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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.



LIGHT IN DARKNESS

NARROWNESS and manifestations of prejudice, racial or religious, upon the part of ignorant people are to be expected. It causes little real worry to the victims of it. They very charitably and rightfully believe that with the dispelling of ignorance will come the dissipation of bigotry narrowness and prejudice. When, however, such manifestations come from those who are supposed to represent the highest ideals of culture, intelligence and refinement, there are those among us who are inclined to become hopeless and discouraged. They feel that the future is dark, indeed, and that the fight against blighting race prejudice will never cease. Recent manifestations of this kind in two unexpected quarters have been disquieting. One was the action of President A. Lawrence Lowell in the virtual exclusion of colored students from Harvard university; the other was the action of the committee of "eight eminent Americans" who a few days ago denied Miss Augusta Savage admission to the Fontainebleau School of Fine Arts. When pressed for the reason, the chairman admitted that it was solely on racial grounds and the fear that it would be objectionable to other American students. There was nothing against Miss Savage's character or qualifications. God in His infinite wisdom had willed to create her a member of the dark race, therefore these "eight eminent Americans" presumed this sufficient grounds for denying her the privilege of developing her artistic ability and that in direct violation of the customs which obtain in France. The prejudice of the white American towards the black American as manifested by these cases of narrowness among men of culture would indeed make thick darkness to settle over the land for our group, but for one thing: THE LIGHT IN THIS DARKNESS. Here is the LIGHT that must dispel this darkness: The board of overseers overruled President Lowell and said Harvard's traditions must stand. No bar of color or race shall exclude worthy students from the advantages and privileges of Harvard. Those

overseers are white men, standing for justice and righteousness and truth. In the case of Augusta Savage many broad-minded white men and women with representatives of the press of the country are crying, "Shame, shame, on such action," and a representative of the Society of Ethical Culture has sailed for France to protest there this act of exclusion upon the part of these "eight eminent Americans".

Therefore, take heart. There is light in the darkness. Let us continue to do our part. The light will grow until its beams illuminate the darkness.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

ONE of the most powerful agencies for righteousness is the courageous religious leader, who is not a compromiser, an opportunist or a respecter of persons. Such men wield a tremendous influence. America has produced some such men. All too few but men who have wrought mightily for human uplift, mutual good-will and brotherhood. They have been found and are still found in all denominations. May their numbers increase. Recently the Episcopal Church has lost two such leaders. One was the Right Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, bishop of Missouri and primate of the American Episcopal Church. The other was the Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding, bishop of Washington. Both of these men were sincerely mourned by thousands even outside of their own communion and especially by hundreds of our people. It is significant to note how closely our race press observe such men. Many of our papers commented on Bishop Tuttle's passage and of his attitude towards our people. Several have called attention to Bishop Harding's attitude. The following editorial from The Washington Sentinel shows how observant and appreciative is the race press for religious leaders among the dominant group who in their dealings with all mankind manifest the spirit of the Master:

"The death of Right Reverend Alfred Harding, late bishop of the Episcopal Church for the diocese of Washing-

ton, removes from our midst one of the most forceful and beautiful characters ever elected to preside over this diocese. In all his dealings, both temporal and spiritual, he expressed in his ministrations the true interpretation of 'primus inter pares' and thereby endeared to him every element of communicants in this diocese. By the breadth of his views, his simplicity, his sympathetic interest in the welfare of all the groups composing his diocese, the bishop made himself a great moral force with the colored communicants in particular, upon whom his death has fallen as a distinctive loss."

MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY is to be observed as Mother's Day. A pretty custom has been established of wearing upon this day a carnation in honor of mother. Red is the color worn if mother is still living upon earth; white, if she has been called to join those who have gone on before. Such a day has its value. But many who will wear a carnation in honor of mother on Sunday will honor her more truly by obeying her every day and striving to lighten her burdens. Honor mother on MOTHER'S DAY and let every day be mother's day.

TOOK IN TOO MUCH TERRITORY

OUR friends the Kluxies took in too much territory when they included the Negroes, the Jews, the Roman Catholics and foreign-born citizens as ineligible for their select sheet and slit-pillow-slip organization. They found themselves lonely with their "white, protestant, gentile" bunch. Can you blame them? Unable to stand this exclusive company they decided to let down the bars; or rather get out a revised edition, labelled "The Fascisti". This lets in everybody else but our people. Thanks, we are mighty particular about our associates.

