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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.



CRISPUS ATTUCKS DAY

The ever-vigilant, militant National Equal Rights League, whose headquarters are located at 34 Cornhill street, Boston, Massachusetts, directly opposite the spot where Crispus Attucks fell, has sponsored a movement for a country-wide observance of March 5 of each year, the anniversary of Attucks' death, as a "National Colored American Day," when attention will be riveted upon the fact that the first blood shed for American independence was that of a member of our race. It is urged, and most rightfully, that by virtue of that blood-shedding we are entitled to the full rights of American citizenship. As the official call for this national observance states it,

"By that first blood we attained freedom to all the liberty and rights. We need to tell our rising generation of this ground title to citizenship to assure the middle-aged. We need universally to celebrate this date that we may cause our white fellow-Americans to realize our real original Americanism and our claim to every right."

This movement was started two years ago and the observance of the day is growing. It is a most commendable idea, chiefly because of its educational value and as a source of inspiration to our youth. There is a vast deal of ignorance among all classes of Americans as to the part played by Colored Americans, or Negroes, if you please, in American history. It is safe to assert that not one-half of one per cent of reasonably well-read Americans, either white or black, ever heard of Crispus Attucks. And yet historians who cannot conscientiously justify "the Boston Mob" or consider those who fell from the bullets of the British soldiers, March 5, 1775, as "martyrs to the sacred cause of American liberty," admit that this was the event which precipitated the conflict which ultimately issued in the birth of a new nation. Nor can it be without significance, when considered in the light of a Supreme Power which controls the destinies of men and nations, that the first blood to be shed at the birth of this nation, was that of one in whose veins mingled the ruddy streams of African and Indian ancestry and again when Rebellion would have throttled the nation's life that the first blood to be then outpoured should be that of a Negro. Men may call such happenings chance. We do not so consider them. We believe that some plan and purpose underlies these significant and historic incidents. Whether the sobering effect of time will remove some of the glamour and halo from the incidents and heroes of Revolutionary days remains to be seen. Be that as it may, the fact remains that in the estimation of their contemporaries, and subsequent generations confirmed the verdict, Attucks and Carr and Maverick, who fell in the streets of Boston, March 5, 1775, were patriots and martyrs for American liberty. If this be true, and American historians so affirm, then we do well to proudly proclaim the fact of Attucks' part and our place in the American republic by virtue of his martyrdom.

OURSELVES IN OMAHA

It gives us pleasure to publish in this issue an interesting sketch of some of the activities of our people in this city by H. J. Pinkett. It does us good now and then to see ourselves in our group activities which really amount to a good deal. Such a sketch will also furnish much needed information to many of our white friends in Omaha who are readers of The Monitor. It will be interesting for them to learn that our people own, for example, upwards of \$2,500,000 in property. Individual holdings may be comparatively small but in the aggregate amount to a large sum. Other pertinent facts brought to the attention of the public

in this article are equally noteworthy and stress the worthiness rather than the unworthiness of our group, the latter of which is given too large a place in the public mind.

FOR GOVERNOR

The Monitor notes with great pleasure that our good friend, Adam McMullen of Beatrice has filed for the nomination for governor on the republican ticket. It is early in the game, but here is wishing him success. We do not know and do not care how the politicians may line up and combine, but The Monitor is for McMullen for governor, because we believe he will make a good one.

TRUE POLITENESS

Politeness is refinement of manners. It is derived from a word which means to polish, and signifies a desire to bring to others the greatest pleasure and the least pain. It is benevolence in little things and consists in treating our fellow beings as we wish to be treated ourselves. In social life there are mutual rights that must be preserved. This is done by united action, and as a duty it is called co-operation. When general affairs are considered, the guiding principle of this duty is public spirit; but the virtue takes the form of politeness when the duty is toward individuals whom we meet in the many relations of life.

Politeness is modest, choosing to conceal a courtesy when done; it is benevolent, avoiding what is disagreeable to others and seeking to do what is gratifying to their feelings; it is of personal value, costing little and yielding much; it is of social advantage, for politeness is always necessary to complete the happiness of society; it is natural being a quality of all who have the feelings of man.

