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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.

## "LEST WE FORGET"

THIS is the caption of a sane, frank and fearless editorial which was recently published in The Los Angeles Times, perhaps the most influential daily on the Pacific coast. It is certainly one of the fairest-minded and largest visioned newspapers in the country. The Times says most forcefully and truthfully the thing that needs to be said in these troublous times, when there seems to be a concerted plan to brand our men as rapists. This damnable propaganda was carried with malicious intent to France, where the splendid conduct and manly self-restraint of our brave black troopers stamped it as a lie. It has been revived in our homeland and again with malicious intent. Therefore it is most gratifying to find influential newspapers seeking to counteract the injury done us by the wide circulation of libelous reports. When tempted to become bitter and resentful, take heart and be grateful for the friends of truth and justice who have the courage to give wide publicity to words like these in The Los Angeles Times:

"Through it all, white people should keep their minds clear and not permit themselves to make the mistakes of thinking that all Negroes are alike. When some degenerate Negro assaults a white woman and is lynched for it, while people who do not think deeply come to the conclusion that every Negro would assault a white woman if he did not stand in fear of lynching.

"Nothing could be farther from the truth than this conclusion. Anyone who knows the Negro people knows it is not true. The Negro who assaults or who desires to assault white women is the exception. We do not fear to say that this kind of Negro numbers only one in 10,000. And that is just as good an average as white people can claim.

"The fact is that the average Negro is not at all attracted by white women. We are to remember that there have been and still are white men who prefer Negro women to their own race. One of the greatest lawyers America has ever known was one of these.

"Neither are we to forget that during the civil war the cultured white women of the south were left wholly at the mercy of Negro guardians while their men folk were away in the battlefields. And these women were not violated. The Negro then answered for himself and his answer was sublime."

## THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

THE report of the grand jury, called to investigate and fix the responsibility for the lynching and rioting of September 28th, is disappointing. It failed, lamentably and miserably, to do anything of the sort. True, some 120 persons were indicted, chiefly for minor offenses and, doubtless, some few of those indicted will be punished; but for one cause and another, the grand jury was unable to secure evidence, direct and convincing, against many who were either suspected or accused of being ring leaders. The report laments the inability of the jurors to secure the evidence which they believe exists and would have enabled them to have reached a more satisfactory conclusion. Responsibility for the riot has not been definitely fixed. Here the report straddles.

John W. Towle, the foreman, in his letter of transmission, frankly states that the report is a compromise and does not express his own convictions. With much of the report he is not in accord. Evidently he believes that the grand jury, if it had so desired, could have definitely fixed responsibility. The Monitor regrets that all the members of the grand jury were not men of the calibre of its capable and conscientious foreman.

Perhaps it is the part of charity to say that the grand jury did the very best that it could under the conditions, but that there were powerful

influence at work to either obstruct its securing of the truth or of frankly expressing it, is quite apparent. The report is disappointing and clearly proves that the lines must be drawn in this community between those who want the truth and stand for law and order and those who are opposed. It must be evident, too, to all what forces will ultimately triumph.

## GROWTH TOWARD MATURITY.

IT IS refreshing and enheartening to notice in many of the leading publications of the country a recognition of the changing status of our race. It is true we have, en masse, a long way to go and much to learn, but the encouraging fact is that we are moving in the right direction. We are fast putting away childish things and coming to the full stature of thoughtful, self-respectful, purposeful manhood. And one of the evidences of this growth toward maturity is the increasing demand and respect for fearless and constructive leadership.

The Outlook of New York, which stands in the very forefront of national weekly magazines, calls attention to this development in a recent editorial. This is what The Outlook says:

"The Negroes of the nation respect and honor their leaders who speak out fearlessly and constructively, not only condemning all forms of economic and social justice practiced by white people, but also in condemning all forms of narrowness or bitterness which are found among black people.

"Those whites who are inclined to proceed on the assumption that the entire Negro race represents a 'child' group need to realize that on account of the recent migration of half a million Negroes from the south, the world war, and other forces, including various propaganda agencies, Negroes in increasing numbers have come rather quickly to man's estate, and must be dealt with as mature, thoughtful determined men and women."

## "STAR SHOOT," NOTED RACE HORSE DEAD

Belonged to the Famous Stable of J. B. Madden Who Placed Great Confidence in Judgment of Two Notable Negro Horsemen and Well Known Jockey.

(Special to The Monitor)

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 26.—Star Shoot, owned by J. B. Madden, Lexington, Ky., and sire of Sir Barton, Star Master, Audacious, David Harum, Star Court and other widely known American race horses, died of pneumonia at Hamburg farm, near Lexington, Wednesday, November 19. He was 21 years old. In four of his eight years as a sire, he has led the list of winning sires. His son, Sir Barton, is the leading money winner so far this year. Star Shoot was foaled in England in 1898 and was by Isinglass.

J. B. Madden, the famous breeder of race horses, owes a great deal of his success to his reliance upon the judgment of three Negroes, who have been long identified with his stables. These men are Dudley Allen, familiarly known as "Uncle Dick," Dick Harris, widely known as "Brown Dick," great trainers and judges of horse flesh; and William Walker, famous as a jockey and trainer. Walker sprang into prominence some years ago as the rider of Ten Broeck against Molly McCarty. Mr. Madden would select the yearlings for his stables very largely upon the advice of "Uncle Dick" and "Brown Dick," whose judgment as to good horse flesh and what it could do on the turf seemed to many phenomenal.

