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THINKING

THAT the press of the country is beginning to realize that the colored American is thinking hard these days along constructive lines is a rather encouraging sign. At last, it would seem, that the people of the dominant group are coming to the realization that the brother in black can really think and is thinking for himself. There has been great reluctance to make this concession. It has been taken too much for granted that we were incapable of thinking for ourselves, and that they who occupy the dominant place in American life should do our thinking for us. But recent articles in the leading magazines and newspapers of the country are calling attention to the fact that the colored American is capable of thinking and is thinking hard. Not only so, it is dawning upon them that the black or Negro races throughout the world are thinking. This is true. We are thinking. Many are. What is needed is more and more thinking. When a people or class begins to think, their emancipation draweth nigh. It is important that we think right, not in terms of narrowness but of broadmindedness. A heavy responsibility is laid upon those who guide and direct a people's thinking.

THE CHILDREN'S CODE BILL

THERE is a bill before the Nebraska state legislature which should be passed. It is the children's code bill and contains provisions for the protection, education and betterment of children. With all the particulars of the bill one may not fully agree, but the bill is sound in all essentials and should be passed.

LOBBYING

IT may impress one as rather remarkable that the National Association for the Advancement of Col-

ored People deems it advisable to interest itself in watching legislation at Lincoln. It is a wise precautionary measure. Certain legislation is proposed and may be enacted that may not be to our best interests and therefore it is expedient that we have on the ground people who will keep their eyes and ears open.

YELLOW JOURNALISM

SUNDAY'S edition of The Omaha Daily News which was sold on the streets Saturday night carried the great scare-crow headline, "Negro Terrorizes Shoppers." Searching through the columns for the story which would justify such a headline, it was discovered that a thief who happened to be a colored man had snatched several petticoats from a counter in the Burgess-Nash stores and, dashing through the aisles, escaped with his loot. Why the box-car headline of terrorization, if not to create adverse sentiment against the colored race? That is the effect of all such headlines and The Omaha Daily News should know it. This will impress the average reader as being yellow journalism for which Omaha has dearly paid.

BE COMPANIONABLE WITH YOUR CHILDREN

We wonder how many mothers try to be companions to their daughters and how many fathers seek to be chummy with their boys? This companionship will be beneficial to all concerned. It will help to keep mother and dad young and will make the boys and girls understand that father and mother are interested in all that concerns them—play, study, work. It is a good thing to learn to be companionable with one's children. Have you tried it?

SNYCOPATED SPASMS

THE BLUE LAWS

EVERY day in the paper we have occasion to take a slant at some article telling us that in some spot of this little old U. S. A., some dude or dudess is plastering the statute books all up with blue laws. Some claim that you must go to the lockup if you take a draw on the old corn cob; one grocer was handed a fifty roller fine because he sold some crackers, and in another instance a poke was landed on the jail lounge because he was shoveling the winter feathers off his front walk. What do you think about it? The only reason why we don't express ourselves effectively is because ladies have to read this here paper. Hot isn't any adjective for us to use. We aren't a degree short of absolute high temperature. We only hope that if the blue law brothers and sisters ever get the fatal swing, that they will jug everybody that even peeps on Sunday. Jug the preacher who preaches for his beans and bacon change on Sunday; jug the choir singers and the pipe organ plunker; jug the jay who tries to get out a Sunday paper; jug the telephony girl who tries to connect you up with your best girl on Sunday; jug the gas company and the electric light company for letting you have light on Sunday; jug the wife for cooking your meals on Sunday; jug the furnace for delivering heat on Sunday; jug the water faucet for spouting water on Sunday; in fact, jug everybody and everything. That's the only kind of a blue Sunday to have. If you are going to make it blue, make it a dark deep navy blue in a color that won't run. Them's our sentiments. We don't believe in doing anything half way. If you are going to do it, do it right. Maybe you might think this blue haze to things is a joke, but if you do you have an in a color that won't run. Them's our wild pumpkins in this country crazy enough to do anything and the only way to handle 'em is to dose 'em heavy on their own dope. Make 'em so blue that the ocean will become ashamed of itself and blush pink.

WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

WHITE TERROR IN THE SOUTH DEMOCRACY is festering in the southeastern corner of the United States. In no other part of this country is the right of a free born citizen to cast his ballot so brazenly and so brutally denied. In no other section is there so little faith that the will of the majority, expressed at the polls, will work itself out, somehow, into wisdom of action. Elsewhere, in other states, the spirit of violence flares forth fitfully in deeds of violent disrespect for the law and the rights of human beings under that law. But nowhere is it so general, so determined, and so maddened as in the southern states where the Negro came in slavery and is now denied the rights of citizenship that were granted him in the Fifteenth amendment.

The Ku Klux Klan has been revived in the south. The only real reason for the revival of that infamous organization is fear and hatred of the Negro and determination to keep him "in his place." Leaders of the organization deny this, but the actions of its members are proof enough that the Klan, organized to frighten the Negro in his newly freed childhood, is now active to terrorize him in his young manhood. In the New Republic's issue of January 12 is the frank recital of "Election by Terror in Florida," by Walter F. White—a graduate of Atlanta university, who has investigated thirty-six lynchings and five race riots in the last three years.

The south fears the Negro voter. It fears the Negro woman voters even more than the Negro men. The Ku Klux Klan exists to frighten these citizens into submissive voting or to keep them altogether away from the polls. On the night of October-30th, the Saturday before the national election, parades of the klans were advertised in many southern cities and towns—with intent to warn the Negroes. The parades did not frighten. Instead they acted as an incentive to bring to the polls many Negroes who might otherwise have been indifferent.

The Jacksonville Metropolis of September 16 carried the scare head: "Democracy in Duval County is Endangered by Very Large Registration of Negro Women." On election day at one polling place 4,000 Negroes were cheated of the right to vote; in Orange county Mose Norman was driven from the polls because it was generally considered he was too prosperous for a "nigger" and the result was a riot in which twenty houses, two churches, a schoolhouse and a lodge hall were burned, and from fifty to sixty Negroes killed; in Quincy a Negro physician was spat upon and threatened with death if he wined the sputum from his face—because he had advised others of his race to register and vote.

These are mepe indications of the situation in the south, a state of affairs that exists not because of actual crimes of the Negro, but because of white determination to prevent him from exercising his legal freedom. This south, whose material prosperity depends so greatly on the Negro, is drifting into spiritual bankruptcy, and unless the nation awakes to action its future will be even more terrible than its past.—San Francisco Call and Post, January 17, 1921.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 27.—The Nebraska branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held a joint meeting here Sunday. A legislative committee was appointed to use its influence against the passage of any legislation detrimental to Negroes. The Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice branches have a total membership of 1,650 white and colored folk.

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