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## "STIRRING UP STRIFE."

SOME months ago the United States Department of Justice investigated certain of our race newspapers which were under suspicion of stirring up strife between the races and proclaiming a doctrine of hatred against the white race. At that time, and the practice continues, the daily press of the country, with a few honorable exceptions, was carrying almost daily boxcar headlines of alleged crimes by Negroes against white women. Many of them were known to be lies at the time of their publication, the sole purpose being to pander to the sensational and crate adverse sentiment against colored Americans. This evil genius begot Negro-baiting mobs. These cowardly mobs were met by an unexpected resistance. They found that the would-be victims of their slaughter were ready to defend themselves. There MUST be a cause for this resistance. The southern solons saddled in seats of power at Washington sought the cause of this spirit of self-defense yclept by them "stirring up strife between the races." They speedily reached the conclusion that it must be due to the pernicious teaching of "the radical Negro newspapers" which had the courage to demand justice for the race. The Department of Justice would therefore investigate the Negro press and if the suspicions of these astute gentlemen were verified these dangerous publications would be suppressed. Some one was kind enough to report that The Monitor was one of these dangerous publications. A courteous official from the Department came to investigate us. We cheerfully placed our files at his disposal. He spent several hours going over them; indeed, as he frankly admitted to us—perhaps it was unprofessional for him to do so—he found much to interest him and was pleased with our modest publication. Evidently we were given a clean bill of health, for we heard nothing more from the Department of Justice. We, however, frankly told the investigator that the Department of Justice ought to center its investigation upon the daily press and compel it to eliminate its damning and damnable hatred—breathing anti-Negro propaganda.

Apropos of our suggestion at that time we call attention to the following excerpts from a widely circulated Texas magazine and ask why the proper authorities do not suppress publications of this character which persist in manufacturing race hatred? Here are choice samples from this San Antonio publication by the "superior race":

"I care not a snap for my finger what others may do or think, when I state that I would not exchange the honor and safety of one pure American white woman for the life of every Negro in the United States. If this be treason, I want the nigger-lovers and back-alley coon chasers to fly at it."  
"The Negro responds to nothing but brute force. As a slave he knew that there would be no delay in severe punishment for disobedience. Therefore, it was fear—and fear only—that ever made him worth a damn."  
"Education will remove the bray from the jackass in the springtime, sooner than it will remove the lecherous instinct born with the African. Nature put it there, and it is going to remain."

It bespeaks a rather low state of mentality and morality among readers who are pleased with such coarseness, crudeness and viciousness as these excerpts would indicate. Among such the stirring up of strife is easy.

## "OWN YOUR HOME."

WE do not know who the author of this is, for the name was not given; but what is here so well said expresses so accurately and fully the advice we would give Monitor readers that we pass it on to them:

JUST as soon as it is possible for you to do so, buy a house, the ground it stands on, and as much land around it as your business, convenience, or taste may require.  
A home can never be all that it should be to you and yours, unless

you own it. This is doubtless impossible to a great multitude who will read this letter, but let not such be discouraged. A beautiful home life may be developed, even by a tenant at will; though the security and fixedness of proprietorship are greatly tributary to home's permanent influences. If the home is owned, see that its exterior represents you faithfully. What you cannot afford in architecture, you can supply in vine and flowers. The interior should receive the impress of all the order, neatness, taste, and ingenuity that are in you. Your home is the temple of your sweetest human love. It is in this temple that young immortals are born. It is here that characters are shaped into manhood and womanhood—the highest earthly estate. It is here that you are to work out the problem of your lives. It is a place of dignity. Therefore give it honor; make it beautiful; make it worthy!

All this, however, only relates to the location—the shell of your home. The ordering of its internal life is of still greater importance. The greatest danger of home life springs from its familiarity. Kindred hearts, gathered at a common fireside, are far too apt to relax from the proprieties of social life. Careless language and careless attire are too apt to be indulged in when the eye of the world is shut off, and the ear of the world cannot hear. I counsel no stiffness of family etiquette—no sternness of family discipline—like that which prevailed in the olden time. The day is past for that, but the day for thorough respectfulness among the members of a home—the day for careful propriety of dress and address—will never pass. For it is here that the truest and most faultless social life is to be lived; it is here that such a life is to be learned. A home in which politeness reigns is a home from which polite men and women go out; and they go out directly from no other.

