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ARTICLE XIV. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged.

1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.



THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST

OWING to the fact that many of our readers are interested in the discussion that is going on in the public press because of certain denials of the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith by individuals of prominence here and there it seems only wise that The Monitor should present certain facts that may clarify any confusion that may have arisen in their minds. One very common assertion is to the effect that the Synoptic Gospels, that is to say, St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke, contain no statements that indicate or prove that our Blessed Lord believed Himself to be God. Such writers and speakers virtually reject the authority of the 4th Gospel, that according to St. John, because of its unmistakable teaching concerning Christ's Deity. There are, however, many passages in the Synoptics which are, implicitly and explicitly, as strong as those in St. John. Here then are a few of these passages which refute the assertion that Christ lays no claim to being divine:

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples saying, 'Whom do men say that I the Son of man am.' And they said, Some say that Thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but My Father which is in Heaven." St. Matthew xvi. 13-17.

Our Lord here raises the question as to Who and what He is. It involves the assertion that He is the Son of Man. It is a self-chosen name, which Jesus applies to Himself. With only two exceptions (Acts vii, 56, and Rev. xiv. 14) He is the only One in the New Testament who applies this title to Himself. 'What does it mean: To all who heard Him it was a clear assertion and claim of Messiahship. And the Messianic idea and ideal involves a vast deal more than an ethical relationship to God. But note St. Peter's reply: 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.' Not merely one of the great prophets with their human limitations, but one whose Personality transcends theirs. Jesus accepts St. Peter's confession as the true acknowledgement of His divine personality, commends him for it and traces His enlightenment concerning this great mystery of His, Christ's being, to its Source, a direct revelation from the Father in Heaven. Had St. Peter's statement meant merely sonship by virtue of membership in the old Theocracy there would have been nothing so distinctive about it, as to make it impossible for "flesh and blood" to have drawn this conclusion. Such an obvious inference would not have made a special divine relation necessary. It was because it involved infinitely more than this that it elicited the significant commendation of the Master and His profound words concerning the establishment of His Church, the extension of His Incarnation, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail.

Space forbids enlargement upon this passage, except to say that its teachings cannot be confined to any mere humanistic view of Christ. It involves stupendous claims and authority upon the part of Jesus of Nazareth which can only be justified upon the assumption that He is Divine. "Son of Man," yes. Very man of very man. "Son of God," yes. Very God of very God. Two whole and perfect natures united in One Divine Person. All of this is involved in our Lord's question and in St. Peter's answer. And this is from St. Matthew, one of the three synoptic gospels.

In His trial before the High Priest as recorded by St. Mark, occur these significant words: "Again the High Priest asked Him and said unto Him, Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the

Blessed? And Jesus said, I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of Heaven"—St. Mark xiv. 61-62. "Ye have heard the blasphemy," replied the high priest. "What think ye?" And they all condemned Him to be guilty of death. His "blasphemy" consisted in making claims of equality with God, in other words, being God. This, of course, is blasphemy if not true.

Throughout the synoptic Gospels Jesus claims authority to forgive sins, to absolve from guilt penitent sinners. This is admittedly a Divine prerogative, which brought Him frequently into conflict with His hearers, who raised this question, "Who can forgive sins but God?" And yet Jesus unhesitatingly claimed this power.

The synoptic gospels, Sts. Matthew, Mark and Luke, contain passage after passage, in which Jesus, implicitly and explicitly, lays claim to being God. These stupendous claims are verified by the Fourth Gospel, that of St. John, which because of its clear and irrefutable testimony to our Lord's claim to Deity is questioned and rejected by those who deny His Deity. But the Synoptics are sufficiently clear to establish the divinity of the compassionate Christ, the Savior of the World, and of Whose Kingdom there shall be no end, according to His own transcendent claim.

