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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.

### INCONSISTENT CONDUCT

It would be rather interesting to know how the members of the United Brethren Church of Bloomington, a suburb of Washington, D. C., who were apparently leaders in staging a mob demonstration against reputable residents of that community, not on account of their character, but of their color, square their conduct with the tenets of their religion. The protest meeting was held in their house of worship and from it they sallied forth to deliver their ultimatum that reputable citizens should vacate their lawfully purchased property. As they sallied forth on their questionable mission they sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers, Marching As To War" but fortunately they did not desecrate "the Cross of Jesus" by carrying that sacred symbol before them. It is a wonder, however, that they did not. Demonstrations of this character are regrettable, but they react much more harmfully upon the demonstrators than upon their victims. They are to be deplored too, because they reflect a sentiment which America must outgrow if she is ever to take her rightful place as an exemplar of the ideals of democracy.

### GOVERNMENT SCANDALS

The charge of scandal in the operation of the Veterans' Bureau brings to mind that there have been other alleged scandals in governmental affairs by officials of high authority and clothed with great responsibilities. Such charges do not reflect credit upon those from whom we should expect better things. With the frequent alleged fracturing of the moral code by prominent representatives of the dominant race, it becomes them to preen themselves upon their "superiority" either of ability or character. That there seems to be a sincere desire to probe the charges and if proven to punish the guilty, gives encouragement to believe that the American people believe in the right.

### ARE YOU READY?

Are you ready to subscribe for the Community Chest? We are quite sure you are. Next Monday the drive begins. Men and women will devote their time to canvassing every home in this city to raise \$402,000 for charitable and welfare work. Every family is asked to give at least \$5.00 as its yearly contribution to this good work. Do you know how much this

## Letters From Our Readers

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

In my previous article, we discussed "The Invisible Empire." I did this because of the systematic and effective advertising it has had of late. I did so also, because that the Order when confining its work to regulating our Group and keeping us in our "proper place," was scarcely noticed by the American public; but when it developed color blindness then the trouble began. The Mer-Rouge outrage, rightfully or wrongfully attributed to the Klan which has since a long list of wrongs credited to the growing score; culminating in Oklahoma's troubles and the murder in Atlanta of a prominent Klansman. These all give a publicity that is not pleasant.

As a Group, we are simply onlookers, as we cannot participate and neither do we wish to at the present. "Those whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

Exercise, for our Caucasian brethren, a proper spirit of pity. Turmoil and strife every where characterizes the present civilization, will it withstand the assaults of anarchy?

The civilizations of the past have flourished, become weakened by vice and sensuality, then became memories only.

Armistice Day! What memories it brings: joy to some, who were saved from the blood-lust of man; and sorrow to many, whose loved ones are sleeping that final sleep, somewhere.

The absent form; the stilled voice; the vacant chair, speak volumes, that are moistened with affections tears. Have those dear ones suffered and died in vain?

To bring order out of chaos; peace out of strife; there is but one effective prescription. Let the Church of God, assert itself as a militant host for righteousness; then will come the "Reign of the Prince of Peace."

Armistice Day at Quinn Chapel, A. M. E. Church was one full of activities that mean much to the congregation.

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Mr. J. Rector Thomas, Superintendent, brought together a number of both old and young; the exercises being of interest to all.

The pastor, Rev. M. C. Knight, preached on "Times and Men." As this is not a letter written for praise only, I merely say the sermon was thoughtful and timely.

Junior Christian Endeavor League was largely attended by a busy group of young folks, under the leadership of Mr. John Adams, the active president. The Endeavor Choir, trained by Miss M. R. Battery, chorister and Miss Florence Reid, pianist, rendered some fine musical selections, showing plainly the effective rehearsals that they have had.

It is well, that the man and woman of tomorrow, be trained, while yet the boys and girls of today.

The evening service was largely attended by an attentive congregation, who listened to the pastor deliver the fourth sermon, of a series, on the Apostles Creed. This being in the nature of an exposition of the doctrines of the Protestant Churches.

Thus completing a day of service in which the all-absorbing topic of Christianity was presented intelligently to this active congregation.

In closing these thoughts, I may assert that our Group are asking for mental and spiritual food from its pastors; noise alone does not satisfy. Some of my readers recall the old maxim, put into everyday English—"voice and nothing else." The Negro is calling for thought and not air, as in the past has characterized his religious worship.

Yours for uplift, always.  
I. B. SMITH.