PIT IT UP TO THE COURTS

IS the arbitrary rule of a boxing commission superior to the constitution? Of course, it isn't. How can you prove it? Easily. Let the Elks or the Roosevelt Post stage a boxing-bout between a white and a colored boxer. Then get out an injunction against the boxing commission from interfering. This will throw it into the courts. This is the way to knock out the commission's rurling. Will the Elks or the Post make the test?

THE ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-sixth and Seward Streets. Russel Taylor, Pastor.

All day Sunday the services will be in observation of the Mother's Day Anniversary.

At the morning service there will be in the way of special music, a soprano solo, "Mother of Mine", by Harry T. Burleigh, sung by Mrs. Minnie Springs. Russel Taylor, Jr., will sing, "O Mother Mine", by Finley Lyon. The choir will render the anthem, "Seek Ye the Kingdom", by Carrie B. Adams.

Mrs. Mary L. Clay will read Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster's beautiful poem, "It Isn't Quite Fair to Mother."

The pastor will have for his sermon topic, "Honoring Mother."

In the way of special program Sunday evening will be a selection on some phase of Mother's Day by Mrs. Willard W. Chue; a reading by Mrs. Luella McCullough. In the way of music, the St. Paul Male Quartet will render the beautiful composition by Charles M. Fillmore, "Home and Mother". There will also be other special numbers.

The public is most cordially invited to be present at these services.

BOSTON DAILY FLAYS

Rejection of Colored Artist for Fontainebleau School in France

"SMALL BUSINESS"

(Boston Post Editorial, April 25, 1923.) It is pretty small business for that "committee of eight eminent American architects, painters and sculptors" to be in, namely, turning down the application of Miss Auguste Savage of New York for entrance to the Fontainebleau School of Fine Arts in France, because of her color. That must be the reason, since none whatever is given. It is said privately that the committee believes that her going to France would be disagreeable to some white students and embarrassing to her.

All this is poppycock. We know that France does not draw the color line, and if other American students cannot abide the dreadful contamination of having an artist, well educated and refined colored girl as a fellow student, let them stay at home. As for the "embarrassment" of the girl herself, she is willing to take her chances.

Miss Savage sums up the matter pungently when she says: "Democracy is a strange thing. My brother was good enough to be accepted in one of the regiments that saw service in France during the war, but it seems that his sister is not good enough to be a guest of the country for which he fought."

Yes, it is strange—when interpreted by a set of men to whom race prejudice is a greater thing than justice.

AN AFRO-AMERICAN'S CHARGE AGAINST WHITE AMERICANS

Monroe Trotter, who has spent a lifetime in the service of his race, said recently: "The thing that the colored people of America cannot forgive is the deliberate attempts made by Americans to spread race hatred in lands where none existed. Americans have done this in the West Indies, in South America, in England, and in France, and everywhere they have gone. It is bad enough to persecute the colored people here, but when Americans insist on trying to convert the rest of the world into hating the colored race, I call it the basest betrayal of democracy on record."

This is a grave charge, but who shall say it is not true?—Boston Post.

LINCOLN NEWS

Ladies: We observe that Mme. A. C. Stanley has added a new line of toilet articles to her Poro Beauty Parlor at 238 North 9th.

Mrs. Milan Mackay and son, Doniphan of Omaha, are visiting her parents here. Miss Ogden and Mr. Corneal Wallace were united in marriage last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Seals, Mr. and Mrs. Felix, of Omaha, spent last Sunday in the city.

Mrs. J. S. Burkes returned home from Omaha last Thursday after burying her sister, Mrs. M. Grant, who recently died there.

Albert Burkes returned home from Omaha Monday. He attended the funeral of his aunt there.

Servics at the A. M. E. church were well attended and there seemed to be quite a spiritual uplift the entire day. In the morning a general covenant meeting was enjoyed and many praised the Lord in an old fashioned way. Sunday school and A. C. E. societies were fairly attended. Rev. M. C. Knight preached at the evening hour. Communion was served.

Stewardesses Board No. 1 gave a banquet in the basement on last Friday evening in honor of their members, which was nicely attended and a fine success financially. Short speeches were made by several persons present.

