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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.

### HOLY WEEK.

SUNDAY is known throughout the world as Palm Sunday, because it commemorates Christ's entry into Jerusalem, "riding upon a ass and a colt the foal of an ass," while the multitudes, believing that He was coming to restore Israel's pristine glory, went before Him waving palm branches and strewed the road way with palms and flowers. It is the beginning of Holy Week, which commemorates the Saviour's "last week" on earth, as it is known before His crucifixion and resurrection. It is therefore kept with great solemnity throughout Christendom. People who may have been more or less indifferent as to keeping Lent, generally observe Holy Week. Those who have tried it and can speak from experience tell us that the joys of Easter Day are heightened by a faithful observance of Holy Week the events of which have wrought such wonderful blessings in the religious experience of mankind.

### OUR SENTIMENTS EXACTLY.

THERE has just come to our desk the January-February number of The Triangle, "a militant monthly magazine of opinion," published at Newport, R. I., by W. James Lucas. It is a well-edited and neat publication evidently with purpose and plenty of pep. The magazine was formerly known as "The Negro Churchman." One of its editorials captioned "Our New Name" frankly tells the principles for which The Triangle stands. Readers of The Monitor hardly need to be advised that we stand upon the same platform of principles as The Triangle and most heartily endorse what it so well states in the following words:

"This name suits our principle, policy, and practice, and will, we hope, meet with the approval of all rightly 'radical' thinkers among the world's darker races, at least. The object of our fight is triangular in scope. It is an isosceles triangle, the sides of which are liberty, justice and equality. For these three we are fighting. We want liberty of both body and soul; we want justice before the law of the land; we want equality—equality of every kind that tends to make men without a badge of inferiority.

Where there is no liberty, there need be no life; where there is no justice, there is also no liberty; where there is no equality, there will of necessity be no justice; for it is not in man to accord justice to an inferior. Thus do these three constitute the one great whole of the welfare of men. Riots, segregation, jim crowism, and lynching, are one and all the venomous brood of the serpent of inequality that leaves its slimy trail throughout the length and breadth of this nation. It takes all of these to make men. We would be men, that's all."

These are our sentiments exactly. If this be "radicalism" then we are radicals, and our numbers are rapidly multiplying throughout the nation.

### AN INSULT.

WE do not know who at The Bee office replied to Mrs. Crawford's courteous inquiry. Whoever it was made a great mistake. The Bee has published pictures of colored graduates with groups before and the group has not been spoiled. Insults of this character will not restore The Bee to popular favor. The omission of Mr. Crawford's picture from the group of his classmates would not have been regarded as serious had it been by mistake, but when it was admittedly by design and for the reason stated it becomes an insult to be indignantly resented. The Monitor on behalf of its constituents resents it and believes that an apology should be promptly made.

### WELCOME, WILLIAM PICKENS.

DEAN Pickens, for this is the name that will always cling to him because of his splendid work as dean of Morgan college, will be in Omaha Monday night and will speak under the auspices of the Omaha branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It will be his first appearance in our city and The Monitor predicts that he will speak to a capacity house. Some months ago while passing through Omaha, Dean Pickens said to the editor that he considered the work of the N. A. A. C. P. of such tremendous importance that he would like to devote several months each year "speaking in its interest and helping to organize branches. The wish then expressed was soon to be realized; for it was not long before he was tendered the position of assistant field secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., and resigning his position at Morgan college, accepted. Monitor readers will recall our editorial on Dean Pickens at that time.

He is a polished, forcible and convincing speaker of national reputation. The organization which he represents is one that should enlist the active support, sympathy and membership of all red-blooded Americans who believe in justice to all men for it is for these principles that the N. A. A. C. P. uncompromisingly stands.

The Monitor bids William Pickens cordial welcome to Omaha and speaks for him a respectful hearing and record-breaking audience next Monday night.

### A CHILD RACE.

OURS is frequently spoken of, rather apologetically, as "the child race." In many things it is true, we have the characteristics of children. One childlike characteristic which we hope our race will never lose is the disposition not to cherish malice or hatred. Children have their quarrels, soon forget them and play happily together. They do not cherish hatred. May we always have this childlike characteristic. Some call it a manifestation of weakness. Not so, it is a sublime manifestation of moral strength. Cultivate it.

### PERSHING AS A NEBRASKAN.

DO NOT it make you smile to see how Pershing's campaign managers, which, by the way, seem to be confined to Lincoln, are stressing the fact that he is a Nebraskan? It is funny. General Pershing, who was born and reared in Missouri, spent three years as commandant of cadets at the University of Nebraska, where he also took a course in law. A few months ago, less than six, he decided to take up his residence in Nebraska and purchased a home in Lincoln.

The Monitor is very pleased indeed, that General Pershing has become a resident of Nebraska and hopes that he will have a long, happy and prosperous life in this great commonwealth, but when it comes to stressing the fact that his short residence in Nebraska entitles him to the support of Nebraskans we believe that his political managers are trying to impose upon the credulity of the citizens of the state.

And, by the way, will some of General Pershing's boosters enlighten us on the question of his politics? The World-Herald recently said, "He is so near a democrat that many people are of the opinion that he is. A rather significant statement from such a conservative source as the World Herald."