### CARLSON EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF PATRONAGE

In closing out my business at 1514 North Twenty-fourth street, where I have been located for nearly thirty-five years, I desire to express to my numerous colored customers, my sincere and heartfelt appreciation of their patronage during all these years. It has been interesting to watch the growth of children to manhood and womanhood and gratifying to know that children whose parents bought shoes for them, have in turn when they grew to manhood and married, bought shoes from me not only for themselves but for their children. I think this is complimentary to all concerned. I want all to know how sincerely this patronage has been appreciated.

C. J. CARLSON.

### FAMILY DAY AT ST. PHILIPS

At the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning all the families of the congregation and others who may desire to attend are requested to be present in their pews. It is desired to mark this as Family Day, with fathers and mothers, present with their children in their pews at which time an appropriate sermon will be preached. Other services at the usual hours, 7:30, 8:30 and 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

### LINCOLN, NEBR.

The Utopian Art Club had their social and debate at Mt. Zion last Thursday night, which was well attended and a success.

Stephen A. Venerable, who had recently returned home very sick, died last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Franklin. It is said that Venerable was in a deplorable condition before death, and it suffices to say that death brought relief to his suffering. Deceased is survived by a mother, sister and two brothers. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the A. M. C. Church, Rev. M. C. Knight preached and was attended by friends.

Messrs. Nat Hunter and wife, Shannon Webster and wife, Ed Buford and J. H. Wakefield motored over from Omaha Sunday on business and visit.

Messrs. C. A. Franklin, Editor of Kansas City Call and friend, Miss Ada Crogman of Philadelphia, Pa., Carl Golden and Joe LaCour motored over from Kansas City Saturday to attend the Nebraska-Notre Dame football game. They were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mosley while in the city—leaving for Omaha after the game.

Services at Mt. Zion were most interesting Sunday. Sunday School had nice services. The pastor preached a most excellent sermon on "Peace of God," followed by another at night. The B. Y. P. U. had a nice lesson; and most excellently explained by the pastor.

At the annual meeting of the local branch of N. A. A. C. held recently, Mr. Wm. Woods was named President and Mrs. O. W. Ferguson, Secretary.

At the Newman M. E. Church, Rev. G. W. Carter in accordance with Armistice Day, preached on the subject, "Peace of God," which his people enjoyed. The Sunday School and Aid Society had dual services.

Services at the A. M. E. Church were of interest. The Sunday School was held at usual hour, also the A. C. E. Society. The pastor is continuing his sermons on the Apostles Creed which proves of much information.

Remember the Union Thanksgiving Services at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Thursday, November 29th at 11 a. m. Fine dinner continuing all day, which will tickle your palate.

### Music by Negro Composers

A program of the works of Negro musicians and poets was presented Tuesday evening at the McKinley auditorium by the Lincoln branch of the National Association for the advancement of colored people. Several songs by the Negro composer, Burleigh, were sung, and poems by Paul Lawrence Dunbar were read. A paper on the achievements of the Negro in musical complications was read. The singing of the national Negro hymn composed by Rosmond Johnson of New York closed the following program:

"A Prayer," composed and sung by Miss Cleopatra Ross.

"Bye and Bye," words by Will Reed Dunroy, music by Burleigh; Mrs. Pearl Chrisman.

Reading, "Curiosity" Paul Lawrence Dunbar; Mrs. Ed Smith.

"Who Knows," words by Dunbar, music by Burleigh; Mrs. Charles Smith.

Duet, Clinton and Edna James.

Trombone solo, Mrs. Hickman.

Duet, "Lindy Lou," Strickland; Brewer Sisters.

Autobiography of Wm. S. Braithwaite, J. Rector Thomas.

"The Achievements of the Negro in Musical Composition," Millard Woods.

National Negro hymn, Rosmond Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Milton R. Brown.

Trio, "Deep River," Burleigh; Mrs. A. C. Stanley, Mrs. John Johnson and Mrs. J. Wilson.

The Relief Board of M. W. G. Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was held here Sunday afternoon. Those present were G. M. R. H. Young, Wm. Woods, Lincoln and J. H. Wakefield of Omaha.

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## Advertising Talk

A hen is not supposed to have  
Much common sense or tact,  
Yet every time she lays an egg  
She cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot  
Of intellect to show,  
But none the less most roosters have  
Enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts,  
Has a persistent way  
Of letting folks know he's around  
By his insistent bray.

The busy little bees they buzz,  
Bulls bellow and cows moo,  
The watch dogs bark, the ganders quack,  
The doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks,  
Pigs squeal and robins sing  
And even serpents know enough  
To hiss before they sting.

But man, the greatest masterpiece  
That nature could devise,  
Will often stop and hesitate  
Before he'll advertise.

Merchants who are wise  
And want our people's trade  
Use THE MONITOR to advertise  
And thus their fortune's made.