Politeness is often thought to be mere attention to external forms—a matter of bowing and shaking hands, use of compliments, and observance of what is fashionable, but this is a mistaken notion; true politeness is far more dignified than the outer garments of good will. "It has to do not merely with manners, but with the mind and heart. It refines and softens our feelings, opinions and words." Its source is in the moral nature of man, and every external force of politeness has a moral ground on which it rests.

True politeness aims at the real good of mankind, and endeavors to make every one easy and happy by contributing not only little attentions but also services of a more substantial kind. This virtue is a coin, tending to enrich him who expends it even more than the one who receives it. It is a refining and softening quality, which polishes rudeness, temper, and arrogance, and helps to make us blameless and harmless, and without rebuke.

—The True Voice.

"Hearts, like doors, can open with ease to very, very little keys; And don't forget that two are these—'Thank you, sir,' and 'If you please.'"

Owls in Old University City. Owls, as is proper in the case of birds of such renowned solemnity and secluded habit, have always exhibited a particular liking for Oxford university. Recently they have established a new colony in the ivy-covered walls of the Bodleian library and the Tower of the Five Orders, in the Old Schools quadrangle. Members of the library staff now occasionally find relaxation from their duties by releasing the young birds which find their way down to the pavement of the quadrangle and are unable to fly up to their nests.

For Guestroom Dobb. A thoughtful touch in the furnishing and decorating of the guestroom is the addition of a knocker on the door. There are many quaint flowered ones designed, which are as dainty as they are practical.

ACTORS ARE HIT HARD

More Are Now Looking for Jobs Than Ever Before.

Managers Say 7,500 Are Idle—Complaints Are Heard From Broadway to "Main Street" of Poor Business.

New York.—There are today more unemployed actors and other stage people walking along Broadway and a hundred other cities looking for jobs than ever before. Everybody in Times square who knows anything about the theater, from the cut-rate ticket hawk to the producer of a dozen hits, is complaining.

The tailors, landladies and boarding-house owners seem to feel the hard times as acutely as the actors. They have sought a great many judgments recently against stage folk who overlooked the rather prosaic duty of paying their bills.

In larger cities of the country where the lights flicker only a little less brightly than in Broadway, conditions are just as bad, according to the heads of producing concerns and organizations of actors.

Chicago, once a lively theatrical center, whose producers sent forth many road shows, is "dead" now in that activity, local managers report. Very few shows, they say, are trained and distributed from the Illinois metropolis to the Midwest and South, because overhead expenses have grown beyond the capacity of the box offices.

Several well-known managers estimated that half of the 15,000 actors in the United States, exclusive of vaudeville performers, were out of work. The Actors' Equity association said the number was not so large as that, but was 20 per cent worse than usually.

The bicycle riders and dancing teams which flit from city to city under vaudeville contracts have not suffered greatly. Vaudeville tickets generally are less expensive than those for drama or girl-and-music shows, and the public seems willing to buy them even if money isn't so easy to get as it used to be, the booking houses report.

Nor have any howls of complaint been heard from the many bird dogs and terriers who go about the country in tent shows posing as bloodhounds in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." For some reason, the roaming tent shows and boat shows that play the small, smaller and smallest villages are said not to have felt a drop in attendance, and there are now 700 of them scattered over the land.

Aside from the general lull in luxury buying, many reasons are given for the extremely hard times in the theater. The managers complain of unbearable overhead expenses—increased railroad fare and union regulations, which, they assert, require the employment at high wages of a lot of men who only want to sit around and boss somebody else.

Union leaders say this isn't so, and explain that the main difficulties are railroad rates and competition by the movies. Both agree that, while a company on tour formerly was a paying proposition if the box office took in \$7,000 or \$8,000 a week, it requires almost double that income nowadays to keep the show going.

NEW PLANET VISIBLE IN 1923

Astronomer at Buenos Aires Reports Globe Has Diameter of 15 1/2 Miles.

Buenos Aires.—Doctor Hartmann, director of the La Plata observatory, says that the orbit of the little planet he discovered on November 4 lies between the orbits of the planets Jupiter and Mars. The orbit is elliptical and is covered in five years and seven months.

As the plane of the orbit is very inclined in regard to the earth's equator, the new planet can approach the poles closer than most of the other planets and may be observed late this year until the fall of 1923 in a very northern position. The diameter of the globe is estimated at about 15 1/2 miles, as its brilliancy, taken at the last observation, appeared to be of the fifteenth magnitude.

