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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.

### PRINCIPLE, NOT POLICY

ONE of our esteemed friends believes that The Monitor made a mistake in not supporting entirely one slate or the other in the last city election. We made no mistake. The Monitor wears no man's dog collar. There were men on both slates who we did not consider friendly to our people and we could not consistently and therefore would not support them. We made our selection advisedly and made our position perfectly plain to any one who is fair-minded enough to admit it or has brains enough to see it. We think for ourselves and shall strive to educate our readers to do the same thing. The Monitor can always be relied upon to take the stand which we believe to be for the best interests of the people whom we serve. We took our position openly and frankly and have no apologies to make. It may be policy to tie up with one side or the other, but principle is above policy with us every time.

### SENATOR BEGETS TWIN GNATS

SENATOR Caraway of Arkansas is making herculean efforts to get into the limelight. Is there not a proverb that runs something like this, "An elephant travelled and brought forth a gnat?" This would seem to apply to the Arkansas senator, who evidently belongs to the pachydermus genus. He has labored and brought forth twin gnats. They are Senate Roll 1795, which prohibits the enlistment of any member of the Negro race in the military or naval service of the United States; and Senate roll 1796 which prohibits the intermarriage of the Negro and Caucasian races in the District of Columbia. These are twin gnats begotten by United States Senator Caraway.

Listen to their buzzing. Gnats are pests, we know, but they are short lived. Look compassionately upon the Senator for his mental limitations are apparently great. He evidently is doing his best. It is really too bad that the Senator from Arkansas should endure such pangs of mental childbirth and bring forth nothing better than these twin gnats.

### TRY DALLAS COUNTY TEXAS

RECENT dispatches bring us an account of the president of a certain goat society in Africa as complaining that the cost of native wives had advanced since the war 100 per cent. That whereas he paid four cows per wife before the war, he has to pay eight at present, which was drawing very heavily on his resources. Now we Americans should not laugh at this strange manner of buying. The word with which we are so familiar—pecuniary, comes from the Latin "pecus" which means a flock of cattle. Aside from this bit of etymology, we would advise this society to get in touch with the marriage license clerk of Dallas County, Texas, on a Friday which comes on the 13th. We note that this skillful clerk has advertised \$3.00 wives marked down to \$1.48, provided they are bought on Friday 13th. Keep an eye on the calendar. Not much difference after all.

### MAYBE HE DIDN'T SEE IT

A certain preacher in a small town preached a very interesting sermon on the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." He had been estranged from his wife for some time, the latter living with her father. When the sermon was finished the preacher made a sudden rush for his wife and her father who were in a hurry on the way home from the church, no doubt uttering praise for the remarkable production by her erstwhile husband, when suddenly the sound of pistol shots was heard. The result was that the preacher had shot and fatally wounded both his wife and father-in-law. Maybe he didn't see the "Not" in the Commandment.

The recording angel will hardly fail to show him the correct text at the final day.

### APPOINTMENTS BY CITY COMMISSION

UP to the present time the new city commission has recognized our group of voters by two appointments. The Inspectorship of Weights and Measures which since its award to the Colored people by Mayor Cushing, a democrat, some thirty years ago, has been regarded as traditionally ours, goes to William S. Metcalfe; and the custodian of the city jail has been given by Commissioner Dunn to F. L. Barnett. The former position, considered the choicest plum suited to the appetite of the faithful brother of ebon hue, in the local political orchard; is under Commissioner Butler. Metcalfe is a "rookie," in political preference, as this is his first appointment; while Barnett is a well seasoned veteran, having served the city in several capacities during the past quarter of a century. The Monitor is glad that this recognition of our voters has been made. We are confident that both gentlemen will give eminent satisfaction in the positions to which they have been appointed.

Mr. Metcalfe is a man of good character, a property owner and a substantial citizen. From the standpoint of ability, character and substantial citizenship which are the things that should count most, the appointment, in our judgment, could not be improved upon; but from the standpoint of political activity there are many who could question the appointee's right to it. The Monitor hopes that many more positions will be given our people. We should be represented in every department, not by suzerance, but by right. This is not only justice, but political wisdom. Substantial appointments for our group in common with other voters by the city commission will prove a valuable political asset to the present incumbents who have their eye on the future.

