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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.



AMERICA'S REPROACH

SOME years ago Tristram Bey, the Turkish minister, upon leaving America flung this deserved taunt at the United States, "Turkey does not burn human beings at the stake." This was just subsequent to the burning of a black man at Paris, Texas, accused of a crime against a woman, but who died protesting his innocence. That was the same incident which evoked the comment from Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, that "dying men don't lie." We are reminded of these suggestive statements from representatives of civilizations which we account inferior to our own, by the fact that Texas has again been guilty of almost unbelievable barbarism by burning three human beings, in succession, to prolong the gruesome spectacle and amuse the depraved populace which gloated over the agony of the unfortunate victims, two of whom died with hymns on their lips and protesting their innocence to the last. One victim is said to have confessed, under torture, implicating two others. The sheriff doubted the guilt of two of the men. Two white men whose shoes fitted the footprints leading from the murdered girl's body, were in custody under suspicion when the Negroes were lynched, but were released after the "confession" of Curry and the subsequent lynching. The body of another black man, who is said to have said something against the lynching, was found swinging from a limb. Before the men were committed to the flames, they were mutilated and tortured. Remember that this manifestation of barbarism took place in a Texas hamlet in Christian America, in the shadow of a house of worship. Similar crimes against humanity and justice have occurred and are liable to occur in ordinarily well-governed American cities in almost any section. America must be delivered from the barbarism of the mob or she is doomed. In the light of this latest lynching why in heaven's name does the United States Senate delay in passing the Dyer Bill?

"Turkey does not burn human beings at the stake." No. Can America say as much? Why then should America bear this reproach when she has it within her power as a Christian nation to cast it from her?

ATTENTION, EX-SERVICE MEN!

AMONG our readers are many ex-service men. We wonder how many of these are taking advantage of the opportunity offered them by the government of securing vocational training. As we understand it, all who have been in any way incapacitated are entitled to compensation and vocational training. That is to say the government will pay them way through school and give them a certain sum of money to live upon. This sum, if we are correctly advised, runs from \$100 to \$145 per month, according to circumstances and the number of dependents. We know of only two Colored ex-service men of Nebraska who are taking vocational training. There may be others. There ought to be at least 100 from this state, nearly this number from Omaha alone. It may be that some have applied and been turned down or discouraged. If this be so they should try again. As a rule our people give up too quickly if things do not come just their way. We are too easily discouraged and conclude there is no use trying. This ought not be. Those who give up too quickly make mighty little progress in any line. We hope that all ex-service men who are entitled to government compensation and vocational training will insist upon getting it. The Negro War Veterans Relief Bureau is an agency which has been created to see that ex-service men of our race secure every right to which they are justly entitled. If you have been turned down or discouraged, give facts and data to the central bureau at Washington. The Monitor hopes that no ex-service man who is entitled to the privilege of taking training that will make him a more useful and independent citizen will permit his opportunity to pass.

WHY NOT NEBRASKA?

THE Monitor has peculiar views and decided convictions. We are unalterably and uncompromisingly opposed to the regnant view in the United States, that there must be two types of American citizenship, differentiated solely on the ground of color, namely white American citizenship, enjoying unlimited privileges, and black American citizenship, with limited privileges. This is the prevalent view upon which the people and the government act. Theoretically, no; practically, yes. This is fallacious and vicious; divisive and against national unity. Therefore, we are opposed to it both in theory and practice. We believe that the government should see to it, for example, that its ex-service men, irrespective of race or color, who desire vocational training, should be sent to the same schools, and they the best in the land. This is what should be done. But this is not being done; nor has the government the backbone or moral courage, it would seem, to do it. It is not deemed feasible or practicable. As a result many ex-service men of our race are being deprived of the training they should receive. "Placement training" is largely farcical, a camouflage and a sham. What is to be done? It is proposed to establish, as a practical measure to meet this practical difficulty, three well-equipped vocational training centers for Negroes or colored Americans. Infinitely better this than nothing, or the present inadequate and unsatisfactory methods. Two of these schools are to be in the South and one somewhere in the northwest. Since this is the plan, why should not Omaha make a bid for this school? If not Omaha, why not Nebraska? There is adequate land in this vicinity that could be acquired for such an institution. Why, for example, would not some place like Fort Crook, with its hundreds of acres, giving opportunity for training in agriculture, and the erection of buildings for various trades, be an ideal place? Here is a chance for the Omaha Chamber of Commerce to show what it can do in landing a desirable plum for Nebraska. If the government is seeking a suitable location for such a training centre somewhere in northwestern territory, why should not Nebraska try to land it? Why should not Nebraska's congressional delegation get busy on this job?

