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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.

### BOOSTING AND KNOCKING

THERE are some people so constituted that they are not happy unless they are knocking or finding fault. The town in which they live is the worst in the country, if they are to be believed, and yet they continue to reside there, make their livelihood there and enjoy whatever advantages it has to offer. If they are members of a church or a lodge they assume the same attitude, that of fault-finding and knocking. Knockers, as a rule are parasites. They live on others and contribute practically nothing to the upbuilding of their town, church or lodge. The chronic knocker is never a builder.

Fortunately there are others who, while recognizing that their community, like everything human has its faults and has not yet attained to perfection, have learned the happiness and efficacy of boosting. They boost their community. They boost their neighbors. They boost their church. They boost their lodge. They know that a boost helps a community, just like it helps a fellow, to try to measure up to the standard set by the booster. The people who are helping themselves and others make progress are the boosters and not the knockers. There are times, of course, when it is necessary to knock, but such times are rare where the spirit of the booster prevails.

Humanity in general and our race in particular, in this and every other community, will make more rapid progress in all that counts for true greatness in the proportion that knockers decrease and boosters increase.

### PROGRESS IN A DECADE

AS HISTORIOGRAPHER of the Diocese of Nebraska we were asked the other day to furnish some data on the growth of the Episcopal church in Omaha during the last ten years. Our reply was "All right, but I don't think there is very much to report." That was our off-hand impression. However, upon looking over the data on hand we were astonished to know what substantial progress has been made.

This set us to thinking. None of us knows how much progress or advancement has been made until he makes a review of a period of ten or twenty years. The World-Herald has just published such a review of Omaha's growth and advancement and it is a revelation that should quiet the fears of all who are inclined to look upon our condition as static, or our growth as painfully slow.

In this growth our group has done its part and has had its share. We hope soon to present a similar review of the progress made by our race in Omaha during the same, or perhaps, a longer period. We have increased in population, in home-ownership, in business enterprises, in churches, in education and along other lines. Whatever growth or advancement made in the decade should be the basis and ground of encouragement for greater progress and success in the next decade.

### THE BEST FLOWER GARDEN

THE GARDEN CLUB of the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A. is offering a first and second prize for the best kept

### 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."

courage to fight for Negro teachers and the right of Negro youth to attend any school. Therefore, they seek what to them seems the next best thing—the separate school.

It seems that it has never occurred to the average Negro that we are the only race that accepts Jim-Crow discrimination and insult passively. And we go farther than this. If the whites don't Jim-Crow us fast enough, we go out of the way to hurry it up. For example: WHEN WE CONTENT FOR SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

All Negroes should remember this: No state in the United States has developed to a point where a dual system of schools can be maintained on equality unless both systems are equally rotten. There is a tendency to shunt all Negroes to the Negro school, no matter where they live at whatever distance from the school or no matter what may be the aspirations or capacity of the particular child. The section in which the Negro school is located always has the poorest police protection, the worst fire protection, the worst streets, the most dives, the least sanitation and the worst housing situation. In a word, there is a tendency for "Slabtown" to grow up around a Negro school.

Of course, there are other considerations more theoretical. As an example: One's constitutional rights, one's pride and self respect, to say nothing of the ordinary human reluctance to being made the scape-goat, a pariah, a thing inferior and so unclear that it must be separated from all the rest of mankind.

### HUGE FIERY CROSSES IN COLLEGE HILL DISTRICT

(Preston News Service.) Cincinnati, O., May 1.—The police investigated recently the burning of two fiery crosses near a new Negro subdivision in College Hill. The property fronts on Cornelia street. Residents said that they saw a number of automobiles near the scene shortly before the flames were noticed.

### WASHINGTON TEACHER WINS SORBONNE DOCTORATE

(Columbian Press Bureau.) Washington, D. C., May 1.—Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, former principal of the old M Street, now Dunbar, high school, arrived here recently after receiving her doctorate at the Sorbonne in Paris, March 23. Mrs. Cooper presented a thesis, "L'Attitude de la France a L'Egard de L'esclavage". In her defense of the thesis she worked out the themes "Legislative Measures Concerning Slavery, 1787-1850" and "The Ideas of Equality and the Democratic Movement".

More business was transacted in Omaha during the last week in November than in Des Moines, Ia., St. Paul, Minn., Sioux City, Ia., and St. Joseph, Mo., combined, according to a survey of bank clearings made by the bureau of publicity of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce from Bradstreet's report. Omaha's bank clearings for that week were \$34,653,000, an increase of 13.3 per cent over those for the same week last year. This is nearly equal to the total bank clearings of Columbus, O., Sioux City, St. Paul and Des Moines, Ia., which combined were \$35,934,000. Omaha's bank clearings for the week also were \$4,100,000 greater than that reported for Denver, Colo.

