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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.

PROMOTE PULLMAN PORTERS

RECENTLY the Pullman company named one of its cars in honor of a porter, Oscar Daniels, who was killed in a wreck. Daniels, who might have saved himself had he shirked duty, lost his life in trying to save the lives of passengers on his car. Dangerously injured himself, he directed the doctors' attention to a little girl urging medical attendance upon her first. All through Daniels showed himself to be a man, and the tribute to his memory paid by the Pullman company is a gracious and appreciated honor. We hope, however, that this action upon the part of the Pullman company is but the earnest of better recognition for its faithful and intelligent employees of color. Daniels' act is not an isolated one. Similar devotion even unto death of humble Negro Pullman porters will be found in the records of the company. And yet, despite this fact and the enviable reputation that Pullman porters have earned for intelligent, efficient and faithful service, the Pullman porter has been forced to remain a porter.

No promotion for him seems possible. He sees white men, in some cases intellectually his inferior, for many Pullman porters are men of liberal education, promoted to executive and administrative positions while he, however competent, if he remains in the employ of the Pullman company for fifty years, must be content to be a porter. Not that this is not an honorable calling, but in every calling there should be held out to men the possibility of promotion. We hope, therefore, that the honors bestowed upon its porters for distinguished service by the great Pullman company may not be confined to posthumous honors, but may be extended to the living in some substantial promotions in selected meritorious cases which will manifest a spirit of justice upon the part of this great public-serving corporation and prove an inspiration to that large group of men who strive so earnestly to deserve faithfully the company which gives them employment by rendering courteous and efficient service to its patrons—the Pullman porter.

THE NEGRO CRIMINAL
EVERY criminal, black or white, is a liability upon the community and the sooner he is apprehended and punished by due process of law the better it is for the community and for society. Unfortunately the black race suffers more from its criminal element than the white race does from its criminal element. The reason is this: the deeds of the white criminal are looked upon as purely individual. They are charged to the individual, not to his race. But the deeds of the black criminal are regarded, in the popular mind, not as individual but as racial. The race is charged with it. Of course this is absolutely unjust and unfair. Thoughtful and broad-minded men of the other race, of whom there are not a few, admit this injustice and inveigh against it, but at the same time, by a mental attitude which it is hard to understand the popular white mind seems to regard crime by a black man, as racial, and worse than a crime of the same nature by a white man. "A Negro bandit," emphasis upon "Negro" rather than upon "bandit", as generally played up by the daily press in most commu-

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."

AUNT MANDY'S OBSERVATIONS

Gives Some Homely But Sensible Advice.

"Does you all know," said Aunt Mandy with her usual decisive tone, "why you all has sech dem—may de Lawd forgive me fo' dat nigh cuss wurd dat 'scaped dem—poor lights 'long Twenty-fourth street, does you all know?"

"Why, dat's easy, I'm 'sprised you smart, high flutin' eddycated folks aint done seen it, long 'foah dis. I see realy 'sprised at you all. It's dis way; our City 'Mishnarys, what run dis man's town, don't know dat you wants bettah lights. How is dey goin' to know 'less you tell 'em? You all don't notice dem fine gentlemen runnin' 'roun in droves, or driven 'roun in deah abilities, stravagantly spendin' 'de citizens' money for gasoline, jes to ask de people, an' 'specially you all, what dey wants, 'cept jes 'fore 'lection, does ye?"

Aunt Mandy paused as though challenging any one to dispute her. "Cos not," she resumed, "Den dat's de fuss reason. Nobody don't get nuthin' 'cept dey asks fer it, an' heap a time dey don't even git what dey asks fer; but dey's moah li'ble to ge what dey asks fer, then dey is ef dey doan make der request known. De good book sez, 'Make yer request known, an' 'how folks, what doan do what de Bible tells 'em 'specks to git 'long passes my 'hension."

"Den dey sees you all so contented, sense ye make no fuss, dat dey natually jes' natually argu'—an' you all knows dem City 'Mishnarys an' great argufyers, 'specially Mayah Dahلمان an' Dan Butlah—dey argufies dis away, now heah me, wif all dem 'shines' an' 'Israellites, ha, ha, ha, hal der's 'lumination nuff out dat a way now. While dey all am jokin' good natually 'bout de 'shines' an' de Israellites de street remains dahk, an' 'outhahs gets 'lectrum lights, big purty ones, an' 'whatevah else dey wants. An' you all can get de same, 'cause dem City 'Mishnarys, what runs de town, want to tote fah; an' 'even 'ef dey didn't dey all have a powehful hankerin' 'afah votes."

Aunt Mandy paused, drew a long breath as if to add emphasis to what she was about to add, and said, "Now you all lisen 'spressly to dis. Heah me? You all jes go down an' see dem City 'Mishnarys, 'hey de Bible which say, 'Make youh request known.' Say Mayah Dahلمان and City 'Mishnarys, we wants you to 'stall 'nuff, purty two-branched new fangled 'lectrum lights, 'bout sixty foot apah long both sides uv Twenty-fourth street between Cumin' an' Lake to 'luminate it lak a reglah white way. It's not necessary to 'splain why bettah 'lumination am needed. Dem 'Mishnarys bein' good polychiceners, will understand, an' you all will git dem 'lectrum lights."

