

THE MONITOR

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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.



"MOONSHINE STUFF"

A Correspondent, whose letter is published in this issue, asks if we do not think it would mean much to us as a race if our people would become law-abiding concerning this "moonshine stuff."

We certainly do. Law-breaking is law-breaking. And while it is true that only a comparatively few of our people belong to this law-breaking class even that few is too many.

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CONCERNING LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

THE MONITOR is very pleased to notice that some of our readers are beginning to send letters to us for publication under "Letters From Our Readers" department.

CREED, CONDUCT AND COLOR

RECENTLY a great religious convention met in Omaha. It was the International Convention of the Walther League, a young peoples' Lutheran society corresponding to the Epworth League, the B. Y. P. U. and similar organizations among other religious bodies.

over the question of admitting colored delegates to the floor of the International Convention. It issued, as many of these cases do, in the abject capitulation of Christian fraternity to sectional prejudice.

INSTRUCTION NEEDED

THERE are hundreds of our people in the northern and western states, most of them recent migrants from the south, where they did not have the privilege of voting, who need to be instructed how to mark their ballot in order that they may vote intelligently.

A WRONG IMPRESSION

A GENTLEMAN told us the other day that he was under the impression that all the colored people of Omaha were so under the control of certain white political bosses that whatever those bosses said colored voters had to do.

WHAT IS MORE ODIOS

WHAT is more odious than a lazy hulk of masculinity, called by courtesy a man, but not deserving the name, who will loaf nine-tenths of his time and permit his wife to support him?

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. W. F. Botts, Pastor.

Good crowds greeted the pastor, both morning and night last Sunday. He came back much refreshed from a ten-day rest and preached excellent sermons.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our darling little boy, Wilbur, who left us for the Father's many mansions.

THE FAITH OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO

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trust in God, no trust in democracy, and would entertain no hope for betterment under the present form of government. It believes that the United States Government is through and through controlled by selfish capitalists who have no fundamental goodwill for Negroes or for any sort of laborers whatever.

Another and larger group among us believes in religion and believes in the principles of democracy, but not in the white man's religion and not in the white man's democracy. It believes that the creed of the former slave states is the tacit creed of the whole nation, and that the Negro may never expect to acquire economic, political and spiritual liberty in America.

Whatever one may think of these radical movements and their destiny, one thing is certain: they are home-grown fruits, with roots deep sprung in a world of black American suffering. Their power lies in the appeal which they make to the Negro to find a way out of his trouble by new and self-reliant paths.

The children and a few grown-ups enjoyed the A. M. E. church Sunday school picnic in Antelope park last Thursday evening. Mrs. Dena Horner of St. Joseph, Mo., is visiting at the home of Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt.

The Negro people of America have been with us here for three hundred years. They have cut our forests, tilled our fields, built our railroads, fought our battles, and in all of their trials until now they have manifested a simple faith, a grateful heart, a cheerful spirit, and an undivided loyalty to the nation that has been a thing of beauty to behold.

We are now sufficiently far removed from the Civil War and its animosities to see that such elemental justice may be given to the Negro with entire good-will and helpfulness toward the former slave states. We have already had one long attempt to build a wealth and culture on the backs of slaves. We found that it was a very costly experiment, paid for at last with the blood of our best sons.

A man whom I have known for a number of years and respect very much, but do not love, has asked me to marry him. He could give me a good home and all the comforts of life and I know he would be good to me. Do you think I should accept him or take the chance of someone coming into my life that I could love?

To Troubled—While they say that respect is akin to love, it does not always prove out that way in all cases. Some marriages founded on that basis have proved very successful, while others have not. Personally I do not believe in loveless marriages.

WHEN YOU ARE BOOSTING FOR THE MONITOR YOU ARE BOOSTING YOUR OWN CAUSE.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mr. Geo. Owens returned home from Topeka, Kans., last Friday, where he went as a representative to the annual session of G. N. O. F. from Regal lodge, Lincoln.

Rev. H. W. Botts returned home last Saturday after about ten days' auto trip through Missouri in company with his brother, Dr. W. F. Botts of Omaha. They report having met many old friends and a pleasant trip.

Mrs. Lester Holmes is taking a needed recreation in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Maude Gates went to Kansas City, Mo., last week where she is visiting friends.

At the A. M. E. church last Sunday: Sunday school at 9:30, Rev. J. B. Smith preached at 11 o'clock; at night, Rev. Ulysses Hickman delivered a sermon, and it is said he is improving in his manner of speech.

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The little Misses Sylvia and Adelaide Newton of Beatrice are visiting their cousin, Miss Florence Reid here.

Mt. Zion Baptist church has been taken down to the foundation and workmen are fast progressing toward erecting a new and better building.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Miller of Superior, Arizona, are in the city visiting relatives and friends and are the guests of Mrs. Lillian Miller.

Mrs. Yoland Smiley underwent an operation at the St. Elizabeth hospital Friday and is improving.

Mr. Earl S. Gross of Omaha was in the city over Sunday at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Smiley.

Mrs. Lillian Miller entertained at a family dinner Sunday afternoon in honor of her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller. Covers were laid for twelve.

Professor and Mrs. W. R. B. Alexander entertained a few of their friends last Monday evening at their residence, 313 South Eleventh street, in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller of Superior, Arizona.