### A GOOD SHOWING

RECENTLY a survey of the colored citizens of Kansas City, Kans., was made for the purpose of ascertaining the exact economic and industrial conditions obtaining among our people in that thriving city. Among many encouraging facts disclosed was this outstanding one: Among the colored population which numbers about 15,000, 68 per cent are either home-owners or home-buyers. Sixty-eight per cent either own their homes or are buying homes. Isn't this a splendid showing? We are inclined to think that a survey of Omaha would show a similar situation.

### HOME IMPROVEMENT

KEEP up the good work so well begun of home beautifying. There are certain districts in which many of our people live where there is little encouragement in improving conditions; but despite this, do your part to make the surroundings as attractive and sanitary as possible.

### SIDELIGHTS AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

(By The Associated Negro Press.) A white "gentleman from the South" came into Washington the other day and went up to the "Committee on Legislative Relief" and after certain preliminaries proceeded to discuss his "favorable" attitude toward the Negro. He said that he was not in favor of lynching—except for one thing. And proceeding to use the traditional southern term "nigger" he discoursed on how the government should be saved the expense of trial on an alleged victim. When the folks thereabout got thru with him, he didn't know whether he had been thru a gin mill or a cyclone. And, ye gods, he is a candidate for U. S. Marshall—or rather he was a candidate.

There is deep regret in Washington over the death of Chris J. Perry, veteran editor of the Philadelphia Tri-

# CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISES

The Monitor Continues Its Interesting Story of the Business Ventures of Our People to Be Found On Lake Street. Many New Ventures to Be Found Here.

## ESTIMATED \$19,000 INVESTED IN ONE BLOCK

Variety of Thriving Enterprises—Cafe, Furniture Store, Barber-shops, Tailoring Establishment, Grocery Stores and Meat Markets. Express Line and Undertaking Establishment Among Those to Be Found in This Block.

In our last week's trip among the race enterprises, we turned west on Lake Street, where this street intersects 24th, and traveled as far as 25th Street, passing through Macon's Cafe, Dr. Morris' Dental Parlor, Columbia Garden, A. F. Peoples' Paint-Varnish and Wall Paper Establishment and A. J. Davis' Real Estate and Insurance Co., having skipped one place, on account of not having the name of the proprietor. We shall begin our trip this week from this point, and continue westward as far as 24th.

The Columbia Barber Shop of which Claude Jones is proprietor, is a very thriving business. This has been only recently established. It is up-to-date in every respect, and carries in addition to its regular business a full line of colored newspapers and magazines. It is worth \$2,000.00.

According to schedule, we now cross 25th Street, where after going a few steps in the north side, nearly at the center of the block, we come to the Western Funeral Home, an up-to-date undertaking establishment, of which Silas Johnson is proprietor. Few, if any, businesses of this kind excel the Western Funeral Home in service and equipment.

The front is adorned with a beautiful spacious lawn, surrounded by shrubbery especially suited to the care of the dead. The chapel is beautifully finished and furnished with best material for service. Silas Johnson, the versatile owner and operative, was born in the Blue Grass State, Kentucky, and came to Omaha in 1889. He has been operating this business for six years. The establishment has very pleasing aspects, and the purpose and ambition of the management is to furnish their patrons with comfort and satisfaction. The plant is easily worth \$12,500.00.

Going just across the street we come to Montgomery's grocery and meat market, 2513 Lake Street. Montgomery was formerly located at 1411 N. 24th Street. This store is well stocked with all supplies needed for the table and home. They are doing a good business. The establishment is worth \$2,000.00.

Crossing again to the north side of the street, we come to the West End Second Hand Furniture Co., 2522 Lake Street, of which R. B. Rhodes is proprietor. Here, Rhodes has everything needed to furnish the home. He does express and repairing work also. Rhodes may be called the Colored Dolgoff of Omaha. Both started in the same business here nearly thirty years ago. He is a faithful hard working man. He carries both new and second hand goods. He does upholstering also. The plant is easily worth \$5,000.00.

Passing from Rhodes' place, the next door will be found Trimble's Tailor Shop, which is doing a thriving business. This business is worth \$500.00.

Going to the next door on the same side of the street, we come to Wad-dle's Barber Shop, a five-chair establishment. Here we are attracted by the clean white furniture and finish of the shop, as well as "mixed barbers." The management has a lady barber. She is no novice at the job either. Everything here bespeaks thrift. The place is worth \$2,000.00.

