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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.

### WHY ONLY ONE?

WHEN one notices the apparently strenuous efforts—and we say “apparently” advisedly—to enforce the Eighteenth amendment and the equally strenuous efforts to sidestep the enforcement of others one does some wondering. The Department of Justice seems to believe, and in our judgment, rightly so, that the Eighteenth Amendment is an integral part of the Constitution of the United States and as such should be enforced. At least there are effective gestures made in that direction. When, however, it comes to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments it seems that these are considered purely dead letters. They are openly, wilfully and defiantly violated and this violation is winked at. For this reason we think it is very fitting indeed that the Equal Rights Congress through its representatives should courteously urge upon the President the investigation of southern election methods which unquestionably violate these amendments. If one amendment should be enforced then all should be enforced. If the whole department of justice can be called upon to enforce the prohibitory amendment why can it not be used to enforce all the others? Why one only?

### EXPANDING.

THE Monitor extends congratulations to Mr. E. S. Montgomery, who coming to Omaha from Alabama a few years ago opened a small but well-kept grocery store has erected and moved into a large modern store building at Twenty-seventh and Lake St. His business has steadily grown which gives the lie to the statement that Negroes will not support Negroes. Mr. Montgomery has given service. He has not sold color but service. He knows the grocery business and because he does he has been able to give service. What he has done others are doing and will do. We are glad to see his business expanding and gladly bespeak for him an ever-enlarging patronage.

### BE WISE.

OMAHA is geographically located to become at no far distant day one of America's greatest cities. What she has become in the last few years presages what she will be in the next half century. Those of us who are enjoying her privileges and advantages and contributing to her growth and development now should be far-sighted enough to build wisely for our children. Land far from the center of the city now will at no distant day be within the corporate limits. Those who have a few spare dollars to invest should not indulge in any wildcat get-rich-quick schemes but put it in acreage here and there which will bring safe returns as the city grows. American cities grow rapidly. Omaha is a rapidly growing city. Strive to be wise in your day and generation.

### THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, “The Gift of Black Folk.”

### LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Rev. H. W. Botts was called to Kansas City last week to officiate at the funeral of a former friend.

Mrs. M. Loving lingers quite ill at her home.

Mrs. Mabel Robinson was taken to the hospital Monday ill with appendicitis.

Rev. M. C. Knight was on the sick list the past week.

We are glad to see a number of our group employed at the State Capitol. Here is hoping they may retain regular jobs.

Mary Magdalene Mission raised a very neat sum in their special rally at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Quite a few influenza cases reported, but none serious as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark and son arrived in the city last Thursday from Wichita, Kans. They will reside here in the future. They have gone to housekeeping with their son, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clark, 2225 P street.

Mrs. Guy Wiley arrived in the city from her former home, Omaha, followed by her household goods. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have gone immediately to housekeeping at 1911 K street where Mr. Wiley has purchased a nice home. She was formerly a Mrs. C. C. Trent of Omaha, and prominent in society and church in Dr. W. F. Botts' church, who was reluctant to lose her. Mr. Guy Wiley has a lucrative position here as collector and utility man at the Continental State Bank and is a prominent worker in Mt. Zion Baptist church, serving as a deacon. They were married February 12 at Council Bluffs, Ia., Dr. W. F. Botts of Zion Baptist Church, Omaha, officiating, witnessed by several of his members. Mrs. Wiley has united with Mt. Zion Baptist church here, and is thus ready to share in the Master's cause along with her husband and the church. We give her a hearty welcome to our midst.

Rev. J. H. Bruce, state missionary of Omaha, was in our city and spoke for Rev. H. W. Botts Sunday morning, going on to Beatrice in the afternoon.

### ALMOST TWO THOUSAND.

Palm Beach, Florida, April 3.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—At a huge meeting, held in the dining room of the Royal Poinciana hotel, Sunday afternoon, the waiters and bell men, led by Joseph S. McLane, the headwaiter, rendered an offering of \$1684, to be given to the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute, at St. Augustine, Florida. Mr. McLane's personal gift was \$500. This sum represents the largest single gift ever made to the education of Negroes by members of the hotel fraternity. The Royal Poinciana is the largest hotel on the east coast of Florida.

### BROWN AND STEVENS BANK ON PUBLIC SALE.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 3.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias the property at the corner of Broad and Lombard streets known as the Brown and Stevens Bank will be put up for public sale, April 6th.

For a number of years this property, situated as it is on one of the best known streets in the country, has been the cynosure of all visitors. The building, a very good one, has been well kept, and is modern in design. Brown and Stevens Bank has become generally known throughout the country because of its well appointed offices equipment.

### BIG OVATION TO HERMES ZIMMERMAN.

Evanston, Ill., April 3.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Hermes Zimmerman, colored tenor and composer, was invited to appear at the Northwestern university chapel last week and was given the entire period by the presiding officer.

This was a signal honor for the race and shows the trend of the age in recognizing ability regardless of color. Mr. Zimmerman has the honor of being a recognized American composer as well as a favorite tenor and sang two sacred numbers: “Swing Low” by Burleigh, and his own “Chief Corner Stone,” “I want to be Ready” and “America First and Forever.” Every number was enthusiastically applauded. Miss LeJeune Jones was the very competent accompanist.

### FREEDMEN'S NURSES' ALUMNI

Washington, D. C., March 20.—(Columbian Press Bureau.)—On last Tuesday night, the local branch of the Freedmen's Nurses' Alumni Association met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer S. Sampson, 1623 Thirtieth street, Northwest, and took up such vital topics as health, industry and child welfare. It was brought out in the meeting that cohesion and unity between all alumni associations of Negro institutions and schools would

have the salutary effect of stimulating the efforts of the colored people of America in their endeavor to solve the trying problems which beset them. Attorney Carl F. Phillips addressed the delegates briefly, following which an enticing repast was served by the hostess.

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