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### WANTED: AN EXECUTIVE ORDER

Quite a number of our exchanges have expressed themselves in the same tenor as we did on that portion of President Coolidge's message referring to the Negro. His words have been most kindly and complimentary, upon every occasion opportunity has offered him to speak to groups of our people or on our behalf and as such have a public opinion moulding value, but failure to act in matters vitally affecting our status as American citizens has discounted his kind and complimentary words. An executive order, which he has full authority to issue, abolishing undemocratic discrimination among federal employees at Washington, would demonstrate the sincerity of his words and go far towards establishing our status as American citizens. Discriminatory practices, such as segregation and jim-crowism, permitted and sanctioned by the government among its employees, on the ground of race, creed or color, is so obviously wrong that the toleration of it is indefensible. An executive order would remedy this. Let us have this order, Mr. President, because, in very truth, we do desire to have faith in your sincerity, when you continue to speak in such laudatory terms of our progress and proven worth as members of the republic.

### HELPING OTHERS

During the coming week people will be planning for Christmas. In making plans everyone should try to give a little happiness to others outside of their own immediate family circle, whose circumstances may not be as fortunate as theirs. Think of someone who is in need and include them in your plans for Christmas.

### HOW LONG?

We sometimes wonder how long it will be before America will ungrudgingly and wholeheartedly think of our people simply as American citizens and not as a group, separate and apart, markedly differentiated from other citizens. We wonder if the time will come when we will be regarded as American citizens and not as Negroes. This is a consummation devoutly to be wished. This is the sole status for which many of us are considered "radicals" are contending. Abraham Lincoln truthfully said, "America cannot endure half slave and half free." This might well be paraphrased, "America cannot endure with half citizens and whole citizens." The contention of the wide visioned people of America is that if peace and prosperity, justice and piety are to prevail in this republic, every citizen, whatever his racial origin, his religious creed, or his color, must enjoy the rights and privileges to which the Constitution of the United States explicitly declared he is entitled and guaranteed.

his praise. We are touched by the sympathy which leads him to say we are "subjected to thoughtless and inconsiderate treatment." We recall that he has condemned lynching before. But congress has not acted and congress will not act, because it thinks of us as a people apart from the rest of the citizens, just as the president did, when he found it necessary to put us off in a chapter by ourselves.—The Kansas City Call.

### STATESMANLIKE BUT DISAPPOINTING

Mr. Coolidge stressed the need of continued economy on the part of the government, urged another moderate reduction of taxes, advocated the strict enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and asked for more power in handling such aggravating situations as the coal strike has brought upon the nation. However, that to which we wish to call special attention is that portion of his message touching upon the Negro citizens of America. In this he assumed a strong, statesmanlike position, but we are plainly disappointed that he failed to come out as strongly for the enforcement of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments as he did for the eighteenth. By this omission, the president leaves himself open to the charge of insincerity in the demand for law enforcement.—The Denver Statesman.

### PLEASANT WORDS FROM PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

#### THE NEGRO

History does not anywhere record so much progress made in the same length of time as that which has been accomplished by the Negro race in the United States since the emancipation," said President Coolidge in his message to congress recently. True! And history does not anywhere record so stubborn refusal to reward merit as has been shown toward the Negro race in the United States since the emancipation!

The President adds: "They have shown that they have been worthy of all encouragement which they have received." These words seem to mean much, but the man who says them, like his predecessors, appoints the members of the interstate commerce commission, who permit "jim-crow" cars to enter the nation's capital; and he appoints the heads of departments, some of whom compel Negro employees of the government to work behind screens.

We thank President Coolidge for

History does not anywhere record so much progress made in the same length of time as that which has been accomplished by the Negro race in the United States since the Emancipation proclamation. They have come up from slavery to be prominent in education, the professions, art, science, agriculture, banking, and commerce. It is estimated that 50,000 of them are on the government pay rolls, drawing about \$50,000,000 each year. They have been the recipients of presidential appointments and their professional ability has risen to a sufficiently high plane so that they have been entrusted with the entire management and control of the great veterans' hospital at Tuskegee, where their conduct has taken high rank. They have shown that they have been worthy of all the encouragement which they have received. Nevertheless, they are too often subjected to thoughtless and inconsiderate treat-

ment, unworthy alike of the white or colored races. They have especially been made the target of the foul crime of lynching. For several years these acts of unlawful violence had been diminishing. In the last year they have shown an increase. Every principle of order and law and liberty is opposed to this crime. The congress should enact any legislation it can under the constitution to provide for its elimination.

### THEY DIGNIFIED THEIR PROFESSION (The Denver Statesman)

The world at large can profit and learn a lot from the lives and successes of Florence Mills and Tiger Flowers, both of whom brought eminence to our social group and were called to make the final accounting of all mortals within a very short time of each other recently. In their chosen professions these two characters were as far apart as the poles, the one a dancer, the other a pugilist, gained, world wide fame and proved to be artists in their respective lines, of unusual merit and popularity. Nor can the elements of chance be pleaded as a reason for their successes, as both were hard workers, conscientious and imbued with the spirit that wins. Both started from the ground floor and endured every handicap and hardship incident to racial differences and prejudice. Death came to each in the height of their careers and just at a time when the world was looking to them for further victories and honors. Much has been written concerning them and it is not the purpose of this article to enlarge upon their individual virtues. It may serve a useful purpose, however, to say that the thing so necessary to success in this world, no matter what profession or trade one may choose, is to excel in that line and not merely be content with mediocrity. The world is looking for the finished artist, professional or mechanic. Skill along original lines of thought with a proper realization of the fact that the public always wants the best,

and is willing to pay for it, is an element that will invariably carry one to success if not to the top. In nearly all branches of endeavor the demand for youth is increasing, but with that demand comes a call for efficiency. Learn to honor and dignify a profession or trade and the

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