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## ARTICLE XIV. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

### Citizenship Rights Not to be Abridged

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### WOMEN ACT COURAGEOUSLY

THE MONITOR heartily commends the stand taken by the representative women of our race in their protest against the segregation arrangements in the Washington auditorium last week in connection with the concert given for the International Council of Women.

Realizing, as these far-sighted women did, the disposition of Americans to subject colored Americans to humiliating restrictions and wishing to save America's good name before the representatives of thirty-six nations participating in the convention, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, ex-president of the National Association of Colored Women, who had arranged, as requested, the splendid musical program by our race artists, and Mrs. Mary McCleod Bethune, the present president, went to Mrs. Moore, president of the American branch, courteously advising her of the sentiment of our people touching segregation. Mrs. Moore gave Mrs. Bethune, it is alleged, a written statement that there should be no segregation. When, however, it was discovered that the colored people were being confined to one-half of the balcony, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, stepping before the curtain told why the program would not be given. The singers declined to give the program. Spectators of our own group withdrew, and sympathizers among the white people also withdrew.

It was a humiliating incident for America, which American prejudice invited and which our people tried to avert. It was, however, the kind of humiliation that the United States needs to have forced home to it the truth that self-respecting Americans of color are not going to tamely submit to the humiliation of being treated as pariahs and undersirables. We are either Americans or we are not. If we are Americans, and measure up to American standards in character, morals and conduct then we expect to be treated as such. The stand taken by the women in this incident at Washington is symptomatic of this attitude of our people. The sooner that America recognizes this fact the better it will be for the peace, happiness and prosperity of our country. It is folly to attempt to side-step so grave and important an issue. Our women took a courageous and right stand.

### NOT COMPLIMENTARY

EVERY NOW AND THEN there is forced upon our attention evidence of trucking and cowardice upon the part of representatives of the federal government which makes it difficult for us to maintain any confidence in or semblance of respect for those in authority. The most recent is the case of Clifton R. Wharton, who qualified for admission to the diplomatic service and who under the rules of the service should have been admitted to the Foreign Service School for a course of instruction incident to receiving his diploma. Of twenty candidates who had qualified for admis-

### 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

Mrs. E. J. Griffin, 2040 N street, was hostess to the Progressive Twelve Wednesday afternoon. The club colors were featured in the table decorations. An elaborate luncheon was served, fourteen being present. The guests of honor were Mrs. Guy Wiley, Mrs. Mary Edwards and Mrs. Anna Rhinehardt.

A silver tea was given at the residence of Mrs. Guy Wiley, 1911 K street, Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 for the benefit of Mt. Zion Baptist church. Mrs. Birdie Artis, manager.

The musical and dramatic entertainment given last Thursday evening at Mt. Zion Baptist church was an expression of the high esteem and appreciation the citizens of Lincoln have for Mrs. Fannie Russell of Omaha.

Dr. C. C. Harper of Dallas, Texas, will arrive in Lincoln about May 20th to conduct a series of revival meetings in Mt. Zion Baptist church, beginning May 20th and ending June 1st.

It is said appropriate Mothers' Day services were held in all churches of the city.

Mr. Pendleton Murray, formerly of Lincoln, died in Omaha last Wednesday after a siege of sickness. The body was brought to Lincoln to rest beside that of his wife, who passed away several years ago. He leaves as survivors five sons and two daughters, all of whom were present at the funeral. The funeral was held in Castle, Roper and Matthew's undertaking parlor, Rev. M. C. Knight of the A. M. E. church officiated. A large crowd of old friends paid last respects to the deceased.

Word came to us recently of the death of Mr. John Huff at Hastings, Neb., last week. We remember Mr. Huff as having visited Lincoln several times at Masonic functions. Mrs. Huff is also well known here, having visited Lincoln on several occasions. Rev. J. B. Smith officiated at the funeral at Hastings Sunday.

Funeral services were held Monday for Attorney John H. Lawson, who was stricken suddenly and succumbed to his illness last Thursday. Deceased leaves as survivors a wife, one son here, and a daughter who arrived from Hot Springs, Ark., Saturday. Rev. J. B. Smith officiated.

Eight additions to Quinn Chapel Sunday, four children and four adults. All were baptized by Rev. M. C. Knight.

Annual sermon for Daughters of Isis at Quinn Chapel next Sunday night.

Mrs. Anna Christmas entertained her friends at luncheon last Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Ursula E. Hines of St. Joseph, Mo. Covers were laid for five.

Mary Talbert club served a fine chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Moore last Friday night.

About fifty persons journeyed to Robbers' cave, a few miles south of the city Friday night, where the time was spent in a social way. This was an occasion of Mrs. Marie Copeland's club for the benefit of June rally.

Islam Court No. 43, Daughters of Isis, was delighted with the visit of their Imperial Grand Commandress, Mrs. Ursula E. Hines, of St. Joseph, Mo., last Wednesday night, May 6th. After the lecture a hour was held and the Merry Makers served refreshments.

Children, parents and friends numbering 105 sat down to the first annual Quinn Chapel Sunday School banquet Friday evening at 8:30, in the dining room, which was decorated. Miss Cleo Ross presided as toastmistress. Twelve children using each letter of the word Sunday School as toasts, a welcome address and a witty speech by a freshman, Harved Adams, remarks by Rev. M. C. Knight, closed the program.

### OMAHA WAITERS' ASSOCIATION

A record breaking attendance and great enthusiasm featured the meeting of the association at their club rooms May 11.

The whist tournament is on in full blast. It looks like youth has the edge on old age selling plates.

Welcome back to our midst! Mr. N. Jefferson blew in from California Saturday for the season.

Mr. H. L. Jackson spent Sunday, Mother's Day, in Council Bluffs attending the A. M. E. church.

Mr. James Walker motored to Lincoln Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Shields has accepted the position as headwaiter with the Alfred Jones' Catering Co. at Linomma Beach.

Mr. A. Chandler has resumed his old position as head bussman at the Brandeis Restaurants.

Mr. Frank Clemons was on the sick list last week; but is able to be out again.

Mr. Elder Scott, our eminent headwaiter, returned Monday, after a sojourn of a week in Kanass.

Hurrah, Hurrah! The Lakoma Club opens the season Saturday, May 16, with M. B. Pace as chef and Mr. Benjamin Slaughter as headwaiter. You know me, Ben.

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C. H. SPRIGGS, Correspondent.

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