Traveling to the next door, we come to the Booth Cafe, an up-to-date establishment of which P. E. Anderson is proprietor. Here one can get real home cooking, especially pies. This establishment is doing a pleasing and thriving business and is easily worth \$1,000.00.

Just at the end of this block, 26th and Lake streets, we come to Benson's Grocery and Meats establishment, 2530 Lake Street. Here we find a well stocked store with everything you need for table purposes. And they have a real home bakery. Now this is new. If you want bread like mother used to make, you can get it here, at any time. Very often this bread is hot from the oven. Mrs. Henson bakes the bread. They sell you vegetables from their own garden. Mr. Benson operates an express business in connection with the store. This is a live corner, and they are doing a great business. The plant is worth \$3,000.00.

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## KNOW THE LAW

### Corporations.

House Roll No. 408—New blue sky law. Requires all corporations except some which are exempted to secure authority from department of trade and commerce before any stock or other securities are issued. Corporations exempted are: Public utilities, banks, trust companies, installment investment companies, insurance companies, religious institutions, non-profit bearing securities, domestic benevolent educational or charitable institutions or foreign or domestic governmental securities. Penalty for violation, one to ten years in penitentiary. Give department full power of examination, inspection, subpoena and publicity. Prohibits public display any department order or license. Requires agents to be registered. Makes it unlawful to declare unearned dividends. Imposes liabilities for misleading advertising and holds officers responsible for checking such advertisements. Requires attorney general and county attorneys to assist in investigation and prosecution. Limits stock salesmen's commissions to 10 per cent of par value. Violation of act primo facie evidence of fraud. Emergency.

House Roll No. 574—Re-written general co-operation laws; no person shall own more than 4 per cent of stock; fourteen may incorporate but minimum of twenty-five members required to do business; stock dividends limited to ten per cent; may provide for surplus fund, and additional profits must be paid as a patronage dividend to stockholders or non-stockholders as provided in articles. No firm unless organized under this law, can use word co-operative in its name. One vote for each stockholder regardless of interests. Emergency.

House Roll No. 568—Providing that actions at law relating to the issuance of sale of stock in corporations may be brought in the county where the cause of action or some part thereof arose or where the contract relating to the sale or insurance has been violated or is to be preferred.

House Roll No. 559—Making the person or corporation liable for all statements, declarations, promises or representations made by agent in procuring or negotiating the sale or transfer of its stock or securities. Emergency.

House Roll No. 237—If occupation tax of corporation is delinquent for three years and corporation fails to answer notices within ninety days it shall be dissolved.

Senate File No. 254—Permits ice manufacturers in Nebraska to sell their products outside of state containing less than 14 per cent butterfat and less than 12 per cent in fruit cream. Emergency.

House Roll No. 236—Reduces fee for filing amendment to articles of incorporation of non-profit corporations from \$5 to \$1.

bune, one of the most successful newspapers in the country. He had been ill for a number of months. A large number of friends from various sections attended the funeral. His death automatically makes J. Finley Wilson, Editor of the Washington Eagle, head of the National Negro Press Association.

The power of organization, and the effectiveness of the colored vote was forcibly brought out in the judiciary committee of the Senate, when the appointment of Frank A. Linney, one of the blackest of the "Lily Whites" was vigorously opposed by the Senate judiciary committee. "Linney won't do," is the word passed along, and Senator Borah said he would rather vote for a "yellow dog."

A. P. Scruggs, Lawyer, 250 S. 16th St. D. 7812, Col. 5881—Adv.

## France Holds American Graves Sacred

Only the slow chisel of time can carve the truth of history. That which we debate hotly and surround with words and eagerness and doubts and disappointments fades and is forgotten. Some simple fact, seldom upon our tongues and too obvious to be discussed, is left standing against the horizon.

The beginning of some such reevaluation made itself felt on Memorial day last year. In the commemoration of the day here and abroad there was a silent power that all who participated could not but feel. Tears were near the surface than any one suspected, memories more poignant. The very thought of our dead lying in the soil of France, their graves covered with flowers by the hands of French women and French children, the bugles of their French comrades blowing over them, stirs the depths of reverence and loyalty.

