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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.

### "FROM NEIGHBORS"

THIS was the inscription on a large and beautiful floral wreath which was among the many mutes, yet eloquent, expressions of sympathy and affection sent to the family of the late Rufus W. Johnson, who passed away at his home last Thursday at the ripe age of eighty-one years, after a brief illness. He had lived in the same neighborhood with his wife, who survives him, for thirty-six years. His was the only family of color in the neighborhood. None was more highly respected. The Johnsons had moved into that section of the city and purchased their modest home there when it was sparsely settled. Gradually the neighborhood filled up. The newcomers soon learned that the Johnsons were fine people and so genuine friendship sprang up between them. When Rufus Johnson passed away none mourned his loss more sincerely than these same neighbors who shed genuine tears of sorrow, sent floral expressions of their friendship and sympathy and attended his funeral. In their neighborly intercourse there was naught of patronizing on either side. They lived normally as friends and neighbors. This is as it should be. In the face of constantly growing opposition to respectable families of color locating in any but certain designated neighborhoods it is instructive to call attention to incidents of this kind as illustrative of the fact that neither race nor religion forbids the possibility of neighborliness.

kindness shown. His gratitude is profound. His gratitude to the republican party, when it was the party of Lincoln and Sumner, for what it did for him, has kept him loyal to it during the years that have passed. He desires to give it his allegiance now, but in the light of recent years he has been given very little to encourage him in his loyalty, devotion and allegiance. If the republican leaders have ordinary common horse sense they will change their attitude and show that they really want the support of the colored voter. Republicans haven't a lead pipe cinch upon the colored vote and they should realize that fact.

### NORMAL MEN ARE SOCIABLE

THERE are some people, fortunately their number is few, who make the serious mistake of believing that they gain much by living entirely to themselves. They isolate themselves from the community life. They keep themselves as largely as they can aloof from society. They claim to find entire happiness within the bosom of their own family. Those who do this lose much of the genuine joy of living and are failing in their duty to themselves, to their family and to their fellow men. God has implanted the social instinct within man's nature and he who tries to ignore it shows an abnormal condition. If one has been given special talent or advantages above his fellows then he owes it to use these gifts for the good of others. No man or woman can live a selfish life without serious spiritual and moral leakage. The normal man wants friends and shows himself friendly. He desires to share in the activities, social, civil, religious and fraternal, of his community. Hermits like misers are abnormal. Try as men may to deny it, the truth remains that "no man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself." The normal human being loves to mingle with men.

### NO LEAD PIPE CINCH

IT IS BECOMING increasingly apparent that the republican party has no longer a mortgage upon the colored voter. This will, of course, inure to his advantage. Whatever else may be said of the Negro it cannot be truthfully said that he is ungrateful. He is deeply grateful for any service rendered him, for any

### 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.

### THE WHATNOT COLUMN

(By Robert P. Edwards for The Associated Negro Press)

What was the greatest of all Sudan states?

The kingdom of Songhay, which at one time had an area equal to that of the United States, was the greatest of all the Sudan states. For nearly nine centuries (750 A. D. to 1591) the kings of this great state reigned in regular succession. The existence of Songhay coincides almost exactly with the life of Rome from its foundation as a republic to its downfall as an empire. What assistance did Mr. John D. Rockefeller give the colored Y. M. C. A.?

The second city to erect a modern building for colored Y. M. C. A. work was Washington, toward which John D. Rockefeller donated \$25,000 and in order to stir the race to activity, stipulated that a similar amount must be raised by the efforts of colored people. So impressed were the colored people with this generous idea that they raised nearly \$100,000 of which colored men paid \$27,000.

Who has produced the largest watermelon?

John D. Carter of Garza, Denton county, Texas, succeeded, by a variety of crosses, in producing a watermelon weighing 122 pounds in 1923. Mr. Carter forced to match wits with the boll-weevil, studied the Burbank method until he was able to produce a giant melon. He predicts that in the not distant future 100 pound melons will be common. From four and one-half acres Mr. Carter marketed nearly \$13,000 worth of watermelons, all at wholesale.

