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"NEGRO ANCESTRY;" WHAT OF IT?

An adroit appeal to American prejudice was made last week to defeat Senator Harding for the presidency by putting out a story that one of his ancestors had African blood in his veins, or, in other words, that he was of Negro ancestry. We are not told how remote such ancestry was. We strongly suspect that had his ancestry been traced far enough back it would have been found that the story was true; not only of Senator Harding, but of every man and woman wherever he may be found, who prides himself upon being and honestly believes himself to be "white." For Holy Writ states, and science verifies the statement, that "of ONE BLOOD God hath made all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, * * * and hath determined the bounds of their habitation." Just when this "one blood" parted from the parent stream and flowed into such diversified channels that it lost its original characteristics and became, for example, "Caucasian blood," of itself rich and ennobling, and "Negro blood," of itself poor and degrading, science has not yet unambiguously determined. Upon this important decision the world awaits with bated breath. Now since the story of Senator Harding's "Negro ancestry" was started by a learned professor in an Ohio college, it must be that he had in mind Harding's descent from Adam, whom many contend, with much to support their claim, that he was an African, and if not an African or "Negro," he was certainly not a white man, but a colored man, Adam or Adam meaning in Hebrew, dark or reddish. Then, too, it is contended by other learned savants that the Garden of Eden was in Africa. All of which would seem to bear out the learned professor's somewhat startling assertion, quite shocking to American ears, you know, that among Harding's remote ancestors, very remote, he means, were persons of "Negro blood."

But granting that it were true that not very far back among Harding's ancestors were persons of Negro blood, what of it? If, even granting that such a strain of blood is a mental and moral handicap, which, of course, The Monitor does not admit, he has risen in spite of it to eminence and usefulness, ought not that fact be taken as a credential of intellectual strength and moral worth which should be considered an asset rather than a liability?

Even were it true that Harding was of "Negro ancestry," there would be nothing to be ashamed of in that fact. The day will come even in the United States of America when men and women will point with pride to the fact that they are of "Negro ancestry;" because of its attestation to the truth that men of character and righteousness can rise superior to conditions that would hold them down and that after all the thing that counts is real manhood and womanhood, upright and upstanding.

McKELVIE'S RE-ELECTION

The Monitor is pleased with the re-election of Governor McKelvie. He made a clean, manly straight forward campaign. He had a hard fight on his hands and won out. He is to be congratulated and we believe that Nebraska is to be congratulated upon his re-election. We believe he gave us a good administration during his last term and will give us a much better one because of his past experience. It was for this reason that The Monitor supported him and we are gratified that those who look to The Monitor for advice stood loyally for Governor McKelvie and were not led astray by the seductive efforts to swing their votes to Judge Wray. Returns show, as The Monitor stated last week, that Wray could not be elected and that votes for him from our people meant votes for Morehead. Our people were not fooled and we believe that they will have no cause to regret having helped elect Samuel R. McKelvie.

THE ELECTION

As we go to press it is conceded that the republicans have swept the country with a victory that is unprecedented. It was very evident some weeks ago that the democrats knew they were beaten. The childish and petulant tactics to which they resorted was an admission of defeat as The Monitor maintained. The republican party should be gratified with the vote of confidence which it has been given by the American people. It has an opportunity, of which we hope it will avail itself, to retain a permanent place in the hearts of the people of this republic. We hope that it will rise to the dignity of the occasion. That our people played a tremendous part in this victory will, we believe, be cheerfully conceded. We are hopeful that in return for our services such constructive legislation as will safeguard our constitutional rights will be speedily enacted. We in common with other American citizens look hopefully forward to the stabilizing of conditions in this country which will make for greater and more permanent prosperity.

SUICIDE

SUICIDE or self-murder is a mortal sin. No one has any more right to take his own life than he has to take the life of another. The halo of glory and martyrdom with which many ecclesiastics of the Roman obedience would surround the late Mayor of Cork cannot conceal the hideous fact that his act was one of deliberate suicide. It was nothing else. His services for his people, cause and country cannot be compared to that of a soldier who volunteers for a hazardous undertaking with apparently certain death confronting him. They are not parallel cases. Mayor MacSwiney committed suicide. How then the Roman Catholic church law which forbids Christian burial to suicides could be suspended in his case has given rise to serious questionings in the minds of many. In the face of growing disregard for the gift of human life, manifested in many ways and in many quarters, there is no need for clear proclamation of the truth that suicide is a mortal sin and that suicides or self-murderers banish themselves from the presence of God, who has given them the gift of human life as a sacred trust which He will require at our hands.

THE Y. W. C. A. DRIVE

The Y. W. C. A. begins a drive Tuesday for a budget of \$70,000 to finance, for the coming year, the splendid work it is doing and undertaking to enlarge at five important centers in this city. One of these centers is engaged in a much-needed work among the young women of our

race. For this branch or center something like \$17,000 is needed. Something over half of this amount has been contributed by national headquarters of the Y. W. C. A., the central branch here and other sources, leaving about \$8,000 to be given by our people, a very small sum when divided among the total population of our group. This sum ought to be gladly and cheerfully overgiven. It ought to be considered a privilege to contribute to the welfare of our girl and young womanhood through the work of this organization. We are prosperous as never before. There are many men and women who can and ought to give sums ranging from \$100 down in this campaign. We hope everyone will respond to the appeal being made in this drive and esteem it a privilege to help carry on this good work for our young womanhood. GIVE and GIVE LIBERALLY for the work of the Y. W. C. A. Jar loose and come across and go over the top.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Frying

There are so many things that can come under this method of cooking that I will not take up much time with it. Sautéing is frying in very little fat, while deep fat frying is as its name implies, frying in deep fat. For deep fat frying the fat should be hot enough to brown a crumb of bread to a nice golden brown color in about one minute. Sixty seconds should be allowed for dough mixtures such as crullers, fritters, etc. Care in draining articles that have been cooked in deep fat is a thing to be very careful of, as otherwise the articles will be greasy and the result will not be satisfactory.

To mend a crack in the oven or range, mix equal parts of common wood ashes and salt with water and use as a filling, and you will find it to prove hard and lasting.

To prevent the odor of cabbage or cauliflower when cooking—put same on in cold water, and to prevent same from going through the house sprinkle a little cedar dust on the stove.

In breaking eggs for custards always take out the little white speck around the yolk, as it will prove very disagreeable to the taste and never cooks well.

If when making pastry you melt the butter or lard and beat to a cream before mixing with the flour only half the quantity is required.

Before using new enameled cooking ware grease same with a little butter. This prevents the enamel from cracking.

Next week will start a series of combinations of dishes with the idea in mind of showing those things which go best together. Watch for our Thanksgiving menus.

N. W. WARE, Attorney
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.
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his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 20th day of November, 1920, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 20th day of November, 1920, at 9 o'clock A. M. to contest the said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Douglas G. Russell or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.
BRYCE CRAWFORD,
County Judge.
3t-10-28; 11, 4-11-20

ED F. MOREARTY, Atty.,
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice to Non-Resident Defendant: To David F. Hazen, non-resident defendant:

Notice is hereby given that on the 2d day of August, 1920, Kate Maud Hazen as plaintiff, filed her petition in the district court of Douglas County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain an absolute decree of divorce from you on the ground that you have wantonly, cruelly and grossly failed, refused and neglected to support the plaintiff and her minor children, though amply able so to do. You are further notified that on the 3d day of November, 1920, leave to serve serve on you by publication was given the plaintiff by the judge of the district court of Douglas County, Nebraska. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 20th day of December, 1920.
KATE MAUD HAZEN.
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