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR

The four million Americans who fought in France offered their all, not only to free civilization from its impending Hun menace, not only to protect the rights and property of Americans at home and abroad, on land and on sea, but to revenge the outrage on Belgium and to rescue our glorious sister republic, France, from the invasion on the part of the Teutons. But of the four million Americans there were four hundred thousand black Americans who fought over there, not only for these things abroad but for democracy at home. There was not a single black Yankee who suffered, who was gassed or wounded or who died, who did not, way back in the innermost recesses of his brain, cheerfully make his sacrifice because he was resolved to secure thereby for his people back home the thing called "democracy." While that was the thing for which they pledged their all, that is the very thing which the American people are forgetting. It is to the completion of this unfinished task before us as colored Americans that we must here highly resolve or they shall have suffered and sacrificed and died in vain. The American people for the most part do not as yet realize that their Colored fellow citizens want full democracy and are determined to have it. They do not realize that black men must have an equal opportunity in the industrial, civic and political life of the nation if this is to become a republic in fact as well as in name. Black America wants peace

in all these relations, but more than that, equality if they have to fight for it. Our Colored fellow citizens, too, have had the edge of this meaning of Memorial Day to them dulled. It is for them and their leaders to stand now as never before four-square for their rights. They cannot if they remain true to the faith of those who fought on Flanders field accept less. More than that they must not ask. To be prepared to play their part in American democracy they must prepare themselves and their children in education, in industry, in politics, in morals and in manhood. The Colored people must see to it that their leaders do not sell them for a miserable mess of pre-election or post-election pottage. Their political leaders must not pussyfoot nor temporize upon their franchise nor their right to hold office, elective or appointive. In all the agencies of government, in every institution, federal, state and municipal, which has for its purpose the promotion of the educational, physical or moral welfare of the people, black Americans must have, not only the untrammeled and recognized right to enter as other citizens, but preceding and guaranteeing that right full representation in its official personnel. To live for these things and to die for them if necessary is the duty of Colored America at this hour.—New York News.

THANKS FRIENDS

2418 Binney St., May 8.
 Editor Monitor: I was not aware that my name had been presented in your popularity contest. Since I have so little time to devote to winning, I would like to withdraw. I thank all of my friends who have so kindly supported me. Sincerely yours, Frances D. Gordon.

Owls in Old University City.

Owls, as is proper in the case of birds of such renowned solemnity and secluded habit, have always exhibited a particular liking for Oxford university. Recently they have established a new colony in the ivy-covered walls of the Bodleian library and the Tower of the Five Orders, in the Old Schools quadrangle. Members of the library staff now occasionally find relaxation from their duties by releasing the young birds which find their way down to the pavement of the quadrangle and are unable to fly up to their nests.

Brains of Lower Animals.

All animals have some form of brain and nervous system, which in the horse and other higher animals approximates the human brain. As compared with the human brain, those of animals are deficient in reasoning power but in other ways their intelligence is very marked.

Origin of "Brazil."

The country Brazil derived its name from a red dye wood which abounds throughout the land. The Portuguese called the wood "brazo," which means a live coal, and Brazil is the form of the word applied to the whole country.



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Puzzling.
 A gentleman of foreign birth, recently in Indianapolis, was telling a party of friends some of the difficulties encountered in mastering our language. "Now, for instance," said he, "you say b-o-u-g-h spells bough. Then c-o-u-g-h spells cough. According to the pronunciation given bough, if I should have a severe cold, would I say I had a cough in my chest?"

The Privileged Ones.
 "The middle class of citizenship usually has the hardest time," said the economic investigator. "Yes," replied Mr. Chuggins. "The man whose status in the scale of wealth is midway between the private car and the flivver is the only one who can't keep touring so as to spend every summer in Florida and every winter in Maline."

A Scratched Record.
 One day recently Mary Birdella, age ten, and her sister, Harriet Jane, age five, were visiting their grandmother, whom they call mamma. Mary Birdella was singing to one of her dolls when mamma joined in on the refrain. Harriet Jane looked up and said, very soberly, "Aw, mamma, your record's scratched."

SURELY DESERVED HER FATE

School Teacher's Flippancy More Than Summer Student Could Be Expected to Stand.

She was a school teacher and he a four-button model summer student. He had just finished a graphic description of how a friend of his had been struck in the eye with a golf ball and nearly lost his sight. It was a delightful moonlight evening and as they strolled through the campus he had grown eloquent in the details of the terrific drive, the whir of the ball through the air and the audible crash as it struck his companion full in the face. Then he followed up with a description of the blood and pain and a couple of subsequent major operations and paused to light a cigarette while he left the effect to sink in. They moved slowly on for a few moments and then she suddenly looked up at him.

"Gee," she murmured, "I'll bet that boy had a black eye!"
 The janitor found her remains in the frog pond the next morning.—Kansas City Star.

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