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OUR PLATFORM

1. To stimulate a desire on the part of all for education.
2. To create a sentiment for better homes.
3. To condemn sectional differences, and make for unity of thought and purpose.
4. To agitate for more playgrounds, and urge the necessity for constructive thought with regard to the training of our youth.
5. To minimize fun-loving, and seek to secure interest in worthwhile pursuits.
6. To bring about cohesion of business forces for the economic progress of our group.



WHAT A LYNCHING!

THE lynching of a Negro last week in Salisbury, Maryland, within a stone's throw of the capital of the Nation, is food for Congress to feed upon. While Senators will argue heatedly and debate fiercely numerous questions of lesser importance than the guarantee of safety to black citizens of America, twelve millions of underprivileged citizens will at least be concerned in one thing, viz.: what will Congress do about lynchings? If fate has decreed that in order to arouse national antipathy against lynching, there must be a lynching bee in or near the capital city, then this ill-fated occurrence is a Providential incident.

The Nation's capital in times past, has been the scene of every kind of unwholesome and heinous activity. It has had its slave mart; it has experienced a race riot, and with a lynching but a few miles away, it is not at all likely that some day in its streets it will witness a lynching. And then those countries to whom we send missionaries each year to teach them to love their fellowmen, will reply: "Physician heal thyself."

SEND A D'ARTAGNAN

WHEN Louis XIV dispatched the captain of his musketeers, D'Artagnan, to uncover a murder, he gave him to understand that he wanted to hear nothing but certainties when he returned. "No opinions of others are to be entertained, your deductions are to be based on your own findings", said the monarch.

When Major General Lytle Brown, who is now investigating charges of "hideous slavery," said to exist in camps whose laborers are working on government projects, says that "I am inclined to believe that labor is not being exploited, and that the practice of peonage would be impossible", he leans too much to his own understanding. The government has never been the least hesitant in sending troops into Haiti, or Nicaragua, to protect the holdings of American financiers, but it has always shown itself unfavorably opposed to investigate charges of involuntary servitude, or flagrant infringement on Negro's rights.

Here the opportunity is again afforded our Northern publications to send their representatives into this section which is under surveillance by the entire nation, to make a thorough observation of what is going on in the levee camps, and let the world know about man's inhumanity to man. Let the man sent be a D'Artagnan.