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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.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I would be TRUE for there are those who trust me,  
I would be PURE for there are those who care,  
I would be STRONG for there is much to suffer,  
I would be BRAVE for there is much to dare,  
I would be FRIEND to all the many friendless,  
I would be GIVING and forget the gift,  
I would be HUMBLE for I know my weakness,  
I would LOOK UP, and laugh and love and lift.

—Howard Walter.

### CONCERNING TEACHERS

WE HAVE received several telephone messages and several letters, some of which are published in this issue, concerning our last week's editorial on representation on the teaching staff of the city schools. All these are commentary and urge any united action and co-operation upon the part of our citizens that may be necessary to secure the recognition to which as taxpayers, citizens and patrons of the public schools we are justly entitled. Nor are these expressions confined to our own people. Several broad minded white friends, who are readers of The Monitor, have expressed themselves as being wholeheartedly in accord with this just request. As we said last week, with Superintendent Beveridge friendly and with the high-class personnel of the Board of Education to whom we believe we can confidently look for a square deal and not a cowardly and unethical subterfuge and with applicants meeting the standardized qualifications we see nothing to prevent appointments being made. All the Teachers' Committee, headed by Dr. J. H. Wallace has to do is to consider the applicants upon their merits as to character and qualifications and recommend accordingly. It will then be up to Superintendent Beveridge to make the assignment to such schools as he may deem best. As we see it, this is all there is to it. It is up to our young women to fully qualify, as several of them have done, and meet all requirements and then it is up to the Superintendent and Board of Education to do the just, honest and honorable thing, and we believe that they can be depended upon to do it.

### RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

SPEAKING against Japanese exclusion before the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Springfield, Mass., the Rev. Dr. Stephens of California said, "As Christians we cannot countenance racial discrimination. It is not good policy to enact legislation which will stimulate ill-feeling and a sense that they are held to be inferior to the white race." The learned doctor is right. The broad principle which he here lays down does not apply to the Japanese alone but to all races whose status, in the mind of the dominant race in the United States and their Anglo-Saxon compatriots elsewhere, is determined upon the accident of pigmentation rather than upon mental ability and moral worth. Racial discrimination will cease when all those who profess and call themselves Christians will boldly take the only position ten-

able with the doctrine of brotherhood taught by Christ, that "AS CHRISTIANS WE CANNOT COUNTENANCE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION." This is the principle for which white Christians in America must stand, too, in dealing with our group. It is because they do not act upon this principle, but countenance, defend and apologize for the most cowardly, unjust and humiliating racial discrimination that so many of our promising younger men and women are, in increasing numbers, discrediting the "white man's Christianity." That "it is not good policy to enact legislation," or deny the enjoyment of civil rights "which will stimulate ill-feeling and a sense that they are held to be inferior to the white race" applies with equal force to us, for all Jim-crow legislation is enacted and enforced against our people for this purpose. It creates ill-feeling. All self-respecting people among us resent it. We are by no means satisfied and America will not be safe as long as such things not only exist but become more irksome and malignant. Both Christian ethics and a safe policy are against racial discrimination. May Christian Americans realize this and have the moral courage to act accordingly.

### MAKING GOOD

CENTRAL High School of Omaha won for the eighth time the interstate track meet in which 51 high schools competed at Lincoln last Saturday, seventeen schools entering each one of the three groups. Central scored 29 points as against Hastings, its nearest competitor's 23. Of the 29 scored by the purple and white, Martin Thomas piled up 10 by capturing two firsts, and Weldon Solomon 5, by winning one first. The two colored athletes on Central's team scored for their team more than one-half of the total number of points. Not a bad showing. Congratulations, Central; congratulations, Thomas and Solomon. But—suppose a narrow policy was the rule in school athletics here and these boys had been segregated or barred on account of color! In every contest in which our youth have competed on equal terms, as it should be, with their fellow students, they have brought honor to the school whose colors they were wearing. This points its own moral and teaches a very plain lesson.

### IS IT PUNISHMENT OR RETRENCHMENT?

THE dismissal of twenty-one police officers, many of them being of senior rank, immediately after the election, will be construed by many as punishment for political activity or non-activity rather than an honest and sincere effort at retrenchment. Many will argue that if retrenchment be the object this could be accomplished by the retirement of junior officers rather than those of senior rank. This is not an unreasonable view to take of the situation, is it?

### POOL HALLS

OMAHA's colored population has far too many pool halls. In saying this we recognize the fact that pool and billiard halls, PROPERLY CONDUCTED, are just as legitimate and respectable business as any other kind of business, since it is the sell-

ing of certain kind of recreation and amusement which many enjoy. The selling of this recreation or entertainment, under proper conditions, is just as legitimate and respectable as the selling of recreation in the form of movies, theatrical performances, concerts or baseball. But, as a matter of fact, very few pool halls are conducted under proper conditions and wholly free from objectionable features. Granting, however, for the sake of argument, that all pool halls are properly conducted, we still maintain that as a race in this city we have a disproportionate number. We believe that some of the capital so invested could be used to a better advantage in some other line of business, and we would like to see this done.

