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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.



GOVERNOR BRYAN

It looks like Governor Bryan believes in carrying out to the letter his pre-election promises. One of these is the reduction of taxes levied upon the state made necessary by the Code Bill. In his message last Tuesday he makes provision for a reduction of \$4,500,000 annually from the state's expenses, a large proportion of which will be saved by cutting off of the payroll about 150 employees, many of them high salaried.

Please notice that it requires some nerve to put it mildly for a democratic governor, or any other kind, for that matter, to voluntarily lop off 150 employees who considered from a political point of vantage would be potential factors in building up a powerful machine to keep him in office and advance his political ambitions. Patronage is admittedly a powerful political leverage and yet Governor Bryan shows himself a mighty big man and a far-sighted one in taking this step. It would be very easy for him to appoint 150 democrats to these 150 positions held by republicans and they would or could prove strong allies; but he foregoes this. This is something new in the political game. It is unusual to remove any cogs, which one's predecessor in office has put into the wheels of his machine. The usual plan is keep them and oil them and add a few more.

The principal feature of Governor Bryan's plan is to cut out the code system, as it is called, which provides for secretaries of departments appointed by the governor, replacing it with a council of five state officers, already on the job and not overburdened with their present duties, and so consolidating overlapping departments as to reduce a large number of unnecessary employees.

This means a saving of about 30 per cent to Nebraska taxpayers or an aggregate of \$4,500,000 per annum. And as some one has facetiously remarked this saving will buy "a powerful lot of pork chops".

This is the plan that Governor Bryan has put squarely and frankly up to the legislature. The Monitor most heartily favors it. We hope that no narrow partisanship upon the part of the legislators will thwart the plan. We urge our readers to keep in touch with their representatives at Lincoln and let them know just what their views are. The reduction of expenses, with efficient government, is a matter in which all our citizens are vitally interested.

The Monitor invites an expression from our readers on Governor Bryan's plan. Do you favor it? If so, say so; if not, give your reasons.

IS NOT TURKEY RIGHT?

DISQUIETING NEWS affecting world peace has come from Lausanne. The Turkish government refused to sign the treaty which the powers have endorsed. While European statesmen and diplomats are saying that the Turks are obstinate, it seems to us that the blame for the failure to agree must be shared by the other nationals who were as obstinate as Turkey. The powers present seemed to be determined to force certain concessions upon Turkey the acceptance of which would have been a clear violation and surrender of her sovereignty. As we view the situation in the Far East there are certain aspects of the case which lead us to believe that Turkey has acted with good faith and within her rights.

HOPEFULNESS

THERE is no reason at all why we should not be hopeful and in that hopefulness do our level best. We are all too prone to look on the annoyances to which we are subjected and in so doing overlook the many privileges which we enjoy. The story of constructive things which we are accomplishing everywhere is written in larger and bolder type than the destructive forces with which we have to deal.

TRUTH COMING OUT

THERE have been several cases recently brought to light which show how easy it is and how very general the tendency to cast suspicion upon Negroes for certain crimes of which they are innocent. How many innocent black men have been murdered by mobs will never be known. That there have been hundreds of such cases goes without saying. The confession of a woman in North Carolina a few weeks ago that her story of assault and murder by Negroes was false and made to shield guilty white men, and a similar case in Texas, shows this tendency and menace. Take again the case of the misguided high school student who was caught red-handed in banditry in Kansas City last week, with blackened face. Had he not been killed and his racial identity revealed his crime would have been laid to some Negro. Incidents of this kind should make the American public realize the added burden placed upon the Colored American by masquerading criminal whites. Gradually the truth is coming out.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

25th and R Street Market 3475
 O. J. Burkhardt, Pastor

Sunday was one of those days in Allen when everybody got happy. Because of this fact our services ran far into the afternoon. No one seemed to be in a hurry to go home or elsewhere until the tidal wave calmed somewhat. Rev. Mr. Phelps preached us a fine sermon at 11 and the pastor reached at 8 p. m., on "Womanhood, Before and After Christ." Sunday we expect another feast day.

The pastor hopes to preach at 11 a. m. on the subject "I would rather be a doorknocker in the house of my Lord, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness," and at the evening service there will be an evangelistic service. Our Sunday school is growing in interest. Mr. Bunting enrolled as a member. He loves the work. The League is also growing in interest. Miss Allie Redd makes a good substitute in the absence of Miss Ruby Redd, and Rev. Mr. Harris stays on the job and keeps inspiration in the League. The Senior Choir met for its first practice Sunday afternoon with about a full membership. Come and hear our choirs sing. Mr. Mitchell joined in worship with us yesterday. We have quite a few sick, Mother Helm, Ruth Redd, Marguerite Alstron, Carrie Alstron, Julia Bradford, Frank Gray and Mother Gray.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. William Franklin, Pastor.

Congregations were smaller Sunday than usual. The pastor spoke on "Contentment and Duty."

All the clubs are making a good showing in their activities to raise their portion of the \$12,000 due October 1.

The recently organized Mississippi club held a successful meeting Tuesday night.

Quite a number of new members have joined the Starlight band. They are meeting regularly weekly.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. W. F. Botts, Pastor

Services were well attended on last Sunday, both morning and evening. The pastor is able to be at his post of duty again, much to the delight of his members. Many of our members remain ill, we pray for them a speedy recovery.

Do not fail to hear Anita Patti Brown, the most famous Negro prima donna, who will appear in recital at this church March 8th.

