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THE PATHWAY TO DISASTER

ATTORNEY H. J. Pinkett wrote a thoughtful and most commendable article on the recent Klan parade in Washington, D. C., which was published in the "Public Pulse" section of the World-Herald Tuesday morning.

Mr. Pinkett's logical and thought-compelling article will undoubtedly commend it to the favorable consideration of thousands of World-Herald readers, and we are glad that he wrote it. Such calm, candid and unimpassioned articles from writers of our race cannot be too helpful. For the benefit of our readers we herewith reprint Mr. Pinkett's letter, and commend it to their thoughtful perusal. Here it is:

August 8, 1925.

Editor Omaha World-Herald:
The news columns of the daily papers this morning convey the intelligence that in the Capitol of the Nation, Washington, D. C., fifty thousand Knights of the Order of the Ku Klux Klan will parade down Pennsylvania avenue today.

The apparent purpose of the demonstration in the nation's capitol is to show by weight of numbers, the political power of the organization.

Surely, if Washington, and Lincoln, and Roosevelt, and Wilson, who suffered so much, and gave so much, to advance the cause of human brotherhood, could see and know what is passing today in the capitol they knew and loved they would bow down in grief at such a spectacle. For the announced principles of this organization are the opposite of the American ideal. They would array man against man, woman against woman, and child against child; and, of a united nation, composed of all races and creeds, they would make a land of suspicion and mistrust, and hate, and, maybe, a land drenched again in fraternal blood.

Must we admit that the great American experiment in Democracy has ended in failure? This question must necessarily give concern to all men and women who love and serve their country.

What would it profit America, if the Klan principles should prevail for a time? They would necessarily deny the equality of opportunity to certain races and creeds and would teach the lesson to them of hate and oppression, and at some future date the oppressed elements might gain the sceptre of power and in turn apply the lesson which they had learned to their fellowmen. This condition would not advance the cause of our country or the interests of civilization itself.

If civilization in America and the world is to endure and progress, it can only do so on a basis of justice and the principles of brotherhood laid down by "The Man of Sorrow." And she must have, to achieve her high destiny, a rededication to the American ideals of liberty, fraternity and equality. We cannot endure "half slave and half free," whether our action be in the physical, economic, political, or religious sphere.

The colored people of America who have suffered most and who have given most for their country, earnestly hope that the day is dawning when hate, and prejudice, the child of ignorance, and its handmaiden, shall be banished from our land, and in their places shall be erected the standard of justice and liberty and equality.

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."

GOOD WORK, COMMISSIONER NOYES

THE MONITOR desires to compliment Dean Noyes, Commissioner of Streets, for his good work in keeping Omaha streets clean, even in outlying districts. Keep the good work up. It is easy to find fault when commissioners neglect their work and to forget to commend when and where commendation is deserved.

IMPORTANT NEWS—RUSH!

By William Pickens
(For The Associated Negro Press)
Dempsey will fight Harry Wills somewhere, somehow, somewhere,—in the east or the west or the north or south,—in New York or somewhere else,—under "Tex" Rickard's promotion or under that of somebody else,—in 1926 or 1936,—probably, perhaps, and MAYBE.

The fight is always "next year." It is always just twelve months from NOW.

This is fresh "news" all the time. Once upon a time the audience laughed when the chairman announced: "We have just received some important news,—if true"....

One thing we may assert with reasonable confidence: That "Jack" Dempsey will fight Harry Wills if and when he is compelled to do so by public pressure and boxing commissions. But not otherwise nor otherwise.

BRIEFS

(Columbia Press Bureau)
Customs officers at New York have seized a tapestry rug with the design of a one-dollar bill on it, including pictures of Grant and Lincoln.

A scientist in Switzerland claims to have invented a cement that holds machinery on floors.

When the prize-winning "Golden Brown Beauties" reach Washington they will see hundreds of other bobbed hair Cleopatras.

There is more rice eaten than any other grain in the world, wheat occupying second position.

The total Boy Scout membership is 601,130, and the adult leaders 166,354, making a grand total membership of 767,484.

KILL OFF USELESS WILD HORSES TO MAKE HOG FEED

Stockmen Favor New Plan as Solution of Range Problem in Eastern Washington.

Olympia, Wash.—The apparent success of an experiment in converting horse flesh into hog feed has given rise to the hope among eastern Washington stockmen that a practical means has at last been found to rid worthless wild horses, declares Harold Dobyns, field leader for the biological survey, who returned recently from a coyote hunting trip in Benton county. Cattle men and wool growers have long considered the horses a menace to the live stock industry, since the animals, described locally as "knotted Cayuses," place an added burden on the none too abundant range.

In recent months, Mr. Dobyns said, an enterprising individual has established a slaughter-house and hog-feed plant at Plymouth, on the southern border of the Horse Heaven country, long famous as its name implies as a horse range. The horses are purchased at an average price of about \$3 a head, which while low, enables the owners of the long-neglected ponies to realize a profit by rounding up their otherwise valueless animals, and the supply has so far kept pace with the demand.

The slaughter-house is modern in every respect, Mr. Dobyns said, and none of the carcasses is wasted. The flesh is cooked with corn and other cereals for hog feed, and hides bring about \$2 each, or nearly the cost of the horse, while the bones are disposed of to fertilizer plants at a price said to average \$15 a ton. The hogs are shipped in, fattened and then reshipped to the markets. Approximately 600 hogs are fed at a time, while there is always a supply of horses awaiting slaughter in the corral. When the supply of cheap horse flesh is exhausted at Plymouth, the slaughter-house will be dismantled and moved to other fields.