### METHODISTS HOLD GREAT MEETING IN LOUISVILLE

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a period of twelve years or more, his widow would be pensioned commensurate with the standard of the office he held at the time of his death.

**Increase in Our Budget System**  
"That we are progressing cannot be denied. We have advanced year by year, but we must take still higher ground. We have made a big program. To carry this out the whole financial scheme needs revision.

"We should standardize our regular Theological Seminaries and man them with the best and strongest professors obtainable.

"Our schools and colleges should be classified and equipped for the work they advertise to do and be provided with the best qualified instructors for doing the work.

"This we cannot hope to do with poor material and cheap instructors. The Deans of our regular Seminaries and Presidents of our colleges should be paid at least \$3,000 a year with commensurate provision for professors and instructors in harmony with the schedule of salaries paid in the best regulated school system throughout the country.

"The vocation of the ministry should be made more attractive from a financial standpoint by fixing a higher rate as the standard for the allowance of the presiding Elders and Pastors.

"There should be a reserve fund out of which we could make better provision for preachers serving on mission points.

**Increased Pension Fund**  
"To provide a pension for 500 Superannuated Ministers even at the modest allowance of \$50.00 a quarter or \$200.00 a year would require \$100,000 a year.

"For 1,200 widows at \$25.00 a quarter or \$100.00 a year will take \$120,000 a year.

"For 500 orphans at \$25.00 a year will take \$125,000 a year.

"We should pay our Bishops at least \$4,000 a year and our General Officers at least \$3,000.

"In naming our budget to carry out a program of this magnitude we need to set the mark for our general fund for

Dollar money alone at.....\$ 500,000  
For education ..... 1,000,000  
For Missions ..... 500,000

Total for these 3 items.....\$2,000,000

This should be supplemented by a special endowment relief fund of ..... 1,000,000

A total of .....\$3,000,000 which would mean but an average of \$5.00 a year per member on the basis 600,000."

Prof. Hawkins reported the amount of money handled by each financial secretary from 1872 to the present, as follows: J. H. Burley, \$95,554.11; J. C. Embry, \$99,925.68; B. W. Arnett, \$368,963.85; James Anderson Handy, \$313,341.44; J. H. Armstrong, \$351,942.09; M. M. Moore, \$406,074.26; P. A. Hubbard, \$229,417.38; Edward W. Lamont, \$1,199,488.48; John Hurst, \$790,988.50; John R. Hawkins, \$3,274,991.30, making a total of \$6,900,391.62. He made it clear that this amount was in dollar money alone and did not include the money raised by local churches, for church work, pastors and presiding elders' salaries and other things. The report received the approval of the General Conference. Of course, he will be re-elected. He is the first layman to hold such a position, and it will be observed that with but two exceptions, all the other secretaries stepped into the episcopal office from the secretaryship.

All the reports made to the General Conference showed an increase in business. Progress along all lines reported, and the report of Ira T. Bryant, secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union was an eye opener. Many had thought that because of a fight, Bryant would tie up the property due to what is considered a flaw in the charter but he had it all straightened out, and presented the African Methodist Episcopal Church deeds to all the property of the Sunday School Union in fee simple absolute. He won many friends by this act, many declared that he would succeed himself.

Prof. Bryant is the first layman to be secretary of the Sunday School Union, and in his method in what to him was defending the church and guarding its interests, he has not had the approval of many. He declared that he could sleep well each night because he felt that he discharged his duty to his God, his church and his fellows.

"The Feast of the Lord's Supper," an oratorio, was presented Friday night of last week by Hiram Simmons

of Portsmouth, Ga. It was listened to by fully 5,000 people.

All of the Methodist Churches of Louisville were supplied with a preacher from the Conference last Sunday, and some of them had bishops, while a few of the Baptist Churches had ministers. A great impression has been made here during this session.

The report of the Episcopal Committee was made Monday morning. They recommended the election of three bishops also reported on episcopal districts. They also recommended that Bishop Conner be temporarily retired. They fixed the time for election to Tuesday morning, 11 o'clock and continue until all bishops and general officers were elected.

### WESTERN FUNERAL ADDS HEARSE TO ITS EQUIPMENT

The Myer's Western Funeral Home has taken an advanced step by the purchase of a handsome \$6,000 Dodge Bros. hearse of the most modern make. It is beautifully finished in gray, with mahogany interior. Mr. Myers is the first of our race undertakers and one of the few undertakers in Omaha to own his own hearse.

Tickets are out for the second anniversary of Prof. P. J. Waddles boys' band concert and orchestra, assisted by local talent, Wednesday, May 21st at Columbia hall, Twenty-fourth and Lake streets. A fine program will be rendered, come early. Young people will have charge of the hall after the concert. Admission, 25c; children, 15c.—Adv.

Miss Edna M. Stratton, secretary of the North end branch Y. W. C. A. returned Monday from New York where she attended the "Y" convention. She also visited her parents in Pittsburgh, Pa.

