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"They have rights who dare man them."—James Russell Lowell.

CHRONIC OFFICE HOLDERS

Some people who have outlived their usefulness as leaders in politics, church and society, would do the organizations and the people who are concerned, a great favor if they would step down and out. While some of such officials are still good in their way, they need to get down and willingly become a private in the ranks and let some new blood take their places. Many who have stood out in office still stick like flies in molasses and the only way to dethrone them is to them aloose by a vote of the organization. This cannot be done if the members fail to attend and do their duty.

TAX REDUCTION

We are reading and hearing a great deal about reducing taxes. Congress, so it is forecast, will attempt to reduce taxes. But to do so would block many contemplated big business projects by some Congressmen for their ditrets. Knowing what it would mean to their chances for re-election should they fail to put some of the big expensive promised projects over they will not, without a fight, submit to a reduction of taxes. Therefore, those who are looking and hoping for the heavy tax burden to be lifted, are doomed to disappointment.

THE QUEST OF THE BLUE ROSE

It was announced recently in one of the London papers that a horticulturist at last had succeeded in producing what has been the quest of growers for centuries—a really blue rose. Not a deep crimson shading off almost into black. Not purple. But a real brilliant blue rose. The ordinary matter-of-fact fellow will perhaps bluntly ask:

"And why bother about a blue rose? Red roses are good enough and sweet enough. And there are plenty of other flowers that are blue?"

But the deep truth is that all life that is worth living is the quest of the blue rose. The blue rose is the ideal. It is the dream. It is the lure that leads man on to great adventure, to inventions, to discoveries.

When Columbus crossed the Atlantic in search of a new continent it was a quest for a blue rose. When men penetrated frozen wilds to attain the north pole, it was a quest for the blue rose.

When Lindbergh crossed the ocean in his tiny plane he too, was seeking the blue rose. Einstein, in his study formulating his theory of relativity; Edison in his labor-

atory making new things for man's use and enjoyment; all the great poets and novelists and dramatists and painters and sculptors—all are in quest of the blue rose.

THE CRITIC

Criticism has much to do in the making of public servants. No one should think himself above criticism. But all men are not capable of criticizing their fellows. The best of us my err at times in passing upon others' acts, but none of us should attempt to criticize another before studying the person criticized and the work that person is doing. Unjust criticism may so injure the person that the task be made impossible and good work made to fail completely. Our intents should ever be good ones. The intent should not only be good, but we should be able to convince the person criticized that our intent is good. But there be some you cannot convince. It is this sort that makes criticism dangerous to the one who is given thereto.

DEEDS WILL TELL

When it comes to the matter of right living, a good example will do more for the other fellow than all the wholesome advice you can give him in a lifetime. If you are doing the right things, if you pay your debts promptly, if you are cheerful, friendly and helpful, if your every day actions are unselfish, if you are a liberal booster in all civic affairs, if you are a plain, earnest, unassuming, loyal citizen, you will not need to shout your creed from the housetop. People are watching you. They soon get "your number". It is not so much what you say, as what you do, that counts. It is possible to outline an almost perfect creed, but if you fail to live up to it yourself it is useless to expect others to have confidence in it. Therefore be careful of the example you set for others. If this is preaching, then make the most of it, for it is the truth.

A CITY SANS A PAPER

What would your city be if your newspaper should go out of business? It would grow backward so fast that in a brief period of time, the streets would be a good grazing place for cattle and the only traffic you would have would be the people who were moving away or those passing through from one live city to another. Newspapers are modern builders of cities as well. As they progress so will the home city grow. It is money in your pockets to have them grow. And the better they are, the better your city will be.

WHAT IS A "QUEEN"?

Newspapers in Europe and in America circulated yarns about Ileana, daughter or Marie, Queen of Roumania, to the effect that Ileana, whom many of us in Amer-

ica remember as a girl of very normal looks and manners, had eloped with a man whom she loved rather than to be married off to some pusillanamous prince or puny potentate whom she did not love.

Very likely this was all lies made up and exploited by the newspapers, as is the manner of newspapers. But it would not have been very scandalous if Ileana. It would have been just the thing she ought to have done is our opinion.

But naturally these low-brow liberties of the newspapers are disturbing, even vexing, to Mother Marie, and she no doubt just wishes the narrow confines of Roumania, where she could chastise them, like the "monarch" that she is, - or was. She is reported to have expressed great indignation "that Americans have so little chivalry" as to invade the sanctity of grief of a Queen.

