

## THOUGHTFUL PAPER.

### BOOKER WASHINGTON DISCUSSES THE RACE QUESTION.

Appeals to the South to Create a Sentiment in Favor of Law--Shows by Figures the Extent of Lynching and That Various Crimes are Alleged--Admits That the Negro Race, in Proportion to Population, Commit Most Crimes.

Birmingham, Ala., June 21.—Booker T. Washington, president of the Industrial and Normal school, today furnished the Associated Press an elaborate discussion of the race question in the form of a paper. Professor Washington begins his paper by saying that while it is true that there are cases of lynching and outrage in the northern and western states, candor compels him to admit that by far most of the cases of lynching take place in our Southern States and most of the persons lynched are negroes.

"With all the earnestness of my heart," he says, "I want to appeal, not to the president of the United States, Mr. McKinley, nor to the people of New York, nor of New England, but to the citizens of our Southern States, to assist in creating such a public sentiment as will make human life here just as safe and sacred as it is anywhere else in the world."

The paper then offers a review of the appeal that has been made through the press and prominent men that the negro problem be left to the South. He recites that the whole country, from the president down, has been inclined to do this. By the policy of non-interference the South has been given a sacred trust. Professor Washington continues:

#### THE EXTENT OF LYNCHING.

"I fear but few people in the South realize to what an extent the habit of lynching or the taking of life without due process of law has taken hold of us, and to what an extent it is not only hurting us in the eyes of the world, but injuring our own moral and material growth. Many good people in the South, and also out of the South, have gotten the idea that lynching is resorted to for one crime only. I have the facts from an authoritative source that during the last year 127 persons were lynched in the United States; of this number 118 were executed in the South and nine in the North and West; of the total number lynched 102 were negroes, 23 whites and two Indians. Of this number only 24 were charged in any way with the crime of rape.

"Within a period of six years about 900 persons have been lynched in our Southern States. This is but a few hundred short of the total number of soldiers who lost their lives in Cuba during the war. If we would realize still more fully how far this unfortunate habit is leading us, note the classes of crime during a few months which the local papers and the Associated Press say that lynching has been inflicted for. They include murder, rioting, incendiarism, robbery, larceny, self-defense, insulting women, alleged poisoning, malpractice, alleged barn burning, suspected robbery, race prejudice, attempted murder, horse stealing, mistaken identity, etc. The practice has grown until we are now at the point where not only blacks are lynched in the South, but white men as well. Within the last six years at least a half dozen colored women have been lynched.

#### PLEA NOT FOR NEGRO ALONE.

"I am not pleading for the negro alone. Lynching injures, hinders and blunts the moral sensibilities of the young and tender manhood of the South. Never shall I forget the remark made by a little 9-year-old white boy with blue eyes and flaxen hair. The little fellow said to his mother after he had returned from a lynching: 'I have seen a man hanged. Now I wish I could see one burned.' Rather than hear such a remark from one of my little boys, I would rather see him dead.

"There is too much crime among us. The figures for a given period show that in the United States 30 per cent of the crime committed is by negroes while we constitute only about 12 per cent of the entire population. This proportion holds good not only in the South, but also in Northern States and cities. No race that is so largely ignorant and so recently out of slavery could perhaps show a better record, but we must face these plain facts. A large amount of the crime among us grows out of the idleness of our young men and women. It is for this reason that I have tried to insist upon some industry being taught our young people in connection with their course of literary training."

#### AROUSE SENTIMENT.

Prof. Washington concludes by appealing to school teachers, ministers and the press to arouse such a sentiment regarding the committing of crime against women that such a crime will not be charged against any member of the race. He says the negro has among the Southern whites as good friends as he has anywhere in the world, and advises him to stay here and work out his salvation.

Mrs. Bland, widow of the late Hon. Richard P. Bland, who died at Lebanon, Mo., a few days ago, has long worn a necklet from which is pendant the first silver dollar coined under the Bland act. Mr. Bland left a large family and very little property.

### Leland Stanford University and Its Founders.

Mrs. Stanford's new gift of extensive realty to the Leland Stanford Junior University is notable as a further evidence of her determination to make that institution the principal beneficiary of her vast wealth. Such was her husband's desire, and the widow is nobly continuing the work of munificence which had its inspiration in such a touching crisis of their lives. In 1884 their sixteen-year-old son, after whom the great university of the Pacific slope was named, died of typhoid fever, in Florence, Italy. He was the bright, particular joy and hope of his parents. The heartbroken father fell asleep during his watch by the dying son's bedside, and had a strange dream. He thought that his son appeared to him and said: "Don't say you have nothing to live for, father; you have a great deal to live for. Live for humanity, father." It was the innate philanthropy of Senator Stanford which undoubtedly prompted this dream, and over the body of his son he vowed to fulfill his impressive vision.

