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EDITORIAL.

JUST A COUNTRY TOWN.

Thank Heaven that Denison is still a country town. Thank Heaven that we have not yet grown so big that life is not so strenuous, that selfishness is not so rampant, but, that we may know and love our neighbors. Thank Heaven that the milk of human kindness has not dried. Thank Heaven that the busy stores can close, the work shops stand idle, the machines cease moving when one of our love and honored citizens passed the portals to the great Beyond. Thank Heaven that kindly, sorrowing hearts mingle their tears with those of the stricken ones. Thank Heaven that the little church, the quiet home, are crowded beyond all holding with the sorrowing friends. Thank Heaven that wealth and place and circumstance are not the determining factors but that, with quaint provincialism, we still do homage to honesty, to kindness, to Christian character. Thank Heaven that the great heart of the community still beats with single pulse. Thank Heaven that Love and Charity and Sympathy still hold their sway. Thank Heaven that Denison is still a country town.

Senator Burton of Kansas resigned his seat just in time to save himself from expulsion. The fact of his forced resignation for accepting a fee for representing a company before the postoffice department but emphasizes the remarks of Secretary Shaw, that the standards for public servants were never so high as at present.

Senator Arthur Pue Gorman the great protection democrat from Maryland is dead. Mr. Gorman was a great man in many respects but his last campaign in which he sought to disfranchise the negroes of Maryland proved his downfall, and justly so. It was Senator Gorman who so changed the Wilson tariff bill that its friends in the House did not recognize it and made of it something of a protective measure. It was the Gorman-Wilson tariff that brought the hard times experienced during the last democratic administration.

HOLY TRINITY NOTES.

Sunday next is Trinity Sunday the feast day of the church. Holy communion 8 a. m. Sunday School festival 9:30 a. m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon 10:30 a. m. Special music and sacred solo, Trinity Sunday being the Feast Day of the Church. All have a glad welcome, and all church members should be present on that day.

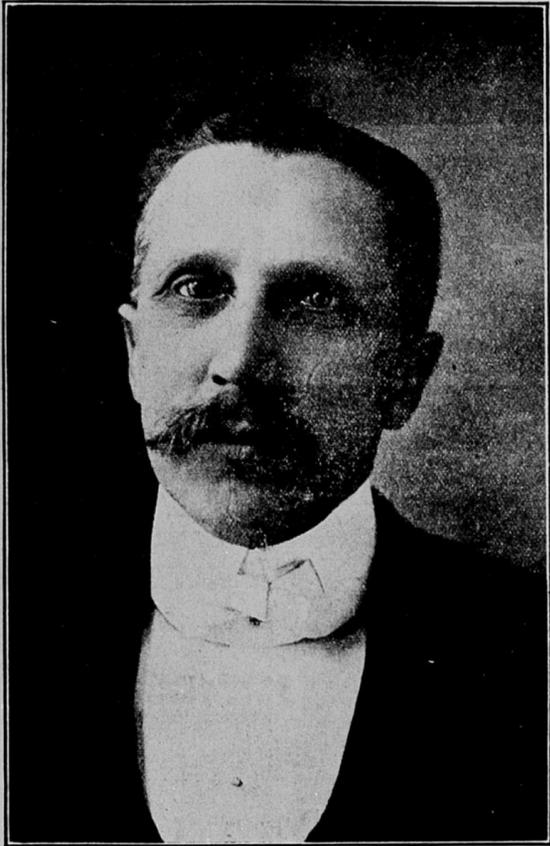
TRINITY SUNDAY

We celebrate today the last great Festival in the Christian year; and with it concludes the formal teaching of doctrine comprised in the Church's annual cycle. In her services since last Advent we have seen again the representation of the great work of our Redemption in the Birth, Miracles, Teaching, Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our all-adorable Lord, and in the Descent of the Holy Ghost to abide with the church, to teach the hearts of God's faithful people and to cause them evermore to rejoice in His Holy Comfort, so far have we been called to behold the plan of our salvation in detail, and as the work of the separate persons of the Godhead. To-day before the Church leads us in her services of the next six months to the Christian graces and duties of common every day life, to those paths of holiness that spring from the great Fountain of Eternal Truth and Love and again lead to it; she bids us pause to contemplate and adore with profound awe and reverent lowliness the Being, who has done such great things for us, the glorious blessed and, Eternal Trinity. Three Person and one God—the very meaning of this word ought to bend every Christian knee, and bow down every heart, whilst it loosed every tongue to join in the Heavenly song.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty, Which was, and is, and is to come. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen

Arthur Pratt Rector,

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MR. GEORGE NAEVE.

