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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.



### GRADUATES

THE Monitor extends sincere and hearty congratulations to parents upon the graduation of their children from various schools and colleges. We commend them for the sacrifices they have made, in so many cases, to give their children the advantages which they themselves were denied. We congratulate the pupils upon their success thus far and sincerely hope that they will make good use of the knowledge they have acquired and show themselves worthy of the sacrifices their parents have made for them. This will be the only reward the parents will ask that their children will live useful and worthy lives commensurate with their opportunities.

The chief aim of education is training for service. The better trained one's mind is the more efficient he or she should be. Education is simply means to an end. There is a true education and a false education. True education issues in useful service in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call us. It fits us for work, all honorable work, in this world a day world. False education is that which looks upon knowledge as an emancipation from work of laborious character. Some have this idea. If any who read this have such a false idea we hope this will help them see their mistake and correct it.

Omaha has a number of our youth graduating from the high schools this year. Not as many as we should have but the number shows a steady advance. There are eight of such graduates and they present an unusual phenomenon, the boys exceed the girls in number. Conditions are thus reversed. There are six boys and two girls. An unusual showing. Most of these students are looking forward to going to college. Another excellent thing to be commended and encouraged. These students have ranked well in scholarship, athletics and school activities, showing the stimulus and advantage of co-racial education. Congratulations and best wishes to all our youth who are at this time completing their pupillage in our splendid educational institutions or

planning to advance into a higher educational plane. Graduate means advancement by degrees. School graduation should be regarded only as the preparation for progress, advancement by degrees in the life of service to which we all are called.

### MAKING PLACES FOR OUR YOUTH

OUR youth are being encouraged, and rightly so, to prepare themselves for useful careers by getting the best education possible. Many of them are being urged to secure what is popularly known as technical training or education which means professional training in the agricultural and mechanical arts and sciences as well as in trade and commerce. Despite the handicap to which many of our youth are subjected by a prejudice in the United States which we cannot ignore, the fact remains that there is opportunity for the man or woman of brains or ability who can deliver the goods. The law of the survival of the fittest is unerring and will eventually override color and caste prejudice in the United States. But in the meanwhile we have a duty that is as plain as the noon day sun. We as a race must pool our interests and embark in business and industrial enterprises which will create places of employment for our youth. Those who have ability will find employment among the dominant race here and there, but the great majority of them must look to their own group for employment. This is a challenge which we as a race must meet if we would survive. The law of the survival of the fittest is impersonal and applies to us as it does to other groups. Let us demonstrate our fitness by at least helping to make places for our youth.

### HARDING'S ADMINISTRATION

TWO years of Mr. Harding's administration have gone into history. How fares the case with the Negro? The Birmingham speech was a sociological rather than a political announcement. The President's first and only venture in the field of sociology has been wholly barren of practical

results. He laid down a premise, which no Negro approves, and deduced a conclusion which no Southern white man accepts. My open letter to the president on this memorial address expresses the feeling and opinion of every Negro in America who is not in office, or in the insane asylum. The President would doubtless have signed the Dyer bill had it passed both houses of Congress. But he did nothing to further its passage and gave the measure only his lukewarm approval and tepid support. In the re-appointment of Judge Terrell he followed the good precedent of President Wilson. In choking the liberty out of Hayti he follows the evil precedent of his illustrious predecessor. The appointment of Cohen possessed every semblance of political courage. Mr. Harding not only flew in the face of the vociferously asserted and stoutly maintained attitude of the South, but reversed the policy of his own party as declared by President Taft. Indeed, Mr. Harding reversed his own declared policy. But the appointment met with defeat, and great was the defeat thereof. If this means that no Negro can be appointed and confirmed for office in the South, then the abortive attempt does the race more harm than good. An unsuccessful attempt serves to discourage, if not to stop, future effort in the same direction.

