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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.

ENDURANCE COUNTS

A TEACHER at the Kellom school gave us the subject for this editorial. She did not know that she was doing it. But we thank her just the same and believe that it will enable us to drive home an important truth and to give an inspiring message. We were attending the annual school meet, or field day exercises, in which the athletes of the upper grades were contending for the championship in various events for their prospective rooms and for the honor of representing their school in the annual city school meet at Ak-Sar-Ben field next Monday. Several of the pupils who scored, both among the girls and boys, were colored children. This was especially true in the long distance runs. This teacher said, "It has been my observation that the colored children are superior to white children in ENDURANCE. In short distance races you will notice that the white children show up best, but when it comes to the long distance races, where it takes endurance the colored children almost invariably win. I have noticed this particularly." The events of the day seemed to justify her conclusion for most of the long distance events were won by colored boys and girls. But her words awakened in us a train of thought, not new, but old and it was this, ENDURANCE COUNTS. Endurance counts in many ways. We thought of the many things our people have to meet and overcome, of the many discouragements which confront us, of the cruel disappointments which our youth have to endure, not only those common to all humanity, but which in this land additionally are peculiar to our group, and then in these fleet-footed youngsters competing with fleet-footed youngsters of the various nationalities

who compose the large and happy Kellom school family we read the prophecy of a better day of larger and more equal opportunities for which this school life is the preparation in the knowledge that endurance counts. It does. It always counts and tells. This principle is emphasized in Sacred Writ—"He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." He who has the greater endurance will surely win in the great race of life.

WHY NOT ORGANIZE OUR MUSIC?

OMAHA is developing a large number of fine musicians, both as vocalists and instrumentalists. We believe that there is excellent material here not only for a splendid choral society, but also for a first-class symphony orchestra. To develop either will require a vast deal of hard work and diligent and faithful practice; but we believe that it can be done and we would like to see it undertaken. And let us face certain facts frankly. Not every one of our people, because he or she may have some knowledge of music, is competent to train a choral society. There are in our midst perhaps some three or four persons, perhaps not this many, whose superior advantages and training in music make them thoroughly competent to train and direct such a choral society. The same is true with reference to an orchestra. If such an organization is formed, a competent person should be chosen as instructor, and he or she should be diligently and loyally supported. A suggestion of this kind has been made before. Let us get busy and form such an organization. Why not get ten or twelve of the best voices from eight or ten of the church choirs and try them out? Select the best of these and get busy. This is our suggestion. What do the musical people think about it?

YES, THEY ARE QUALIFIED

YES, there are at least three young women, residents of Omaha, who have all the requirements as to character, training and ability for teaching in our public schools. Two of these have filed applications with the Board of Education in the regular form. Omaha has 1,500 school teachers among whom are representatives from practically every group of citizens except our own. Our people pay taxes on approximately \$5,000,000 worth of real and personal property.

Will Consider Sale of Monitor

Will consider favorable proposal for purchase of The Monitor as I am seriously considering retiring from newspaper work, important though it is, and devoting my time entirely to my pastoral and parish work.

John Albert Williams
 Box 1204, Omaha, Neb.

A PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM RACE PREJUDICE

By Morney Williams
 (For the Associated Negro Press)

O GOD, who hast made man in Thine own likeness and who dost love all whom Thou hast made, suffer us not, because of difference in race, color or condition, to separate ourselves from others, and thereby from Thee; but teach us the unity of Thy family and the universality of Thy love. As Thy Son, our Savior, was born of an Hebrew mother and ministered first to His brethren of the House of Israel, but rejoiced in the faith of a Syro-Phoenician woman and of a Roman soldier, and suffered His cross to be carried by a man of Africa, teach us, also, while loving and serving our own, to enter into the communion of the whole human family; and forbid that, from pride of birth and hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom Christ died, or injure any in whom He lives. Amen.

U. S. HAS BIG TASK ENFORCING FOOD LAWS

Greatest Violations Occur in Case of Oil Products; Butter is Close Second.

Washington.—Misbranding, adulteration and otherwise deceiving the public in the matter of food continues to be one of the problems with which the United States Department of Agriculture has to deal. According to the annual report of the bureau of chemistry, which is charged with the enforcement of the food and drugs act, a total of 1,450 prosecutions and seizures were made in the fiscal year of 1923. The greatest number of violations occurred in the case of oil products, white butter was a close second.

For several years attention has been given to interstate traffic in butter, and action has been taken against many shipments which were high in moisture, low in butterfat, or short of the declared weight. The difficulty of enforcing the law as applied to butter, however, has been greatly lightened by the passage at the last session of congress of an act establishing a standard for butter, which fixes 80 per cent as the minimum butterfat content. During the year 64 seizures against adulterated and misbranded butter and 117 criminal prosecutions were instituted.

An interesting and unusual feature of the work in enforcing the act was the discovery that a concern in Jersey City, N. J., was adulterating butter with coconut oil or other foreign fat and shipping it to Philadelphia. Seizures were promptly made, as a result of which the offending firm discontinued operations.