Kentucky Boy, 11, Wins National Spelling Prize

Washington.—Frank Neuhauser, an eleven-year-old schoolboy of Louisville, Ky., is the national juvenile spelling champion, because he was able to spell "gladious" after Edna Stover, eleven, of Trenton, N. J., had spelled it with a "y" instead of an "i."

Young Neuhauser won the title here in the finals of a national contest sponsored by newspapers.

The \$500 he received, along with a gold medal, will be used for a college education, he said. About 2,000,000 school children were entered in sectional contests.

The nine finalists laughed at the easy words pronounced for them during the first half-hour of the spelling bee the other night. At the end of that time all were taking the hurdles easily, and then Almeda Pennington, Houston, Texas, fell out on the word "aldrish." "Cosmos" proved the undoing of Mary Coddens of South Bend, Ind., and Loren Mackey, Oklahoma state champion, failed on "propeller."

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN NEGRO HISTORY

This column is conducted by George Wells Parker, author of "The Children of the Sun" and founder of the Hamitic League. He will be glad to answer in the column all questions of a reasonable length. Where space will not permit, he will answer correspondents who inclose postage for a return reply. Questions for him should be addressed to George Wells Parker, Associated Negro Press, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Will you kindly refer me to a volume that treats scientifically with the question of racial values and the matter of so-called inferior and superior peoples? G. B. F., St. Louis, Missouri.

One of the best and least technical is "The Mind of Primitive Man" by Frank Boas, who is an authority and fair-minded writer.

Are the Riffians who are fighting, the French Negroes? B. K. L., Des Moines, Iowa.

The Riffians are a Mohammedan tribe inhabiting the hills of Morocco and considerably mixed with Negro blood. Perhaps it would be more correct to call them originally African and Negro people whose blood has been mixed with various strains.

Of just what value to the American Negro is an ancient history of racial achievement? V. F. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Such a knowledge should stimulate pride and pride begets the desire for further achievement. It is the only study that can eventually overcome the so-called "inferiority complex" which is the greatest bane of the American Negro. As a man thinks, so must he be.

Was Modern Masonry really founded by Negroes? G. G. D., Washington, D. C.

Modern Masonry was not founded by Negroes but by English. Ancient Masonry, such as we understand it, was pre-eminently an African craft. This subject requires considerable detailed information and space will not permit the answer here.

Is the wife of Harry Wills, the Negro heavyweight, a white woman? I saw her picture in the paper recently on board ship with her husband and she seems rather fair. W. L. T., Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Wills is a colored woman.

Was the science of mechanics well-known to the ancient Egyptians? H. W., Fulton, Ky.

The science of mechanics was indeed well-known to the Egyptians and many phases better known to them than to moderns. The secrets of lifting enormous weights, moving mammoth stones, drilling into granite, etc., are a few in which they excel even us of today.

WHITE STUDENTS CHEER PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY

No address delivered at the recent Y. M. C. A. Student Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., made a deeper or more favorable impression than that of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and of Day-

tona-Cookman Institute. Addressing hundreds of white students from southern colleges, Mrs. Bethune made a powerful plea for better understanding and fair dealing between the races, declaring that the people of her race are asking no special favors, but only the rights and opportunities to which every American citizen is entitled—the right of life, liberty, protection, education; the right to develop and achieve. "In asking for these rights," said Mrs. Bethune, "the Negro is not trying to be white. He only wants a fair chance in the race of life, that he may be his own best." The address was received with prolonged applause; many of the students crowded forward to express their appreciation of the address and all spoke of it in the highest terms.

WAR ON CHILD LABOR

(Columbia Press Bureau)
WASHINGTON, August 14.—The President of the American Federation of Labor is having distributed to all all union workers a pamphlet entitled "Child Labor." The purpose is to rally sufficient support to the national child labor constitutional amendment to force its approval. The pamphlet shows that "over 1,000,000 children from 10 to 16 years of age are working in the United States in factories, mills, canneries, mines, farms and other occupations. Nearly 400,000 of them are less than 14 years of age. More than 400,000 of the million children at work between 10 and 15 are in non-agricultural occupations." Mr. Green claims that twelve countries have at least the fourteen year minimum and that the United States has no national standard or legislative provision to give its children protection against exploitation. Slightly more than 317,000 or nearly 30 per cent of these children are colored, about 85 per cent of whom are employed in agricultural work.

FLOGGING OF NEGRO CAUSE OF NEW N. A. A. C. P. BRANCH

New York, Aug. 14.—Application for the formation of a new branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has come from Hardeeville, South Carolina, as the consequence of the flogging of a colored man by a crowd of whites in that section.

The colored man, Joe Jackson, was taken from Hampton county and brought to Hardeeville, where he was lodged in the jail by the town marshal, without the authority of the country from which the colored man was taken, according to the report sent to the N. A. A. C. P. The colored man was placed in jail on Saturday night and on Sunday he was taken out and severely beaten by a mob, "no one knowing the cause of his arrest."

The letter reporting this occurrence concludes: "We as a race would like to be connected with this association (N. A. A. C. P.) in order that brutal treatment to colored people might be stopped."

The necessary literature has been sent to Hardeeville and reports from there state that the organization of a branch of the N. A. A. C. P. is under way.

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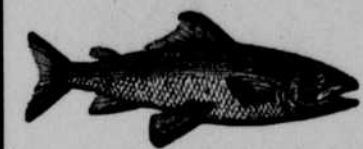
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