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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.



### AN OFFENSIVE FEATURE

The Monitor respectfully calls the attention of the Board of Governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben to the fact that there was one float in the beautiful electrical parade of Wednesday night which was exceedingly offensive to the self-respecting colored citizens of Omaha. It was the float entitled "A Bird in the Hand Is Worth Two in the Bush." The feature of this float which was offensive was the portrayal of two Negroes robbing a chicken house. The introduction of this feature in a spectacle of the magnitude of this annual pageant, which is viewed by hundreds of thousands, was unwise and entirely out of place because of its damaging slanderous psychological effect. It conveys the impression that chicken stealing is one of the common and characteristic petty crimes of the colored race, which, of course, is not true. We absolve those who planned the pageant from any deliberate intention of giving offense. We do not believe that this ever entered their minds. It was only intended for fun. But so accustomed are members of the white race to have fun at the expense of the black race by exploiting what they ignorantly believe to be our characteristic racial foibles and traits, that it is exceedingly difficult for most of them to refrain from such mirth-provoking but falsifying practices, or to conceive that things of this kind can be offensive. We are not super-sensitive, but because of the fact that we labor under a heavy handicap of uninformed and adverse public sentiment, which sentiment is thoughtlessly increased by ridicule and misrepresentation, that we respectfully protest all customs, features and practices which hold us as a people up to ridicule or tend to defamation. Because the float in question, in one of its features did this, The Monitor respectfully voices its protest against it, with the belief that the gentlemen in charge of the annual carnival and pageant will avoid a similar mistake in the future.

### ZIMMAN'S RETIREMENT

HARRY B. Zimman, city commissioner, retires from public office of his own volition to take an executive position with the great Brandeis Store. No doubt he will profit financially by the change, for mercantile institutions like the Brandeis industries pay much larger salaries than municipalities for services rendered. In Mr. Zimman's retirement from the services of the City of Omaha, the city loses one of the ablest, most efficient, painstaking and conscientious public servants it has ever had or ever can have. As councilman and commissioner for about a quarter of a century, Mr. Zimman has rendered the citizens of Omaha invaluable service. He has a record of public duty of which he may well feel proud. While The Monitor regrets his retirement from public service, we congratulate Mr. Zimman upon what may be considered a well-earned promotion to a position in which he will earn well-merited success and appreciation.

### THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

AS an evidence of racial progress there has been on exhibition in Omaha for several days a handsome automobile of what engineers say is of almost faultless construction. This car was designed and built by a Negro, L. A. Headen, who is a mechanical genius and has had a most interesting career. Of him we shall write more particularly later. Our purpose now is simply to call attention to the fact that Negroes have entered seriously into the automobile industry, which vast as it is, is but still in its infancy. The Headen Motor Company of Chicago, with its own plant, is building cars of such superior character that they have broken two world's speed records. The plan is to make this a strong company financially by having members of the race everywhere buy shares in the company and thus help to build up a great in-

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### RADIOGRAMS

Bigamy is no joke; it's darned hard work.

If a woman is pretty she is glad she is a woman.

No government official ever died from overwork yet.

Quit thinking you can reap before you sow.

Take courage, and occasionally a liver pill, also.

Very few go bankrupt through benevolence.

The only devil there is is in the mind.

"Would be a queer shaped head that fits a woman's hat.

A fellow can get plenty of hell without reading Dante.

The pen is mightier but the sword pays better.

A soft answer won't turn away a bill collector.

Books are too high. Dime novels now cost \$1.50.

Cleverness and cussedness frequently goes arm in arm.

The worst evils to threaten us are ourselves.

It is the married man who thinks seriously of marriage.

All's well that ends well if it pays well.

Never put off till tomorrow those you can do today.

Too many of us have millionaire dispositions.

It takes valuable time to roll cigarettes.

Put down two and carry one—that's triplets.

Don't spend too much time contemplating.

### HISTORY DAY BY DAY

Friday, Sept. 15—The United States forced a treaty upon the Haitian people which practically made them forever swear their independence, 1915.

Saturday, Sept. 16—First day school for Negroes established at Fortress Monroe, Va. The school laid the foundation of Hampton Institute and was the beginning of the general education of the Negro in the South, 1861.

Sunday, Sept. 17—William B. Purvis of Philadelphia is the inventor of the machines for making paper bags. Other patents include an electric railway device, a fountain pen, and a magnetic car-balancing device, 1921.

Monday, Sept. 18—The first recorded argument concerning Negro suffrage appears to have been a long debate, 1777-1778 session of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention.

Tuesday, Sept. 19—In 1889, Menelek, King of Shoa, became Emperor of Abyssinia. He died in 1913.

Wednesday, Sept. 20—Richard Dalton, afflicted with bad eyes, teaches his slave boy to read any Greek writer without hesitancy, 1769.

Thursday, Sept. 21—President Lincoln issues preliminary declaration giving notice that on January 1, 1864, he would free all slaves, 1862.

**WANTED**—An experienced Walker hair dresser, or one who is willing to learn and take up the trade. Call Webster 2627.—Mrs. C. C. Johnson. tf

# COUNCIL BLUFFS OUR SISTER CITY

In our last week's issue a typographical error made the name of the donor of Lincoln Park read Millard F. Roberts, instead of Millard F. Roherer. Correction of the error is made with apologies. Mr. Roherer is a Marylander by birth, well past three score and ten, a young man in heart and activity still, and has been active in Council Bluffs affairs for fifty-one years.

The Rev. J. P. Jackson, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, and his energetic congregation, are making a marked impression upon the religious life of the city.

Mr. William Gray, one of our pioneer citizens, who recently underwent a serious operation, has entirely recovered and is feeling better than he has for years.

The Rev. A. Sims is the hard-working pastor of the Methodist church here. He is being loyally supported by his people.

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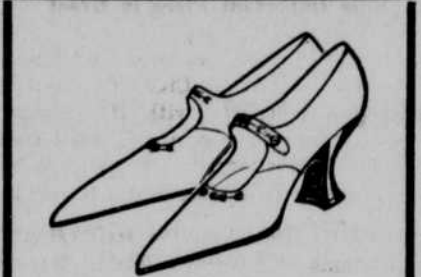
### SERVICE FOR OLD FOLKS HOME

The special services for the Old Folks Home which were held at Zion Baptist church Sunday were largely attended. The sermon by Rev. W. F. Botts was very fitting and inspiring. The inmates, accompanied by the matron, through the courtesy of this kindly minister sending his car for them, attended and enjoyed immensely the whole affair. Mrs. Kate Wilson presided. Mrs. Cecelia Jewell played the piano. Mrs. Lizzie Allen sang "Flee as a Bird", accompanied by Miss Lucy Allen. Mrs. Lillian Black gave a full report of the work done by the home from its organization. Mrs. Martha Taylor Smith, founder and treasurer of the home, unveiled a striking photo of the late Wm. Crutchfield with appreciative words of gratitude. M. F. Singleton delivered an address.

After the collection Mr. Headen was presented, offered encouraging remarks and gave \$5.00 donation for the support of the home. Mr. W. Custan and Mrs. Wm. Crutchfield also donated \$5.00 toward the cause. The total collection was \$64.40. Thanks to the general public.

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