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Just suppose the Negro is the crudest, most backward and lowest of the human race. Would not that very fact be a challenge to the most enlightened race? After all, what greater work can a man engage in than the uplift of the lowly?

We heartily agree with the St. Louis Argus when it says, discussing Congressman Hamilton Fish's Bill to provide a monument for the colored units brigaded with the French: "Not monuments to the dead but human rights to the living." Let not those who died, die in vain.

Fanatics, hypocrites, churches, Bishops and professional anti-prohibitionists ought use some other argument for the observance of the Prohibition laws than loyalty to the Federal Constitution. Too long has it been fashionable to violate and tolerate the violation—those parts that some do not want to observe.

The colored Knights of Pythias and the women division, the Calantheans, of Texas have resources and assets of over one million dollars—to be exact, \$1,004,521—according to a recent financial statement. Such a cooperative accomplishment as this ought give encouragement to colored citizens the country over. Cooperation pints the way to success.

Congressman Victor Berger of Wisconsin, Socialist, has introduced another Anti-Lynching Bill in Congress. This bill will have about as much chance of passing as any of the others and that means nothing doing. American whites are not yet quite sure that lynching is uncivilized as well as unchristian. When they make up their mind about it, lynching will cease and not before. We are getting a little fed up on anti-lynching bills.

From the Kansas City Call the following excerpt from a speech of Judge Welch addressing a colored audience there is taken: "You people are harder on each other than white people are upon you. You can not seem to forget your personal differences for the good of the whole. We are not like that, although at times, we may have the greatest possible breach." The Judge was speaking in Kansas City but he must have been visualizing conditions in and around this vicinity.

"LILY WHITE" REPUBLICANS

In an able editorial under the caption "A Symptom in Beau-

fort." The State in its issue of April 27th says, among other things: "No respectable Republican party can be organized with hope of attracting more than a handful of good citizens unless it shall be lily white. Substantial men, though convinced of the soundness of Republican doctrine, simply will not go into an organization unless it shall have practical and strong guarantees against Negro control or Negro influence?"

That being true, there will be no strong republican party composed of all citizens in South Carolina, we fear. Where is the "strong guarantees" to come from? What power is there that can give such guarantees? The Republican party at its birth was dedicated to freedom, to liberty and fairness. To bar Negroes from participation in the choosing of officers who constitute the various governments simply because they are Negroes has never been the act of the Republican party. The Republican party set a standard and bid welcome to all who meet that standard.

No camouflage, no trick laws exist in any section where republicanism prevails. Instead, everything is done to encourage the participation of all citizens in everything pertaining to government. "Lily White Republicans" is a misnomer. There are no such republicans. Such a breed is only found in sections where individual worth, education, culture and wealth politically count for nothing so far as Negro citizens are concerned, and such a policy is not republican. But the white people really need no "guarantees" from anyone. They themselves could easily control fairly a republican organization—they would need no "lily white" business. They have the intelligence and the wealth and our suffrage laws theoretically are based on that. We fear however that its not control that is desired but absolute denial of participation on the part of colored citizens—which is not republican.

EDITOR ROACH AGAIN ERUPTS

It is really regrettable that the Editor of the Recorder-Indicator cannot discuss any subject upon which he differs with others without displaying the narrowness of his heart. Truth to him seems verily a stranger fact an unknown quality. He delights in impugning the motives of everyone and finds afulness of joy in questioning the sincerity of all who differ from him. For facts, he substitutes vagaries and for truth, dirty insinuations. If one discusses cheese and he undertakes to enter the discussion, before he gets through he will be talking about "ships and sealing wax, cabbages and kings." According to his preachments, there is no one honest but himself, yes, the only one who has not bowed down to Baal. Essayng to answer an editorial in the Palmetto Leader which dealt with the reorganizing of the State Fair Association, he, without the semblance of logic or truth, accused us of attacking Dr. Wilkinson—and that too at the behest of some Fair officials since, we, as he says are the attorney for the Association. If we are the attorney, Editor Roach is the only person who knows it, we certainly don't. But follow out the motive of the "attack" which exists only in Editor Roach's distorted mind: (1) This editor, he says, "still waits" the place occupied by Dr. Wilkinson; (2) He "attacks" because (supposedly) he is aligned with "certain men who have been and are now doing their best to cripple him." (Dr. Wilkinson). Now that's real news, and we must confess that the

rudite far-seeing and learned editor has accomplished a "scoop." Up until then, no one even suspected that there was a deep and bold conspiracy to cripple Dr. Wilkinson. But Editor Roach has discovered such and like Cicero of old has taken steps to see that no harm comes to the republic! All honor to the discoverer and protector! The fact is, however, the only harm that is likely to come to Dr. Wilkinson is the harm that Editor Roach will bring in his eternal harping on his name and bringing it into all of his foolish discussions.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT NULLIFIED.