This is our observation: she would have made more of a hit with us if she had said "the sanctity of grief of a woman," or of a widowed mother, or something else human like that. The grief of a "queen" deserves no more respect than that of any other human being. The average man of the world (outside of Roumania) is likely to have less sympathy for a queen than a woman. When Marie visited America last winter our newspapers sensation-hunters and our millionaire social "climbers" evidently miled her into supposing that there is some peculiar sacredness of "Kings" and "Queens" in the consciousness of the American people.

Perhaps the news reports lied on Ileana, as they have lied, and will yet lie, on a million other prominently known girls.

RACIAL SUPERIORITY

The American Federation of Labor comes out for the exclusion of "all Asiatic races" and for immediate independence to the Philippines so as to include them in the exclusion. The Conservative party, in Canada, also declares bluntly for the exclusion of all Orientals. Australia more tactful, passes no discriminating in words against Asiatics, but merely instructs its immigration officers to keep them out, by giving impossible "dictation tests" to any who apply.

Thus the lines are set, on the basis not of nationality, culture or character, but of physical race. The frontier peoples of the white man's world unanimously resolve to exclude the brown and yellow man, on grounds of race alone. The Asiatics, as unanimously, refuse to accept this discrimination. They are willing to be kept out, but not for this reason. The white peoples may some time disguise it, as Australia does, but the line they draw is actually of race.

For our generation and the next this policy will certainly continue. The Orientals and the American idealists, who think it wrong, have no present choice except patience. The price of whole some migration, such as would happen if it were permitted, would be either race mongrelization or its prevention by a caste system. The white peoples repudiate the one, and the Orientals would not submit to the other. The only escape is to dwell apart, each race in the lands it now holds.

But speculation into the future, when the whole world will have become even more than now on neighborhood, and when the cultural and economic levels of all nations will have been equalized how long can the now dominant race maintain its present system? We have occupied most of the best of the world, and seized dominion over the

rest. The other peoples, resting under it, will regain their political independence within this generation. How long thereafter can the white race continue its social exclusiveness?

Nobody knows. But, for as long ahead as we can foresee it is the biggest question in the world. —By Cheter H. Rowell in the "Los Angeles Express".

YOU HIT TWO NEGROES WITH ONE STONE

(California Voice, Oakland) There was a time and not long gone when one Negro was struck, he was just struck, that was all there was to it. One man was killed and that settled it.

How different today among our group. You may now strike one member of our group, and the individual may be of the most insignificant, but at once he springs into prominence. Strike one of the group and the waves of interest will begin to widen until men and women of color will be aroused in every State in the Union.

The case of Edward Glass. Our militant organization has done more to stir the blood of the group to self-defense than all other agencies combined. We speak unhesitatingly of the N. A. A. C. P. The men and women who officer this organization are a militant set. They are fearless. They go into a matter with the courage to back their convictions. And they generally get results. If Glass is taken back to Oklahoma, the efforts of our group will have triumphed anyway. The country will be taught the lesson that there is a new power in the making, a new energy is being generated, and the power of our group-action must be reckoned with.

THE CHILDREN PAY

We rub our eyes to learn whether we are living in the twentieth century or whether we are dreaming and in our dreams have gone back in time when we read of the Gary school episode.

In that city on Lake Erie's shore, at the point where the north star, the beacon of liberty to the escaping slaves, cheered him on with the knowledge that he was nearing Canada and freedom, a group of white students, at

least their skin was white, struck, refused to attend school if the twenty-four other students whose skins were black should be tolerated in the same building with them. Evidently the parents joined in with the children in the actions. The colored children are barred, they will be segregated in another building except the three who are in the senior class and white supremacy has been again vindicated.

There was no suggestion of wrong doing charged against these colored children. There was no reason given nor urged other than the fact that their skin is black.

The black race is under a tremendous handicap. Despised in the beginning, ostracized in their school life, driven from the regular haunts of the other school children in a northern and free state, and finally if they obtain an education handicapped in their labors and professions, unable to obtain employment in many places.

It is ground for pity and need for help. It is difficult to harmonize the attitude that is assumed there with culture and refinement. It is understandable in other sections of our country where relationships for decades have wrought out a certain social consciousness that is the result of the teaching of home of religion, and the effect of environment. But it is difficult to understand it in Gary, Indiana.

The truth is we believe there is more actual sympathy and kindness of a personal character among those with whom the colored men have been reared, for while they unquestionably feel a superiority and have a determination to be separated in educational and religious and social undertakings, they do

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have what the northern person does not have: a sympathy and understanding and a way of helping which the Gary spirit knows nothing about. In other words, it is a one-sided attitude. It is a condition of mind unsweetened by either understanding or regard. —Santa Ana (Calif.) Register.

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