We must credit the administration with the effort while regretting the effect. We are reminded that Mr. Wilson named a colored man for Register of the Treasury, but, who, through senatorial vicissitudes, failed to reach the promised land. The designation of several distinguished colored men for high positions with racial function is commendable. The recent appointment of Charles W. Anderson in New York somewhat relieves the hurt felt over the defeat of Cohen. While no colored man will throw his hat over the moon when Mr. Harding's renomination is proclaimed, yet I venture the prediction that the vast majority of Negro voters will still remain on board the old republican ship, for the simple reason that the rival democratic ship makes no provision for passengers of color. —Kelly Miller.

### School Vacation Can Be a Pleasure For the Whole Family

The end of school means idle days for boys and girls. The daily routine is broken. What will take its place? Happy is the mother whose girl says she will take over the housework. Mother deserves a rest, too. Happy the home that this girl will be mistress of some day. The boy should also work at home if not somewhere else. The house needs painting, the fence needs repairs, the furnace ought to have been cleaned, and mother is more than a servant, and should be relieved of many heavy tasks. Vacation from school really brings out the boy and girl making good qualities and bad ones so plain that he who runs may read. If parental indulgence has killed off the worthwhile habits of the children, or if they are just poor stock anyway, idle hours will be for the worse. If duty has a place in their lives, and love of father and mother actuates them, then vacation is a pleasant time for all.—Kansas City (Mo.) Call.

### SIX NURSES GRADUATE

Hampton, Va., June 15.—Six nurses graduated from the Hampton Training School for nurses last week. They are: Vetic E. Cornish, Salisbury, Md.; Alquiston A. Douer, Norfolk, Va.; Jessie H. Harris, Portsmouth, Va.; Rachel A. Cooke, Gloucester, Va.; Marion Yest, Chester, Va., and Helena M. Wainwright, Phoebus, Va.

# QUEENSLAND



Shearing Sheep in West Queensland.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

That there is a constant evolution in government is pointed out many times, with our 48 states and their peaceful experiments as illustrations. But even more radical changes are taking place, equally peacefully, in other parts of the world. Queensland, Australia, has made the most marked change of recent years in governmental machinery. In the English speaking world by abolishing its senate and making its legislative body into a one-chambered parliament. This commonwealth, which has altered so strikingly the traditional British idea of a parliament, is one of the six sovereign states of Australia, which, like the units of the United States, are bound into a federation yet are free to shape their own affairs with relatively slight limitations. Queensland—and Australia, too, for that matter, loses in apparent size because of its great distance from us. In reality it is a huge state, completely dwarfing Texas, our largest commonwealth. Its coast-line is more than 2,200 miles long and is equivalent to that of the eastern United States from northern Massachusetts down the Atlantic, around Florida and to Mobile. It has an area of 670,000 square miles.

Since Queensland is located in the southern hemisphere, its hot regions are to the north, its cooler regions to the south. Its northernmost projection, Cape York Peninsula, may, then, be compared roughly to Florida, though Cape York is much closer to the equator. To be as close to the equator as Queensland, Florida would have to be moved some 1,200 miles farther south until Key West touched the Isthmus of Panama. If Australia could be towed to our part of the world, where we could compare it with the regions we know, it would have to be turned about so that the warm regions would correspond. If it can be imagined that this were done and Cape York placed near the Canal Zone, so extensive is the state of Queensland that it would cover most of the vast expanse of the Gulf of Mexico.

### Best Developed in the South.

Naturally, colonization in Queensland began along its southern coast, its mildest region climatically. Thanks to its mountains which parallel the coast, the climate of the state is not as hot as its latitude would indicate. The far northern section, however, is truly tropical and it has not been developed to any great extent. In the southern and middle sections are thriving ports and cities. Brisbane, the capital, is about the size of Bridgeport, Conn., or Houston, Tex. The State's population of about three-quarters of a million—approximately that of Oregon—is almost wholly of British origin.