Collier's Weekly in its issue of April 24th, discussing the 18th Amendment under the caption of "Federal Prohibition Has Failed," makes this significant statement: "No good can come from the nullification of another Amendment to the American Constitution." Of course, reference is made to the nullification of the 14th and 15th Amendments.

Collier's statement implies that good has come of the edictum have been treated. "But what is and where is the good? If the denying of certain American citizens their constitutional rights with which these Amendments is good, then good has been ac-

Charles Satchell Morris Speaks at First Calvary

Speaking in Columbia for the third time this year, last Sunday afternoon, Charles Satchell Morris, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., celebrated Negro journalist and orator, thrilled the great crowd which assembled to hear him. Morris who is famous on two continents for his eloquence, delivered a message which was later characterized as one of the ablest heard in this City this year.

"This is a world of mind," he declared, "if you can change the mind of the world, you change the world. The stupendous task to be accomplished by the members of our group is to change the mind of the world with respect to ourselves. Each individual exerts a profound influence upon his associates, upon his fellowmen and upon the earth at large. He can no more refrain from this whether it be voluntarily or involuntarily than he may dam the Atlantic Ocean, arrest the flight of time, confine the gentle zephyrs to a cage, nor restrain the golden sun from coyly kissing the sparkling dew drop in the silver meadows." The throng enjoyed that, attesting its approval by spontaneous applause.

The orator paid an eloquent and deserved tribute to the Negro press, declaring that it had been one of the most manly, unselfish, and consistent agencies in our progress. That the black man is acquainted with the injustices meted out to him as never before and is determined to have those injustices redressed, was one of Morris' contentions here.

Morris also requested his auditors to think of themselves less as problems and increasingly as men. He stated that God has given all men certain abilities and talents. This is a truth of races as of individuals of the black man had been the gift of music. The spokesman urged the crowd to make some outstanding and notable contribution to the happiness and culture of the world with his gift. The fact that Negroes were receiving a hearing in many places which were previously closed against him also encouraged and inspired the speaker.

Morris, who is a graduate of the University of Chicago, former National Executive Secre-

complished. If by the denying of these same citizens the freedom of other American citizens is good, then good has been accomplished. If slavery of any kind is good, then the nullification of the 14th and 15th Amendments is good, for no one can deny that the Negro citizens denied the right to participate in the choosing of the various governmental officials—the men who tax them, spend the money and make laws by which they are guided—are political slaves as surely as their grand-parents were physical slaves. In a way, political slavery is as heartless, cruel, unfair and unchristian as was physical slavery. And to soothe the conscience, all kinds of excuses are made, the same as were during the system of physical slavery. Education, culture, uprightness and money mean nothing to a Negro in the South insofar as citizenship rights and privileges are concerned. Collier's is not quite right in its statement. It should be: "No good has ever come from nullifying any amendment to the American Constitution." The 18th is not observed, and is not going to be, because the American people have too long looked with complacency on the nullification of their amendments before the 18th. The law of compensation cannot be gotten around. As one sows, verily shall he reap.

tary for French War Orphans, winner of the New York State Oratorical prize and the Chicago Essay trophy, is regarded as one of the most brilliant young colored men in the United States. He is the great grandson of the lamented Frederick Douglass. He was introduced to the Sunday afternoon crowd here by the Rev. C. P. Madison, also of Norfolk, who is the Recording Secretary of the National Baptist Convention. The Rev. H. W. Long, able pastor of the First Calvary Church acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Two great choruses furnished the music.

While in the City, the famous orator addressed the students of both Allen University and Benedict College. He was accorded an enthusiastic ovation by both groups.

Morris is on a month tour of South Carolina. He is appearing this week in Newberry, Clinton, and Laurens. Next week he is scheduled to stop over in Anderson, Greenwood, Abbeville, Edgefield, and Trenton.

CLAFLIN MALE QUARTET MIXED SEXTET, ORCHESTRA AND STRING ENSEMBLE AND MRS. MARION COPRICH IN MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

(McGhee News Service) The Claffin Concert Company under the auspices of the Charleston chapter of the Alumni Association, rendered a very creditable program at Wesley M. E. Church, Charleston, April 16th. The concert was enjoyed by all present.