### N. W. C. A. NOTES

The N. W. C. A. met the second Wednesday at the home and had an unusual large meeting. Mrs. Jennie Fleming of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Mills, representing the Mosaic Temple of America, were visitors. Mrs. Mills was a committee of one coming from that order asking to do something for the home to stand as a monument. The organization named three things which we think we will get one of them. Mrs. Jennie Scott was a visitor and enrolled as a member.

We wish to thank Mr. S. H. Dorsey for another check of \$5.00 to apply on the building fund. How easy it would be for us to always have our rent if more of our business men would occasionally send us \$5.00 to apply on our rent. You give to a worthy cause.

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Religious services are held every Sunday afternoon at the home from 3 to 4, conducted by Rev. Mr. Union. He would like to have the cooperation of every minister in the city. Everybody invited. quilts and rugs. Call Mrs. Ervin, carpet rags won't you give them to the home as our inmates are making quilts and rugs. Call Mrs. Edvin, Webster 4769.

### OMAHA PIONEER ANSWERS SUMMONS

Mr. Rufus W. Johnson, one of Omaha's pioneer and most highly respected citizens, passed away last Thursday at his residence, 4240 Miami street, after a two weeks' illness. Although Mr. Johnson was eighty-one years of age he was active and vigorous up until his last illness. He was born in Tennessee, April 15, 1843, and served through the Civil War. Deceased is survived by his widow, a step-son, Ralph White, of Ottawa, Kans.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Fred Russell of Omaha and four grandchildren. The funeral, attended by a large number of friends of both races, by whom he was held in high esteem, was held Monday afternoon from Jones & Co.'s chapel, interment being at Forest Lawn. Rev. John Albert Williams officiated.

### HELD FOR GRAND JURY FOR DOPE POSSESSION

Kenneth Gibbs, 2212 Seward street, was bound over Friday to the federal grand jury by United States Commissioner Boehler, on charge of possessing dope.

Gibbs was arrested by Detectives Palmtag and Davis in a pool hall at 1015 Capitol avenue. "Here, take my money, I'm going to jail," he said when the officers entered, handing a roll of bills to another man.

The officers testified they seized the bills and found a box of opium wrapped in them.

### SOUTH SIDE NEWS

This past week marked many social affairs on the South Side among them was a six-course luncheon served at the home of Mrs. Fannie McCoy, 2924 R street, Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Hatley of Kansas City who is a guest of Mrs. Lula Roundtree. The invited guests were Mrs. Lula Roundtree, Mrs. Rocky Williams, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Lovetta Bush, Miss Williams and Rev. O. J. Burkhardt. The evening was spent in helpful conversations pertaining to racial matters politically, socially and religiously. Mrs. McCoy is an ideal hostess.

Mrs. Alice Pegram, 2627 Y street, president of the stewardess' board of Allen Chapel, gave an ice cream social at her beautiful home Thursday evening. A good number of the members were in attendance and all reported a pleasant time.

Mrs. Mattie Lambert has just returned from Elkville, Ill., where she went to bury her brother. She also stopped in St. Louis and spent a day with our old friend J. L. Woodward who lived here for many years and was prominent in business and the lodge world.

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

Twenty-fifth and R Streets—O. J. Burkhardt, Pastor.

Starting with the Sunday school all services were well attended Sunday. Rev. W. S. Metcalfe preached at night, Sunday at 11 a. m., the pastor will preach on "The Need of the Hour". At 8 o'clock the Rev. P. M. Harris who recently returned from New York City will speak on his observation of racial conditions there.

Joseph Jefferson is quite ill. Fred Little is home from the hospital. Mr. Clay remains about the same. Little Marie Starnes is still in the hospital for cripple children.

### BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Frederick Divers, Pastor.

The Sunday School is getting things ready for the annual picnic which is to be held next Monday at Elmwood park. All children of the D. V. B. S. will be in the picnic whether members of the Sunday School or not.

The services were good Sunday morning and well attended. The pastor preached, using for a text John 13:14-14, and dealt at length with the lesson of humility taught by Jesus Christ. There was a good congregation at the evening service.



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Despite the threatening weather a large number attended the annual Parish and Sunday school picnic of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon at Elmwood park last Thursday afternoon and a most enjoyable time was spent. Among the interesting features was a game of ball, and a good one, between a nine composed largely of married men and one of bachelors. The former were ahead when the game was called on account of darkness.

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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 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."

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