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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.



CLEAN LIVING

TOO much stress cannot be laid upon the matter of clean living. We are beginning to learn how important it is to live in sanitary and clean surroundings. This is great advance. We need, however, to lay emphasis upon the necessity of men and women and of boys and girls keeping their bodies pure and clean. The sin of moral impurity and lax sexual relations is a serious menace of the day. Parents should wisely teach their children of the law of life and so protect them against pitfalls which they may avoid. Let us have clean living, not only as to our habitations and homes, but also as to our habits and morals. Clean living prolongs life and promotes happiness.

THE WISER COURSE

COLORED AMERICANS are not satisfied with their status. They would be wholly unworthy of American citizenship if they were. There are certain disabilities under which we suffer, in every portion of this land, although in some sections the burden of these disabilities is more grievous than in others. We have in mind civil disabilities affecting our rights as citizens. As examples of these grievances may be cited disfranchisement, Jimcrow cars, exclusion from public parks, which are, of course, confined to the Southland, and total or partial denial of civil rights in public places, such as hotels, restaurants, and theatres, which is all too common in the North. All such civil disabilities are in direct violation both of the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the United States, and therefore Colored Americans who are at all worthy of the name of citizens will never be satisfied until all the rights guaranteed them under the Constitution are by them enjoyed. Political and philanthropical optimists may cry "Peace"; but there will be no peace, either in the hearts of our group, or in the United States until these rights are freely and cheerfully granted. Because our people have chosen the better way, of quiet, organized, persistent protest and appeal to the better conscience of America, rather than that of revolution, should mislead no one as to the depth of our feeling of dissatisfaction over rights denied or as to the final outcome. The issue is certain. Either the people of the United States will ultimately grant full civil rights to all groups of American citizens or "Ichabod" will be written above Columbia's prostrate form. Our people have always assumed the right attitude. They have favored obedience to the government, wisely recognizing the fact that there can be no lasting progress where disorder and disruption prevail. They have been loyal and true and striven to do their full duty. This is spite of tremendous temptation to do otherwise. This is the attitude we must still maintain; but never ceasing to grow in worthiness of character, nor ceasing to protest against the denial of civil rights to which our worthiness of character as self-respecting, industrious, law-abiding American citizens entitle us. We cannot be, we must not be satisfied with anything less than the enjoyment of our full constitutional rights.

We shall gain these not by revolution but by the wiser course which we have always pursued of a direct appeal to the minds, the conscience and the sense of justice which lies latent in the hearts of the American people.

AN EXPLANATION

THERE has been much indignation among some subscribers, most of whom were delinquent, and from a few who were not to whom statements were sent by mistake, because they received notices from a collection agency that they were indebted to The Monitor Publishing Company for subscriptions. Many jumped to the conclusion that the Editor had placed these accounts in "the hands of a lawyer for collection." Neither the Editor nor the Business Manager did this, although the Monitor might have been better off if it had done so some months ago. The receiver for The Monitor, as ordered and authorized by the court, is trying to collect in ALL outstanding obligations to The Monitor Publishing Company. Our books and accounts are in his possession. He is obeying court instructions TO COLLECT, and he is the man who is doing this. His name is Earl A. Edwards. He is a fine fellow, trying to do his duty, and CONFIDENT that debtors to The Monitor will be so prompt and honest in paying what they owe that The Monitor will come through all right. In some few cases notices have been sent by mistake to persons whose subscriptions have not yet expired. This is regretted. Where this has been done, correction will be gladly made. It is rather strange that the people who do not owe, but received these notices, by mistake DID NOT GET ANGRY; but the folks who DO OWE and ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY OWE, are the ones who have called upon the Editor and raised or tried to raise injured protest. Now, if these good people will use the same energy in paying their indebtedness, and that is all that is being asked, that they have displayed in "calling down" the Editor, for putting their "account into the hands of a lawyer" all our hopes will be more than realized. Now to sum up, that our explanation may be fully understood:

The court has authorized Earl A. Edwards receiver for The Monitor Publishing Company to collect in ALL ACCOUNTS DUE from SUBSCRIPTIONS or ADVERTISING. In accordance with this he has sent notices to ALL DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS, and by mistake to a few who are not delinquent. If you OWE, you MUST PAY, no ifs, an's or but's about it. If you do not owe, then, of course, you do not have to pay. He is to use his discretion in making these collections, and follow whatever method or methods he finds most effective. Is this plain?

