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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.

"LIES AND DAMN LIES"

THIS was an expression used not so long ago which seemed to shock some people who pose as being very pious. We admit here that we are always suspicious of people who parade or prate about their piety. We further confess that piety paraders and praters provoke in us a strong temptation to cuss. Honestly, it does. We resist the temptation, but it arises, nevertheless. But to the question before us. It is true that there are lies and "damn lies"; and to our way of thinking, there is a vast ethical distinction between them. A lie is a falsehood or untruth told perhaps through fear, or some other controlling motive, for the purpose of avoiding punishment or getting oneself out of trouble. It is largely a personal matter and affects primarily the one telling it. It is the act of the child who, to avoid punishment, tells an untruth, and this applies equally to the adult. It seldom, if ever, works. And it always brings its penalty, if not immediately, then remotely. Untruths of this character are lies; but they are not nearly so bad as "damn lies." What are they? Willful, deliberate, malicious falsehoods or untruths told for the purpose of injuring the character, standing, influence or good name of some man or woman are "damn lies", with emphasis on the "DAMN". Courts of law recognize this distinction by calling it libel or slander. So you see there is a difference, quite a vast difference, between a lie and a damn lie. Lies are bad enough, but damn lies are infinitely worse. And yet there are people who seem to take pleasure in telling damn lies. They do not seem to realize that this is a serious matter for which they can be brought to book. How much better it would be if all men everywhere would obey the injunction of the Good Book which says, "wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates; and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath, for all these are things I hate, saith the Lord".

FEW WILL BE LEFT

ACCORDING to "The American Standard", a Kluxie publication, High Church Episcopalians, are now allies of the Pope and are rapidly becoming part of the papal army which

is eventually going to turn the United States over to the Vatican. It is not astounding what big brainstorms or what would be a storm in that part of their head if vacuity did not exist there, these Kluxers have. They are always seeing ghosts. First the un-American, non-assimilable elements which they proposed to fight were "Koons, Keiks and Catholics." Now, according to "The American Standard", the "High Church Wing of the Sect (Episcopalians) shows nearness to Romanism" and therefore is a cloud upon the national horizon. If the Kluxers keep up their process of elimination from the ranks of the "100 per cent Americans", there will be a very small company left. It will be a little lonely on their side of the fence we opine.

AN AWAKENING

The raising of the Defense Fund of \$65,000 for waging a legal battle for the rights of the Negro is a cause for congratulation. It shows an awakening upon the part of the race to the necessity of furnishing the sinews of war in their battle for justice. There should be no let up in contributions to this fund. A large, wisely administered defense fund is very necessary at this time.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

THE decision of the Supreme Court of Michigan to the effect that contractual limitation of the purchase of property to Caucasians is void and unconstitutional in that state will have an important bearing upon this question which has become acute in several localities. This decision is so fundamentally sound that we have marveled at the effrontery of those who have attempted to violate the principles at stake which an adverse ruling would have sustained. To hold that race, religion or color is a bar to the purchase and occupancy of property by an American citizen is so obviously subversive of one's constitutional right and so vicious and far-reaching in principle that the veriest child can see it. The decision of the Supreme Court of Michigan must be the decision of every court in the land.

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THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

LINCOLN NEWSLETS

CORRECTION!

Mesdames Copeland and Forbes were charming hostesses to a group of friends at a Yuletide party at the home of Mrs. Copeland, Wednesday evening. Christmas decorations were in evidence and a charming luncheon was served during the evening. An enjoyable time was had by all. (Due to a typographical error in this item last week "charity luncheon" was made to read "charity luncheon", which caused some consternation and comment. Courteous attention has been called to the error which is hereby corrected with due apology to the ladies.—Editor of The Monitor.

The series of ten nights revival meetings which were conducted by Rev. W. H. Polette of Prescott, Ark. for Rev. H. W. Botts at Mt. Zion Baptist church, were brought to a close Wednesday night after a wonderful success spiritually and numerically.

Mr. Harry Franklin went through another surgical operation last Tuesday, and is reported to be doing fine now.

Mrs. Ella Black is reported to be improving from a recent stroke.

Mrs. Alice Cowans is confined indoors with illness.

D. H. Oliver of Omaha was in the city Sunday.

The Utopian Art club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Griffin at her home, 1225 S street, Thursday night, January 21st. Election of officers; and a paper by Mrs. R. Adair.

Mr. William Scott is reported confined at home with illness.

Mr. P. J. Abner returned home from New Jersey the past week after burying his sister.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at Newman M. E. church; hence special meetings were held during the day.

Sunday special services were held at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church. Rev. Dr. Bryant of Western University, Kansas City, Kans. was present and preached Sunday morning. In the evening the choir rendered the cantata, "Prince of Peace", to a well filled house.

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Kurtzman, mahogany case. \$ 285

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Schmoller & Mueller, golden oak. \$ 325
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Schaeffer, br. mah. \$ 350
Hobart M. Cable, worth double. \$ 360
Knabe Angelus, mah. \$ 395

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Christie, good tone and action. \$ 275
Smith & Nixon, mahogany case. \$ 298
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10 a. m. Sunday School

11 a. m. Sung Eucharist With Sermon

8 p. m. Service and Sermon

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