A DECISIVE FACTOR
THE recount of the vote for sheriff of Douglas county, the office which was made the storm center of the last election, showed that Sheriff Enores defeated Mike Clark, the republican incumbent, by something like 365 votes. Many colored men, normally active republicans, and a larger number of colored women, fought Mr. Clark and supported Mr. Enores. There is no question whatever then that Mr. Enores owes his election to our people. He has very properly recognized that fact by appointing a deputy sheriff from among our people. It was the right thing to do. Our purpose at this time, however, is to again point out the fact that in elections in this city the vote of our people is the decisive factor.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHILDREN
THE Monitor desires to extend our congratulations to the large number of our children who have entered High School, and also to the others who have won promotion in the grades. We hope that every one will be filled with the determination to do his or her best in scholarship and school citizenship. Strive to be the best in your class and grade. Our people are on trial in you therefore, young people, do your best. Let none excel you in scholarship or deportment.

AMERICAN LEGION, THEODORE ROOSEVELT POST No. 30

Theodore Roosevelt Post, American Legion, held a very successful "get together" meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening. About fifty ex-service men were present and after a short time spent in telling stories of the World War the meeting settled down to the real business of the evening. Messrs. Stryker, Wheeler, Mettlen and Adjutant Hough of Douglas County Post were present and contributed to the success of the evening.

The Post was particularly fortunate in having present on their program Mrs. Chadwick, Mr. Yatch and Mr. Chadwick who favored us with several interesting numbers. Another well known artist was H. Preston who rendered a solo which added materially to the program. After refreshments which were served by Mesdames LaCour, Bailey, Long and Peables the boys all felt full of enthusiasm and good will for the Legion. This is just the beginning of a series of such affairs by the Post and all ex-service men are invited to be present.

DEATH OF MARY ANN BROWN

Deceased was born in Lexington, Mo., July 10, 1864. Died in Omaha, Nebr., January 18, 1923. While quite a young lady she moved to Omaha. Here she met and married Andrew William Brown in 1885. Or this union there was one daughter. While a young and active woman she professed Christianity under the pastorage of Rev. Phillip A. Hubbard. Each day of the deceased's life was a living example of true Christianity, neighborly love and staunch friendship.

In the loss of Mrs. Brown, we give up a wonderful mother, a true and consistent Christian, a loyal and loving friend and neighbor.

She leaves to mourn her loss, one daughter, Mrs. Winifred White; one grandson, John White; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Green and Mrs. Georgia Waddell of Lexington, Mo., also Mrs. Winifred Brookins of Palm Beach, Fla. One brother, James May, of Des Moines, Iowa, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

BATTLING SIKI TO INTO THE MOVIES

Paris, Feb. 2.—Batling Siki, sensational Senegalese, and the most talked-of fighter of the past decade, is to have a role in a photoplay to be made by a Dutch concern in a Paris suburb, L'Auto says.

The boxer will act the part of a faithful servant, whose master's little girl has been kidnapped. As the plot unfolds, Siki rescues the child through his prowess as a pugilist. He is said to be quite as "photogenic" as his rival Carpentier.

Both Siki and his new manager, Mr. Brouilhet, maintain their allegations that the fight with Carpentier was framed, notwithstanding the report of the Boxing Federation Committee which said it had found no evidence of a frame-up. When interviewed by L'Auto, Brouilhet asserted he would produce full proof of his charges on February 15th, when a civil tribunal will hear the action brought against the Federation by Siki for depriving him of his title.

TO MAKE PHOTOGRAPHS FLY



Edouard Bellin, the French inventor of the process of sending photographs by wire, has perfected his apparatus since its first announcement two years ago. Photographs can now be sent across the Atlantic in a few minutes.

HUBBY'S VALUE \$1. SAYS WILL

New York Woman Calls Helpmate "Worthless" and Leaves Small Bequest.

New York.—"I give and bequeath to John Klaus of the said town of Mount Pleasant, my worthless husband, the sum of \$1."

Thus read the will of Mrs. Caroline Klaus, just filed for probate in White Plains.

Surrogate Slater stated the testatrix left an estate valued at \$5,000, which will be divided among her children, grandchildren and distant relatives. Mrs. Klaus was an old resident of Hawthorne, in Mount Pleasant township. She referred to her husband in this one clause only.