THE REVIEW takes pleasure in presenting to its readers this fine portrait of one of Denison's leading citizens. Mr. Naeve is vice-president of the Crawford County State Bank, president of the Denison Commercial Club and president of the Denison Improvement Company. He has been eminently successful as a business man and has proven himself one of the most enterprising, progressive and helpful citizens of Denison. He is always ready to push any enterprise that will be of benefit to our city, and he rejoices as heartily over any Denison triumph as he would over a personal victory. His co-operation is always intelligent and well directed. To him must be accorded one of the foremost places among those men who are now engaged in building up a New and Greater Denison. The success of the hotel, opera house and hospital projects is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Naeve and Mr. E. Gulick.

THE RACE PROBLEM.

Splendid Letter from J. O. Pettis of Missouri.

WOULD EDUCATE NEGROES.

See Great Menace to Country Unless New Methods are Adopted by Southern Whites.

Durham, Mo., June 2, '06.

Editor Review:

In our last letter we gave the southern view of the negro question as interpreted by Rev. Herman Fitch D. D. formerly from Hastings, Neb., now and for seven years past a resident of the South. The doctor is a democrat, has marked ability, keen observation and undoubted integrity. Finding that we were not clearly understood in the article referred to and believing the so-called negro problem is one of much gravity, involving great dangers of local and national character we wish to say a few words more on this subject and then dismiss it. In the first place we never approved of lynching nor does the Doctor justify lynching negroes under any condition except for the unmentioned crime and only then because he finds that in certain districts there is now no other way to secure protection. The pioneer was not blamed for using his rifle with murderous effect when it was his only means for protecting wife and family from an Indian's tomahawk. An Indian abroad for scalps would be a knight of honor compared with a bestial negro who has no higher ambition than to gratify the animal lust he has inherited from generations of ancestors held under the slave breeding system as it existed in the southern states. If lynching be a necessity it is not because in those states their courts cannot, but because they will not administer justice. We are referred to the congressional record and admit that some of its pages are stuffed with absurd utterances of southern members boasting of their purpose to hold the colored race in rigid subjection by every means fair or foul. Consider that those congressmen who thus seek glory in what is really their own shame are the real leaders of their party the brightest and best in the districts from which they hail and have gone up to their high positions through the legal profession from pettifoggers to lawyer, judges, mayors, legislators and governors and you have an estimate of those who now hold the courts, form the laws and direct public opinion in the states thus re-

presented. Evidently the boasts referred to were not made to enlighten the American people nor to inform the world but primarily to be heard at home to safeguard interests that may center in coming elections. Certainly they indicate the political trend of southern sentiment and index the moral quality of their constituency as well. From the beginning of slavery under American government southern congressmen by swagger, bluster, empty arguments and bullying threats sought to justify and extend their system of human (rather inhuman) oppression called slavery.

Those leaders led their people up to the Civil war so terrible in its result to the whole country. We fear that same class of statesmen? are leading their people into a race war that will be more crushing to them than the war of the slave holders rebellion. If in the latter the vast amount of blood and treasure of the North was their penalty for letting alone the heaven defying institution of slavery so many years, what shall a just God visit upon those who will not repent but persist in holding down with cruelty and savagery a race in whose elevation is their opportunity to develop nobility of character for themselves. Should not those of the south who wear the Christian name—and that includes a very large percent of their white population seek by every proper means to enlighten and uplift the race who have been brought to their present degradation and low moral condition by the misconduct of themselves and their ancestors?

There are now in the southern states approximately ten million colored people living among fourteen million of whites and the former race are increasing far more rapidly than the latter. In two or three decades the negroes will be in the majority and no longer terrified by hounds, halter and fire.

