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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.

### MARY B. TALBERT

THE DEATH of Mrs. Mary B. Talbert at her home in Buffalo, N. Y., after months of suffering, borne with such cheerfulness and fortitude that even her family and closest personal friends did not fully realize the seriousness of her condition, has removed from earth one of the noblest and most useful women of our race. A woman of liberal education, of gracious and winsome personality, warm-hearted and sympathetic, courageous for right and of indomitable will, she was peculiarly fitted for the leadership which was accorded her. To whatever office she was chosen and to whatever task she addressed herself she gave whole-hearted service which issued in success. Mary B. Talbert was a worthy representative of the noblest type of womanhood. In the spacious fields of eternity and in the Nearer Presence of the Master Whom she loved and served in serving humanity so well may she find the full fruition of her labors here.

### COMING INTO HIS OWN

AS SOLOIST for the Boston Symphony orchestra, Roland Hayes, the famous tenor of our race, has, as a liberal-minded Boston musical authority says, "come into his own", or as another puts it "is at last and deservedly summoned in his own country to an orchestra of the first rank." It is rather suggestive and significant, however, that largely, if not solely, on account of his race, Roland Hayes, had to go abroad to gain recognition of his talent which was denied him here. Recognized and acclaimed an artist by the best musical authorities in Europe, Hayes returns to the United States to take his rightful place here in the musical world. His career should be an inspiration to our people. Born and reared in poverty he struggled to secure education and perfect himself in his art. Nor must it be overlooked that there were friends of the other race who willingly helped him and encouraged him. The point we would stress now is that recognizing his God-given talent Roland Hayes determined to develop that talent and to do his level best. In other words to pay the price. Having done this and realizing that his native land would not give him the recognition which his talents merited he went abroad receiving the appreciation which his work deserved and then returned to his own country to come into his own. Work, per-

sistence and determination bring their own reward. In Roland Hayes' triumph is foretold the fact that the day will come and is nearer than many believe that even in caste-blinded America merit and worth will be recognized, appreciated and rewarded according to its deserts. Our task as individuals and as a race is plain and that is to prepare ourselves for the highest test and prove worthy.

### FREE THE HOUSTON MARTYRS

PETITIONS are being circulated throughout the country by the National Advancement Association for signatures requesting the pardon of the fifty-four soldiers who are serving sentence in Leavenworth prison for their alleged participation in the so-called Houston riot of six years ago. The Monitor maintained then and has never wavered in its conviction that the members of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who were executed and those who were imprisoned were martyrs to fanatical Southern mobocracy to which the government of the United States weakly yielded. We knew then and know now the gravity of this charge. We believe the imprisoned men should be freed and we hope that not only 100,000 signatures but a million signatures will be signed to the petitions being circulated and will carry such weight that these men will be restored to freedom.

### THINGS MAY HINDER YOU BUT CANNOT STOP YOU

(Contributed Editorial.)  
KNOWING the many besetments that often appear to obstruct our way toward the realization of our heart's desire, and the dark threatening clouds that suddenly gather over us, making our skies of hope dark and gloomy, how grateful we should be to our Creator for the establishment of a principle that is as firm and reliable as eternity and that has been tested by men of all ages and races and proven to be never failing. The power to overcome is a gift of God within you. O man, know thyself and thy Creator. What if our happiness and attainments depended upon external conditions, such as circumstances and environment, many a promising and useful life would have been assigned to defeat. But fortunately for every individual the forces within are greater than the forces without. Make use of the power within you for it is the power within and not the power without that

determines an individual's life. A great deal of talent is lost in the world for the lack of a little courage. The courageous are the ones who succeed, the ones who fight to win. The coward gives in at the first repulse. A brave man struggles again. With a bounding check and a quivering lip he battles his way against men.

We mourn and say we are unfortunate, unlucky. The truth is we lack faith and courage. To resolve to do a thing is to feel that you have it within you to do it.

We admire the person who will not be weakened by circumstances or conditions; but, whose ambition is stimulated by the tonic of opposition, and who without family influence or wealth, will by his own individual efforts force his way to success and renown.

You may expect opposition that lies in the way to success. Sway not from your path, but press onward. Mount over the cloud-capped hills of obstacles and difficulties, press on through areas of hardships and laugh at rivers of discouragements for they may hinder you but cannot stop you. You only can stop yourself.

## 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.

### FAITH AND PRAYER ARE THE SOLUTION

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 22, 1923.

EDITOR MONITOR:  
"What will be the outcome of the prejudice against our race, which has so largely increased since the World War; will it become so bad that it will ultimately result in good?"  
The reply to your question could only be correctly given by one to whom the gift of prophecy had been given. For in our short transit from eternity of the past to eternity of the future, we learn there is nothing certain except death.

However, I belong to the old school whose paths are trodden by faith, and in the power and efficacy of prayer, is found a solution of the problem you propound.

Mr. Coolidge said about nine years ago: "Men do not make laws, they do but discover them. Laws must be justified by something more than the will of the majority. They must rest on the eternal foundation of righteousness."

This statement made when practically unknown save in his own Massachusetts, proves our president a man of clear vision. You cannot teach morals by force, and the majesty and power of the law will not eradicate that hateful blot on our civilization, race prejudice.

We are at the parting of the ways now as never before. The Afro-American of today is a different being from the illiterate untrained individual who entered the ranks when we became a party to the World War. His view point has become more elevated, consequently that which satisfied prior to that period, now fails to do so.

The development of individual character is that upon which we build today, and if this development is along uplift lines, then, out of the evils of today will come the peace and happiness of a united people. If on the contrary, the spread of the gospel of hate, racial and class antagonisms, prevail then across the pathway of this country there looms a threatening storm ready to annihilate us.

