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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.

SOUND DOCTRINE

MUCH NEEDED

THE general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church in session at St. Louis has put itself on record in no unmistakable language on many questions affecting the status of our race. Its utterances have been manly, clear, statesmanlike, sane but uncompromising as touching our rights as American citizens. Those who looked to this great influential religious body, which represents millions of our people, to camouflage, soft-pedal, side-step or pussy-foot made a serious mistake. That the position taken has been so manly is most heartening and shows that we are growing in manliness. Perhaps no statement by the conference shows its spirit and trend more clearly than its resolution on race equality which reads,

"Resolved, That the general conference, in regular session assembled, give the following expression of our faith, belief and position regarding the great question of racial division and racial solidarity, as follows:
"We firmly believe, reaffirm and steadfastly maintain the Bible teaching concerning the various race varieties and divisions in the human family.

"That there is but one race—the human race—and that no matter how much the people of this earth may vary as to color, hair, language, customs, laws or geographical location, God hath made of one blood all nations that dwell on the earth.

"We brand as false and pernicious the doctrine of any superior race or superman, except as opportunities, environment and education shall enable a man, group of men, a race variety or a nation to show improvement or hold sway over and dominate other men or groups of men. Given equal opportunities, the various race varieties have always shown equal capacity for improvement."

This is the kind of teaching which calls for repeated emphasis, not for the purpose of filling us with racial self-conceit, but with racial self-respect and manliness. The doctrine of inherent racial inferiority has been inlined into our ears so long, and legislative enactment, custom, tradition and practice have been and are still so generally employed to implant this impression in our minds that thousands of people actually believe it and act accordingly. Such teaching is false and pernicious. Teach a man or race that he or it is inherently inferior and the result will be inferiority and degeneracy. The springs of aspiration become clogged and stagnation results. Almighty God knew His business, and we speak with reverence, when He created man, and He created no inferior or superior races. Men and races are superior or inferior only as they respond to the opportunities which He gives them for development. Do not accept for one moment the pernicious doctrine of racial inferiority because your skin is black. Believe that you are and it is your duty to prove yourself in all things a man. Let not your children hear from you the slightest hint that they belong to an inferior race. Teach them that they have the same kind of a brain, heart and moral and spiritual nature as any other member of the human race and that they should aspire to become good and great. Let the closing words of the above resolution sink into your soul, "Given equal opportunities, the various race varieties have always shown equal capacity for

improvement," and never cease contending for equal opportunities for all men to develop their God-given powers of heart, intellect and will.

This is the kind of sound doctrine much needed in these days when theories of the superman, variously disguised, are so prevalent.

TOO MANY LOAFERS.

OMAHA has too many loafers, of all kinds, nationalities and colors. They ought to be compelled to work at some gainful occupation. If they will not work voluntarily, they ought to be arrested and put to work on the city streets or on county roads, or wherever their labor is needed. Loafers are a menace to any community. There is no excuse for so many able-bodied men and youths to be loafing. There is work for any honest man who wants to work.

To the young men of our race—for they seem to be the class most addicted to idleness—who have fallen into the idle and loafing class, The Monitor earnestly appeals to go to work. You are adding a heavy burden to your race in this community which is exceedingly heavy for the industrious and self-respecting to bear. Boys, cut out your loafing; brace up, be men, not parasites. Go to work. Get a job. Stick to it. Save your money. Be somebody. You can be, if you want to be and will. Stop hanging around in loafing places.

DE-AMERICANIZATION.

DE-AMERICANIZATION is a word seldom heard or seen. Nevertheless, it describes a process that, subtle and unsuspected by many, is threatening the overthrow of the country. Snobbishness towards foreign-born groups of citizens, enforced colonization of various groups, restriction in civic and educational privileges, profiteering and class legislation. All these are tributary to the process which is weakening the love of many towards America. While talking glibly about Americanization, by our unsympathetic, undemocratic, un-Christian attitude to many races and classes, we are rapidly promoting de-Americanization. May men and women of light and leading realize this before it is too late.

WHAT OUR EDITORS SAY.

Becoming a Dead Issue.

We feel that it is high time for men who are seeking offices to find a new slogan to use. The old cry of "Negro supremacy" and "social equality" is becoming a dead issue. The better class of white people are not going to fall for this rot much longer. In fact, we think that all of the white people are tired of that kind of stuff.—The Birmingham (Ala.) Times-Plaindealer.

Menacing Public Peace.

One of the greatest opponents of public peace and safety today is the malicious practices of some of our leading periodicals and newspapers. There seems to be a determined effort on the part of some reporters and editors to keep the flames of race hatred aglow and ever kindled. Never before in the annals of American history, have we needed sane and sound editorials and wise reporters of events and happenings as now.—The Fort Worth (Tex.) Hornet.

Double Standard of Justice Wrong. The wrong is in the whole system

of southern justice and until it is corrected there can be no peace nor happiness for a large per cent of southern people—both black and white. "A code of justice" that has two standards can not be justice at all.—The Houston (Tex.) Observer.

Omit Color From Bonus Plan.

If there is a virtue in the bonus plan, and there is, it must be equally considered and allowed without regard to color, race, etc. Republicans might look well to this situation and be a bit mindful of the protest of men whom they have taught to fight for democracy and liberty.—The Detroit (Mich.) Leader.

Trust Ex-Service Men.

For us, we have no fear for the conduct of Negro ex-service men, in the event they shall be granted additional bonus money or other aid by the government.—The Savannah (Ga.) Tribune.

The Right to Serve on Jury.

The right to serve on jury goes along with the right to vote so inseparable that separation between them is impossible, without destroying the right in both.—The Washington (D. C.) Eagle.

Opposing the Bonus.

The colored soldier boys responded to Uncle Sam's call freely and gladly and we believe Uncle Sam will be deaf to the pleas of those who would shut them out of enjoying the fruits of the victory which they won at the risk of their lives, while these Chamber of Commerce gentlemen stayed at home and made millions out of the war. To oppose the bonus asked for by these boys, comes with poor grace from this set of profiteers.—St. Louis (Mo.) Clarion.

Get Into Politics Right.

The Star believes in the Negro first in politics. The Star is purely a race paper and as such we are urging that

more Negroes darken this coming convention. Get in that convention by some means and represent something and somebody. Get in and don't stand around and whine, beg or shy, but go manly and courageously forward and get yours.—The Denver (Colo.) Star.

EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

Silence is not golden at a bargain sale.

A "heck" of a salesman is often a shrimp of a buyer.

When thieves fall out then other thieves get scared.

Religion of the tongue is vastly different from religion of the heart.

TEXAS MONITOR READERS ATTENTION, PLEASE

Charles Hemphill would like to hear from or learn the whereabouts of his sister, Mrs. Mary Huff, who when last heard from was a resident of Taylor, Texas. Send letter in care of The Monitor, Kaffir Block, Omaha, Neb.

FIVE POLICEMEN IN TULSA

Tulsa, Okla., May 13.—Five colored policemen have been placed on the force by the Republican city administration.

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