seems to be prevalent over the entire continent of Europe. And not even the fact that the United States is both baker and banker to most of the nations restrains them in their criticism of the child nation that would come to the older civilizations and order affairs within them when at the same time domestic turmoils abound and internal disorders cry out for righteous adjustment in America herself. This challenge of the orient to the occident is of more than passing importance.

## INTERESTING NOVEL BY COLORED AUTHOR

There has come to our desk a very interesting book by O. M. Shackelford. It is called Lillian Simmons or The Conflict of Sections. It is very readable and although it is a problem story has in connection with the treatment of the author and the development of the author's theory a sweet love story that runs throughout and makes for pleasant reading. Mr. Shackelford gives the following as the reason why he writes his story:

"We have traveled north and we have traveled south. We have visited our people in the humble cottage and we have met them in the aristocratic home. We have had heart to heart talks with all classes. We know how they are feeling and what they are thinking and saying. Hence we have been able to portray character true to life, and base our story on facts or conditions as they exist today. We take the same method that the white writer takes to get at the evils in business, political, and in social affairs in general. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," a social novel, through which she hit



O. M. SHACKLEFORD, A. B.  
Author of Seeking the Best, Bits of History in Verse, and Other Poems and Essays.

slavery a blow that no one else had a chance to hit.

Through this method we strike at false pride, false notions of life, and false standards of manhood and womanhood. We touch upon every phase of the Negro problem. Segregation, separate schools, business for colored people, and 'Jim Crowism' are not overlooked as we develop our story.

"In our travels we learn that there is a difference of opinion between the northern colored man and the southern colored man, as to what is the best course to pursue in securing rights and privileges and in solving the race problem."

Mr. Shackelford is in the city offering an attractive club offer for this novel and an autobiography of his called "Seeking the Best," giving both books for \$2.50. Those who have not ordered from the author personally, may get an order in by placing it at Williamson's, 2308 North 24th street.

## THE PERISCOPE. (By Associated Negro Press.)

### Propaganda.

The term "Propaganda" is comparatively new in usage but the thing itself has been practiced since Cain slew Abel. One of the southern daily newspapers, alarmed over the "insidious propaganda now being carried on in the colored newspapers," very seriously inquires: "Why should this be? The white newspapers have never organized against the colored people?" That is really an amazing statement. Every newspaper editor of our group in the country knows that the Associated Press, the leading news distributing service of the country, has carried on a policy of discrimination in favor of the whites and against the blacks, and is doing it daily now. The Associated Negro Press is in receipt of correspondence from editors of various sections of the country deprecating the way in which the Associated Press writes its stories of happenings where colored people are affected. It is well known that the facts concerning the 1919 riots in various sections have been peculiarly dealt with.

Propaganda against us? Shades of Ben Tillman and Carmack, of the glorious deeds and words of Vardaman and Bleasie, of Tom Dixon's "Leopard Spots" and the "Birth of a Nation," of Williams in the senate and Byrnes in the house, today, what do you call that infamous output of destructive and prejudiced doctrine?

The fact of the matter is, our group has been "asleep at the switch." Peace-loving, patient and long suffering, we have tolerated more infamy than any other group of people in the world. But our backs are to the wall now, and we are fighting for existence. There are some who wish to take the whole 15,000,000 of us, boots, capes and hats, and drop us in the middle of the ocean. Is it expected that we should submit without protest? Our propaganda is a propaganda of justice and opportunity, against which there is no law, thank God, and we shall never let up until the day of redemption!

## Government Dependent on Good Citizenship

WE here, we of this great democracy, we who are engaged in the greatest and most hopeful, and yet the most difficult, governmental experiment that has ever been tried—the experiment of securing self-government for a people on a continental scale—we cannot afford not to have the highest quality of individual citizenship. The stream will not rise higher than its source. If the average man is not a decent, straight man, knowing his rights and insisting upon them, and knowing his duties and performing them, we cannot have good government.—Theodore Roosevelt.

## WILLS OF TWO PROMINENT BALTIMORE MEN PROBATED

Leaves Estate Totaling \$43,393  
Baltimore, Md.—The late Columbus Gordon left an estate valued at \$21,393. Dr. Whitfield Winsey left \$12,000.

A chance for the kiddies to earn a prize. Read Monitor Mother Goose offer on page six.

## LEADING EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

### The Monster

I am a huge monster—the chief disturber and mischief maker among the nations of the earth. I hate peace and love turmoil. I have been in every war since the world began and worked on every battlefield, I made them fierce. Hate is my twin brother and Jealousy is my elder sister. We, with the aid of Greed and Might, threw the whole world into relentless, heartless war; we made it the bitterest, bloodiest conflict in all history. I am particularly proud of that job, it caused so much misery and suffering; besides, it showed my power and my control over the affairs and destinies of men when I can get a little assistance. Greed, Malice and Might are my chief allies, I glory in them. I dwell in the hearts of men everywhere—in palace and hovel, in church and state. Some men try to avoid me, others will not. I have sat at every peace table since war began; it is there that I get in some of my best work and fix things my way for years to come. I recently sat at Versailles with the rulers of the earth; I was at every meeting. I influenced the final covenant drawn up there; I am still at work on that job in all the capitals of the world—in press and on platform. I am on every side of every question wherein the relation of race to race is involved, save on the sides of Right and Justice—I often taint Justice.