To quote the words of a lecturer of national renown speaking in this city quite recently—a white speaker and a white audience—"Without God the civilization of today will vanish from the face of the earth."

To Christians of all races and creeds belong the duty of being human instruments in the hands of a Heavenly Father in bringing peace out of chaos and good out of evil. Will they rise to the occasion and become "Soldiers of the Cross" in reality rather than in name?—I. B. SMITH.

### THE MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA

Omaha, Nebr., Oct. 21, 1923.

To the Editor of The Monitor:  
Please give space in your paper for a few words from the state officers of the Mosaic Temple of America, Jurisdiction of Nebraska.

We are proud to say that the order is progressing nicely under the efficient leadership of Rev. D. McQueen. We are still taking members at \$1.50 per member. Our goal is one thousand members and \$1,000 to be raised by next Grand Lodge session. This is indeed a great organization and is doing a great work for the uplift of our race. We wish that every thinking man and woman would come into this noble order and help to foster the good work.

The policies of this order can be carried for from \$300.00 to \$1,000.00. Our doors are open for all good Christian men and women.

The lunch room of Mt. Moriah Baptist church, beautifully decorated, and was the scene of beauty and pleasure on the 18th inst. when the women of the state board assisted by the men gave the annual luncheon which was a decided success, fully 250 persons being present. We wish to especially

thank Miss Amie Anderson, for her liberal patronage and reservation for twenty-one guests.

We wish to thank every one for their patronage and invite you to come again. Your attention is also called to the get-together meeting which will meet with Mable Mills Chamber November 1. Business of importance, every member is expected to be present.

We are sincerely yours for the good of the order.

Rev. D. M. McQueen, S. G. M.  
Mrs. Georgia L. Borders, S. G. S.

### THE NATIONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE STATES POSITION

EDITOR OF THE MONITOR:  
The following telegram sent to the President is self explanatory.

October 19, 1923.  
HONORABLE CALVIN COOLIDGE, Washington, D. C.

Members of the National Liberty League reiterate their stand as outlined in our letter of September 17th to you in regard to law enforcement in general.

In all due respect to the late President Harding and his stand on the wet and dry question we are looking for you to have a mind of your own and as you are trying to follow out part of his program in calling the governors' conference at this time which broil, the dries after having spent millions of dollars of the tax payers money and having had full control of the enforcement of prohibition for the last four years with dictating to the legislative and judiciary now are trying to control the chief executive and are bringing themselves into ridicule with their nefarious and obnoxious methods and propaganda. As Roy A. Heynes stated that the people have "dropped the banner", we believe that the majority of the people now feel that the Volstead act is enforced at the cost of most all other laws and against the preamble of the Constitution of the United States, "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity"; and against the fourth amendment of the Constitution, "against the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against the unreasonable searches and seizures", shall not be violated believing that the Volstead Act was passed as a war measure only and the emergency is over for this sumptuary law. If such of their kind as Governor Pinchot, who is only using this meeting in order to further his own cause and personal aggrandizement. The National Liberty League believes that the people will demand the most formidable candidates that both major parties will adopt a plank in the coming election and we believe any candidate that stands openly and unequivocally for the above principals as outlined by the National Liberty League will be elected by a large majority and we ask that you earnestly consider making the race on the above principals and ask your fullest co-

operation and support in this great fight.

NATIONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE  
Don E. DeBow,  
National Sec'y and Treasurer,  
405 Paxton Block, Omaha, Neb.

### THE REPLY

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1923.

My Dear Mr. DeBow:

Your telegram of October 19th has been received and will be laid before the President.

Assuring you that the President will appreciate the courtesy of your League in sending him this frank message of their views, I am,

Sincerely Yours,  
C. B. Sloop,  
Secretary to the President.  
Mr. Don E. DeBow, Sec'y-Treas.  
National Liberty League.

### SIGHTS

(Continued from Page One)

came and in we jumped. But I had a hunch that something unfavorable would happen. Laws-a-mercy. At midnight a cry was heard, "Los Angeles, all off." Like the virgins we were fast asleep. Such a scampering by the women and muttering by the disappointed brethren. Honest, I would not take an oath as to what they said or did not say. We got off in such a hurry, one parson left his hat, another his umbrella. They succeeded in getting back just as the porter was closing. They were lucky weren't they?

### MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. E. H. McDonald, Pastor.

Services were good all day Sunday. The pastor preached two unusual sermons. Two were added to the church membership. Next Sunday night the pastor will preach on "The Prodigal Son," illustrated by pictures. Everybody is invited to attend the services.

The church is planning a Anniversary Week, to be held early in November. At that time the special feature will be the burning of the church mortgage.

Rev. J. E. Davis is slowly improving at University Hospital.

### HISTORICAL RACE PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED

What is expected to be one of the best programs of the season is an Historical Pageant of the Race. The pageant is arranged and is to be directed by Mrs. Frederick Divers. This is given for the benefit of meeting the remaining payment on the Old Folks' Home.

A large cast selected from churches, lodges, American Legion, Boy Scouts and school girls will make this an affair worthy of attendance.

Watch for date and place in next issue.

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## Advertising Talk

A hen is not supposed to have  
Much common sense or tact,  
Yet every time she lays an egg  
She cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot  
Of intellect to show,  
But none the less most roosters have  
Enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts,  
Has a persistent way  
Of letting folks know he's around  
By his insistent bray.

The busy little bees they buzz,  
Bulls bellow and cows moo,  
The watch dogs bark, the ganders quack,  
The doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks,  
Pigs squeal and robins sing  
And even serpents know enough  
To hiss before they sting.

But man, the greatest masterpiece  
That nature could devise,  
Will often stop and hesitate  
Before he'll advertise.

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And want our people's trade  
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And thus their fortune's made.