WONDERFUL COLORED DANCERS

The Three Whirlwinds and Madeline With "Sliding" Billy Watson at the Gayety.

Musical burlesque of the high order Columbia circuit attractions always furnish will be provided by the "Big Fun Show" at the popular Gayety theatre week starting Saturday matinee, "Sliding Billy" Watson being the company star with his own peculiar methods of comedy likely to develop no end of merriment. Watson's funny feet and comical "slide" have long been effective means to comedy developments in burlesque and it is declared that "Sliding Billy" has surpassed himself in creating oddities in comedy and novelty in "stage business" for the "Big Fun Show". Ben Platt will be Watson's chief assistant in the many humorous scenes. The prima donna will be Inez de Verdier, declared to be among the handsomest woman in burlesque. Miss de Verdier specializes in fine gowns and her wardrobe is sure to be a matter of interest to the ladies who patronize the special daily matinees. Ethel de Veaux will lead in the chorus numbers and offer her soubrette specialty as a feature of the performance. Lillian Harvey, ingenue, will specialize in songs. There will be eighteen girls who sing and dance to swell the choruses and enliven the ensembles.

In speaking of the Three Whirlwinds and Madeline a prominent colored newspaper in Baltimore had the following kind words to say:

Madeline and the Three Whirlwinds Are Wonderful

The great number of colored theatre-goers who visit the Gayety this week to see "Sliding Billy Watson's Big Show", will be surprised and pleased to note that the colored performers in the company are conspicuous throughout the show and take the front row with the other principals in the company ensembles. It is due credit to quartette of the most remarkable dancers on the stage. The little lady is a graceful artist with a sweet voice and is well supported by three wonderful dancers. They are the center of attraction, although the entire show is top-notch. Especially the comical Watson himself. Among the many features is a burlesque on "The Trenches", an apparently realistic but comic on those days in France. The show closes with Saturday matinee and night shows. Matinee at 2:15 daily. Sunday matinee starts at 3:00.

GETS CONFIDENTIAL

"Sliding Billy" Watson Confesses the Source of His Never-Failing Comedy.

"Sliding Billy" Watson declares that he finds inspiration for laughs everywhere he turns, and the audiences that crowd the theatres he plays are getting the benefit of Watson's watchful and eager search for comedy inspirations. "Good comedy must be human," says Watson. "The best way to get the human touch is to study human beings and the best way to study human beings is in a crowd. I was never in a crowd that I didn't come out with two or three corking good ideas for comedy to be applied to my stage performance. The odd mannerisms of men and women, if watched for, can be exaggerated and turned to good account. Election time is great for me."

GAYETY Twice Daily Sat. Mat. Feb. 24

"AN IMPORTATION FROM LONDON" THREE WHIRLWINDS & MADELINE

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The popular Gayety never offered a greater attraction for Auto Show Week than "Sliding Billy" Watson. In Kansas City last week and in St. Louis the week before that the season's records of the theatres was smashed all to pieces by "Sliding Billy."

THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

It was an enthusiastic group of ministers that met in regular session at the Y. W. C. A. to participate in the work of the Alliance. The regular order of the day not having been prepared, the time was given over to the discussion of affairs of vital interest to the community.

Among other things a movement was inaugurated to regulate the matter of promiscuous and irresponsible soliciting by many stragglers coming into the city.

As an indication of the cooperative spirit among the ministers, a committee was appointed to take steps towards union services during Passion Week.

Since the establishing of the Baby Station in the Y. W. C. A. makes it inconvenient for the alliance to assemble there at the same hour, upon invitation of the Rev. F. Divers the Alliance will meet in the lecture room of the Bethel A. M. E. church until further notice.

By unanimous vote of the Alliance the Rev. Russell Taylor will deliver an address next Tuesday on "The Church in Relation to the Outstanding Evils of the City."

THE ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-sixth and Seward Streets
 Russell Taylor, Pastor

In spite of the prevalence of the flu, services were quite well attended Sunday morning and a good time was enjoyed.

The pastor and members of the choir went to the Florence Presbyterian church in the evening and took

charge of the services for the Rev. W. E. Graham. A large and interesting congregation was present and everything was well received. This was a continuation of the Race Relations Sunday, as two of the churches wanted us on the regular Sunday. This church postponed their observance one week later in order to have our presence.

Services at St. Paul's from now until Easter will be especially along evangelistic lines. Every effort will be bent to acquaint men with the saving grace of the Christ. May every Christian at least during this season make the bringing of souls to Christ the burden of their hearts. In Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, and every way may it be our purpose to lift up the Christ. "For I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to Me."

Sermon topics, 11 a. m., "I Know Not the Man." 7:30 p. m., "What Are Some Temptations to Lie, and How Can We Overcome Them." Prov. 12: 17-32.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURISTS WORRIED OVER MIGRATION

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 23—(Pacific News Bureau)—Dr. Bedford Knapp, Dean of the Agricultural College of Arkansas; Dr. J. Phil Campbell, Dean of the State College of Agriculture of Georgia; Prof. W. D. Hunter, Bureau of Entomology, Dept. of Agriculture; Prof. C. A. Mooers, Knoxville, Tenn., President of Southern Agricultural Workers Association, and other noted Southern agriculturists, educators and extension workers, at a recent meeting in this city discussed the seriousness of the Negro migration which according to their statements, has drawn from the rural South within the last few years, 750,000 of its population.

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10. There will be ten handsome young men to see after all of the old ladies. Everybody must dance and enjoy themselves.
11. There will be ten beautiful young ladies to look after the old men to see that they are entertained.
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