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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.



COMMENDABLE ACTION

WE HEARTILY commend Park Commissioner Hummel and Ira Jones, superintendent of recreation, for the just and honorable stand taken by them last week in the case of Mrs. Ada Hill Smith, whose appointment as playground supervisor was published in last week's issue. It is alleged that another woman, white, assigned to the same park, and who was on duty a part of the time with Mrs. Smith, having learned that Mrs. Smith is a colored woman, although, for that matter she is as fair as the objector, and easily her superior in education, refused to work with her. Not content with that it is said that she attempted to incite a riot against Mrs. Smith. Knowledge of this came to Park Commissioner Hummel and Mr. Jones. Plain clothes men were dispatched to the park to see to it that anybody who started any trouble or offered any violence to Mrs. Smith was promptly taken into custody. Fortunately nothing untoward happened. The woman who raised the objection and is alleged to have tried to cause trouble was promptly discharged. All right-minded people commend well Joseph Hummel for the stand for justice which he took in this matter. It is just this kind of a manly stand taken by the authorities which will bring narrow-minded people, of whom this woman is a type, to their senses. Colored people of this city are relatively heavy tax payers. They contribute their share to the maintenance of the city. It is only just and fair that when and where qualified they should be given public employment just like other citizens and those who would deprive them of this privilege are by no means representative of the fair-minded and progressive citizenship of Omaha.

READ, THINK AND ACT

SOME of the merchants on North Twenty-fourth street and other sections of our city, who are doing a tremendous business and growing rich off of our people's patronage have the temerity to say there is no

need for them to advertise in a race newspaper "for we'll get the trade anyway." Some of the merchants use large space in white weekly publications, as well as the dailies, and not an inch in our legitimate weekly publications of which there are two having the required endorsement of the Retailers' Association. Now our people have it within their power to change this situation. We believe that a large number of them are willing to do their part in this matter. The Monitor therefore calls upon the colored patrons of these merchants to insist that they give a reasonable portion of their advertising to our legitimate weekly newspapers or they will withdraw their trade and give it to those who do. These merchants may decide which publication they prefer to use; but our people who look to our race papers to fight their battles and serve them should have enough race pride and self-respect to refuse to permit it to be said with truth: WE DON'T HAVE TO ADVERTISE IN A COLORED NEWSPAPER, FOR WE WILL GET YOUR TRADE ANYWAY.

CONDUCT

WE CANNOT emphasize too frequently the necessity for our people everywhere conducting themselves with decorum and propriety. Good behavior everywhere and at all times counts. We as a group are being carefully watched and constantly criticized. Let our conduct always be above reproach.

BOOTLEGGING JOINTS

THERE are too many bootlegging joints permitted to run in sections of the city largely tenanted by our people. That they can be operated without the knowledge of the authorities seems almost incredible. When for example you see men and women of all sorts and conditions going in large numbers to certain houses and coming out hilariously drunk, it is a reasonable presumption that such places are dispensing intoxicating liquors. Tragedies committed by

drunk-crazed victims are all too frequent. Bootlegging joints are a grave menace to the community and should be closed.

FOOTNOTES TO AFRICAN HISTORY

(By the Hamitic League)

Memnon, the Son of the Sun

Suppose that someone should tell you that the ancient Greeks believed that Aurora, the goddess of the dawn and driver of the chariot of the sun, was an aggravating brown! What would you say?

Yet that is exactly what those cold storage birds once taught and they claimed that every evening after her drive, Aurora went home to her husband Tithonus in Ethiopia.

One day Aurora gave birth to a little boy and they called him Memnon. He became one of the greatest heroes of the ancient world. In his youth he left home and built the city of Thebes in Egypt that wonder city of a hundred gates and a thousand temples. When he grew tired of that he blew over to Persia and helped his dad build the Persian city of Susa.

Just about this time the Trojan war started. Priam king of Troy, was Memnon's uncle and when things began to get too hot, Priam sent out the S. O. S. for Memnon to come and help him maul the Greeks. Memnon came with an army of Ethiopians and Persians. In single combat he fought Achilles, the Grecian heavyweight, and, after a terrible contest, copped a knockout. The whole city of Troy went into mourning for this black champion and as his body rested upon the pyre, Aurora swept down in her sun chariot and snatched him away. And the Greeks believed that the dew found on the flowers and grass in the morning were the tears Aurora still weeps for her baby boy.

(Next week—Osiris, the Great God of Old Egypt)

HOWARD HAS THIRTY-FIVE STUDENT-CANDIDATES AT CAMP MEADE R. O. T. C.

