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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.



MEMBER OF THE NAACP

DEMAGOGIC TACTICS

It is to be regretted that a man of the intellectual ability and high character of Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock should be guilty of demagogic tactics to win the German vote. His vitriolic speech, delivered in the Senate last week, urging that the American government bring influence to bear upon France to have her withdraw her African troops from the Rhine, is demagogic through and through, having no other purpose than to placate and regain, if possible, the German vote in Nebraska in his struggle for re-election. As a staunch admirer of Senator Hitchcock, we regret more keenly than we can express, to see him thus assume the role of the demagogue. True to the role he is playing he makes an adroit appeal to race prejudice by accusing black men of sex crimes against white women, quoting in defense of his unproven accusation, "reports of American travelers and letters from American tourists," and from a document of ancient vintage and more doubtful veracity.

Assuming for the sake of argument that these alleged reports and rumors are proof as strong as Holy Writ and that the statistics quoted by Senator Hitchcock are accurate, "the black African troops of France, whether Negroes or Sengese," to quote the Senator's rhythmic phraseology, show a pretty high standard of sex-morality. With several thousand quartered in Germany the report says there have been, presumably within a year, perhaps a longer period, for Senator Hitchcock is rather vague as to the time embraced, "forty cases of attempted assault; seventy cases of accomplished assault; twenty cases of sexual misdemeanor of various other kinds, and seven cases of crimes against boys."

We regret to say that if Senator Hitchcock will compare Nebraska's record for alleged crimes of this nature for a like period with that of the black colonial French troops in Germany, he will not feel at all flattered by the comparison.

We do not pretend to say that sex-crimes are not found among black troops, as well as among white troops, but in the face of indubitable evidence which forces itself upon the impartial observer, we are tired of the damnable libel, which demagogues delight to huckster that a black skin is prima facie evidence of an irrepressible animosity which makes its possessor dangerous to a civilized community. It is against this propaganda to which Senator Hitchcock has lent his influence that we protest.

Senator Hitchcock has always received a good number of votes from the colored people of this state, despite his party affiliations. With the growing political independence of our people there is no doubt but that he would have received much more favorable consideration than hitherto, but his apparent willingness to adopt Vardaman methods with "the black African troops of France, whether Negroes or Sengese" as the pawn, has driven from him any support he might have received from our group in Nebraska. He wants the German vote and is playing for it. He may get it, but Germans are pretty observing people. Like Hamlet, they know a hawk from a handsaw.

CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

TWENTY-NINE Thousand children it is said entered the Omaha schools Tuesday. What a vast army! What wonderful potentialities do they represent! This vast army is to be trained for useful citizenship. It is important that the men and women who are in charge of these children shall represent the wisest, fairest and broadest-minded citizenship. In the light of this fact our people ought to be interested in electing to the State and County Superintendent men of this type. Do not think that the office of State or County Superintendent is unimportant. It is most important. The inception, direction and adminis-

tration of a wise and liberal educational policy for the children of all citizens is vital.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK

THERE are very strong indications that nationally the race vote is going to make itself felt as never before. The well organized work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with its half million membership has wielded an influence that many doubting Thomases deemed impossible. The slogan "Stand by those who are right on the Dyer Bill," has been a powerful factor in primary elections in many communities. Hiram Johnson of California received practically the unanimous vote of our people in California. Intelligent organization and united action count. Our vote is becoming more intelligent, independent and united year by year. Party lines sit lightly upon us. We are demanding recognition and service and are learning to throw our vote where we can receive these.

STRIKES AND THE NEGRO

STRIKES bring at least temporary advantages to the Negro industrially which ought to become permanent. They give him an opportunity to do work, from the necessity of the case, which ordinarily the employer says he cannot do without even giving him a chance to try. Funny, isn't it? No, not funny, but tragic, to simply look at a man and conclude he cannot do a thing without giving him a trial. We have mechanics who only need a chance. In a Minneapolis railway shop there was a colored helper. In fact he was a skilled mechanic, but his employers would not believe him. They would take him as a helper. Something went wrong with the machinery. The helper fixed it. Astonishment reigned. Something else went wrong. The foreman asked, "Can you fix it?" "Yes," said the helper, and he did. He has been promoted. When the strike ends will this mechanic who has demonstrated what he can do be retained? He ought to be, but will he? The strike has brought him temporary advantages, will they be permanent so long as he makes good?

