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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.

### THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THE PLATFORM

THE National Republican Convention is over. It was a great gathering, viewed from many angles. The sight of 15,000 people—for this was the number, including delegates, alternates, newspaper men and visitors or guests, as the latter are called, who attended the sessions daily—gathered under one roof, riotously decorated with the national colors, is a scene better imagined than described. The tension and intense interest of delegates and visitors was another impressive feature. The personnel of the vast throng was not the least in importance of the factors which gripped and held one. Then, too, above the unmistakable rivalry for the mastery, evinced by the cohorts of the respective candidates, there was an apparent spirit of earnestness and eagerness for the best interests of the country. But this desire to serve the nation, impressed us as being somewhat diluted by a timid conservatism. A courageous and progressive spirit willing to boldly grapple with the issues of the times seemed to be sadly lacking. This was quite apparent in the platform, which, after many weary hours of work, was finally presented to the convention and adopted with much enthusiasm. At the time of its reading it did not impress us as a great document; nor has a subsequent reading and analysis of its elegant diction heightened our opinion of it as a worthy sentiment-making declaration. On certain issues, like the League of Nations, for example, it straddles; while upon other issues, vital and paramount, it is either silent or evasive. The platform as a whole is an artful playing to the political galleries on democratic blunders without any desire or willingness to recognize anything constructive in the work of a rival administration. It is clearly a compromise platform with all the weaknesses of compromising measures. The platform is strong only as an appeal to partisan passion and prejudice. It may serve this purpose as a campaign document, and it may prove a boomerang. The platform makers studiously avoided any reference to disfranchisement and violations of the constitution which are notorious and to which the Republican party is privy by its cowardly silence and acquiescence. The platform is platitudinous and ponderous, but its underpinning is dangerously weak.

### THE CANDIDATES

WE REGRET exceedingly that Leonard Wood did not receive the nomination. The people wanted him. He was undoubtedly the popular choice. The politicians did not want him. We knew this all along; but so strong was the sentiment of the people for him that we did not believe the politicians would dare ignore and run counter to it. But they have done so. With what results the future will disclose.

However, since the convention has confirmed the selection of two candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency, in the persons of Harding of Ohio and Coolidge of Massachusetts, it is the duty of loyal republicans to give them their support. Those who know them vouch for their ability and integrity. We know very little of Senator Harding; we know more of Governor Coolidge, and strongly admire him. We know that Governor Coolidge is sound to the core on the question of human rights, and Senator Harding, hailing from Ohio, and being the bosom friend of the late

lamented Foraker, ought to be and doubtless is. Believing them to be sound on this issue, with us the paramount issue, we shall gladly give them our support.

### HOWELL OF NEBRASKA

WE WISH to publicly pay tribute to National Committeeman R. B. Howell of Nebraska, and we do this the more gladly because we have never been particularly drawn to Mr. Howell. Frankly, we have regarded him as one of the high and lofty kind who had very little regard for common folk in general and our own group in particular. We have never had any contact with each other more than to speak in passing. We believe, however, in giving credit where credit is due. In the contest cases coming before the National Committee the one outstanding figure, as we were reliably informed by a representative of the Associated Negro Press, who was present throughout the hearings, who championed the cause of the Southern Negroes and "insisted that the cases must be decided on the basis of justice, was Howell of Nebraska." He fought manfully and courageously on the unpopular side, and it takes a real, big, red-blooded MAN to do that. We need men in Omaha and Nebraska to take the same stand here as you took before the National Republican Committee in Chicago, Mr. Howell, and if you will stand as uncompromisingly for justice and fair play here in matters political, civil and industrial, as you did for political justice in Chicago, you will receive the warm-hearted fealty of a grateful people. The Monitor learned with pleasure of your attitude, and on behalf of those for whom we authoritatively speak we sincerely thank you.

### PRESS CONFERENCE

IT WAS a great pleasure to be able to attend the Conference of the Race Press held in Chicago. The members of the fourth estate there assembled were an alert, wide-awake, progressive, upstanding set of men, inspired with high ideals. To meet these men from veterans like W. Allison Sweeney and Julius Taylor to recruits like W. L. Porter and C. F. Richardson and note their ability and earnestness, one can well understand why the Negro Press is making its influence felt upon the nation. They are serious-minded men, wide-visioned men who realize their mission and the responsibility placed upon them.

### PRAYER

"I AM old-fashioned enough to believe in prayer," said one of the youngest and ablest of our newspaper men in calling the press conference to order recently. He is right. And we betide that people who become so up-to-date that they do not believe in prayer. A people who believe in prayer will ultimately triumph over every foe and overcome every obstacle that obtrudes.

### CLEAN LIVING

CLEAN living is an imperative need of the time. Examination of men for the army showed the terrible price American manhood and womanhood is paying for sins of impurity. Live clean lives, boys, for your own sakes and for the sakes of those who are to come after you.