Before his death the great railroad king had established the Leland Stanford Junior University on his Palo Alto estates, twenty-eight miles from San Francisco, with the Lick Observatory on the highest peak of the Coast Range. Beginning with a gift of \$5,000,000, his endowment grew to \$20,000,000. The question of cost never arose with this university, as it has with every other, since the very first moment that Dr. David Starr Jordan assumed its initial presidency. Mrs. Stanford herself gave the art museum as a special gift, and it is now stated that she is to purchase \$1,000,000 worth of art works in Europe for it. It is built of cut stones, in imitation of the Greek Government Museum at Athens. Stanford University is not only a splendid monument to Mr. and Mrs. Stanford and their son, but on its grounds stands the Stanford mausoleum, probably the most costly in America. The upper slab of each of the three sarcophagi of Carrara marble weighs a ton.

#### Education in Politics.

In an address to the students of Cornell University Governor Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, recently said:

"Our country could better afford to lose all the men who have amassed millions than to lose one-half of its college-bred men. We can get along without men of enormous wealth, but not without men of brains."

Gov. Roosevelt then discussed the desirability of college-bred men making themselves active in the political world. He criticized the position that because politics are corrupt good men should shun them, holding that the very fact that dishonesty and corruption exist should be an incentive to good men participating and removing evils.

The man who holds aloof merely because of corruption, he said, is unworthy the blessing of American citizenship. A man should be as ready to fight for the best interests of his country in time of peace as in time of war. The duties of peace are none the less arduous than those of war, and he is no thoroughly good American citizen who shuns either. Speaking directly to the graduating class, the Governor advised them that they were no better than the masses who had not had their advantages, except in so far as they utilized their advantages and proved themselves so. Collegiate education did not make them too cultured and refined for the active work of life; if it did, it would be a curse rather than a blessing. Collegiate training offered innumerable advantages, but merely of itself, without effort, would avail nothing.

#### Will Replace Rubber.

A new company, which is destined to revolutionize the hard rubber business, has been incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey, the capital stock being \$5,000,000, divided into 200,000 shares, par \$25.

This company will manufacture "Xelton," a compound which not only takes the place of hard rubber, but possesses many advantages over that article. The patents upon which the invention is based have been carefully examined, and applications for additional collateral patents are being made.

The growing scarcity of hard rubber has for some years attracted the attention of the commercial world, and capitalists interested in the trade have repeatedly attempted to find a substitute. This substitute is found in "Xelton" which not only replaces it, but which can be manufactured at about one-fourth its cost, and for certain purposes possesses important advantages over it.

### Admiral Schley's Tribute.

There was a good deal more than the felicitous compliment of a sailor to the nonmilitant sex in the words in which Admiral Schley spoke of the women of America, in his Chicago address. In one place, speaking of how this broad land had been converted from a wilderness into a paradise, he said that "in its beautiful women and strong men he could see why this country is great." But it was when he spoke of the high regard and honor the people of this country have for women that the Admiral really touched upon one of the most potent secrets of American progress. "In proportion," said he, "as a nation holds its women in high regard and develops those virtues to the highest plane, in just that proportion is a nation great. It is because we place our women upon that high elevation of virtue that we have become great. Poison the source of a nation's origin and it dies."

There is far more in these words than lies on the surface. They touch the true source of America's chief claim on the world's admiration, envy and imitation. In this country, where every citizen is a sovereign, all our women are queens. Here only in the great world does the woman walk abroad in the free majesty of man's honor and regard. No class or station in life monopolizes the distinction between the relation of the sexes here and in European countries. Even in England the law and the customs of centuries force women into subordinate place.

One of the evident results of the greater respect paid to women in America than elsewhere is the gradual improvement of American women in personal appearance as well as mental attainment. The young women of this generation are, as a rule, taller and better developed physically than their mothers. The statistics of female colleges prove this. More attention is paid to their bodies, as well as to their minds. They are being fitted to be the mothers of Americans. When one is seeking for the springs of American push and progress there is no need to look beyond the women of America.—Chicago Times-Herald.