The De Luxe Cafe, which has just opened for business at 246 North 9th St., Messrs. J. Burke and G. Wiley, proprietors, had the formal opening last Tuesday night. The dining room had been neatly arranged, the tables were adorned with linen and cut flowers, and a piano arranged for music. At the hour set for the spread many people braved the rain and came out to enjoy the event, and did enjoy themselves immensely. The boys have started a neat business, and with quality and service we hope they will win a fine trade. When in the city go and see them.

Remember the chicken supper at the home of Mrs. P. A. Abner, 421 North 24 street Thursday night, May 17, for the benefit of the Mt. Zion Baptist church.

Mrs. Joe McWilliams entertained a party of nine persons at the De Luxe cafe Monday afternoon.

The Buds of Promise had a fine meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, 2400 South 9th, last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. W. Todd chaperoned them.

Many are showing their appreciation for the Monitor by sending in their subscriptions. Are you a subscriber? If not, why not? Is your subscription due? If so, please pay it promptly.

INDIAN MAIDENS HAVE OWN COMING-OUT PARTY

Ready to Receive Proposal After All-Night Dance.

Washington.—The modern "society" flapper, with her coming-out party, has nothing on the American Indian maiden, whose marriage-announcement party has been among the tribal customs from time immemorial.

Among the Washoe Indians of Nevada there is a dance or ceremony known as "the girl's dance." In honor of the young girl who becomes eligible for marriage. Her white cousin, however, would hardly care to be the star of such a feast, for the guest of honor is allowed to eat nothing at all for four days previous.

On the fourth night the dance starts at about eight o'clock, and sometimes lasts until sunrise the following morning. The Indians form a circle, joining hands, and move by short side steps in a ring, humming a sort of chant without words or meaning.

The girl, accompanied by an elder woman as a sort of chaperon, and carrying a long staff to support her because of the weakness induced by her long fast, weaves in and out of the dance, joining in the step.

As the dance proceeds late into the night, the girl's family give money and other possessions to the dancers to keep them moving and to induce others to join in. The greater the number of dancers the greater the popularity of the family. Shortly after midnight a feast is given by the girl's relatives, and all participate.

The ceremony closes at sunrise when the girl is taken to her tepee and attired in bunches of sagebrush in which money is concealed. She appears before the assembled dancers outside and throws the money to them amid a wild scramble. A can of water is then dashed over her head as the concluding ceremony, after which she is ready to receive a proposal of marriage.

Is First Baby to Be Christened by Radio



Little Winifred Coker and her mother, Mrs. J. B. Coker of Atlanta, Ga. Winifred is the first baby to be christened by radio and the ceremonies took place over WSB, an Atlanta broadcasting station.

Pays Creditors After 20 Years Beating Back

Cincinnati.—In a private dining room at an exclusive club, 14 business men met Tuesday night for what probably was the most peculiar feast ever attended by any of them. It was arranged with mystery concealing the identity of the host, but each guest was a creditor—whom he repaid after 20 years of efforts to "come back."

The presentation of checks for the principal with interest for two decades recalled to each of the guests the name of Foster Butner, former Lexington, (Ky.) produce dealer, who failed in business in 1903 and left for the West.

Presented by the toastmaster, who had arranged the dinner at his telegraphed request, the host explained that he had succeeded as a produce grower at Roseberg, Ore.

He told of his struggle to regain a footing and thanked each creditor for leniency.

Fat and Wedded Best Risks.

New York.—Married men are a better risk than bachelors, says the president of a New York bonding company. He says that Chinamen are the best risks of all. Fat men, profane men and men with a hobby are classed as good risks; they seldom go wrong.

Youth of Austria Immigrating.

Vienna.—A total of 10,579 persons left Austria in 1922. More than 3,700 were under twenty-one years of age. They went to the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Egypt, Palestine, the Dutch colonies, Mexico and Russia. Only 2,190 paid their own transportation.

Shoulder Dislocated and Set in Accident

A runaway accident dislocated and set the right shoulder of Frank P. Cowden, seventy years old, a manufacturer of Tiffin, O. The shoulder was dislocated when Cowden was thrown from a buggy. He clutched the lines and the plunging horses jerked the shoulder bones back into place.

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NEBRASKA CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1893.

Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. *Messenger vs State*, 25 Nebr. page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in amore private part of the house. *Ferguson vs Gies*, 82 Mich. 558; N. W. 718."

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