He is anxious to pull The Monitor through this crisis and put it on a paying basis, believes it can be done and is confident that debtors and friends of The Monitor will co-operate in doing this? Are you going to help or hinder?

The present editor is to continue, without any restraint or limitations of the editorial policy and general literary character of the publication.

With fullest and hearty co-operation upon the part of all parties concerned The Monitor will be able to continue its good work which it has striven faithfully to do for the community and race during its seven years' service.

Ask your grocer or merchant, if he does not, why he does not advertise in OUR NEWSPAPER.

NEGROES

By Dr. Frank Crane.

The Negroes last summer held a grand demonstration in New York and gave symptoms of standing up for their rights.

The Negro has been the most wronged figure in history. Compared to him, the Irishman has been, you might say, coddled.

For some reason he has always carried the white man's burden. For the white man is superior. He himself admits it.

White men have even circulated the story of Ham, son of Noah, that he made fun of his father who had got drunk and kicked off the covers. That may not have been nice of Ham, but it was hardly serious enough to warrant cursing his posterity for thousands of years.

Even in white folks' fiction the Negro gets the worst of it. Every time Robinson Crusoe meets Friday in the wilderness it is the black man who carries the wood and the white man who carries the gun.

The Negroes once lived in Africa, a large continent containing a fifth or sixth of the earth's area. There, according to the 14 points, they ought to have had some say as to how they were to be governed.

They never came over to bother the whites; the whites came over to bother them. They came as explorers, profiteers, slave dealers, rum peddlers, government officials an missionaries.

In their native land the Negroes lived at peace in the bosom of their families, under their palm trees, and played around in a costume which was much more rational for hot weather than any kind of clothes permitted in New Jersey.

They had their medicine men who chanted their own lingo, even as our talk Latin, and gave powdered elephant ears and grasshoppers' knees for bowel complaint, even as ours give their more expensive dope, and with about the same success. At least they all died after a while anyhow, even as our forefathers.

They had their little dances by torchlight under the trees, as we have our midnight follies atop the theatre.

They beat their tom-toms and wriggled their tum-tums, as also our jazz orchestras perform and our young folks shimmy and fox-trot.

They had their sorcerers and others whom they paid to humbug them, even as we have our own blatherskites.

They made war when they were hungry and needed food, fun and women. We make war for no reason at all, and do not even eat our foes.

It is a wonder Ham has stood for his abuse as long as he has.

He now protests against lynching, that is against being hung by amateurs and not professionals.

I am for Africa for the Africans, Ireland for the Irish, and New York for the Jews.

The Negroes are a happy, contented and lovable people, and have as much right to their place in the sun, and also in the shade, as white folks.

THE QUITTER

Fate handed the quitter a bump and he dropped—

The road seemed too rough to go so he stopped;

He thought of his hurt and there came to his mind,

The easier path he was leaving behind;

Oh, it's all much too hard, said the quitter right then,

I'll stop where I am and not try it again.

When the bump comes and fate hands you a jar,

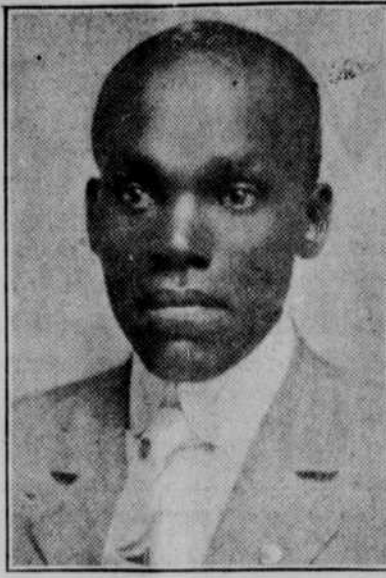
Don't baby yourself, boy, whoever you are;

Don't pity yourself and talk over your woes,

Don't think up excuses for dodging the blows,

But stick to the battle and see the thing through.

—The Buffalo American.



W. W. Moseley is the versatile correspondent of the Lincoln news column appearing in this paper. Please give him all news items you wish carried in the Monitor, by Tuesday noon of the week of issue.

THE MANAGEMENT.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Rev. A. J. McAllister returned from annual conference last week, he having been appointed to serve the Newman M. E. church here another year. Mr. Henry Robinson came over from Omaha and spent last Friday here shaking hands with friends. Mr. Robinson was formerly of Lincoln but lives in Oakland, Calif., now.

Mrs. J. Sherman Jones arrived in the city from Chicago Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. Laura Johnson.