### COLORED PUPILS AMONG GOLD MEDALISTS

Among the 18 students who won gold medals in the Second Annual Music Contest held at the Auditorium last Friday morning in which 210 pupils competed, two of the winners were Leeta Lewis and Margaret Dallas. Another colored pupil, Ollie Mattison of Kellom school scored 99 1/2 per cent, losing 1/2 per cent by failing to put a period after an abbreviation, which shows how close the marking was. Those receiving medals scored 100.

### LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mother's Day was appropriately observed at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Sunday morning. The Sunday School was nicely attended. The pastor preached a special sermon to Mothers and of mothers, and paid all tribute to what good Mothers had accomplished in the making of the good in this world and we sing praises to her.

The annual sermon of Regal Lodge G. U. O. F. and Household of Ruth was held at 3:00 p. m. Rev. H. W. Botts preached. The lodges turned out in full regalia and seemingly enjoyed the services.

Rev. H. W. Botts preached a special sermon to the Buds of Promise during their candlelight service at night. All present responded to having a lighted candle.

Mrs. Lew Holmes is yet troubled with her ankle which was broken some days ago by a fall.

The Utopian Art Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary King, 1447 Northside avenue Thursday night, May 22.

The annual sermon of the Daughters of Isis will be preached by Rev. H. W. Botts at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday night, May 18th.

Member of Mt. Zion Baptist church has resumed work on Church Auditorium and will push work as fast as possible.

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The L. L. Kensington Club met with Mrs. Allie Harding. The topic of discussion was in commemoration of Mother's Day. Tender, amusing and lovable traits of Mother were recalled and special stress on reminiscence of early house training, which left an undeniable mark on our lives. The members were served luncheon by the hostess, who also gave a treat on old time customs. The club and friends will be notified through The Monitor of our next meeting and annual picnic in June.

Mother's Day was observed by the Junior Bible class, Mrs. M. C. Knight teacher, and by a splendid program at Sunday School hour. Rev. M. C. Knight preached an appropriate sermon at the morning services. The choir rendered fine music, all applicable to the day. The A. C. E. league had a special program at 6:30.

The Minnehaha Campfire Girls gave their entertainment in Masonic hall Monday night and realized a neat sum of money. To the Masonic fraternity, we pay homage, they did everything in their power to assist us. To participants on program, we thank you. To our merchants who donated prizes, we will boost for you; and lastly to our parents and friends who have so nobly stood by us, we have not words to express our happiness for your patience, kindness and patronage of Minnehaha Camp.

Mrs. Griffith of Kansas City, Kans.; Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Hathaway of White Cloud, Kans.; sisters and friends of the family of W. T. Lewis left for home Tuesday. Mr. Lewis is not much improved at this time.

The Davis Women's drive for the benefit of the home, 1946 Vine street, closed Sunday night with a program by the members and friends. Several members who rendered selections at the reception held in Quinn Chapel recently for the benefit of "Various clubs were repeated Sunday night by request. The drive was a fine effort, and the women are well pleased with results.

### Woman Solves National Convention Difficulties



Miss Jewel R. Stein, secretary to George F. Mara, who is in charge of the thousand and one details connected with the Democratic national convention, which is to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York city. She is experienced in her task, which calls for great patience, for she served in a similar capacity in 1920 at San Francisco.

### 4-Footer Stops Traffic; 6-Footer Cop Nails Him

New York.—Jacob Starr, nineteen years old and exactly 4 feet from sole to cranium, is big enough to obstruct traffic, but hardly of sufficient physical prowess to resist Patrolman Andrew Geyer, who led him into traffic court. He used his 6-foot-6 to lead Starr's 48 inches before Magistrate Norman J. Marsh. A spirit of levity which immediately spread throughout the courtroom, affecting everyone but Jacob, threatened for awhile to break up the morning's dispensation of justice.

When quiet was attained Jacob was given one day in jail and Geyer was congratulated by the magistrate for making this, his first, arrest for traffic violation.

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### Beauty Expert Passes Up Models to Wed Cook

New York.—This is a romance for nice girls to read—girls who have passed the age of twenty-five and are capable and independent and a bit wistful about life; nice, plain girls who sometimes wonder if it wouldn't be more exciting to be beautiful and dumb.

It is the romance of J. R. Bolton, fashion expert of the Retail Millinery association, and Miss Ethel Helen Gough, housekeeper.

To start at the beginning, for years J. R. Bolton had done fashion shows. He has been a connoisseur of feminine lines, lovely, alluring lines, from the days when the thirty-six was "perfect" to the present ascendancy of the thirty-four. But J. R. Bolton remained a bachelor.

Two years ago Miss Ethel Helen Gough, just over from London, became housekeeper of J. R. Bolton's little apartment. Miss Gough reaches the third button on Mr. Bolton's vest, wears a No. 2A shoe, is bobbed-haired and soft-eyed, but would never get a job as a model.

But what perfectly wonderful eight-course dinners she concocted in the kitchenette and served to the jolly members of J. R. Bolton's own private informal "Napkin Ring club."

This went on for two years. The other day Miss Gough and Mr. Bolton were married.

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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 a more private part of the house. Ferguson vs. Gies, 82 Mich. 358; N. W. 718."