NEW HEADWAITER AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Simon Harold has accepted the position of headwaiter at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, with Louis Prather as his assistant. The corps of waiters has been increased to twenty-four. Mr. Harold is one of the oldest employees of the club, popular with the members and is well qualified for the position. His promotion is well-deserved and is in line with the new Commissioner, Clarke G. Powell's policy to promote men on the job rather than to import them from the outside. This is a wise policy as it encourages employees to do their best.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

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 Sunday was a splendid day starting with a great Sunday School. Rev. Mr. Ewing gave us a good sermon at 11 a. m. and Rev. P. M. Harris delivered a splendid sermon at 8 p. m. Last Sunday there was a glorious praise meeting following the morning services. Many visitors were present. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kinney, McCockle, Grand Master Lucas and Alma Webster being among the number.

ROOSEVELT POST AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES

Roosevelt Post American Legion will hold special memorial services at St. John's A. M. E. Church, Twenty-second and Willis avenue next Sunday afternoon to which the public is cordially invited. The following program will be given:

Star Spangled Banner, Choir and Congregation; Invocation, Rev. W. C. Williams; Remarks by Post Commander, Dr. William W. Peebles; Baritone Solo (Selected), Comrade H. L. Preston; Roll Call of Departed Comrades, Comrade E. V. Killingsworth; Silent Tribute to Departed Comrades; Reading, Lincoln's Memorial Address, Mrs. W. B. McMillan; Remarks in Behalf of G. A. R., Comrade J. Miles; Remarks in Behalf of Spanish War Vets, Comrade Isaac Bailey; Vocal Solo (Selected), Miss Edna Stratton; Memorial Day Address, Rev. John Albert Williams; Bartine Solo (Selected), Comrade R. C. Long; Remarks in Behalf of Boy Scouts, Dr. Craig Morris; America, Choir and Congregation; Benediction, Rev. Z. E. McGee.
 Crispus Attucks Auxiliary Red Cross and Boy Scouts will act as ushers.

The play given in McKinley auditorium last Friday night by students of Omicron Chapter Delta Sigma Theta, which was for the benefit of Davis Woman's Club, was fairly patronized.

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LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

To all pastors, superintendents of Sunday schools, presidents of B. Y. P. U. and Women's work of The New Era Baptist association, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. conventions and Women's work of the state of Nebraska. You are urged to send in the number of delegates and visitors you are expecting to attend this meeting, immediately, if not sooner to Rev. H. W. Botts, 920 So. 12th street or Willis W. Moseley, church clerk, 1335 Rose street, Lincoln, Nebr. The association and convention convenes in Mt. Zion Baptist church, Lincoln, on June 9-15, 1924, H. W. Botts, Pastor.

Mr. P. A. Abner returned home last week from a trip to his old home in Alabama.

Mr. W. T. Lewis, aged 49, passed away last Thursday at his home, 930 Short street, after an illness of several months. He was an employee of the B. & M. Railway as a porter, prior to his illness. Deceased leaves a wife Mrs. Virginia Lewis, a son, Clayton, five sisters, one brother and other relatives. The funeral was held in Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church last Saturday at 2:00 p. m., Rev. M. C. Knight preached. The Sons and the Daughters of Bethel lodge of which he was a member, turned out in regalia. Quite a number of friends of the family paid last respects to the deceased.

K. H. Brewer was in Omaha the week end.

Men's supper at A. M. E. church last Thursday night was a success.

Services at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday were as follows: Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. at usual hours. A practical sermon by the pastor at 11:30; at 8:00 p. m. Rev. H. W. Botts delivered a most excellent sermon to the Daughters of Isis.

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Sunday was Men's Day rally at Quinn Chapel, and three services were held on the occasion. The services were all under supervision of the men. Rev. H. W. Botts of Mt. Zion Baptist church preached for them in the afternoon and at night. The rally was to consummate, but several were not ready—hence the report of finance was postponed to next Sunday.

Master Masons—Initiation in the 3rd degree next Tuesday night, May 27.

To all Sir Knight Templars you are hereby called to assembly in Masonic Temple 1016 P street, Sunday, May 25th at 3:00 p. m., and there give praise to God in the Ascension Day celebration.

The Treble Clef will give a popularity contest and fashion show and carnival, May 30 at Masonic Hall, 1016 P street for the benefit of the Old Folks Home.

"SPRING PARTY" DECORATION DAY TO BE GRAND AFFAIR

The affair extraordinary for Decoration Day evening will be the "Spring Party" given by Harold Jones at Lincoln, Nebr. The affair will be one of the most elaborate of the season.

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 Miss Ritha Bank and Mrs. Lawrence, two of the best "Blues" singers of the middle west, with Harold Jones will entertain during intermission, with Mr. Burton Brewer at the piano.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin was confined at home with illness the past week.

Rev. H. W. Botts was an Omaha visitor last Thursday and Friday.

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Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

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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 denial, 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."