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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.

## CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS with all its sacred meaning, tender associations and ennobling and uplifting influences has come again with the cycling year. And how it gladdens, cheers and warms our hearts. Under its alchemic influence even the cynic becomes sweet-tempered and charitable and the churl liberal. Sorrow and sin and selfishness and hatred and ill-will and unkindness seem stridently and strikingly discordant and joy and righteousness and altruism and love and good-will and thoughtful kindness sweetly accordant and atune with this sacred season. And sacred and holy it is despite the regrettable commercialization which dims but does not destroy its beauty and splendor nor rob it of its sweetness. Christmas tide is the season which lifts man, in spite of himself, to a higher plane. There is an atmosphere of love and joy and peace to which none is unresponsive. There is a desire upon the part of each to do something for some one else to make some one else happy. Call it what you will, attribute it to what you may subject to any critical analysis you wish, classify it as you please, it cannot be disputed that throughout Christendom at Christmastide mankind is under a magic spell which brings out his nobler nature. Whence comes this influence which so stirs our nobler nature? From the Holy Babe of Bethlehem.

"Joy fills our inmost heart today!  
The Royal Child is born;  
And angel hosts in glad array  
His Advent keep this morn.  
Rejoice, rejoice! The Incarnate Word  
Has come on earth to dwell;  
No sweeter sound than this is heard,  
EMMANUEL!"

"God with us." This is the secret of it all. This is the fact which this season attests. It is the One Supreme Fact upon which Christianity rests. If it were not for this Fact there would be no Christian religion. The fact which Christmas proclaims is that "FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION" our Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, came down from heaven and was INCARNATE (made flesh, took upon Himself human nature with all this implies) by the HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY and WAS MADE MAN. St. John states this fact, and bear in mind that it is a FACT, not merely a truth, a fact being something that has been accomplished—and a truth a statement of that fact—in this thought-gripping phrase, "The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father full of grace and truth."

The motive of this wondrous act was Divine Love. Christmas proclaims and is the standing memorial of God's gift to the world of His Only-begotten Son because of His love for the world and His desire to draw all men unto Him that none should perish but have everlasting life. To accomplish this, which is only one part of God's great plan of man's redemption, it was willed that "The Son, which is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting of the Father, the Very and Eternal God, and of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin of her substance, so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say the Godhead and manhood were joined together in One Person never to be divided." And the Incarnation of the Son of God took place by the operation of the Holy Ghost, according to the announcement of the Angel Gabriel to the holy maid of Nazareth, "Thou hast found favour with God and the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God"; and in fulfillment of the ancient evangelical prophecy (Isaiah vii:14) "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Emmanuel: God with us."

And it is because God is with us, regarded our human nature as such a worthy thing that it should be lifted up into the Divine and that we should live worthy of our high vocation that our hearts are filled with joy at

Christmastide which proclaims the nativity of Jesus Christ the Virgin-born Son of the Highest.

### HANDLING MAIL PROMPTLY

Postmaster Charles E. Black is due congratulations for the efficient manner with which the handling of the enormous holiday mail is being accomplished at the Omaha postoffice. We do not believe there is a post-office of its size in the country where congestion is being avoided and patrons more promptly and courteously served than the Omaha postoffice. Charles E. Black with his efficient corps of works is personally on the job.

### OFFICERS OF THE LAW

There has been brought to our attention recently reported acts upon the part of some members of the police force towards some members of our group which are wholly unbecomingly officers of the law. We are quite sure that Police Commissioner Dunn and others in authority will not knowingly tolerate anything that is wrong upon the part of officers in their conduct towards any class of citizens. It is the duty of officers to arrest lawbreakers and offenders against the public peace, but they have no right to curse and beat and shower vile epithets upon alleged offenders in making arrests.

### SHOULD NOT BE DROPPED

Some weeks ago Bennie Smith, a respectable and intelligent citizen of color, who was serving on a jury in Judge Goss's court was assaulted by a fellow juror because he did not agree with the other jurors in arriving at a verdict. A new trial has been granted the defendant, who is white, upon the grounds that Juror Smith was intimidated and coerced into agreeing to the verdict. The assault upon Mr. Smith seems to have been ignored by the Court. The case ought not to be dropped.

A handful of New York clergymen, even though they be rectors of large and wealthy parishes, constitute a very insignificant part of the Episcopal church and an infinitesimal part of the great Anglican communion to which the Episcopal Church belongs. There are some New Yorkers, you know, who believe that New York City is the United States. But is it?