The people at Charleston have already begun to arrange for the annual visit of the Company to the "City by the Sea."

Soloists for the Concert were: Mrs. Marion Coprich, Violinist, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Cornetist, Mr. Charles Williams, Tenor, Miss Marie Lovett, Contralto and Miss Annette Mooror, Soprano. During the intermission Pres. Randolph and Dean Pearson made instructive talks on the progress and growth of Claffin. This program was made possible thru the untiring efforts of Mrs. G. M. Randolph, head of the department of Music and Mrs. Marion L. Coprich, Director of the Orchestra.

I do not think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday. Abraham Lincoln.

MT. PISGAH A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Special to The Palmetto Leader: Greenwood, Apr. 29—The services of Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church were well attended last Sunday. The Feast of Seven Tables will be staged by the ladies of Mt. Pisgah in the near future.

Our May Day contest is on for Allen-University. The effort is full of promise for success.

The Negro Business League of Greenwood is still alive. In the near future we hope to say a word about the Negro's outlook in Greenwood and what he is doing with the splendid opportunity that confronts him here. Maybe, all things considered, the greatest appointment the Negro has been to many of the real friends he has in other race groups, has been his inability to develop a leadership that can function with the universal race groups about him. The almost insane jealousy, littleness, along with the disposition to underrate the value of the exceptional men and women of his group is his own problem with which he is sorely afflicted. Just as son as a man or a woman in his group gives promise of possession any exceptional ability in any definite direction, then we begin a fight on them to reduce them to our own measure. An impartial criticism of either men or measures is always worth while. It keeps men who have done a few things that are worth while from having the "big head." Deception, rascality and grafting should be denounced. The men or measures that stand for these things should be set aside. But we should have proof without a shadow of doubt that these things are really true. Men and women who have given thousands of dollars for Negro education are more and more becoming disgusted with this tendency which is so clearly manifested in many Negroes toward all Negroes who have developed any ability whatever for exceptional service. Well, if we give the fellows who are fighting what they want, what will they do with it? Answer: Tear it up. Well, if any measure of power was given to them, what would they do with it? Answer: They would out Simon Legree the original Simon Legree as slave drivers. A short while ago a well educated and friendly white man to the Negro called me into his office and read to me more than a dozen different clippings from a number of Negro newspapers about Negroes. "Now," said he, "I am sure that I have had more dealings with some of these men thus denounced than the writers of these clippings. Some of them have used thousands of dollars of my money, and I have never lost a cent. Many of them I would trust as I would not trust scores of white men with whom I am personally acquainted. Now, why all of this abuse of these splendid men? I had no idea before that men of the type in question read so many Negro newspapers

and so closely followed the Negro's efforts with his own group. We have brought a good deal of what we face in this section today upon ourselves. Then, too, the overworked expressions of "My Race My Race" have so placed many of our group that they are not able to produce anything that the other race can appreciate. They have no remedies for anything. The only bows that abide in their quivers are those that are dipped in heart-hatred and indiscriminate abuse. During my many years residence in the North and the East, it was both amusing and sad to see the clever and splendid minds of our group in that section so completely given up to the fruitless effort in question. At a safe distance from the field of conflict they would indiscriminately abuse both Southern white men and Southern Negroes. Just as soon as they happened to be in the section with which they found so much fault, their mouths are closed so tight that not even an "amen" can be heard from them. Our group will have to abandon this folly. It is not too late for us to learn that the indiscriminate abuse of the white people in question in any section is not likely to bring anything to us. Conflicts, time and the conditions which have beset us, have enabled us to "spot" the real enemies of our group within our group, and we must find a way to dispose of these before we can do much with the other fellow.

Secretary of Agriculture to Visit State College.

(McGhee News Service.) Orangeburg, S. C., April 24.—President Wilkinson has been informed that Secretary of Agriculture Jardine on his Southern trip will visit Orangeburg May 10th in company with Mr. W. W. Long, State Director of Agricultural Extension. During the day he will inspect the work at State College and in this connection, some of the Negro Farm Demonstrations being carried on in the County.

FAIRWOMEN NOTES.

We visited the Association of the Baptist Missionary Society last Sunday. Mrs. Martin took the place of Mrs. Wilkinson, made a brief appeal for Fairworld and received an offering of \$6.02. Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Jenkins, Mrs. Watson and daughter, visited Fairworld last Sunday. Dr. Jenkins left a donation of \$1.00. We thank them for calling and hope they will come again.

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