Rose Croix Chapter celebrated Maundy Thursday at their hall Thursday night, continuing services on Easter morning, re-lighting the lights and partook of light breakfast.

Candlelight services were held at the A. M. E. church at four o'clock on Easter morning. A crowded house was present. Sunday school and program was held at 9:30. The pastor preached at 11. At night the choir rendered their Easter cantata. The day being ideal, a good crowd was out. At the Newman Sunday, Rev. A. J. McAllister preached. Other services were held in commemoration of the Risen Christ. The members are elated to have Rev. McAllister returned for another year.

At Mt. Zion Baptist church Easter devotional services at 5:30 a. m., with preaching, The Need of Baptism, by the pastor, Rev. Botts, at 6 o'clock. Baptizing of six persons at 6:30. Sunday school services at 9:30, and preaching by the pastor at 11:30. At 7 p. m. the several classes of the Sunday school rendered their little cantata, followed by the choir at 8 p. m., who rendered their beautiful musical cantata which the writer considers the best ever. Each member of the choir handled their parts well, especially Mrs. Odessa Patrick, Mrs. J. Beard, Mrs. B. Brooks, Miss Carmel Botts, Messrs W. L. Todd, T. L. Robinson, John Beard and the leader, Mr. J. E. Jeltz, who is hard to beat. The voices of the singers blended together making them sweet and harmonious, showing that hard work had been spent in rehearsing. Mr. Jeltz and the pianist, Mrs. Nettie McDonald, are to be commended. The day was an ideal one, and a large attendance greeted all services. The special offering was \$70.

Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt spent Easter Day with her husband in So. Omaha.

Rev. W. A. McClendon will be absent from the city next Sunday, April 23d. Rev. I. B. Smith will fill the pulpit in his stead.

The Social Club of the Masons gave a party in the Lindell Party House Monday night and to our surprise quite a number were in attendance.

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J. BOSTON HILL, M. D.

who expressed themselves as having had a fine time. Out of town guest was Mrs. J. Sherman Jones of Chicago. The committee announced the affair as a big success.

Mother Margaret Brown is much improved from recent sickness.

The Mission Society of Mt. Zion Baptist church will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiley, 1122 O Street, Tuesday, April 25, at 8 p. m. The society will hold a rally at the church the 30th of April. Rev. Troupe of Council Bluffs, Iowa, will preach for them at 3 p. m. Hear this wonderful young minister.

Subscribers of the Monitor are urged to remit for the paper.

NEW USE FOR PIGEONS

Forest Fire Fighters Find Them Efficient Assistants.

As Means of Quick Communication Between Ranger on Fire Line and Headquarters Carrier Pigeon Has No Equal.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The carrier pigeon has found a place for itself in the fire-fighting forces of the forest service. It demonstrated its worth this year in the Idaho national forest, and will be installed next year at all protective camps in that district. As a means of quick and certain communication between the ranger out on the fire line and headquarters, the carrier pigeon has no competition, reports from Idaho to the Department of Agriculture state.

One bird, after a preliminary course of training, was taken a rough trip by pack horse, kept overnight at its destination, and released the next day. This carrier was back at its coop at headquarters, 30 minutes after it was released, having covered 18 miles, air line, and flown over a high mountain. Its mate equaled the performance. Another, released at dusk from the bottom of a canyon, rose abruptly, crossed two high ranges and was at its coop before dark. A third, carried in a back pack into high peaks of the Buckhorn country, flew home within an hour, covering in that time a good day's journey for a man on horseback.

In the face of fire, this performance was equaled. The ranger took two birds to the spot where smoke had been located. The first bird carried instructions to send help. Not long thereafter the fire-fighters at the front had brought the blaze under control. The second bird was released, countermanding the first order. It reached headquarters just as the summoned assistance was about to start for the fire, and the message it carried not only gave welcome assurance of victory over the red peril, but saved a number of men from making a long and tedious trip through the forest.

IS MASTER AT ARMS



Mrs. M. E. I. Barron was recently appointed master at arms of the S. S. America. She can probably lay claim to the distinction of being the first woman aboard ship to hold such a position.

But There Are Such. A man must be excessively stupid as well as uncharitable who believes there is no virtue but on his own side.—Addison.

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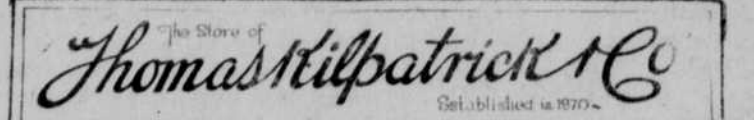
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