LETTER FROM OUR READERS

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 4, 1922.
Rev. John Albert Williams,
Editor "The Monitor",
1119 North 21st Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:
We the members of the Bachelor Benedict Club hereby wish to call your attention to the dance to be given at the Krug park dance pavilion, September 11th and 12th, under white management as an emancipation celebration.

It has become decidedly necessary that we take some action in this matter on account of all colored organizations having been refused the privilege of managing this dance.

It is not our purpose to attack the emancipation celebration but to call your attention to the fact that the dance concession has been let to a white man.

Therefore, as a body we do not endorse such action and ask you and your friends to support us by not attending this dance.

Very truly yours,
BACHELOR BENEDICT CLUB
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Leroy A. Richardson, Secretary.

COLORED FIRE COMPANY FORMED IN PENNA. TOWN

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 8.—Penllyn, a little suburb near here, has burst into print with a unique, thoroughly practical innovation.
A fire company, composed entirely of colored firemen, has been organized to succeed the white company, whose work, it is reported, has not been of the best.

WHITE HAS CALL FOR THE SEASON

Vogue for the Color is More Pronounced Than Ever Before; It is a Fad.

FOR GOWNS, COATS AND HATS

Snowy Attire is in Evidence With All Kinds of Women's Wear—Fashion Draws the O. K. of Paris Society.

Every one has a natural leaning toward white when summer comes on. But the vogue, asserts a fashion writer in the New York Times, for that color this year is much more than a natural tendency. It is a passion. It is a fad. It is a necessity, indeed. If you wish to be classed at all in the circles of smartly dressed women. And who does not, pray tell?

This summer the evening dresses are white, the afternoon dresses are white, the morning dresses are white,



White Suit of Homespun, Marmot Trimming on Collar and Cuffs.

the suits are white, the coats are white, the capes are white. There is no article of attire that escapes the general mode. And really there are more stunning things being done in white than have been made in all the other colors put together.

Travelers returning from Paris bring back the news that everything is white there, too. One society woman drew from her trunk of Parisian clothes no less than four dresses of all white. "Well," she said, "what else could I do? They had nothing but white, and the French designers were out to despise you if you dared to choose anything else in the way of color."

When you are stricken with the prevailing tendency of white you will find all sorts of compensation, for there are beautiful things to be had in that medium. And it seems, that the color, if it may be called a color, has stepped away from the field of suitability only for certain types. Indeed, there is about it an adaptability to all types of which you would hardly have suspected it.

The Color Problem.

There is much value in the way that white is handled and the question is whether to relieve it with a touch of black or color or whether to leave it with nothing but its own blank surface to make it notable. Then there is the problem of the quality of material, for there is all the difference in the world between the thick, woolly white and the thin, silky white. One type can stand one and another type looks well in nothing but the other. It is on this ground that you must make your decision, and to that end it is necessary to study yourself from an entirely new angle and learn just what you can stand in the way of white and just what will throw you into the background, as it were.

An evening dress of white when, though this particular model came from Paris, illustrates a fashion which is most successful and popular right here. It is made of white moire and this particular model has its edges and its bouffant side drapery faced with cloth of silver. There are a stiffness and a pertness about the draping of this heavy silk which are entirely new and which have reached a rare degree of smartness. And when it is done in white it is most particularly effective. One cannot make a mistake by choosing a dress of this character. And, if one should live to regret the day of purchase, there is always the dye shop, which will transform it for you in the twinkling of an eye, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say, at the end of six weeks.

The Thing of the Moment.

The white suit has reached the acme of its expression and, for city or country wear, it is the thing of the moment. The thrilling thing is to see how many different styles are applicable to white and how many varying materials adapt themselves to the

PROF. KERLIN ACCEPTS POSITION AT SCHOOL

New York, N. Y., Sept. 8. Professor Robert T. Kerlin whose open letter of protest addressed to the governor of Arkansas against the execution of the twelve colored men convicted in connection with the Phillips county riots of October, 1919, led to his dismissal from the Virginia Military Institute, has recently accepted the headship of the department of English at the State Normal School at West Chester, Pa.

