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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.

### THE COMMUNITY CHEST

IT is time we began to plan to do our full share in the drive for the Community Chest which is to be made in the latter part of November. As our people have responded to every demand made upon them in national and civic movements we expect them to do so in this matter. While there has been much in the daily papers about the Omaha Federation and Community Chest we fear that there are a good number of our readers who do not know what it is. We shall have something to say about it in subsequent issues, but we desire to give just a little information now.

As we all know during the year it has been the custom to have a drive for this charity and that with innumerable tag days and other expedients for securing funds for the support of various charitable and welfare organizations, such as the Associated Charities, the Visiting Nurse Association, the Salvation Army, the Christ Child Society and so on. Many drives for worthy objects. It was felt, however, that there was a great deal of overlapping and lost energy. So certain thoughtful citizens believed that Omaha should do what other cities have so successfully done. That is this: Make one big drive for what is known as a COMMUNITY CHEST. Let all the welfare organizations state how much money they will require to run for a year. Then make ONE BIG BUDGET and ask the citizens to raise this budget at one time and out of this Community Chest to help all these worthy organizations. Isn't this a splendid idea?

Now then, this Community Chest is to be administered by a Board of 25 Governors. In getting ready for the drive the budget committee of which John L. Kennedy is chairman, with seven other members, has been meeting daily for weeks, going over the budgets submitted to them by various organizations. All have had a hearing. This committee has carefully reviewed the requests of each, dealing with all fairly, and will soon announce the amount that Omaha must raise for the Community Chest. Three of our welfare organizations, namely the Free Employment Bureau of the Colored Commercial Club, the Old Folks Home and the North Side "Y" have been recognized by the Community Chest and a budget of \$10,500 recommended for these. All three of these are needed and helpful agencies of which we shall speak more particularly in subsequent

issues. We mention these facts now in order that you may see the necessity of our people doing their full share when the drive is made.

Not only is it true that our special needs are being fairly considered by those in charge of the Community Chest, but we are represented on the Board of Governors, the editor, as many know having been duly elected to the Board at the meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce some months ago for that purpose. There can be no excuse for failing to do our share in contributing to the Community Chest. Keep it in mind and be ready to work for it and give to it when the drive is made. Let us as a group do as we did in the Red Cross Drive in war time, go over the top.

### HOLD ON TO YOUR JOB

THIS is good advice at all times. It is particularly good advice when there comes the time of less employment which follows the good old summer time. Work falls off. Make good use of your employment now. Be frugal and saving. The rainy day, the day of non-employment comes eventually. Prepare for it. Give an honest day's work for an honest day's wages and do your work so well that your employer will find your services indispensable. Diligent, painstaking, efficient work counts. Don't lose your job through carelessness or shiftlessness. Make good every day in the year. Hold on to your job.

### KEEN, ALERT BUSINESS MEN

A visit to any of the large business institutions of our city shows the systematic, dynamic manner in which business is dispatched. The American is a keen, alert, never-tiring business man who carefully looks after every detail. As a group we have much to learn in the commercial and business world because our opportunities for learning have been and are still quite limited, but despite this we should venture more and more and by persistence, integrity and efficiency, slowly but surely, win and hold our place in the business world. Our opportunities for doing this are better than we think. "The secret of success," wisely said Disraeli, "is constancy of purpose."

When the bones of a joint are torn loose, the bones or broken by being set, the injury is known as

### WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

#### A New Day Dawning in the South

A better day will come in the South for the Negro. It is not at hand, but the outstanding advocacy of justice for all men by the southern daily press, means that in time the people will come to support that idea. The trouble with America in all matters, not merely in this one of race relations, is that it is ever ready to let principles wait while it makes money. "It pays" justifies many a wrong. Upon the presumption that slave labor paid, the South undertook to separate from the Union. Because capital felt it could make the most profit by exploiting labor mercilessly, decades passed before decent humane treatment came for the worker. The Negro's case is not unique. It is typical, and different only in that we alone feel the oppression.

Better conditions for Negroes in the South are not yet born of a good conscience. Migration, more than moral principles, has focused attention on the intolerable conditions that have followed reconstruction. But after all, economic arguments are unanswerable, and the very reason why the race's cry has gone so long unheeded, will be the one why it will be the quicker answered. To the few stalwarts who have asked justice for us because it is right, will be added the multitude who think in terms of dollars.—The Kansas City (Mo.) Call.