The development of the tropical portions of Queensland has been slower than that of similar regions in other parts of the world because of the determination of the citizens of the state and of the entire commonwealth to maintain a "white Australia." The black and yellow races have been excluded in recent years. Not more than 20,000 of the black aborigines remain in the state, and they are steadily decreasing in numbers.

To help the development toward a "white Australia" the federal government grants a bounty on sugar-cane raised by white labor, and a sufficient sugar industry has been built up in the fertile coast valleys of Queensland to supply Australia's needs. Australia's handling of Queensland's sugar crop indicates that the federal government, as well as Queensland, is capable of striking out into new fields governmentally. All the sugar is taken over by the Australian government, and a virtual government monopoly created. Contracts are made for the refining, and both wholesale and retail prices are controlled.

### Cotton Growing Died Out.

Some day Queensland may develop into a cotton producing region, for both climate and soil are favorable. Just at present, however, the "white Australia" policy makes it difficult.

cult as it might be in the American South if no black labor were available. During the American Civil war, when cotton was scarce in the world markets and the price high, Queensland found it profitable to grow the textile. After the price fell it was even possible to keep the industry alive so long as Kanaka labor from the South Sea Islands was to be had. But when these black laborers were deported cotton growing, never really important, practically died out.

There has been a certain parallelism in the development of Australia and North America. A mountain range, situated roughly like the Appalachians, extends parallel with the eastern coast from 50 to 150 miles inland. In this favored strip the first settlements were made, and for many years nothing was known about the region to the west. Over behind its mountains Queensland has a great plain region like that of the United States. It is in that portion of Queensland that Australia's great cattle industry centers. The huge ranches—called "stations"—cover thousands of acres like those in the American Southwest, and of the 14,000,000 cattle on the continent about half are in Queensland.

Cattle raising is the really dominant industry of Queensland and has had its effect on the economic side of the governmental machinery. There are state-operated cattle ranches, state abattoirs and even retail meat shops run by the state. The state goes still farther into the matter of food distribution by operating fisheries and conducting retail fish stores.

### State Owns Most of the Land.

The pioneer age is not past in Queensland, despite its well developed southern coast region. Over the mountains to the west and northwest in the tropical country pioneers are still carving out a new country and bringing it under fence or plow. The state still owns staggering areas of land. Only about 6 per cent of the state's total area has been alienated or is in process of alienation. And Queensland means to hold on to the greater part of this public domain forever. The policy has been adopted in recent years of merely leasing the soil. The only exception is in the case of the "prickly pear" regions, where small tracts are given outright to settlers in return of the eradication of this stubborn cactus pest.

Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, a town nearly as large as Atlanta, Ga., is on the coast near the southern line of the state, and so is in a region of relatively mild climate. Its latitude compares closely with that of Tampa, Fla. Semi-tropical flowers and fruits make possible charming settings. But Brisbane cannot claim beauty. Though this is country in which white ants are numerous and destructive, wood seems to be the favorite building material. And many of the smaller buildings are roofed with unsightly corrugated iron. The river which runs through the city is lined with packing plants and factories.

How far Queensland has swung its governmental pendulum is shown by the fact that it was one of the two states of the Australian commonwealth in which the senate or upper house had members elected for life by the British crown. There was thus in existence a sort of colonial "House of Lords." The members of the single chamber which is left in Queensland are elected and the state, without a "conservative balance-wheel," becomes the most democratic of the commonwealth's units.

### Arithmetic Made Easy.

Willie is in the fourth grade. His father tries to find out by adroit questioning just what Willie's going to school means to the boy. He found out that Willie likes his teachers, his classmates, most of them, and his lessons. But recently the parent probed deeper. Did Willie like spelling? Sure. "Do you find arithmetic lessons easy, too?" he finally queried. "Yes," was Willie's casual rejoinder. "Arithmetic's easy, awful—all but the answers."

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# Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1893.

Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs State, 25 Nebr. page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in some private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 82 Mich. 353; N. W. 718."