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PATRIOTISM

No person has the right to claim the protection of the United States and be disloyal to its principles and he or she guilty of making treasonable utterances or publishing papers that incite rebellion either by open declaration or innuendo should be taken in hand by the officers of the law and backed up by the patriotic citizens and said officers of the law should in the language of King George exclaim:

"Lay on, McDuff and to hell with him who cries enough." Treason is a most reprehensible crime and while we do not favor capital punishment, yet to the person guilty of it, death seems to be the only punishment adequate for the crime. Who will betray a land and country from whence an existence comes, is

"A monster of such hideous mein
That to be hated needs but to be seen."

To share in the glory and emoluments of an organized government and then for selfish reasons refuse to go to its rescue when it is in trouble, is evidence of one's absolute lack of manhood. It's not for the citizens of this country to argue, why we are in the war, but the thing for all to do is to help get out of the war. Our masters at present may be more or less cruel, but we are not certain what we will get in case we change masters. Then let each and all of us use our best efforts to suppress treason and sedition.

But, the acts of last Saturday's mob in wrecking the printing plant of H. C. Pigott & Co. under the guise of suppressing sedition and promoting patriotism is one of the most dastardly acts that has ever been committed in the Northwest. There probably is not a person connected with that printing concern who is not as intensely loyal as the president of the United States himself, one even being a Spanish-American war veteran, and the concern is patronized by many of the most loyal citizens of the state, even to the Red Cross. This mammoth printing concern was wrecked because for sooth a paper was printed on the concern's presses whose utterances bordered dangerously close to sedition. Carrying out the se principles the City of Seattle should be totally destroyed simply because multiplied hundreds of red-handed anarchistic I. W. W.'s live in the city. There is no excuse under the sun for the wrecking of the Pigott printing plant and every one connected with the outrage should be sent to prison for ninety-nine years and one day after. Recalling similar outbreaks said to be in the interest

of the government we are moved to exclaim, Oh, Patriotism! O, Patriotism! What crimes are committed in thy name.

However, the managers of the Pigott printing plant are not wholly blameless for they know during these exciting times how little it takes to move men to form into a mob and once formed and moving, how much it takes to quiet them down. While the paper in question, by keeping just in the bounds of the law, was able to continue to get by, yet no one could pronounce it a patriotic publication and it should have been kicked out of the office.

The Boston Branch of the Equal Rights Liberty League has appealed to the colored folks of the country to put on silent parades and wear deep mourning for thirty days in memory of the thirteen soldiers that were hung in Fort Sam Houston, to all of which the editor of Cayton's Weekly takes exceptions. In our opinion it is unpatriotic for the colored folk of this country to do either of those things, for the reason, that those men admitted that they shot up the town of Houston and supposedly took human life in so doing. Regardless of what their provocation may have been, it is a well known fact that two wrongs never make a right, and they therefore took the law into their own hands and committed acts, which the law has said, who commits such must be hanged until dead. And for ten million or more people to go into mourning for men who wilfully violated the law and took human life, because, forsooth, they had been treated unjustly in the way of being given their public and political rights, would be admitting that the whole of them are condoners of crime, which might encourage the commission of even more heinous offenses in order to get even. May, perhaps, the findings of the court martial were but appeasing the prejudices of the South against the colored folks, but there is no denying the fact that the soldiers did, contrary to army orders and regulations, violently seize the firm arms of the camp and marched into the city and attempted to kill every white person in sight, which thing even the Liberty League itself must admit was a crime and if a crime, those who committed it should be punished. The colored folk in the United States, in the opinion of the writer, will not get very far practicing retaliation and as said above, two wrongs never make a right. Let's act well our part, just and square, and, as in the case of slavery days, the day will come sooner or later when the white folks will come almost in a body to our assistance. We think the hanging of the colored soldiers under the circumstances was ridiculously severe, but according to the letter of the law it was just and fair.

Within the past thirty-two years, according to a statement made up by George B. Vashon of St. Louis, Mo., and carried by the Associated Press, twenty-five hundred colored men, women and children have been lynched in the United States for crimes and alleged crimes, and in many instances crimes that would have been looked on as petty offenses, if they had been committed by white persons, and yet those persons were lynched without having an opportunity to prove their guilt or innocence. This number, be it remembered, is

made up from the reported lynchings and it is safe to say that fully as many more were lynched without the record makers knowing anything of them. The lives of hundreds of colored persons have been taken by the vicious white folks of the South since the war, and no record of which was ever made public. Even but yesterday, comparatively speaking, a man was burned at the stake by the Huns of Tennessee, around whose burning pier thousands of white men women and children gathered and enjoyed an old fashioned Indian war dance and similar crimes against nature have been periodically pulled off in the South. Colored men, women and children have been lynched in the South for daring to walk on the sidewalks of the southern cities and down in the state of Mississippi some thirty years ago a colored man was shot and killed for asking a white man who lived in a pine log hut for a drink of water—"the impudence of a nigger riding up to a white man's door and asking for a drink of water" so incensed the man that he rushed into the house, got his gun and shot him, and he was not so much as tried before a coroner's jury. To dispute a white man's word in the South is almost certain death for the black man and many of them have gone to an untimely grave or burned at the stake for such an offence. We suspect that this long list of crimes against black folks had something to do with the Houston tragedy in which the soldiers played the game of get even. No other class of citizens in the United States would have submitted to these abuses and yet remained loyal, but the black man, and, we thank God that he has, because we believe it means a brighter day for him. We are unable to see any relief, but we truly believe it tis coming, and the day will yet come when this will truly be the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Lincoln's birthday the Republican National Committee will meet and discuss the political situation and make preparations for the next presidential campaign and, as on many similar occasions, the question of the recognizing of the colored vote will be the all-absorbing question. There is but one colored man technically a member of the committee and the committee has it within its power to oust him. The regular committeeman from Mississippi died and Perry W. Howard was selected in his stead, but his confirmation by the committee is being bitterly opposed by the Lily White Republicans of the state and the Lily White members from the other southern states are lining up against Howard. Owing to the disfranchisement laws there is no colored vote in any of the southern states, but fully a half million colored persons have left the South and settled in the North, East and West and have become full-fledged voters and if the committee goes on record against the confirmation of Howard it will cost the Republican party multiplied thousands of colored votes. We do not think this advisable on the part of the colored voters, for it would be a true case of cutting off their noses to spite their faces, but these voters, since the Taft administration, have labored under the belief that the leading Republicans of the North were trying to unload them for the sake of breaking into the Democratic party in the South and thereby establish a Lily White Republican party in the South, which was responsible for many of them