The Monitor is of the opinion that Pershing's "republicanism" is of a piece with "his long residence in Nebraska."

### ENTERING THE GAME.

TAKING The Monitor's advice, several of our people have filed for elective positions and are going to make the race. To set the example, at the solicitation of friends, the editor of The Monitor has filed for district delegate to the republican national convention. As previously announced Amos P. Scruggs has filed for public defender. Two have filed for the legislature, F. L. Barnett and M. F. Singleton. Others have filed for members of the Douglas county central committee. We are entering the game right and uniting our strength some if not all will win.

### LEADING EDITORIALS.

#### WORKMEN'S WIVES.

Amid the hurly-burly of labor troubles and the tribulations of the trusts the world has little time to recognize the merit of those gentle souls who are making the world better in the humble walks of life.

Among these workingman's wife exerts an influence for good that is more far-reaching than that of presidents and kings and legislators of captains of industry and philanthropic millionaires and of others.

In her keeping are the characters of the future citizens and the wives of the future citizens of the country. From busy morn till weary night she looks after the comfort of the household—cheerfully if she has half a chance—and with anxious care strives to shield her sons and daughters from evil influence and perfect them in the ways of decent and honorable manhood and womanhood.

She has little time to worry about facial wrinkles and the arrival of the first gray hair. The vanity of women becomes in her a self-sacrificing pride in the moral and mental growth of her children.

If she ever does wrong, loses control of her temper or has a dash of vinegar in her speech and action, the chances are that the neglect of her helpmate is to blame. But even when she is soured by ill-usage and the cares of poverty, beneath the surface the current of womanly emotion still runs pure and deep and strong.

In time the hard conditions of life may cause her to shrink from disclosing little vanities which soften the radiant charm of womanhood as the dawn softens the blush of the peach. Yet a kind act, the merest trifling bit of praise, may lure them forth again to give the lie to the wrinkles on the brow, the bitter word and the world-weary look.

The workingman who has always known these things, or, having forgotten, has learned them again is blessed indeed. His lot may sometimes be hard and he may feel that he has good cause to envy those who revel in luxury, and yet he is continually thankful that he possesses a treasure which gold can never buy. Heaven bless the workingman's wife!—The Butcher Workmen Advocate.

#### WOOD "LOGICAL" CANDIDATE FOR COLORED AMERICANS

By Edgar G. Brown.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 23.—Among the rank and file of the people the question is being asked: "How can we support anyone but Leonard Wood? He is right on the race question—as was said in the motion made before the colored voters of Indiana assembled in Indianapolis by Attorney Tidrigton, grand

chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and seconded by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Robert L. Brokenburr, "We, the colored voters of Indiana, are for General Wood first, last and all the time primarily because he has the courage to champion the rights of truly 100 per cent American citizens, the American Negroes."

Mr. Tidrigton headed the delegation from Indiana to the Lincoln league and was one of those present who had had a chance to compare Governor Lowden and General Wood. It is significant that Mr. Tidrigton pointed out that what we need today is a military man to stamp out mob violence and lynching and a man whose words are respected like Theodore Roosevelt's and the good general's own words at Gary and Omaha when he said, "The rights of all must be protected."

And now following the rejection of Governor Lowden by the colored republicans of Missouri assembled in St. Louis because of his attitude toward the East St. Louis riot and his misleading statements of the Chicago riot, the colored republicans in Ohio have taken up arms against Senator Harding under the fearless leadership of Honorable Ralph Tyler because he refused to recognize 150,000 colored voters by refusing them a delegate to the Chicago convention and Senator Harding returned last week from Texas where he went on the invitation of the "lily whites." General Wood true to his record left a place open for a colored delegate. Here is General Wood's statement, "I know no American by his color."

"A vote for Wood means a vote for the race," was adopted for the Indiana slogan at the primaries.

#### LESS THAN MEN.

A man who is faithful and honest, Cares not for the cowardly pack, Who, bitten by malice and envy, Attempt to stab him in the back, For he knows that the man "on the level," In spite of their tricks will prevail Over all of his crooked accusers Who, slowly but surely, will fail.

A man meets his foe in the open And isn't afraid of a fight, Regardless of size or of muscle As long as his quarrel is right. But the thing only man in appearance, Who hasn't that God-given spark, Talks peace to his foes in the daylight, But secretly strikes in the dark.

Yea, he who would work in the shadow Plays a serpent's and not a man's part, While he's worth his salt will say nothing, Unless it is right from the heart. So play the game "straight from the shoulder"

And not like the lowest of swine, Who scatter their hate under cover, And in jackal-like ways undermine. —Andrea Razafkerlefo.

#### SCRUGGS FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Amos P. Scruggs has filed for public defender. He is a lawyer big enough to handle this job. The Monitor urges our people to rally to his support. We can nominate him at the primaries and elect him if we will stand unitedly behind him. Begin now boosting for Scruggs and put him across. We can do it. Let's all get busy and do it. The Monitor is glad that Mr. Scruggs has filed. We hope some competent man will file for the legislature. Let's get into the game right.

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