### KEEPING UP INSURANCE

Ex-service men should keep up their life insurance. Just think how much it will mean to you and yours. If you have allowed it to lapse, renew it.

### MAKING PUBLIC SENTIMENT

This country is governed and controlled by public sentiment rather than by the laws upon the statute books. Seldom, if ever, is a law passed until it is backed by public sentiment, and, by the same token, seldom is it enforced to the letter unless public sentiment has the preponderance of desire. Therefore, the American Negro will never in this life and world "come unto his own" until public sentiment is aroused to the point of direct action. This is true of lynching, disfranchisement, "lily whiteism," "jim crowism," segregation and all the other nefarious and un-American shortcomings that disturb the peace of mind and living.

The big job at hand, consequently, until the entire people of the nation are aroused, the people within, and the people without our group, is the making of public sentiment.

This is being done today as never before in the streets, the homes, the schools, the churches, places of business, lodges and the newspapers. The biggest responsibility for carrying forward this work—this propaganda, if you like—rests with newspapers of our own group, and such fair minded periodicals of the other side as are awakened to the spirit and duties of the times.

New recruits are being added to this latter group weekly. It is a most gratifying sign. Nevertheless, there is yet a long road to travel. One newspaper, of the kind with which most of us are familiar, that poses as being just in its opinions and expressions, but which is actually insidious in its propaganda of disastrous hatred, can do more harm in one thinly veiled editorial than a dozen fair ones can do good.

Our newspapers everywhere, now greatly strengthened in their laudable purposes by the valuable organization of the Associated Negro Press, are going forward with unabridged determination. They are not only commanding attention, but respect. Our newspapers are writing new pages of history in letters of gold so forceful are the utterances, the American government pauses to consider, and so big are the letters of truth, "He Who Runs, May Read." Amen.

### WHAT OUR EDITORS SAY

#### The Banished Saloon.

Banishing the saloon has put the Negro upon a much higher and better plane of living in every respect. And the Negroes themselves realize this fact.—The Houston (Tex.) Post.

#### Holes in Reservoir.

The Negro migration and the war are charged with the South's labor shortage, and the consequent losses, actual and potential, to Southern development. But Southern labor shortage is pretty much like a water famine in a community which permits big holes in the sides of its reservoir.—The A. M. E. Christian Register.

#### Educated Leadership.

Not only do the business men of the South realize the necessity for educated leadership, but the thoughtful men among the Negroes themselves are most anxious to have training and enlightenment leaders.—The Reno (Nev.) Journal.

#### Race Consciousness.

It is very gratifying to note the awakened race consciousness of our group as shown by the determination of our families to support the enterprises fostered by the race. Evidence

of a growing loyalty are seen on every hand.—The Texarkana (Tex.) Appreciator-Union.

#### Tolerance Necessary.

Two lessons seem to be taught by the race trouble at Fayetteville. One is that some degree of tolerance should be shown by white people towards Negroes.—The Raleigh (N. C.) Observer.

#### In Our Place.

Our white people must put themselves in the Negro's place in order to realize how lynching affects the colored people and breeds bad blood between both races.—The Lebanon (Ga.) Journal.

#### NEW YORKERS ASSAIL "LILY WHITE" POLICY

Edward A. Johnson Says Convention Action May Cost Republicans Votes.

New York, June 17.—Edward A. Johnson, chairman of the committee of 1,000, an organization in Harlem, declared last Saturday that New York Negroes were very much displeased with the way in which the credentials committee in Chicago has been handling the colored delegates for the last week.

"The committee has thrown out the Negro delegates of four states," he said, "of Arkansas, North and South Carolina and Alabama. The Negroes of the North have always been opposed to the 'lily white' policy of the republican party.

"These delegates were thrown out, not because there was something wrong about their credentials or because they had not been duly elected, but were discarded simply in an effort to seat white delegates and build up a white republican party in the South.

"Unless this matter is remedied it will have a bad effect on New York Negroes. There is a disposition among race men here to turn to the democratic or socialist party, and they will cast their votes for these parties in large numbers unless the colored delegates accredited to the convention get a square deal.

"The fact that a few prominent office seeking Negroes may be given jobs later in an effort to throw a sop to the colored voters will not work and we will not stand for it."

#### A CARD OF THANKS.

A Precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in our home, Which can never be filled.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and service rendered us during the sickness and death of our mother, Mrs. Florence Elizabeth King, who died May 31, 1920. We especially thank those who gave such beautiful floral offerings, among them Class 15 of St. John's Church and the Swatiska Art Club. We thank the following ones who provided for the family at lunch and dinner last Wednesday: Mrs. C. W. Fields, M. S. O. N. Simmons and Mrs. L. Scott. Thanks to Mrs. James Clark and Mr. S. C. Kennedy for auto service.

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