Mrs. Gertrude Bush is able to be out again after some illness. The babe is doing fine.

Rev. H. W. Botts and his congregation of Mt. Zion Baptist church held their first services in the Third Christian church last Sunday, and indeed, it was a rousing beginning. The Sunday school was almost on time at 10 a. m., the singing was good. The pastor preached as he never did before, all expressed themselves as being lifted up in the Spirit of righteousness. The services will continue here until the completion of our building at 1201 F street.

Rev. C. W. Wilson leaves this week for his home in Kansas.

We are proud to observe that a number of our race are striving to buy homes.

The Sphinx

This column is open to the readers of this paper, and THE SPHINX will answer all questions to the best of its ability. No attention will be given to letters asking for Medical or Legal advice. Address all communications: THE SPHINX, c/o The Monitor, Box 1204, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sphinx: Please give me your advice on a question I am unable to decide for myself. I am nearly thirty years old, many years, but having had very little education and no one to help me, have had to work hard and have been able to save but little. I can see nothing but a long life of hard work ahead for me unless I marry.

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You say you have very little education. Why not spend an hour or so in the evening and try to improve yourself so that you will be capable of a greater earning capacity. You are young enough to wait a while longer before getting married. Keep your independence as long as you can. After you find some one you really love you will have trouble enough.

"THE SPHINX".

Letters From Our Readers

Short, timely letters are invited. We prefer that writers sign their names, but in all cases letters signed with a nom de plume or as "Reader," "Subscriber," etc., must be accompanied by the name and address of the author for the editor's information.

SHOWS HIS APPRECIATION

My dear Editor: I was reading your paper this week and I am so well pleased with it that I could not help thanking you. It makes me think way back, from where we have come and what we had to put up with. I pray to God that you may all stand together to withstand all who are against us. I am sending you a dollar for the paper. Let me hear from you when you get it. Be sure to send me the paper. George Manuel, 2703 Avenue C, Council Bluffs, July 20, 1922. (Thank you, Mr. Manuel.—Ed.)

AREN'T MOST ROMAN CATHOLICS WHITE?

Editor Monitor: As I've been thinking over the KU KLUX KLAN'S slogan of "White Supremacy" and their opposition to Jews, Negroes, Orientals and Roman Catholics, it has occurred to me that they are off on their calculations. Aren't most Roman Catholics white? How then can the K. K. K. maintain white supremacy, when they exclude from their select company the millions of Roman Catholics, who are at least supposed to be white? Perhaps I cannot understand this because I am Only a Woman. Omaha, Neb., July 23, 1922.

COMMENTS MONITOR

Editor Monitor: Please accept my thanks for the striking editorial, "Have Not Forgotten" in this week's issue. Your editorials are always good and you are giving us a splendid paper. I truly hope that this race of ours will take notice. It has been said that we need a Moses to lead us. I can see that quality in you, but you cannot fight the good fight alone even in your own city. You should have the support of everyone especially our group. There should be a Monitor in each race man's home in Omaha. I also read with pleasure the report of the past year's work of our own N. A. A. C. P. As a member I am going to double my efforts in every way and just a little more emphasis from our leaders will help greatly. And, Mr. Editor, don't you think it would mean much to us as a race if our people would become law-abiding concerning this moonshine stuff? Omaha is full of moonshine and whoever drinks it or deals in it is a lawbreaker. It is cursing many a man, and ruining many families. There are homes which you least suspect suffering from this evil. Can't something be done to stop it? I hope what I have said may start some of our people thinking. Yours respectfully, A Reader of the Monitor, Omaha, July 15th, 1922.

King Admires Shakespeare.

The king of Siam is one of the outspoken admirers of Shakespeare. This was learned through the recent anniversary celebrations at Stratford, when a letter was received by the chairman of the trustees of Shakespeare's birthplace, written by the king's secretary, who says that the king is translating Shakespeare's works into Siamese. The secretary sent on behalf of the king a check for \$500 as a personal contribution to the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and \$250 for the memorial theater fund. He says that his majesty is an ardent admirer of the British national poet and is doing his utmost to induce the Siamese to study him.

MISS LAWSON LOOKS LIKE SURE WINNER

With our popularity contest drawing to a close, it looks like Miss Lawson is a sure winner. There, of course, may be some surprises in store. This week 450 votes were sent in for Miss Williams, none for other contestants who are evidently planning a surprise. Contest ends July 31st. It is not yet too late to win.

Please remember this: A contestant sending in a NEW YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION for ONE DOLLAR CASH, will be credited with 250 votes for each subscription sent in; or a SIX MONTHS' TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION for FIFTY CENTS CASH, will be credited with 100 votes for each subscription sent in. Subscription blanks may be secured at The Monitor office, 414 South 13th street, or at 1119 North 21st street. Win a prize and earn a liberal commission for New Subscribers.

Bertha Lawson, 2624 North Twenty-fifth street, 1482 votes.

Dorothy Williams, 1119 So. 21st street, 1118 votes.

Lovetta Busch, 5219 South 29th street, 85 votes.

Audrey Trueheart, 1443 So. 17th street, 32 votes.

Cerelda Tucker, 2508 M. Street, So. Side, 15 votes.

Ireta Walker, 1926 So. 14th Street, 9 votes.

Otis Watson, 2925 Grant street, 9 votes.

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