Rabbit Ate Rosary.

St. Louis.—A rosary entwined in the stomach of a rabbit was discovered by a butcher here the other day after a small boy had traded the rabbit to the butcher for a supply of apples. The rabbit, the boy's pet, used to train hunting dogs, broke a leg one day in escaping from a dog and had to be killed.

DEER SMASHES WINDOWS IN PENNSYLVANIA CITY

Scranton, Pa.—A full grown antlered deer bolted through some miles of Scranton's streets leaving a trail of shattered windows and scattered provisions. Where the animal came from no one knows, and has apparently returned to the same place.

In its flight through the city the deer jumped through a large plate glass window in a grocery, scattering provisions right and left and making its exit through a door in the rear. When last seen it was heading toward the mountains.

MAN SLEPT IN STORE TO SLAY ROBBER NO. 23

After his store had been robbed 22 times in the last two years, F. J. Dunkle, of Berwick, Iowa, decided to sleep there and protect his property. The first night spent in the store he shot and killed a robber.

KEEPS TABS ON THOSE WHO MOVE

People of Birmingham Cannot Escape Bills and Rent by Old Expedient.

MUST REPORT ALL TRANSFERS

Ordinance Requires Owners of Vans or Other Vehicles to Report All Moving to Police—Helpful to Authorities.

Birmingham, Ala.—Those who find it cheaper to move than to pay rent or meet other bills, are pretty well reformed in this city, or are in process of being weeded out in either case by means of an ordinance so riveted that offenders cannot escape. The ordinance requires the owner of every transfer or other vehicle to report promptly all moving to the chief of police, and entries of the same are at once made in a book duly alphabetized and dated, and the book is always open for the inspection of any and everyone who may wish to see it.

Of course one who plans to turn delinquent will try to conceal his identity while in the act of moving, but the ordinance makers foresaw that impulse and attached penalties for false names or misleading reports, which fairly shut out that form of trickery. Altogether the ordinance has worked so well that Birmingham has been solicited by other cities for copies of the act and for the experiences under it which have made it a magic cure for bill-evasion. It is a fixture in Birmingham, for it has been in force since March of 1913.

Generally Helpful. Its enactment came about in that year through the Retail Furniture Dealers' association. At the ensuing election it had an able enforcer in Commissioner of Public Safety Arlie Barber, who thoroughly believed in it and kept everybody concerned up to the scratch. He found that some of the colored laundresses had a fashion of suddenly changing their addresses

when well stocked with the linen of their clients; that in some districts overdue gas bills gave sufficient cause for families to vacate quarters, and delinquents for rent and for tradesmen's accounts were common in all districts. The telephone company had occasion to compliment the commissioner on the accuracy and completeness of the records in the book of the chief of police, for in one case the company escaped damages for non-delivery of a message, in a suit in which the person addressed had moved, but claimed to be living in his old home at the time of the message. His claim was thrown out of court by the evidence of the chief's records. Furniture dealers who had been behind the original enactment soon found their troubles eased by it, and finally they were almost without bad bills.

Police Are Benefited. In time the detective department of the city benefited by the ordinance, for it enabled them to locate undesirable, bootleggers, bond-skipper and the kind of women who scattered themselves over the city after the abolishment of the old red-light district.

Once there was a concerted attempt by the transfer warehousemen to undo the ordinance. They obtained a restraining injunction against its enforcement, and went into court on the issue of constitutionality. The Supreme court ruled that it was both constitutional and reasonable. Minor changes were made in it, not interfering at all with its efficiency, and it is here to stay, with the approval of every reputable interest.

AMERICAN FOXES WILL BE RAISED IN GERMANY

Berlin.—American silver foxes and skunks will be cultivated on a large scale by a German stock company on a farm in the Austrian Tyrol, under the direction of Professor de Mill of the natural history department of the Munich university. In Germany, where the prices of the higher grade of furs have risen enormously in the last few months, a perfect specimen of silver fox costs 100,000 marks.

Announcement

Dr. S. B. Northcross wishes to announce that his residence telephone has been changed to Webster 3222. His North Side office is located at 1516 North 24th St., over the Co-Operative Store. Telephone Webster 6194.

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