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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.

### A LIFE, FAITHFUL AND USEFUL.

WE publish in this issue an article from the Detroit News on Toussaint L. O. Lambert, who, on April 1, finished half a century of faithful service as a letter carrier in the Detroit postoffice. Mr. Lambert's faithfulness as a postal employee is matched by his record as a devout communicant and officer of St. Matthew's Episcopal church. For a like term of years, no weather has been too severe to keep him from attending every Sunday, three times a day, the services of his church. Moreover, scores of men and women all over the country owe more than they can ever repay to this modest, godly man, and his first wife, a woman of distinguished literary ability and marked culture, whom hundreds sincerely mourned when some years since she "went within the low green tent whose curtain never outward swings." The refined home of "Toussaint and Mollie Lambert," as all called them to distinguish them from the older members of the Lambert family, an honored name in their city, was always open with generous hospitality for the boys and girls who would avail themselves of its privileges. The youth who entered that home were given high ideals and encouraged to fare forth and seek to attain those ideals. And so it has come to pass that men and women of our race in many communities who have done or are doing worth while things for God and humanity were started on their way by the unselfish interest, kind word of encouragement, and frequently by substantial help, generously given out of a meager income, from the Lambert home. The one who writes these words is in the priesthood today, humanly speaking, through the influence of Toussaint Lambert. He it was who quietly suggested to me one night, when I was a student in the high school, that I consider the ministry as my vocation. Boylike, I laughed at the idea. But somehow the suggestion stuck. The thought lodged in my mind bore fruit. And so whatever service I have been permitted to render my fellowmen, however slight that service may be, I owe it largely to him who is now the honored dean of Detroit postmen.

### MONITOR'S WORK FOR WOOD.

THE Monitor is proud of the work it did for the candidacy of Leonard Wood in the First and Second districts which include Omaha and Lincoln. In both these districts Wood won. It was undeniably the loyalty of the colored vote which put him over. Our people were practically a unit for General Wood and despite herculean efforts upon the part of Pershingites to cause desertion to their camp their efforts were unavailing. This was due to the influence of The Monitor and the reliable information placed before our readers concerning Leonard Wood and his stand for law and order which with our goup is vital and paramount.

The fact that Johnson won out in the state is directly due to the influence wielded by Senator Norris and opposition to the league of nations and the ratification of the peace treaty in any form, which strikes a sympathetic chord in the hearts of many Nebraska voters, particularly those of foreign parentage and descent. These of course, responded to the Johnson sentiment.

One factor that gave the vote of Douglas county to Wood must not be overlooked and that is the fact that because there were colored candidates in the field more of our people voted at the primaries than ordinarily would have done so, although even at that less than half voted. Had there been no candidates of our own these people would not have gone to the poles and and frankly said so and their vote would have been lost and both Wood and the Wood delegates, who won by a narrow margin, would

have undoubtedly been defeated. Here is a lesson the true significance of which ought not be lost either upon the voters or candidates. Douglas county saved the day for Wood in the Second district, as both Washington and Sarpy county gave large pluralities for Johnson.

The Monitor claims credit for carrying the First and Second districts for Wood.

### EXPRESSES APPRECIATION.

A young business man said to the editor of The Monitor, last week, after the election returns were in: "You're a trump! I admire your pluck! It took nerve to go up against a political machine and that bunch of rich guys, and run against them for election; and, believe me, you made some run. I'm glad to see how well you ran. You're game, all right."

We appreciate the compliment of our admiring friend, which is quite undeserved. Somehow, we cannot help it, and would if we could, but there is a good deal of the sportsman in us and we enjoy a contest; and the greater the odds, the greater our zest in entering the game, and playing it fairly and squarely to the limit of our strength and skill. And so when we were requested to become a candidate for district delegate we consented with the belief that we stood as good a chance of election as the other candidates. At all events we would do our best and if defeated we would continue to wear our smile and wanted good nature. And we are still smiling.

We are, indeed, proud of the showing made in the contest and desire to take this opportunity of thanking our friends and voters for their loyal support, for it is to them the credit is due. To stand fourth in a contest of this kind with such opponents as William G. Ure and S. J. Leon, who had the powerful support of the Howell Smith-Ure machine, which vigorously and actively opposed our candidacy; Captain C. E. Adams, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., backed by the Pershing machine; Gould Dietz, wealthy clubman, active in civic affairs and deservedly popular, and Thomas Hollister, well known and popular attorney, is indeed an honor which any citizen well might covet. We appreciate the loyalty with which the members of our race and other friends rallied to our support and sincerely thank them for their splendid testimonial of confidence, appreciation and esteem.

### THE PRIMARIES.

THE primaries in Nebraska are over. The general result was quite satisfactory. No one got just what he desired, but that was to be expected. It has been demonstrated that women have actively and intelligently entered into politics and are to be seriously taken into account. They know how to organize. Doubtless, some mistakes were made by them, as was to be expected; but they who make no mistakes never make anything else; and the men have special reason for exultation over their own inerrancy.

So far as our own group is concerned it has been demonstrated that we can and must be a power to be reckoned with; but that we have still a vast deal to learn. The encouraging fact is that we are headed in the right direction and are moving. More perfect and complete organization and co-operation are needed and must be carefully worked out before the November elections. We must profit by our mistakes. There must be systematic instruction given to our voters in order that they may know just how to vote. The importance of voting intelligently and wisely must be stressed. The necessity of going to the polls and exercising the franchise not only as a privilege but as a duty must be emphasized.

### NOT DEFEATED YET.

BECAUSE Wood did not carry Nebraska, let no one for a moment believe that he is out of the running at the national convention which meets in June in Chicago. He will enter the convention with several delegates from Nebraska as well as from Michigan and other states which other aspirants have carried at the preferential primaries.

### OUR OWN CANDIDATES.

FOUR candidates of our own filed for important positions. They were John Albert Williams for district delegate, F. L. Barnett and M. F. Singleton for the state legislature and Amos P. Scruggs for public defender. John Albert Williams received a few under 4,000 votes, showing that he received practically the unanimous vote of all the colored voters who went to the polls, approximately 1,800, and more than 2,000 from white voters. Washington county alone, where there are no colored voters, giving him 303. F. L. Barnett polled 2,490 votes and M. F. Singleton 1,938. If the women could have voted for candidates for the legislature these votes would have been larger, but even many of these votes were due to the women who thought they could not vote. Amos P. Scruggs, who was third in the race for public defender, received only 1,402 votes, which is most disappointing, as the women could vote for him. It looks very much as though our peo-

ple did not support him. This The Monitor keenly regrets. We were anxious that all of our candidates should make the best possible showing and for this reason we had hoped that all our candidates would have been given practically the unanimous vote of all our people. With this on exception, the result is gratifying. It should encourage us to groom and present the strongest possible candidates for elective offices next time and to keep everlastingly at it until we win.

### THE REASON WHY.

THE reason why the people of our group throughout the country are almost unanimously for Leonard Wood for president is because we believe he stands uncompromisingly for law and order and for the constitutional rights of all American citizens. This is all we desire. We do not expect, neither do we desire, that he will show our group any special favors. His career, up to the present time, shows him to be a man of decision and fair-mindedness. The country at this time demands such a man and because, judging by his past, we believe him to be the best qualified man for the responsible position of president, our group in common, with other American citizens, is practically a unit for Leonard Wood.

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