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Editorials

(By Mrs. Elbert R. Hall)

Again has Harry Ingham, the fearless editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune spoken out in behalf of justice and equal opportunity for all peoples, regardless of race, color or previous condition, as will be seen in an editorial under the caption — "Penrose is Right," which appeared in the Des Moines Register of Thursday morning March 31 and which the Bystander reproduces for the benefit of its readers who did not see it in the Register.

Penrose is Right.
The Register had not anticipated finding itself in full and hearty accord with Senator Penrose on anything, but, strangely enough, the senator has said something that must meet the hearty approval of all intelligent people, and that took courage on his part to say.

A bill is pending in the legislature of Pennsylvania, known as the equal rights bill, the purpose of which is to give Negroes all the privileges of hotels, railroad trains, Pullman cars, restaurants and street cars that anybody enjoys. A delegation of colored men from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh called on the senator and he said to them:

"The time has passed when there can be any discrimination against our colored citizens. They should have assurance that they will receive equal social, political and commercial rights and be placed on an equality in these respects with white citizens. As I understand it, the Asbury bill guarantees to the colored citizen freedom from discrimination in restaurants and hotels. I think they ought to be accorded full privileges of that sort. The Pennsylvania railroad now has white and black passengers in the same cars. You see colored citizens in the Pullmans. There is no reason why they should not be there."

There is something so repugnant to common sense about proscribing a race, when everybody knows that the meanest people on earth belong to the favored races, while some of the dearest people on earth belong to the proscribed races, that everybody ought to see how un-American division by race is.

And yet right now when race grouping is pointed to with a grave face by

the alarmists, plenty of good Americans persist in settling people up or down in the common matters of every day service, according to race.

Poor Richard's maxim will be found here as elsewhere to be based on a sound human experience. "Let every tub stand on its own bottom." Men are good or bad, useful or predatory, not by race but as individuals. Individual conduct must be the measure for everybody if we are to have an intelligent rating. Let the Negro come under this common rule, and let us have an end of talking about race exclusion.

PEONAGE AGAIN.
Nearly fourteen years ago in 1907, Negro victims of peonage were summoned before a grand jury in Tennessee and "told pitiable tales of their suffering and maltreatment, 'and related stories of seeing men 'killed, dragged to the river in 'Blankets, weighed and then 'sunk into the river.' Peonage dies hard in some of the southern states. The latest horror from Georgia seems to be the worst of all. Even while Federal agents were investigating reports that peonage was still practiced, Negroes were being killed on the Williams farm in Jasper county, their bodies buried in shallow graves—in some cases dug by themselves—or thrown with weights into the Acoevy river. Eleven bodies have been recovered, their condition leaving no doubt that as many murders were committed. According to the confession of the Negro Manning, he killed eight of the poor wretches himself. He names Williams, the owner of the farm or plantation, as the instigator of the crimes; but Williams denies complicity, and declares that a neighbor with whom he has long had a feud was the principal. In one case a coroner's jury has already rendered a verdict that the victim "met death at the hands of Clyde Manning and John S. Williams."

The citizens of Jasper and Newton counties are said to be scandalized and incensed by the revival of peonage. The Negroes had worked for local farmers, lately for Williams, and they were not charged with any of those offenses of which Judge Lynch takes cognizance. It has been painfully evident that local opinion in some parts of the south does not condemn, as it should, oppression and ill treatment of Negroes in debt to a certain type of em-

The Way It Appears To Me

Robert Durr

WE SHOULD PROTECT OUR LIBERTIES.
Liberty should not be juggled with. When it is denied, the cost must eventually be paid by society as a whole. Liberty demands as a severe application of its principles as the law of gravitation.

The man who ignores this fact is not qualified for the battle for freedom, commercial and political rights that eventually puts a nation on equality with any other nation.

It is right to oppress and defraud a group of Americans out of their God-given rights, why is it wrong for the hellish huns to drop incendiary bombs on helpless women and children?