A scene in France, in one of the largest cemeteries in which American soldiers are buried, is thus beautifully described:

### Scene Most Picturesque.

Beyond the wall masses of purple lilacs spread against the low red roofs of the houses. In the distance a few lazy clouds, in sky of blue, hung about the old cathedral spires. Bird calls and scent of flowers filled the air. At our feet low mounds and white crosses. Above our heads, at half mast, the Stars and Stripes.

Monsieur Gounelle, in black cassock, spoke in French and explained to his people the meaning of Memorial day. One felt, instinctively, their sympathy and love.

Then we laid on every grave a spray of flowers and breathed a prayer for the absent ones. Each girl felt personally responsible for each mound in the row she decorated. How clear the names on those crosses stood out even though a year had passed!

The French officers laid a wreath at the foot of the flag pole and one of them spoke with tenderness of the heroes who had gone on. Already there hung upon the pole lovely wreaths from the Ville de Chateauroux, from the French mothers association, and other local organizations.

The chaplain from the post at Montierchaume addressed us, and then three volleys rang out upon the air, the missives winging their way over take our place next year, and in all the years to come. There will be flowers upon these graves this year.

Gradually the cemetery became deserted except for a few who lingered. A group of marines stood about the grave of a comrade very dear. Its marker was of stone and bore these words: "A true soldier beloved of his comrades." At one side a lad stood weeping and told us that his brother fell beyond the German lines.

Madame Gounelle, Georges and his mother came and talked with us. Love and sympathy shone in their faces as they told us of the honor that was theirs in caring for these graves. I thought of Georges' letter and his offer of the friendship of "a little Frenchman." Deep in our hearts there will live forever a memory of this "little Frenchman."

It was just the loving kindness of a kindly people and was thus, no matter where we went. Pilgrimages to the cemeteries at Suresnes, Chalons, Flames, Chatel-Guyon only served to deepen our gratitude to them.

Oh, Mothers of America, you need not fear. Again the mother hearts in France will leap the wide expanse of sea and utter a prayer for you as they drop their flowers upon our graves this year.

And above those glorious crosses, wherever they may be, float Old Glory, as she whispers to the breeze: I called them and they followed; I guard them in their sleep.

### STROVE FOR HUMAN LIBERTY

Armies Under the Stars and Stripes Had Always the Noblest Aims Man May Know.

For two decades the recurrent observance of Memorial day has been the regretful text for comment upon the dwindling line of "The Boys in Blue." The World war has given an added significance to the exercises of the day, which in all the years to come will be dedicated also to "The Boys in Khaki," the young men of this generation who so nobly carried on the noble record established by the men of the early sixties. And in between 2200 will be preserved for the veterans of the war with Spain in Cuba and the Philippines.

It is a proud tradition that in each of these wars the armies beneath the Stars and Stripes fought for human liberty, not for greed of territory or lust of power, but in the immortal words of Lincoln, that government of the people should not perish. And the outcome in each has justified the faith that "conquer we must when our cause is just." A people that takes up the sword only in such circumstances and with such spirit finds in the solemn ceremonies of Memorial day a symbolism of patriotism, an avowal of faith that can never be quenched.

The white crosses and silencing for a moment the song of the birds. A young marine faced the flag, saluted, and placed a bugle to his lips. Upon the warm clear air of that May day there floated down the sweet and plaintive notes of "Taps." And—it was finished.

### Girls Scatter Violets.

But wait. Who are these? Out of the watching throng came young French girls, to scatter violets upon our graves. And they told us, oh mothers of America, that they would

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Atty. J. E. Redmond is very ill at  
his home on W. 7th St.  
The Ladies' Church Aid met at the  
home of Mrs. Hatcher on Main St. last  
Thursday.

Rev. P. M. Lewis is organizing Ma-  
lone A. M. E. church into clubs for a  
rally to raise \$700.00 to repair the  
parsonage.

### WINS ORATORICAL PRIZE

(By The Associated Negro Press.)  
BOSTON Mass., May 26.—Clyde  
William Phelps, of 147 Longwood  
street, a member of the '22 class in  
Harvard college, won the Boylston  
prize for elocution in a recent contest.  
His subject was "Toussaint L'Ou-  
verture," by Wendell Phillips.

The N. A. A. C. P. will meet at St.  
John's A. M. E. Church, Sunday after-  
noon to elect delegates to the Detroit  
Convention.