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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.



MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

MARRIAGE is the foundation of the family. The family is the foundation of the nation. The strength and perpetuity of the nation depend absolutely upon the family. The progress of a race or nation is correctly measured by the morality and sanctity of its home life. Anything, therefore, that undermines or weakens the family threatens the life of the nation. No one who gives a moment's thought to the laxity with which the marital bond is regarded in this country today can fail to be impressed with the grave danger we are in by our worse than heathenish disregard of the binding character and sacredness of the marriage relation. Marriage is regarded with too much light-mindedness, almost with levity, by many who enter into it. The cause of this does not rest primarily with the young people who very naturally should look forward to marriage with the most honorable and highest of motives, but is very largely due to the attitude of parents and older folk who speak of it, if at all, too lightly, jokingly or indifferently and not advisedly. Because of this too many marriages are contracted hastily, thoughtlessly and with the result that divorce speedily follows. Nor is it true that only young people enter into this sacred relation hastily and thoughtlessly. The light and careless manner in which even people of maturer years enter into the married state has become, and increasingly so, a scandal and an unseemly, yes, a tragic joke. Divorces are rapidly multiplying. Homes are broken up and families scattered. This is a serious matter, which does not simply concern the individuals who are primarily interested but the whole social fabric. It is a matter which affects the whole nation. There is therefore imperative need of plain teaching in the home and in all religious organizations of the sanctity of marriage and of its indissolubility; an insistence upon the truth that marriage means a life relationship, "until death do us part", and because it means a life relationship, it must not be entered into thoughtlessly or hastily, or from motives of sordidness, selfishness, convenience or commercialism, but "advisedly, soberly, discreetly and in the fear of God," which, of course, presupposes love upon the part of the contracting parties. This is the teaching that is needed today if the sin of divorce which is threatening the life of the nation is to be stemmed. Divorce is one of the greatest menaces of the day. We should discourage it in every way possible. One very important way in which divorce can be discouraged is by wise and sensible teaching upon the sanctity and divine purpose of marriage as an honorable estate instituted by God for the well-being of mankind, in perpetuating humanity and training immortal souls for the endless joys of eternity. For this honorable estate men and women have been created and therefore marriage is honorable in all and should be so regarded and so maintained, and that which destroys this relationship should be vigorously opposed.

in some representative positions. Positions, not special privileges, are what the respectable, progressive colored citizens of this community want, with a fair, wise and impartial enforcement of law. The Monitor is for the man irrespective of party, who will give our people, in common with all other citizens, a square deal. We are, therefore, glad to see our people thinking for themselves and showing an independent position in the coming election.

HELP THE "Y" GO OVER

THE Y. W. C. A. is a splendid organization which is doing a much needed work among women throughout the entire world. This organization is making its annual drive or campaign for funds in its support. The Omaha branch is asking for \$43,000 for its work next year. This sum is for its four branches. One of these branches is the Grant street centre for the girls and women of our race. For this branch about \$3,500 is asked, merely for maintenance; the secretary's salary being paid by national headquarters. The Colored people of Omaha are asked to raise their quota. Go to it. Let everybody give and this sum of \$3,500 will be exceeded. The "Y" as a community center is doing good work. We need it. Support it. The Drive commences on Monday and closes Saturday. Everybody give and let us show what we can do. One dollar from 3,500 people will do it. But lots of us can give \$5, \$10 and even \$100. But let EVERYBODY GIVE AND PUT THE "Y" OVER THE TOP.

REGISTER.

If you have changed your address since last election or have not registered, you must register, if you would vote. Be sure of your registration. Ask your neighbor if he has registered. Learn how to mark your ballot so you can vote intelligently. Be sure you have been properly registered.

Letters From Our Readers

Short, timely letters are invited. We prefer that writers sign their names, but in all cases letters signed with a non de plume or as "Reader," "Subscriber," etc., must be accompanied by the name and address of the author for the editor's information.

NO EXPLANATIONS NECESSARY FROM MIKE CLARK.

Editor Monitor: In a letter to the Editor of the Monitor of October 6th, Mike Clark tries to explain certain incidents at the Elks' Carnival. This incident was the donation of prizes in a tag matching contest. Mr. Clark attempts to say in this letter that his donations were not in the interest of his political campaign, but merely as a matter of business inasmuch as he is privately interested in the sale of Blooded Rhode Island Red chickens. He insinuates that his opponents donated various prizes, such as \$5 gold pieces, hams, bacons, etc., in the interest of their political campaign.

Now Mr. Clark cannot explain away the fact that the tags, by means of which his prizes were awarded, expressed his intentions for re-election as sheriff, and also a large sized political banner decorated the Chicken Coop where his prize offerings were publicly kept. What could be the purpose of these tags and this political banner other than mere political electioneering? This fact is confirmed especially in view of the additional fact that his own deputies were passing out the tags.

Furthermore, Mr. Endres donated these prizes, not in his own interests, but in order to aid the Elks in their Carnival enterprise. This is a far nobler spirit than the spirit of private enterprise, which Mr. Clark admits was the only reason which prompted him to donate the prizes. Furthermore, we did not offer any hams or

bacons of any sort as prizes and we did not publicly advertise the prizes we had awarded, except by means of the tag, whereas Mr. Clark not only used tags, but political banners.

Moreover, Mr. Clark says that he seeks office on his past record, "which has been built upon a foundation of efficiency." The man whose administration has been marked by a lynching and a burning, certainly has a record on which to seek re-election, but whether or not it rests on a "foundation of efficiency" is a question on which reasonable minds may differ.

Mr. Clark must have a guilty conscience, else he would not take the trouble to explain what no one asked him to explain.

ISAAC KONECKY,
 Omaha, Neb., Oct. 15, 1922.

MEN'S CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Men's Club of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon will hold a special meeting Monday night at the rectory. A large attendance is requested.

GIRLS' HIKING CLUB

The Girls' Hiking Club recently organized by Mrs. Grace M. Hutten, Commissioner of the Colored Commercial Club, went on their second hike last Sunday afternoon. The girls hiked to Avery, Neb., and enjoyed the jaunt. The club is growing.

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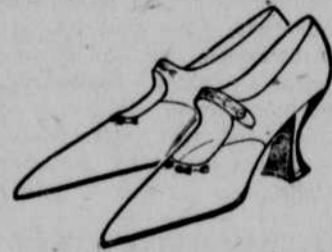
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RESOURCES	
First Mortgage Farm Loans and other High Class Securities	\$2,156,117.64
U. S. Liberty Bonds and U. S. War Savings Certificates	550,352.50
Overdrafts	None
Real Estate	All Charged Off
Furniture & Fixt's	20,631.55
Actual Cash Resources	
Cash on hand and due from banks	438,210.12
	\$3,165,311.81
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	74,833.65
Sight Deposits	825,574.94
Savings Deposits	1,816,065.30
Time Certificates	298,838.02
Bills Payable	None
Re-discounts	None
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