If an injunction can gag equality or abrogate other guarantees, why is it wrong to be disloyal to the hand that unscrupulously takes the bread of happiness—the water that quenches our thirst for simple justice and a square deal from our mouths?

As long as domestic liberty-robbing is tolerated the props of American civilization is being shaken and America must pay the price that outraged liberty exacts.

We should stop, think and take a square look at the situation, not, in the spirit of retaliation nor vengeance—neither selfishly but—altruistically. Seek to rectify our faults, get the mote out of our eyes. Then, with every inch of manhood rightly demand whatever belongs to us—even if it takes what it did to preserve the union in '76, to drive the huns back across the Rhine and to give the people of this country the right to serve God as they desired—just, united effort with a oneness of purpose to respect and demand respect unreservedly.

Liberty, power, success are the rewards for service, hard work and keeping everlastingly at a task until the "bacon" is brought home.

"Right makes might." We shouldn't be too "radical," neither act too all concerned. Those who conquer do. We can not establish a different procedure. We should take our cause to God and man in the spirit of right to covenant.

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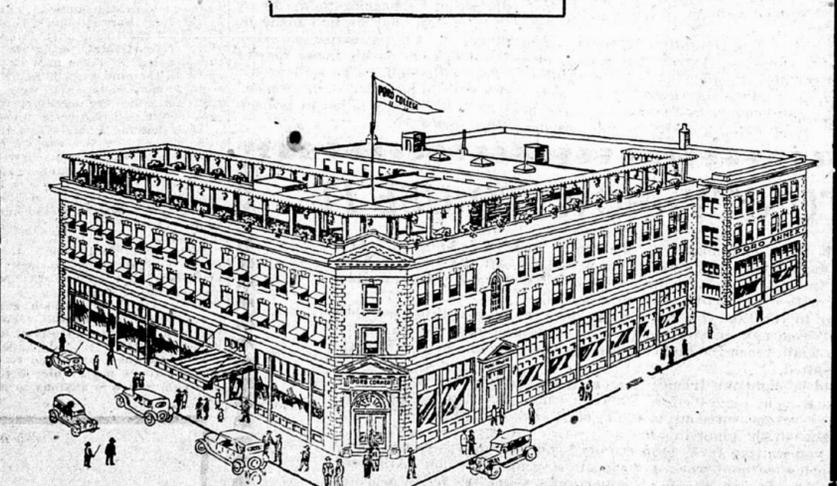
ployer, but is too often silent about it, enough to make an end of such atrocious practices.

United States District Attorney Hooper Alexander of Georgia said in January that federal officers must conduct a state-wide investigation of reports of peonage. "Comparatively little effort is being made by proper officers," he said, "to end these conditions." He intimated collusion, "Nine-tenths of our people," he declared, "would utterly deplore and condemn what is going on, but something more is demanded of a civilized people and their government than mere sentiment." Until local opinion is aggressive against peonage it will go on with periodical activity by the federal authorities to check it. It dies hard because the community is not horrified

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PVT. ROBERT B. PRICE.
He has made his home at Ortonville, Minn., and is now suing his wife for divorce. He says he hopes to have it by April 26 or shortly after.

He will be in Des Moines, Iowa, for two or three days before April 26 and will thence return to Ortonville. His post office is Box 111.

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Miss Alberta Robinson, who has been visiting at her home in Hocking for the spring vacation from Des Moines school was in Albia two days this week, leaving for Des Moines, Sunday.
Mr. William Monroe Trotter passed through Albia Sunday en route to Buxton to lecture. He also was in Albia at A. M. E. church on Tuesday evening.
Stewards Board met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Davis on Monday afternoon.
Mr. George Hall sold two fine hogs at the stock yards on Friday.
Mrs. George Hollingworth, Miss Bernice Jones, Miss Hazel Morris and a number of others are on the sick list.
A number of strangers are in Albia.

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