Camp Meade, Md., June 29.—Howard University is represented at the Reserve Officers Training Camp at Camp Meade, Md., by thirty-five student-candidates. The camp was opened June 15th and will continue for six weeks until July 25th at which time commissions will be awarded to those students who have already completed the full course of training in the R. O. T. C. unit at Howard University.

There are twenty-eight universities represented at the training camp at Camp Meade with an enrollment of 888 college men.

DOCTOR GREGG SPEAKS AT PRINCESS ANNE ACADEMY

Princess Anne, Md., June 29.—"No amount of power, skill, cleverness, knowledge or culture will carry a man successfully through life if he is untrustworthy," declared Dr. James E. Gregg, principal of Hampton Institute, who delivered the recent commencement address at Princess Anne Academy, of which J. O. Spencer is the president.

"If a man is 'out for himself,'" said Doctor Gregg, "unscrupulous, fundamentally selfish, his neighbors soon find it out. Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt were trusted by the people. The object of education is to make men and women of power and trustworthiness. Such men and women are the truest assets of a community."

LINCOLN NEWS

The Rose banquet given by the N. A. A. C. P. celebrating the birthday of Weldon Johnson, Monday night, June 18th, was a great success. The hall was decorated to represent a flower garden. The tables were set in a rose laticed pergola. At the end of the first table, back of the official's chair, was a splendid likeness of Mr. Johnson, the work of our talented artist, Aaron Douglas. The president, Mrs. Charles P. Haynes, with her co-workers, Mesdames Cooley, O. Johnson, Burckhardt, Young, Messrs. C. Haynes, Tom Coleman, achieved most wonderful results by their concentrated efforts, and the lovely effect was most pleasing to the eye. The program and banquet began with the singing of the national hymn, "Lift up Your Voices and Sing." The Cole-ridge Taylor Sextette sang two selections, words by Weldon Johnson. The Rev. G. W. Carter and Rev. W. C. Knight, Messrs. R. H. Young, P. L. Moore and several other speakers were dated to appear on the program. Several new members were enrolled, and an interest aroused to an enthusiastic degree. This event, the first of its kind, will long be remembered by friends as one of the most interesting as well as successful N. A. A. C. P. gatherings.

Miss Hattie Graves entertained friends last week in honor of her mother, Mrs. Mary and Martha Burden, who left for Los Angeles, California, Tuesday after an extended visit with their brothers and friends here.

The following named women went as delegates to the State Federation of Colored women's Clubs at Omaha this week: Mesdames F. Young, Grace Stanley, Lola Howard, J. C. Collins, Gertrude Haynes, J. W. Cooley, Ada Holmes.

The state superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school convention, H. L. Anderson, will visit Lincoln Sunday, July 1st.

Miss Opal Ashford is able to be at work again.

Mrs. Alice Bush is reported quite sick, her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Bailey, has arrived and is at her bedside.

Rev. H. W. Botts and his congregation, having completed the basement of their home church, returned home and held early services last Sunday morning, with prayer and covenant, followed by a fine sermon by Rev. M. C. Knight, of the A. M. E. church.

The regular Sunday school was well attended. Dr. W. F. Botts, accompanied by his wife and other friends from Omaha, drove over in an auto. Dr. Botts delivered a most excellent sermon, and showered his brother and church with many congratulations for the efficient work they are doing in Lincoln for the Master. After refreshments and rest the party returned home. Regular services were continued at night, the pastor giving a fine discourse. Collection for the day was \$146.45.

Remember the annual Fourth of July picnic in F Street park, by Mt. Zion Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Oliver will entertain the Utopian Art Club July 12.

Sunday was the Annual Woman's day at the A. M. E. church, and a most excellent program was rendered during the day, especially by the Aid society. The annual Thanksgiving sermon of the Masons was held at 8:00 p. m. and was delivered in an excellent manner by the Rev. M. C. Knight. The sermon, as viewed from a Masonic standpoint, had been given much thought in preparation. We congratulate Mr. Knight for his words of encouragement. About fifty master Masons turned out. The services at night were an innovation.

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N. W. C. A. NOTES

The board meeting will be held on Monday evening, July 2, at the home of Mrs. Elsie Turner, 2526 Corby St. All members are urged to be present to attend to business of importance.

The regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday morning, July 5, instead of Wednesday morning at the home, 3029 Pickney.

Every person who gives five dollars or more towards the building fund will be given credit through the two colored papers.