David Starr Jordan favors "Burbanking the human race". Well, darned if we will mate with a spineless cactus or be grafted on to any peach that's seedless.

### U. S. WOODCRAFTSMEN TO HOLD MASS MEETING

The United States Woodcraftmen will hold a mass meeting next Thursday night, May 7, at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 25th and Franklin streets. All members are urged to be present and all other persons interested are cordially invited to attend.

### SECRETARY OF CHURCH EXTENSION COMING SOON

The Rev. J. A. Stout, assistant secretary of church extension of the C. M. E. church, is expected in Omaha, Sunday, May 17, to put on a financial campaign for his denomination at Cleve Temple.

### AN EARLY MAY-DAY FESTIVAL

(By Selma Gordon) All nature is quite glad today It is the first of May, The merry month of out-door joy For every girl and boy.

From far and near out on the green The children can be seen, They dance, they run, they skip and roll Around the huge May pole.

In garlands neat upon each bough The flowers formed are now, And clothed in brightness all around The happy folks are found.

The music floats upon the breeze And through the new leaved trees, The children clad in bright array Never were seen more gay. This May-Day feast will long be kept It's joys we'll e'er accept And we will wait quite patiently For April next to flee.

### EVANGELISTIC SERVICES CLOSE AT CLEVE TEMPLE

The Rev. Willard Leak, evangelist of Prescott, Ark., ended a two-week evangelistic campaign at Cleve Temple C. M. E. church, 25th and Decatur streets, Rev. James S. Blaine, pastor, Sunday night. The services began on Easter Day and have been well attended. Mr. Leak's closing theme was "Christian Witness" in which he stressed the importance of consistent Christian living. There were fourteen additions. He left Wednesday for Oklahoma City. The Rev. Mr. Leak has consented to return for another series of meeting at Cleve Temple October 18th. A request for his return bespeaks the favorable impression made by him during his recent visit.

"An apple a day drives the doctor away," is an old saying, but with apples at three for a quarter it is about as cheap to have the doctor.

### LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mrs. Priscilla Ross has returned to her work after some illness.

Mrs. Vernal Barnett left Monday for her home in Denver, Colo., after visiting and burying her sister, Mrs. M. Loving, here.

Remember the chicken supper at Mrs. Paul Moore's Friday night, May 8th. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Old Folks' Home.

The Utopian Art club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. J. Griffith Thursday night, May 7th.

Several Lincolnites were Omaha visitors last Sunday.

Miss Zureta Doty was able to return to work recently after illness.

We observe that the Blue Goose Cafe has removed their place of business into the corner room at Ninth and Q streets and are ready to serve their patrons most satisfactorily.

Sunday services were observed well at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday. Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended. Rev. H. W. Botts preached excellent sermons. The weekly services were also well attended. Covenant and communion next Sunday.

Services were carried out at all churches as usual, attendances were good.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiley, 1911 K street, was the scene of a very pleasant and happy surprise party Monday evening, April 20th, when about forty members of the Mt. Zion Baptist church entered their home during their absence and secreted themselves in a back room, awaiting the arrival of the newly weds. Upon their arrival, as they entered the living room, a number of voices were heard to ring out in singing "We are all here do thyself no harm". The bride and groom soon realized they were the victims of a well planned surprise party and their beautiful home was freely turned over to the unexpected intruders. Mrs. Nettie McDonald presiding at the piano; Mrs. E. J. Griffin as toastmistress; congratulations and welcome on behalf of the church were given by the Hon. J. T. Wright, on behalf of the deacon board by Deacon N. Ashford and on behalf of the church auxiliaries by Mrs. E. J. Griffin. The presentation of a beautiful telephone table and chair was made by Rev. H. W. Botts. Response by Mr. and Mrs. Wiley. Ice cream and cake was served to all present. The bride received a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Adair were host and hostess to about thirty-five guests last Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiley being the guest of honor. The unique home was artistically decorated, the color scheme was pink and white. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

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

25th and R Streets  
O. J. Burckhardt, Pastor.

The Rev. J. H. Streeter, who is leaving the city to take up his work at Clay Center, Kans., preached his farewell sermon for this congregation at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, which was exceedingly helpful. The services, Sunday School and League were well attended. The League had a good program, including an inspiring address by Mrs. Frederick Divers. Luda Gray is again on the sick list.

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