#### How Good Times Come and Go.

There is a great deal of fiction in the distinctions that men commonly make between what they call good times and bad times. The really good times are not always recognized or admitted until they have gone by. The times that men look upon as the beginning of a period of good times and as highly encouraging on that account are not infrequently the periods of danger, because they lead to overconfidence, rash investment, and the undue extension of credit. Such times are marked by the floating of ill-considered and overcapitalized undertakings and by speculations that are doomed to react disastrously. For several years past the farmers of the West have had good prices for their crops, and have been paying off old indebtedness and generally solidifying their positions. They had been compelled for some years previous to exercise the most rigid economy under very trying and difficult circumstances. It will be well for them to consider that these more recent seasons of good crops and good prices have constituted for them a period of reasonable prosperity. We may hope certainly that no sharp reaction is to overtake the business world at once; nevertheless this is exactly the right time to take account of stock and make ready for the worst that could possibly happen.

#### Army Canteen Permanent.

Beer and light wine will still continue to be sold to the soldiers of the regular army from the post canteen, and this adjunct will continue to be a permanent affair, notwithstanding the controversy which has been going the rounds of late days. Officers at the war department have become weary of the opposition, and no further attention, it is said, is likely to be paid to the matter. No decision will be made in the premises, as none is required, as Secretary Alger wanted to know the general opinion of officers on the question and this has been obtained.

The expressions of about 600 officers who were addressed on the subject are now in the hands of Acting Secretary Meiklejohn, but it is not thought they will be made public. As the Attorney General has rendered the opinion that the army canteen is lawful under the act of congress, there is little prospect that the matter will again be taken up by the war department.—Washington Post.

A telegram received by the North China Daily News reports that rioters killed Rev. H. S. Phillips, Mrs. Phillips, a lady friend, and three native converts, while they were trying to make their escape from Kion Yang.

### The Constitutional Amendment.

Too much cannot be written concerning the momentous question upon which action is to be taken at the polls in August of next year. The enemies of "White Supremacy" are not idle. They are at work quietly here and there, and are diligent in sowing the seed of doubt and distrust wherever they can find the chance so to do.

With like vigor must the friends of the amendment work, be they of high or low estate.

Some of the leading lights in the Democratic party have given their views upon the question, and these have done immense good. Now the rank and file, the newspapers and the teachers, the preachers and the doctors and all other men who love good government must take up the battle and in season and out of season must set plain and clear the duty of the white man to make himself master, for good and all, of the destiny of North Carolina.

One strong, heroic fight, and the victory is won. Make the amendment part of our constitution, and the troubles of the past will be replaced by a healthy condition of political affairs which will react upon every interest of the state.

Such can be done, and we have a sublime faith which tells us that it will be done.—Wilson News.

#### The Waldesian Colony.

The Waldesian colony, located at Valdeese, on the Southern Railway, in Burke county, North Carolina, is one of the most successful settlements of people in the South. Of the forty families comprising the colony thirty-five are engaged in agricultural pursuits. They own 3,500 acres of land and are making great advancement in getting the farms under good cultivation. Their wheat crop this year will average above 15 bushels per acre. The crops of corn and potatoes are in a promising condition. The people have planted 20,000 grape vines and 3,500 trees. The orchards contain peach, apple, pear, plum and cherry trees. Each family appears to have especial interest in the further improvement of its home. The dwellings and barns are new and neatly kept.—Southern Field.

#### Cholera Morbus Quickly Cured.

"During the hot weather last summer I had a severe attack of cholera morbus, necessitating my leaving my business," says Mr. C. A. Hare, of Hare Bros., Fincoastle, Ohio. "After taking two or three doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I was completely relieved and in a few hours was able to resume my work in the store. I sincerely recommend it to any one afflicted with stomach or bowel trouble. C. E. Holton, Druggist.

#### The Dog in South Carolina.

The Supreme court of South Carolina, at Columbia, on Saturday last filed an opinion in favor of the dog. In a Newberry case it was held by the circuit judge that the dog was not property and was not a subject for larceny. The Supreme court holds that the dog is property and can be stolen, and that a party can be indicted for stealing a dog, that the dog is valuable, notwithstanding the common law, which is against the doctrine of the decision filed Saturday. The court held that the old common law is out of date.

Sooner or later every woman must duel with Death. Nature has provided her with

a set of extremely sensitive organs upon the condition of which the health of her whole body depends. She must keep these



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