LINCOLN NEWS

Mr. R. W. Walker, his children and sister, Mrs. Mays, motored to Missouri last week.

Mrs. L. Kenney and Mrs. M. Worden are reported convalescent.

Praise and covenant meeting were enjoyed by a goodly number at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday morning; and preaching by the pastor and communion in the evening. Other services were held at usual hours. The week's carnival closed Saturday with a fair success.

Miss Cleopatra Ross entertained Misses Jewell, Dorris, Casmon, Mable Scott, and Messrs. Henry Scott and W. Duncan, all of Beatrice, Nebr., Sunday.

Are you thinking of paying up? You must do so, if you expect to get the Monitor.

Miss Fredonia Cooley is home from Kansas City, Kans., spending vacation with her folks.

Master Masons, Take Notice—The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska and jurisdiction will convene in Mt. Zion Baptist church, Lincoln, August 18 to 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bush and family are moving to Kansas City soon.

General class and sacrament services were held at Quinn Chapel Sunday a. m.; at night, sermon by the pastor. Other services were regularly carried out.

We are glad to know the job left by Mr. Clyde W. Malone at the Lincoln State National bank has been accepted by Mr. Sidney Thomas.

Mrs. Alma Wiley, Mrs. J. W. Cooley and Miss Fredonia Cooley motored to Omaha last Wednesday.

Mrs. Nellie Maston is home after a pleasant visit with parents and friends in Keokuk, Iowa.

C. C. Stith is reported able to be up and around home.

Miss Alma Webster, Mrs. Julia Banks and Mrs. H. Love of Omaha were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dean at 1310 A street the past week. Mrs. Dean entertained ten young ladies at a theatre party Thursday afternoon at Lincoln Theatre, complimenting her guests. On Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. Dean gave a delightful house party in honor of her guests and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Malone. On Friday evening Miss Helen Colley gave a six o'clock dinner, honoring the Omaha ladies and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Malone. Covers were laid for twelve.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilbur Malone left Saturday for Detroit, Mich., where they will locate for the future. We are sorry to lose the conscientious race workers, but it is to their advantage.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Huff and Mrs. Eva Lyons went to Warrensburg, Mo., to visit relatives, after which Mr. and Mrs. Huff

will locate in St. Louis, Mo. Another good couple to be missed in our city.

The Shriners and Troubadours gave an enjoyable basket surprise dinner to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Malone at Masonic Hall Friday night. A splendid time was had by all. The Troubadours are sorry to lose the assistance of this couple.

Mesdames E. J. Griffin and R. Adair are home from the Western convention. They also bring back splendid reports of a successful session.

Mrs. George Hollinger is reported seriously ill at her home on Peach street.

Mrs. Harry Ruggs is visiting her husband in Kansas City for a few days.

WOULD IT AROUSE A RED HAIR PREJUDICE?

(Northwestern Christian Advocate)
On a recent morning a newspaper reader of our acquaintance discovered two items of news in the only paper he thinks he can afford to take.

One item told that a student of Michigan university, DeHart Hubbard by name, had smashed the world's record in the running broad jump with a leap of 25 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Another told of an attack on a storekeeper by a thief, who shot and wounded him, and then made off with the contents of the cash register.

The day before, the same newspaper reader had heard a highly-training choir in one of Methodism's most famous churches as it sang with exquisite tenderness a pleading and wistful composition, "Listen to the Lambs."

Now it happens that the athlete was a Negro, the robber was a Negro, and the composer of the music was a Negro. The point is that this was mentioned only once. Guess when?

We have no more objection to the fact of his race being told when a Negro goes wrong than we should have if the paper gave similar information where a Jew, a Vermontor and a Czechoslovak were implicated. But we do wonder why it should seem necessary at one time and not at another?

Neither do we ask that a Negro composer shall be announced as such. It is enough that he is a musician.

But if "Negro" must always go on the debit side of the account, fair play suggests that the credit side might also use the word.

These reflections may throw a modest ray of light on the general opinion that Negroes are lawless far beyond the average of races.

He was an observant man who said, "In six months I could make this country a most uncomfortable place for red-headed men if I were permitted, whenever a red-headed man happened to become a lawbreaker, to state in the newspapers that he had red hair; always supposing that the hue of every other lawbreaker's hair should never be mentioned."

Especially, we venture to add, if whenever a red-headed man did anything praiseworthy, all reference to his red-headedness were studiously avoided.

Read "Aunt Mandy's Observations", a new feature published in this issue.

Mrs. Isaac Bailey leaves Tuesday for Akron, Ohio, where she will visit her son, Robert Terrell. Mrs. Bailey expects to be gone for about three weeks.

Mrs. James Hill and son, James Hill 3rd, of Kansas City, Mo., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Essex Williams, 2860 Lake street.

Under the management of James Hill, a program will be broadcasted from WOA-W Tuesday night, August 11, at 9 o'clock. Persons participating in the program are Clarence Desjardins, Miss Doris Jones, Mrs. W. N. Jones, concert pianist, and James Hill.

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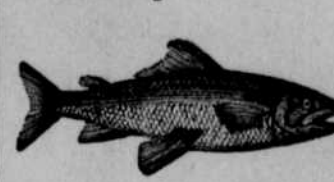
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