"BROADWAY FLAPPERS" AT THE GAYETY THEATRE

Rube Bernstein, produced of the musical burlesque coming to the Gayety theatre Sunday matinee at 3:00 for the usual two daily performances, has hit upon a fruitful topic for funmaking in the "flappers"—that peculiar species of young girlhood that has kept tongues wagging, cartoonists busy and paragraphers writing for many months. Bernstein's "Broadway Flappers" will, it is declared, get every ounce of fun of the foibles of the flapper as we know her and as the lampoonist would make her. From her bobbed hair to her rubber-tired shoes the flapper will be pictured and paraphrased in numerous comedy scenes.

"The Flappers Review", opening burlesque in a show of specialties, burlesque and scenic attractiveness, will parade flappers of every kind in a panorama of comic incidents. It is said that Walter Brooks, who produced the ensembles and dance numbers, has devised many novelty incidents for both the first-part and the after-piece, "Finale Hoppers on Trial". Entertainment matters will return to normalcy during the interval of vaudeville that separates the buffonery of the two-act musical portions when six specialties will enliven further a fast-moving melange of color and cavortings.

Jack Hunt, last seen with the "Bathing Beauties", is the featured actor in burlesque and vaudeville interludes. Hunt is a tramp comedian and in getting fun out of the occasion will be assisted by Clyde Bates, character comedian; Major Johnson, a midget entertainer; Jimmie Hamilton, leading man; Victor Kaplan, light comedian, and Aaron and Kelly, featured steppers in varied styles of dance, who created a positive furore on Broadway all summer in the all-colored musical show, "The Plantation Revue".

Principal actresses in support of Mae Dix, the featured soubrette, who, incidentally was last season prominent in Follies of the Day, will be Rose Ford, prima donna; Winnie Phillips, leading woman; Shirley Mallette, ingenue, and the Gilbert Sisters, acrobatic dancers. Most of these ladies, besides contributing effective specialties, will be called upon to lead the cohorts of the ballet in dancing numbers or musical scenes.

The management promises a wealth of special scenery and some dazzling effects in lighting and staging the numbers and in producing the burlesque. It is said that the costuming of principals and chorus will also disclose some eye-filling combinations. Saturday night the curtain rises at 8:00.

NATIONAL COLORED LEAGUE TEAM TO PLAY IN OMAHA

Omahans will have a chance soon to see one of the fastest colored teams in the baseball world. The Kansas City Monarchs are known as such and they are scheduled to play here Sept. 16th and 17th against the South Omaha Merchants and the Townsend Sporting Co.

The Monarchs are members of the National Colored League, an organization including teams from Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Detroit, Cincinnati Pittsburg and Cleveland. Most of the members of this club play winter ball in California, where they play clubs composed of major league stars. Many of the players have batting averages which would be envied by even the best men of the major leagues.

Bullet Rogan and Rube Currie share the pitching honors. They will be supported by a group of other nationally known players.

SOME FACTS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Negroes own twenty-five million acres of land, an area equal to that of Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

There are more than 500 colleges and normal schools and nearly forty-three thousand Negro churches.

There are thirty-eight or more insurance companies operated by Negroes. Eight of these companies are located in the state of Georgia.

The property of Negroes in Georgia is assessed at more than \$47,000,000. These Negroes pay taxes on 1,664,368 acres of land.

Negroes bought more liberty bonds in proportion to their wealth than any other element of American citizenship.

The Bureau of Education reports, that while white illiterates in the United States amount to 5,500,000 and are increasing, colored illiterates have decreased from 3,150,000 in 1880 to 2,227,731 in 1910.

The value of Negro church property is \$85,900,000.

Ex. Sen. John P. Green, a Negro, was the author of the first bill passed by any State making Labor Day a holiday. He is a practicing lawyer of Cleveland, O. The first Labor parade was held by the Knights of Labor in New York City, Sept. 5, 1882. It is now recognized as a legal holiday throughout the U. S.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. J. J. Jones, who formerly practiced on the South Side, has recently finished a course in the University of Nebraska Dental College, Lincoln, and has re-opened for business at Twenty-fourth and Seward streets. Phone Webster 4314.

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