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ARTICLE XIV. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

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MOTHER'S DAY

THERE are still those who look askance at the church calendar which recognizes certain fasts and festivals, days commemorative of events in the earthly life of Christ and of his saints and martyrs. But Americans, with wonderfully inconsistency, are making a calendar of their own. They are calling upon the ministers to observe "Tuberculosis Sunday", and "Civic Betterment Sunday", and "Hospital Sunday", and "Health Sunday", and "XYZ Sunday" ad infinitum.

There is one addition to the American hagiography with which all of us can find no fault. And that is the observance of "MOTHER'S DAY". Fundamentalist and modernist, orthodox and unorthodox, can all worship at the shrine of Mother. The national riveting of attention on one day devoted to Mother cannot but have a beneficial effect upon those who are inclined to be forgetful of Mother through the stress of business, pleasure or shall we say indifference, throughout the other days of the year. While honoring Mother on "Mother's Day" let us seriously ask ourselves how we are honoring our mothers, if living by our making their load lighter now and if they have passed into the larger life of the land that is far away and yet so near, by living the lives they would have us live. God bless the mothers of the land and may their children repay their sacrifice, their love and care by reverencing and loving them every day in the year.

THE SENTIMENT BACK OF IT

AN UNFORTUNATE case of neglect by the police of Lexington, Ky., of a prominent and respectable woman who, becoming stricken with illness on the street, was arrested as a drunk, thrown into a cell, where she died unattended and without medical attention, will no doubt have the salutary effect, so far as that city is concerned, of making the police more careful in seeing that medical care is given to unconscious people. In many cities, and they are not confined to the South, there is the disposition to take it for granted, particularly where colored people are concerned, that a person who falls on the street or who acts in a dazed condition, is under the influence of liquor or dope.

We do not want to charge the police of Lexington with being wontonly inhumane, but we cannot but feel that had it not been for the aptitude of the people of that section to regard Negroes with indifference, if not contempt, they would not have treated this gentle neatly dressed woman as inhumanly as they did. The neglect of giving this unconscious woman medical attention is undoubtedly inexcusable. It is directly traceable to that regrettable sentiment so strong in various places in the United States expressed in the contemptuous phrase, "Oh, he's only a damn nigger; what difference does it make?" And this unworthy, unchristian sentiment so rampant in this country will cause repetitions of such occurrences as this which the mayor and city commissioners of Lexington, Ky., publicly and officially deplore, in almost any city in America. Such a sentiment as this spreads its miasmatic influence over a large proportion of the population and dulls the finer sentiment

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

people of good character to reside in what some call "a white man's town".

We hope that Federal authorities will be consistent and see that signs of this character referring to colored American citizens are also removed and that all citizens, black and white, are protected everywhere.

As a symptom of a growing spirit of retaliation the Boley incident is instructive. "What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." Will the tide rise or subside?

GREETINGS!

To the Mothers at the Colored Old Peoples' Home

Thinking of Mothers' Day I wanted to send greetings of cheer to the mothers in the Colored Old Peoples' Home through the papers for since I know there have not a son or daughter to comfort them on that day. Dear mothers, we are thinking of you though you are old and some feeble. Yet we are praying for you and knowing that you are cared for through the providence of God and believe you are thankful for such a splendid home to live in and we hope that you will live on for many years to enjoy it. We send greetings to both mothers and fathers. I could not speak of the Home without thinking of the wonderful spirited woman, Mrs. Martha Smith, the mother of the Home, the founder also. Too much could not be said about her if I had space to write it, but I must say God will add many stars in her crown for such a spirit for making it possible to care for the aged mother. May you live long and continue to help and care for the mothers for a star will be added for every mother you place there.

—A Well Wisher.

ROOSEVELT POST AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD CARNIVAL

Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion, will hold a carnival from May 20 to May 31st at Twenty-fourth and Grant streets, for raising funds to help entertain the great national American Legion Convention to be held in Omaha in October. This convention will bring hundreds of thousands of legionnaires and visitors to Omaha. Among them will be several hundred colored members and visitors. It will devolve upon the Theodore Roosevelt Post to do its share in helping to provide entertainment and hospitality for these visitors. They need money to do it. This carnival, offering many attractions, is to raise money for this purpose. It should be generously patronized. The committee on arrangements is Dr. J. A. Singleton, R. L. Williams and Frank Blackwell.

BRIEFS

(Columbian Press Bureau)

Business is business and a wise man reorganizes whenever it is necessary.

Spinach raised on twenty acres brought a New Jersey-colored truck farmer \$12,500 during the season.

In North Carolina 64.2 per cent of the colored children 7 to 20 years of age attend school.

Probably the nine colored residents of Florida who were born in Alaska prefer flea bites to frost bites.

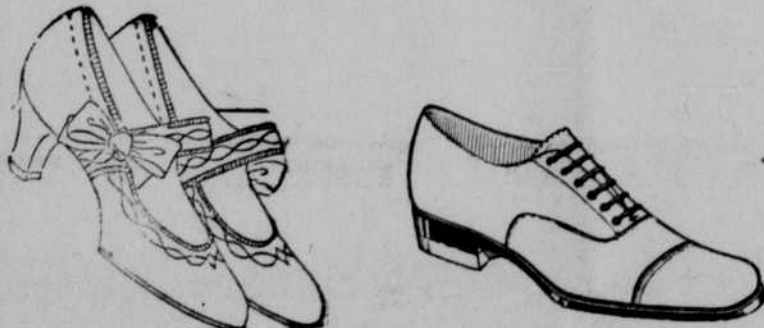
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