#### READS REPORT OF N. A. A. C. P. CONVENTION

Henry W. Black, president of the Omaha branch, who was the accredited delegate to the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the National Advancement Association recently held in Kansas City, Kas., read an exhaustive and interesting report of the sessions at the regular monthly meeting of the branch at Grove Church last Sunday afternoon. There was only a small audience present but the report was enthusiastically received by those who heard it. It was decided that parts of it, at least be repeated at some subsequent meeting. Supplementary remarks were made by the Rev. J. A. Harris and Sergt. Bailey, who also attended the conference. The next regular meeting of the branch will be held on the third Sunday in October at which reports for the year will be given, the election of officers to follow on the first Sunday in November.

#### FOUR NATIONAL NEGRO COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

A few years ago the Alpha Phi Alpha was the only national Negro college fraternity listed in Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities. There appears in the tenth edition of this manual which was recently published the description of three additional national colleges among colored college students. The twelve fraternities among colored college students have a total of over 150 chapters at the various colleges and universities throughout the United States with an estimated membership of nearly 10,000. The force and influence of these organizations during the past few years has been exerted in a way to be of very great service in the educational life of the colored people of this country. Recently there was formed an Inter-Fraternal Council which is now at work on a program which is designed to raise the standards for membership in these organizations and to emphasize the demand in the educational world for higher scholarship.

The estimated value of the property owned by Negroes in the United States is \$1,500,000,000.

### LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Rev. H. W. Botts returned last Thursday night from his extended trip to Los Angeles, Cal., where he attended the National Baptist Convention.

R. H. Johnson returned to his home in Omaha Wednesday after burying his father, R. M. Johnson.

D. H. Oliver was in Omaha Sunday on business.

J. B. Colley has secured a position as head waiter at Hotel Lincoln. Mr. J. I. Carter and wife of Cleveland, O., enroute from a stay at York, Nebr., spent several hours in Lincoln last week. Mr. Carter is a successful farmer.

Mary Magdalene Mission was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Oliver last Tuesday night.

The men's social at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Saturday night was a success.

Mr. T. L. Robinson will entertain the Utopian Art Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mosley, 1335 Rose street, Thursday night, October 11th. A paper will be read by Mrs. Ollie Ray. Members and friends are urged to attend. Irene Mosley, president. E. Johnson, secretary.

Rev. I. B. Smith conducted services last Sunday at the A. M. E. church, Rev. M. C. Knight being in attendance at a Missouri conference.

Rev. G. G. Logan, district superintendent of the M. E. churches of Topeka, enroute from Denver to his home, stopped over in Lincoln Sunday and preached for Rev. G. W. Carter Sunday night. A special service was also held in the afternoon.

Rev. John Adams of Omaha was in the city this week on business.

Rev. H. W. Botts attended the executive board meeting of the New Era Baptist Association at Omaha Tuesday.

The first quarterly meeting of Superintendents and Teachers' Association of the New Era Baptist Sunday School convention will meet with Mt. Nebo Baptist church, Twentysixth and Franklin streets, Omaha, October 18, at 7:30 p. m. All members, take notice!

Rev. H. W. Botts having returned home was greeted by a number of his members at church Sunday morning. The pastor stated that he was glad to be home again safe, and to look into the faces of his congregation after being absent three weeks. He expressed to the church and friends his heartfelt gratitude for granting him the chance to make the recent trip to the Golden West which he enjoyed so much, for it will ever be fresh in memory to him.

Rev. H. W. Botts preached a most excellent message during morning service. He also greeted the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. with gladness at 8 p. m. Mr. Botts gave echoes from the National Baptist convention at Los Angeles, Cal., as he saw it, speaking about one hour, and in a most impressive way seemingly without hesitation; which made his hearers almost realize they had been present at the convention. It is said that it was astounding to see the large number of our group that was in attendance from all over the country. The session was one of the largest and most successful sessions in history of the National Convention. It is said after the session great number of pastors and laymen availed themselves of lingering and spent number of days sight seeing which the pastor puts it, he did not have words to express the grandeur of the country. And the pastor thanks you, members and friends, for your aid in helping him to enjoy such a fine trip.

#### THE RIALTO MUSIC SHOP

The Rialto Music Shop, which has now two stores, one being on the South Side, enjoys a large patronage of our people which the management appreciates. They show their appreciation by being a regular advertiser in The Monitor, which they have been for years. The Rialto features race artists and now is making a very attractive offer in Victor Victrolas.

#### ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

O. J. Burkhardt, Pastor.

The pastor after an absence of three weeks was again at his post Sunday having been reassigned here for another year by the annual conference much to the delight of the congregation. Next Sunday the pastor will preach in the morning on "Living With Christ". Evangelistic services at night.

#### BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Fredrick Divers, Pastor.

Last Sunday the services were well attended and the revival was launched with unusual interest. Mrs. Sims is being heard each night with ever increasing crowds.

The revival will continue for two weeks.

#### MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. E. H. McDonald, Pastor.

Sunday large congregations were present. Dr. McDonald spoke on "God Our Refuge." At the evening service he gave an interesting report of the National Baptist Convention at Los Angeles of which he was elected assistant secretary for the twentieth time. Many visitors were present at all services. The choir has been augmented by three musical instruments.

## PHEASANTS WARN OF EARTHQUAKES

Seismologist Tells of Peculiar Actions of Birds.

### SOUNDS ALARM BY CROWING

Have you a little earthquake predictor in your home?

If not you should get a pheasant, says Prof. F. Omori, a Japanese seismologist writing in a recent bulletin of the Imperial earthquake investigation committee, according to a Washington dispatch, for this bird is exceedingly sensitive to earth tremors even when so slight as to be unobservable by humans.

Observation of a pheasant in Japan during a period of about three years, in which 23 earthquakes were recorded on delicate instruments, showed that it crowed either before, or during, every slight shock. In 34 per cent of the cases the bird crowed before the scientist's instrument recorded the quavers, beating the instrument by as much as eight seconds.

In 20 per cent of the occurrences the bird crowed simultaneously with sensible earthquake motion; and in another 20 per cent of cases the bird crowed when the motion was too slight to be sensible to the observer.

#### Failed to Crow Once Only.

In only five cases did the pheasant crow after the motion was recorded, and only once did he fail to crow at all.

The keen perception of earthquake occurrence by the bird is no doubt due to its acute sense, by which it is enabled mechanically to feel the small vibrations in the preliminary stages of the seismic motion, Professor Omori says.

It is known that earth shocks are preceded by preliminary tremors that are so slight as to be hardly recordable. That the pheasant should be very sensitive and take alarm at the slightest disturbance, either natural or artificial, is probably a condition necessary to its existence, the scientist declares, as the bird with its long pointed tail and comparatively small wings, has no high-flying capacity and nestles on the ground among the thick undergrowth.

Artificial Shakes Not Feit. It was observed, however, that the pheasant did not take alarm and crow when the ground was shaken by the passing of cars, heavily loaded trucks or wagons, or other artificial means.

In Japan, Professor Omori writes, there is a general belief that pheasants perceive earthquakes much earlier than humans. Certain animals show symptoms of terror at the time of, or previous to, an earthquake, he adds, and cites several occasions when the musical croaking of frogs in a pond ceased just before or at the moment of a sensible tremor. If the shock be strong there is caused a general noisiness, cocks crowing and dogs barking.

A certain abbot was riding a horse near a town that was visited by a strong quake, when suddenly the animal dropped flat on the ground. The rider, who had not yet perceived the shock, attempted to urge the horse to his feet, but all his whipping was in vain until the shaking was over.

### IGNORES RADIO COMMANDS

Trained Elephant Refuses to Take Broadcast Orders.

Broadcasting may delight the human being, but it means nothing to an elephant. The other day a British broadcasting company tried to get Indralini of the London zoo interested in radio by having her master, Syed Ali, give her orders through a transmitter, says a London dispatch. Indralini paid no attention to him, although she has known his voice since the days of her youth in India.

Syed Ali shouted his commands through a loud speaker set up in the elephant's stall. He told his pet to "Lie down," "Get up!" and "Salute!" and to go through her other stunts; but she only waved her great ears and continued to eat peanuts.

In desperation the broadcasters sent a waltz over the radio, but Indralini ignored it. Her feet never moved, her massive shoulders remained still. Only her jaws were rhythmic, and the peanuts were responsible for that.

### FAMOUS SITES ARE MARKED

Blue Plaques and White Letters Put Up in London.

Visitors to places of interest in London, England, and many Londoners themselves, have been surprised lately to find numerous blue plaques with white letters on walls of buildings. These are being put up by the city council to mark the sites of ancient London, and the residences of famous citizens.

One of the most recent ones marks the spot in Chesham from which the Romans measured their miles from London. Residences of Chaucer, Keats, Shakespeare, Pepys and other prominent citizens of the olden days also have been designated.

White \$100,000 Business to Employer. The will of Newell C. Mansur of Holyoke, Mass., provides that the \$100,000 printing business shall be taken over and managed by half a dozen of his old employees. The will disposed of an additional \$100,000 in bequests to relatives of Mr. Mansur.

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# Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1898.

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. 688."

"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 some private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 22 Mich. 358; N. W. 718."