To hold a balance of the races a tremendous effort is now being made to divert the tide of foreign immigration southward. A paragraph in an editorial of last weeks Review to the effect that a person can disguise a face by cutting off his own nose would apply with equal force in this case. Immigrants now coming to America are largely of the laboring classes. Of common laborers the South has now a surplus. Wages are low even here in Missouri where we do not see a half dozen black folks in a year "six bits" per day or \$16. per month is about the maximum wage for common labor, also the common laborer male or female is not regarded or treated in the South as in the North. This difference results from two civilizations, the one coming down from the wealthy dominant titled aristocrat

who aspired to be master of slaves, the other from those who established their first colonies on principles of justice and equality, considering humanity as a brotherhood having like capabilities, interests and destinies. It would be disappointing to those who have been overridden by wealth and rank and have come here hoping for freedom in its broadest sense to find themselves settled among worse conditions than obtained in their home land beyond the sea. To bring in skilled laborers will be to put them in direct competition with the best class of negro population who are the teachers and leaders of their race and in whom centers the only hope of an amicable settlement between the races. The large number already qualified for the various branches of skilled labor is being constantly augmented by colored students coming from colleges, industrial schools and apprentice shops, entering all the trades and pushing into the professions doing themselves real credit. It would seem that justice, reason and self interest would dictate that these men and women struggling for attainment and usefulness in their home land should be given room and preference over immigrants from king governed countries. We will not discuss the character of those who may accept homes in the black belt of the South under present conditions when the great generous states of the North and West are before them with open arms of welcome and assurance of competence and protection.

Every lynching, hanging or roasting of a negro is an advertisement to the world of the inhumanity and barbarity of those who do those things as well as of the conditions that prompt such atrocities. Will self-respecting people seek such society from choice? If correct in our opinion this scheme to supplant the negro by white foreigners will be as unsuccessful as the experiment of permitting the demons of Gadara to go into the swine. The satanic spirits did not mix well with hog nature and the ferment that followed resulted in great loss. To us the negro problem is the most serious one that confronts the nation. Other questions may be overcome and settled by forces now at work. This fire is continually fanned by both races. It cannot be settled as a political question. The party who claims to be the people and with whom "doubtless wisdom shall die" have wrestled with this question forty years and now confess their failure with every lynching and by spending large money through immigration commissioners to bring foreigners to their aid. Lynchings are not only demoralizing but reveal moral corruption already existing. The ignorance, superstition and moral pollution of the white are as much to be deplored as the sufferings of the other. We censure the dominant race more for fostering and boasting if their corrupt principles had for lynchings which are the eruptions of an inward disease.

On the other hand there is a limit to human forbearance. God alone has the patience of Eternity. Perhaps with some provocation northern citizens might be excited to acts of violence. What is common to humanity cannot be foreign to them. We are reasoning along the line of a Tennessee jury who closed a murder trial with a verdict of "guilty" which they modified by adding "We don't guess Jim done the shooting but allow he would a done it if he had the chance". The disgraceful affair recently enacted at Springfield, Mo. had its counterpart in spirit in an Ohio town just a little before, an immense crowd with guns and clubs battered negro quarters not for the crime of outrage but because of a petty quarrel in a railroad yard. People of the free states should guard well the honor and efficiency of our schools and courts of justice. Every judge whose judgment is warped by bribe or prejudice every lawyer or legal officer who shields a criminal from justice and all who unjustly criticize courts and destroy the confidence of people in the strong arm of the law for the protection of the commonwealth, exert an influence tending to bring about the state of lawlessness now existing in the South which we so abhor and condemn.

J. O. Pettis.

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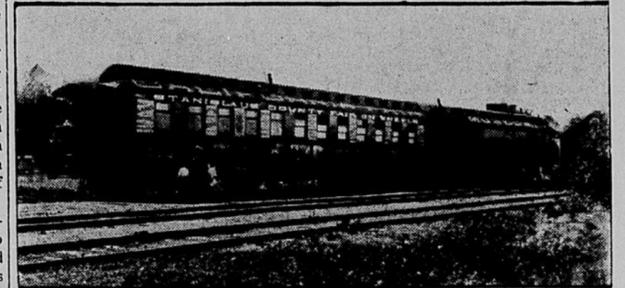
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