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FACING THE FUTURE

THE NEW YEAR has just begun. We are therefore facing its future with all that it has in store for us individually, collectively, racially and nationally; yes, and internationally, for it is gradually dawning upon our consciousness that the whole world is kin. The truth of the solidarity, the oneness of humanity is becoming more and more evident. This is in reality the solid fact upon which Christianity is founded and rests. It is because humanity is one that the world's Redeemer assumed human nature, homo factus sum, became man. This is the Christmas message still ringing in our ears and giving us the keynote of the new-born year. And so in thinking of the opportunities and possibilities of the year upon which we have just entered we should consider them with the broad outlook of all humanity. The chief point with each one of us should be, how may I make my life count for the most so that the world may be the better for my having lived in it. If this be the dominant thought with which we face the future it is quite clear that it will place all we do upon the high plane of the public good. This will move us to be industrious, considerate, kindhearted and neighborly, taking advantage of every opportunity to improve ourselves along all lines that we may render more intelligent and efficient service wherever our duties call us. Starting with the right perspective and dominated with the desire and determination to do our best we can face the future with faith, confidence and assurance that we shall reap abundantly of the things which we have sown.

BEARING FRUIT

INTELLIGENT agitation against mob-murder, commonly called lynching, is bearing fruit. Statistics show that the known lynchings last year were fifty per cent less than those of the preceding year. The figures for 1922 are fifty-seven and for 1923 twenty-eight, a fraction less than one-half. Moreover it is noteworthy that there were forty-six cases in which the officers of the law prevented mob-murders. This proves the position that we have always taken that lynchings can be prevented in nearly every case if sworn officers of the law will only do their duty. As usual nearly all the victims of the mob belong to the colored race, twenty-six of the twenty-eight being of this race. It is to be hoped that the time will soon come when America can point to a clean record and take her rightful place among the civilized nations of the world with her escutcheon purged from every stain of mob violence and mob-murder. Agitation and education must continue until this be brought to pass.

HAVE FAITH IN COOLIDGE

SOME of our contemporaries are very much disturbed by the fact that President Coolidge in his first message to Congress stated that the matter of racial adjustments in their final analysis belong to the respective local communities. They look upon this statement as a sop to the South. But granted that it is which we do not admit, is it not true? The ultimate solution of all misunderstandings must be worked out in one's own household, one's own community.

CARPING CRITICISM

CONSTRUCTIVE criticism is always welcomed and should be welcomed by broad-minded people, charged with responsibility who are anxious to obtain the best results; but there are people who seem to take delight in criticizing everything and everybody for the mere sake of criticism. Carping criticism butters no parsnips. If you have cultivated this habit cut it out.

JACK FROST ARRESTED

NEW YEAR'S DAY mercury touched nine degrees below zero in Omaha. A real cool spell, thank you, Omaha police officers arrested Jack Frost when they found sleeping off a jag of choice booze in a snow bank. He was taken to jail to sleep off his

drunk. Tuesday the weather moderated. And some would have us believe that Omaha's police force don't get good results.

ADAM McMULLEN A CANDIDATE

Adam McMullen of Beatrice filed as a republican candidate for governor Dec. 22 and made a statement in which he says he believes that he is, in a sense, obligated to become a candidate, that he stands ready, in return for educational advantages in business and in agricultural opportunities, to render back to the state any service he can perform, that the hopes and problems of the farmer are his own. He does not pledge himself to work miracles. His pledge is the same he made to the people in the past campaign, that if nominated and elected, wherever through his recommendation or official action the burden of taxation can be lessened or the condition of the state improved in any way, it will be promptly done.

THE TEN MUSICAL SPILLERS

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A visit to Columbia Burlesque at the popular Gayety theatre next week should be planned by lovers of light entertainment and admirers of pretty girls. "Giggles" is the name of the attraction scheduled for the week and its producers give assurance in advance that this title only half conveys the amount of fun that will be found in its nine attractive scenes. It is reported from other cities where "Giggles" has played, that while there are plenty of giggles as the show proceeds, there are lots more real hearty laughs. Producer Levitt, Harry Evanson and William Davis, the authors of the book, have striven for comedy and are declared to have been unusually successful. An organization that knows how to get the most out of the amusing lines and situations is said to have been assembled. St. Clair Dotson and Millard McCann, colored steppers are tangle-foot dancers of the first water. This aggregation of fun makers is headed by Harry Evanson the featured comedian and includes William Davis, Joe Lang, Sid Rogers, Olive DeCovney, Mildred Simmons, Kitty Warren, the Burley Symphonists and La Penty and Kaney, Harry Evanson is well known to local theatregoers as a boob comedian and is said to be funnier than ever. William Davis, a very clever sraight man, is the foil for Evanson's comedy undertakings.

Kitty Warren is noted in the world of entertainment for her impersonations of male types as well as for the facility and grace of the style of entertaining she does as a singing and dancing soubrette. Sid Rogers and Joe Lang are character comedians who will assist Harry Evanson in perpetuating waves of laughter to the last ripple. The world famous Ten Musical Spillers, the razziest, jazziest bouquet of colored artists who ever rolled into town on car wheels, is an added feature.

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MENT OF CENTER OF COLORED POPULATION

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—It has been given out by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, that the new center of Negro population is near Fishing Fawn, Ga. For the first time in its history, it is said, this center has moved to the

northeast, its former movements having been in a southwesterly direction. Says the Bureau: "The present northeasterly movement was due principally to the great increase in the Negro population of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. The total increase in the Negro population of the United States was 635,368 and the increase in the Northern States, noted was 56 per cent of the total increase. This hegrira North of the Negro population was due mainly to the expansion of certain industries during the World War. It is probably true that this movement has been continued due to the reduction of the cotton crop and the demand for common labor at higher wages in the North."

BALL FOR ACTORS

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