Members of the home wish to thank the uniformed ranks Knights of Pythias and Court of Calanthe for their donation.

Don't forget the concert on July 11th given for the Old Folks Home by the Desdunes band.

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NEBRASKA STATE FEDERATION HAS ANNUAL SESSION

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on "War Mothers' Benefits;" a paper by Mrs. Belle Taylor; an instrumental solo by Mrs. Belle Collins of Lincoln; a violin solo by Clarence Desdunes; a demonstration by Mrs. Lenora Gray, chairman of household economics, and the election and installation of officers.

The evening session was devoted very largely to the completion of business. Time, however, was found for a solo by Mrs. Rachel Harold; a paper by Mrs. Marie Johnson; a recitation by Mrs. Adverta Randall; a piano solo by Miss Robbie Turner; a baritone solo by Mr. H. L. Preston, and a trio by Mrs. Maude Ray, Mrs. Pearl Reece and Miss Darline Duvall, the last two numbers receiving an encore. Rev. L. H. Scott of Dallas, Texas, and Rev. John Albert Williams were called upon and responded with brief remarks. Opportunity was given Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson to present the subject of the Women Anti-Lynching Crusaders.

Report of the Orphans' home which the Federation plans to open in Lincoln showed \$596.70 in fund.

The following officers, most of them re-elections, were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. Lulu Rountree, president; Mrs. Robert Scott, Beatrice, first vice-president; Mrs. Ada Holmes, Lincoln, second vice-president; Mrs. Rhieva Harold, Omaha, secretary; Mrs. Maggie Smith, Omaha, assistant secretary; Mrs. May Jackson, Omaha, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Tina Cooley, Lincoln, state treasurer; Mrs. Daisy Gordon, Beatrice, Home treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Young, Lincoln, State organizer; Mrs. Fannie Russell, Omaha, chairman executive committee; Mrs. Jennie McGovern, Omaha, chairman of ways and means; Mrs. Sarah Severe, chaplain; Mrs. Rachel Harold, Omaha, chairman of Home Economics; Mrs. Grace Stanley, Lincoln, chairman of arts and music committee; and Mrs. E. H. McDonald, chairman Children's Welfare.

Lincoln was chosen as the next place of meeting.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH
Rev. Frederick Divers, Pastor
Sunday was another great day for Bethel. The Sunday school seemed to reflect the interest that was shown in our District meeting held in South Omaha last week. They are to have a report from the delegates next Sunday.

At the 11:00 o'clock service the pastor occupied the pulpit for the first time in this service month, and resumed his studies in Daniel, dealing at length with Belshazzar's Feast, or the Passing of Babylon.

St. John's Day was celebrated by the Masonic lodges of the city by an excellent sermon to a crowded house at three o'clock. Rev. E. L. Hollis of the C. M. E. Church preached the sermon. The brethren were lavish in their praise of the message brought by this strong young man.

In the evening, our one hour service, Rev. G. W. Hendricks of the A. M. E. Zion Church occupied the pulpit and spoke on TRUE RELIGION. Mr. Hendricks is here in the interest of his church.

The Vacation Bible School will open July 9th at 9 a. m. See us early for we can accommodate only a limited number. The school is free.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Franklin, Pastor
The Sunday morning service was largely attended. The pastor's topic was "True Christianity." He emphasized the fact that failure to manifest the spirit of true Christianity is responsible for the world-wide tumult of the day.

Mrs. H. J. Bain and Miss Hargraves, white, teachers in our vacation school, were among the visitors to our Sunday services and spoke highly of the attendance and work of the summer school which is open to all the children of the neighborhood. A special course of domestic science is being taught to the young women, hours 9:00 to 11:30 a. m.

The Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Kansas jurisdiction P. A. & A. Y. M., was observed at Pilgrim Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Appropriate exercises were held and the sermon was preached by the Rev. E. H. McDonald, pastor of Mt. Moriah.

The Trip Around the World, given by the Florida Club Tuesday night, was a most enjoyable affair.

The Sunday School is steadily growing. Many new scholars have been recently enrolled. A. R. Goodlet is superintendent.

Mr. J. R. Smith, of 1210 North 24th street, partner of Jones and Smith Barber shop, died last Tuesday at the University hospital. The funeral was held Thursday from the church, Rev. William Franklin officiating. Mrs. Smith expresses her gratitude to the church for its kindness and sympathy.

—B. S. Sutton, Church Reporter.

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Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

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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 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 amore private part of the house. Ferguson vs. Gies, 82 Mich. 858; N. W. 718."