Mexican Shoe Industry Booms.

Mexico City.—The younger generation in Mexico is being taught to wear shoes and the "barefoot boy with cheeks of tan" is decreasing in numbers. If statistics compiled by the American chamber of commerce of Mexico are correct. Not only have importations of footwear from the United States increased, it is said, but during the last two years several shoe factories have started in Mexico and all are thriving.

Chases Deer With Hammer.

Goshen, N. J.—Many stories are told by deer hunters in Sullivan county. Leo Nester, residing south of Monticello, tells one. He said he saw a buck racing across his dooryard. He seized a hammer and gave chase, running neck and neck with the animal for some distance, when it got away.

CORN IN LEAD AS FARM CROP

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IMPORTANT GIFT TO WORLD

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Washington.—Corn, the red man's gift to the white man, has come to be the nation's most important farm crop. Consumed either directly or in the form of meat and other animal products, it is the principal source of the nation's food supply.

The 1921 year book of the Department of Agriculture shows just to what extent the 300,000,000-bushel crop forms the basis of the live-stock industry. Forty per cent of the crop is fed to swine on farms, 30 per cent to horses and mules on farms and 15 per cent to cattle on farms. Only 10 per cent is used direct for human food.

Corn was one of the most important gifts America made to the rest of the world. The United States now produces about three-fourths of the world's corn crop. That corn also is an important crop in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and some of the southern European countries, is shown in the report.

Disease Regulates Crop.

Weather, insects and plant diseases have a great deal to do with regulating the size of the crop in the United States. The estimated loss caused by common smut alone during the period 1917-1920 was placed at about eighty millions of bushels annually. Of insect pests the corn-ear worm, where abundant, causes a loss of at least 7 per cent of the grain on the ears attacked. The European corn borer also threatens to take a heavy toll.

It is stated the production of the corn crop is financed with less borrowed capital than is the case with other staple farm crops. The reason for this is that the farmer's income is distributed throughout the year more evenly than is the case in many other sections, and because the direct investment in the crop consists more of the farmer's own labor and less of purchased material and equipment than is the case in many other crops.

Get Book From Congressmen.

The year book, which is obtainable through congressional representatives from the department, contains much data of interest and value to producers, including chapters on production costs and figures, financing and advice on production according to seasonal supply and demand.

WOMAN CAN'T WED UNTIL 1925

New Haven Divorcee Strikes Snag in Massachusetts Law—Loser is Hit.

New Haven, Conn.—Miss Lillian Peterson, who was married to Sidney Isaacs the day after her divorce from Bob Pickett, and now seeks to have the second ceremony annulled so that she can return to Massachusetts, is meeting great obstacles in the Bay state laws.

Believing that she could legally marry in Massachusetts six months after getting a divorce decree, Miss Peterson announced that she would have her premature marriage annulled and wed Isaacs all over again in six months. Now she finds that the laws of Massachusetts forbid one losing a divorce suit to marry within two years and six months.

The party that wins the suit may marry after six months, but as a penalty the court inflicts two years additional upon the loser.

Hunts Coyotes With Club.

Iron Mountain, Mich.—Over at Rapid City there is an owner of a pool-room, named Smith, who takes a club and goes out "coyotting" every once in a while just for a little pastime and amusement. Last week he clubbed two coyotes to death and trapped a red fox. It is not a dangerous pastime, according to Smith, for he says coyotes are cowards and won't attack unless there is a gang of them. In the last few years Smith has killed 23 wolves and coyotes.

He Buries \$1,350 in Jar; Worms Dine; Cash Gone

Toledo, O.—Two years ago, Pete Pullos, railroad section foreman, became worried over national financial conditions and withdrew his life's savings, \$1,350, from a local bank and buried it in an earthen jar. The other day Pullos decided the banks were all right again, and dug up the jar. In the bottom of the partly disintegrated receptacle was a mass of bill fragments, chewed by worms. Pullos hurried to a downtown bank with the remnants of his small fortune, where expert money handlers tried to patch up the pieces, but to no avail.

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