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

Envy is blind and knows nothing except how to depreciate the excellencies of others.—Livvy.

## Flashes of Most Anything

OUT of the land of our fathers' fathers comes a clarion call to Pride of Race and the glory that comes by inheritance:

"BECAUSE"

Because ye do elect to sit with folded hands.

Crying to the moon—

Not caring aught for the glorious

Records your fathers left,

Or endeavor made to uplift and make noble

The heritage bequeathed

On you—but sit dreaming all day long—

So shall your indolence, grown heavy

With the years past,

Fall with o'erwhelming force,

As an Alpine avalanche upon you and yours—

And crush you into oblivion

Because ye have failed to do your part.

Because you're black!

What boots it—

Black? Your race has in the ancient

days

Climbed to the highest rung of fame;

Have done, dared, that which ye

shirk—

Deeds noble, unselfish—and true-hearted done.

What have ye done?

O'er the Seven Seas they've sailed

And climbed the highest hills

That tower unto the skies—

Day dreams, your only work.

Up!—awake!—awake!—

'Tis in your hands to make or mar,

Embellish in the scroll of fame or besmirch

The annals of your race.

The Pyramids of Egypt all attest;

Toussaint, Attila, Bureh—

Yea, a thousand others of Africa's

sons,

Have faced the odds and won the

crowns.

You sit and dream?

Your children's future lies in you.

Look around, behold in these dark

tempestuous days

All races of the earth, stirred to their

soul's being,

Are chafing at the iron bands that

bind them.

Oh, that the windows of my soul

And I could weep, tears hot and burn-

ing for you!

Shall nothing stir you up? Unite!

Unite!

Strike whilst the molten mass of op-

portunity is hot,

And weld it into something strong

and lasting.

Behold, upon the bloody fields of Eu-

rope, Asia and your glorious

Africa—

Your brethren all—have shed

Their lifeblood

For you—for you!

Ye hope! What do you hope?

Is it to sit and cow the live-long day,

Like idle rooks,

Or will you bend your shoulders to

the wheel

And push out from the clogging mire

The car loaded with the burden cast

on you?

Like men—like the heroes of old—

Be up and doing!

Not for the dross that, aye, has God

displaced

Mammon sits enthroned;

Unto high deeds, trace up yourselves

to do,

Equal and free before the world.

How long shall ye yoke the idleness,

prejudice and hatred carry,

That bind you in bands of steel!

Bestir yourselves, oh sons of Africa;

Heed not the sasive tongues of those

Who, with sophistries and gilbe,

Try to draw you from your right and

high endeavor.

He who is above, who slumbers,

neither sleeps,

But ever watches o'er His own,

Looks down on you.

Awake—awake! whilst 'tis yet day,  
And the sun in the high heavens  
shines in splendor,  
Sweet breezes blow,  
On, on to the goal;  
Unto the victor is the palm.  
Your fathers, heroic and brave,  
Look on you.  
Be men! Either the laurel bays.  
Or the pitying boughs of the willow  
grey,  
When back unto mother earth ye are  
In oblivion buried,  
Because ye failed to do your part.  
Which shall it be?

THOMAS LUCAS.

From the Sierra Leone (Africa)  
Weekly News, February 15, 1919.

## INTERESTING CENSUS FACTS

The fourteenth decennial census is to be taken during the month of January, 1920.

The first census of the United States was taken in 1790, during the administration of George Washington. It related solely to population.

The constitution of the United States requires that a census of the United States be taken every ten years. It is by this means that the apportionment of members of the house of representatives is made as to states.

The Bureau of the Census is a part of the Department of Commerce. It was established as a permanent bureau in 1902. Prior to that time the census work was done by a temporary organization known as the census office.

A census of the country's manufactures was made for the first time in 1810. Under the present law a manufacturers census is to be taken in connection with the fourteenth decennial census and every two years thereafter.

## TAYLOR STARS IN OBERLIN-CASE FOOTBALL GAME

CLEVELAND, O.—A record crowd saw the Oberlin-Case football game, last Saturday afternoon, at Van Horn field, this city. It could more correctly be called the Taylor-Case game, for the Oberlin Afro-American player was almost a "team" in himself. His most brilliant of a number of "stunts" was his fake punt kick followed by his circle of Case's left end for a brilliant 65-yard run to a touch-down. This was in the first quarter. His high dive over Case's line in the second quarter, his 25-yard run around Case's right end on a fake punt, reaching midfield, and his run through a hole off Case's right tackle for 30 yards to the second Oberlin touch-down, in the third quarter, were but climaxes of the wonderful work he did.

## CLEVELAND HAS 68 COLORED TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CLEVELAND, O.—Cleveland has sixty-eight colored women as teachers in its mixed public schools and at least eight or ten are on the substitute list awaiting opening for appointments as regular teachers. Many of these teachers haven't a colored pupil. Their services are of high class order.

## \$10,000 MERCANTILE COMPANY

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Nov. 26.—Several of Thomasville's best known colored citizens have applied for a charter to form a mercantile company to engage in business here. According to the application, the business will be both wholesale and retail with privilege of manufacturing various articles. The company is incorporated at \$10,000 with the privilege of increasing the amount.

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