## WILL HISTORY REPEAT?

GOVERNOR Cox started out on a 10,000 mile swing around the west Saturday on the same train the president did and within one day of the anniversary of that eventful trip made by Mr. Wilson in the interest of the League of Nations. Mr. Wilson succeeded in turning the public farther from the league than they were when he started. Our frank opinion is that Mr. Cox will excel the president in that he will force the public not only against the league, but the democratic party and its candidates. The people would rather have few promises that are possible of fulfillment than a world full of empty pledges impossible of achievement.

## WHICH PLAN IS BETTER?

In reply to a questionnaire involving several of the most important and far-reaching questions concerning our nation, Governor Cox immediately replied: "My reply to every one of them is unequivocally yes." Senator Harding replied: "I have been very seriously considering the questions which you ask, but I would be unworthy of public confidence if I ventured to decide so important a question without the very fullest study." A certain democratic organ displayed in striking headlines its great pleasure in the position taken by Mr. Cox, saying: "Harding hesitates on a point. Cox gives immediate and unequivocal answer—Yes."

We venture to ask, upon which of the two replies given to the engineers could the public best and most safely depend? Do not the people by this know it is the easiest thing in the world for Mr. Cox to answer affirmatively any question anybody may ask him?

Harding thinks the thing over and decides on possibilities.

HENRY LINCOLN JOHNSON, OUR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

WE have had the pleasure of meeting and, for two days being closely associated with Henry Lincoln Johnson, acknowledged facile princeps among our present-day political leaders. As we sat in the meetings over

which he presided with such ability, fairness and courteous consideration for all participants in the conference, our admiration for the man constantly increased. His accurate and complete knowledge of affairs political throughout the whole country, not only in relation to our own special group but of the nation at large is marvelous. His command of language in conveying his carefully thought-out plans or in giving information is an accomplishment to be coveted. One can well understand how it was that he was able to puncture the specious arguments and fallacies of his opponents in the national republican convention, have his delegation seated and win the place of national committeeman, an honor long denied our people and to which we are justly entitled. And Colonel Henry Lincoln Johnson is preeminently qualified by experience, service, intellect and a heart for the position which he has won and which he regards not as a state or personal recognition but as a national racial recognition.

Henry Lincoln Johnson is a big man in every way. He is big in stature, big in brain, big in heart and as representative of our group on the national republican committee we have a man who fully measures up to all requirements and of whom we may all be justly proud. He is the right man in the right place. We can depend upon him in doing all that is possible to see that our people are given a square deal.

It has strengthened the republican party's weakening grip upon the loyalty and affection of our people by having a man like Henry Lincoln Johnson on the national committee. We feel that we have representation. He is regarded in a peculiar sense as our national committeeman.

## HAYSEED PHILOSOPHY.

WANTED SMILES!  
There are smiles that make us happy. There are smiles that make us blue. And—There are smiles do neither? "Yes," says the grouch, as he thinks of the smiles put forth during conversation over the telephone.

Haven't you observed such? Certainly you have. And perhaps you, too, are in accord with the grouch. "Can the person at the other end of the line catch the sunshine of the smiling face?"

Physically, no. Psychologically, yes. Flowers may bloom and waste their fragrance on desert air, but smiles are never wasted. Like the quality of mercy, smiles are twice blessed. And if there be any difference in the giver and receiver, the smiler and the smiled at, the advantage is decidedly with the dispenser. Let us continue then to smile at our end of the line, though blocks of opacity intervene to intercept the physical vision of the object of our smiles. Such smiles will at least make US happy. Their impress will linger when friends are viewing our last remains.

## TEN DON'TS.

1. Don't find fault with what the other fellow does unless you are sure you can do better.
2. Don't depend upon your neighbor for help when you can help yourself.
3. Don't spend all of your time gossiping about your neighbor. Spend more time rendering yourself uninteresting of gossip.
4. Don't mistake the kindness of your friend for license. This may be revoked, leaving you without either.
5. Don't think you know it all. Give the other fellow a chance. He may know more than you.
6. Don't be too apt to suspect evil in your neighbor's conduct. "For the wicked thinketh evil where there is none. As a man thinketh so is he."
7. Don't be a pessimist, lest the world take you at your face value.
8. Don't build your business on mere promises. Such a foundation will not be strong enough to risk a very substantial building.
9. Don't remain out of school if you are of school age. You'll regret it when you are too old.
10. Don't fail to identify yourself with some church. There's plenty of both work and room for you inside.

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An acre of performance is worth more than a whole world of promise.

That man is idle who does less than he can.

Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle.—Michael Angelo.

There is a better market for smiles than frowns.

The only influence that is worth having is the influence you yourself create.

There is no higher rank than that of a worker. No title can ever make a loafer a nobleman.

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Finding out, and not knowledge, is the spring that makes life fascinating.—Benson.

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