I influence Education and Religion, even though they are my most dangerous and deadly foes. I hate them. For centuries they have sought to drive me from the face of the earth, but I am firmly entrenched, men pay them little heed, and my onward march is but slightly retarded. I know no race or nation—Jew and Gentile, Christian and Pagan, all embrace me. I intensely hate the Sermon on the Mount, I do all within my power to keep it out of the ears and the hearts of men. I hate the Humble Nazarene, who gave it utterance I was at His trial and fomented and influenced the mob against Him. I assisted in His crucifixion. I do not believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; I blind the eyes of men and give them hearts of stone that they may be in accord with me. I defy the Golden Rule—little heed give I the Ten Commandments. I have persecuted the Jews in Russia since time immemorial, I caused the Turks to massacre thousands of Armenians—defenseless men, women and children. I hold ten million Negroes back in enlightened U. S. A., I curtail their rights and deny them justice almost everywhere.

I incite race riots, gather mobs and encourage lynchings, I give them force and make them cruel and heartless. I coined the words, "shoney," "dago," "chink," and "nigger." I defy the laws of God and man. I am the instrument of the Devil, I was conceived in Hell—I am Race Prejudice! —The Dallas Express.

## Flashes of Most Anything

EUROPE says the more I see of some folks the better I like—the others.

SENATOR WILLIAMS says: "I go as far in the pathways of peace as any man who was ever born. I am willing to arbitrate nearly everything in this world, except one thing, and that is the attempt to outrage a white woman by any man, whether white, black, or red. I surrender him at once as being beyond the pale of the law, to the first crowd that can get to him. I believe in law. I believe in law and order. I believe that there is no justification for taking the law into one's own hands. But I believe that there are now and then provocation and excuse enough for it. "Not only is blood thicker than water, but race is greater than law, now and then; and if race be not greater than law, about which there might be a dispute, the protection of a woman transcends all law of every description, human or divine."

Is the senator even consistent in his folly? I'll say he is not. The senator can talk only about white women. Kind o' weak, senator; kind o' weak. A woman is a woman, you know. Course it's nobody's business, I guess. But a lot of those loud-voiced white men down their below the Mason and Dixon line have a few mulatto offsprings of their own. Excuse me, please, this shoe hurts nobody it don't fit!

HAVE a heart, strikers, have a heart. A coal strike and cold weather don't look good to us. Just when we got hold of enough shekels to buy a bit of the black diamond you fellows come along and start acting up.

Monitor subscription contest closes Saturday, November 15. Get busy if your church is going to earn that \$100.

## Dental Hygiene and Care of the Teeth

By Dr. W. W. Peebles



By Dr. Peebles.

### Prophylaxis.

(Dr. W. W. Peebles.)

In spite of all the care one may give to their teeth and mouth, such as the proper and continued use of the tooth-brush and the different mouth washes, an unsanitary condition may develop. The saliva is composed of chemical constituents which, lodging on the surfaces and between the teeth, soon harden and form a calcified substance. This is more often found around that part of the tooth which comes in contact with the gum, principally in the rear of the lower front teeth. This substance is what we call calculus; it is impossible for one to completely remove it by the ordinary means at hand. In the mouths of children one often sees a greenish coloring formed particularly on the surfaces of the upper front teeth, and like the deposits of calculus, no amount of brushing can remove it. In

such cases a trip to the dentist is the proper precaution and should never be delayed.

Germs readily find a favorable lodging place on such deposits and soon we find the result of their work the beginning of decay. Oftentimes, painful ulcers may occur on the tongue and cheeks. In those cases where hygienic principles have been observed, these ulcers may be caused by improper feeding, resulting in an unusual surplus of acid in the stomach. A change in the feeding is advised and the use of Glyco Thermo-carbolic acid added, and used as a line in warm water with a few drops mouth wash.

In the case of babies where these ulcers appear, care should be taken that the bottle or anything that enters the mouth should be thoroughly cleaned with boiling water or a good antiseptic. Washing out the mouth with a mild warm solution of boric acid is also a wise precaution, even where there is no evidence of uncleanness. In such cases our aim is not only to eliminate the possibility of pain to the youngsters, but to place and keep the mouth in such a sanitary condition that the teeth may not only receive the proper materials for their healthy development, but that they also may have a clean and favorable area to enter.

No effort is being made to develop these few ideas on dental hygiene in a bookish manner. As was said in the beginning it is the desire of the writer to so instruct you in those precautions which can readily and handily be taken in the home, and thus mitigate the danger of serious developments; and in those cases where in spite of the precaution taken, trouble manifests itself simple remedies are advised.

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