### OUR SHARE IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE

The Colored People of Omaha went over the top in fine style in the Community Chest Drive. Three organizations had groups of workers among the colored people. They were the Colored Commercial Club, the Y. W. C. A. North Branch and the Old Folks' Home.

The total amount allotted through the Community Chest to these Colored organizations was ten thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$10,235.00), and there was subscribed by the colored people according to carefully compiled data by the Colored Commercial Club the sum of ten thousand, six hundred and seventeen dollars (\$10,617.00), or three hundred and eighty-two dollars (\$382.00) more than their allotment.

This is the best answer the colored people can make to the criticism of unfriendly persons. All of the workers have reasons to feel encouraged over the showing they have made in this behalf.

The Rev. John Albert Williams is the representative of the colored people on the board of governors of the Community Chest and is gratified over the showing made by the colored people in this splendid community undertaking.

The Publicity Committee of the Colored Commercial Club of Omaha, Nebr.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawrence Williams of 1702 North Twenty-second street, announce the birth of a son, Ray Lawrence, Jr., on Wednesday, December 19th, at home.

## BED-TIME STORIES IN A PULLMAN SMOKER

The "Sub"

(Lincoln Service)

"He was negligent," the Court had said, "and as a porter, charged with exercising extraordinary care in the traveling welfare of passengers in his coach, he was not diligent in the performance of his duties. Hence, it follows that the company is liable, including the expenses for medical care and attention during his internment at home, and the amount of income which he would have derived had he been able to follow his usual occupation."

Following this, Joe, the porter, was taken off the "Limited" bitterly ex-coriated by his chief, and fired. He blacked boots a while, rushed a tray at the hotel, ran on the lake boats a season; and then, after pleas and tears, the superintendent had written him that he could "sub" a while on the eastern division. And here he was again—the same old Joe I had known at Hampton. Hadn't seen him in ten years, but he had the same big brown eyes, the same honest voice and the same round smile.

"Yes, sir—first time I've had a run in ten years," he said with a laugh, as he dexterously lighted a match and touched his cigar. "I'm only 'deadheading' traffic this way, but I know they're not going to keep me at this very long. Too much traffic this way nowadays; and the boss knows that I used to make up berths faster than any porter on his division," he continued, with a grin.

"What was the trouble? Haven't you been on the road right along?" I asked in real surprise.

"I should say not," Joe replied. "They bounced me, when a man's foot was smashed in a lower berth. I know it was an accident, but then I suppose the law had to take its course. Anyhow, I lost out; but I'm back now, and believe me, I'm going to stay back, you can bet. And I sure inspected this car myself before we pulled out tonight. They won't get me again for someone else's bum inspection," Joe concluded.

"Good for you, Joe; stick it out; You'll make good," I said as I started to forsake the smoker for my berth.

"Taint so easy tonight," Joe persistently continued. "I've been helping out Fred McQuade for the last two hours."

"Who's he?"

"Oh, he's the brakeman on the 'dead-head' coach in front of us. You must remember him, don't you? His dad, you know, helped me through Hampton. Fred was taken sick tonight just after we pulled out. He's there in upper one now. All I have to do is to look after the rear lights. We cut out the 'deadhead' at the junction. Gee! There's the signal now. I'll hustle out so as to be ready to flag any 'Wildcats' in case the Cap'n lays over here awhile," he concluded as he grabbed a red lantern, while I betook myself to expectant sleep.

I reached my lower, turned out the light, and, after congratulating myself at the prospects of dozing off before the train started, turned back to the aisle and closed my eyes. "Crash!"—a sharp jerk—the fall of shattered glass, and I found myself in the aisle, with a short gash in my forehead, before I could realize what had happened. Frightened voices added to the disorder.

"Keep quiet," the conductor said, as he dashed in the front door. "Nothing serious. Hit on the rear end, that's all. Nothing to be excited over. I'll telegraph the junction and they'll have another car here in a jiffy. We'll e away in an hour," he snapped.

"Anyone hurt or killed?" someone anxiously inquired.

"No passengers replied the conductor—"No one but the porter; he's a goner. Don't know who he was. If he'd stayed in here where he belonged he'd been alive now," the conductor added.

And a great sob from lower one was heard throughout the shattered coach.

### U. B. F. and S. M. T. FAMILY

The U. B. F. hall at 2426 Grant street has been equipped with necessary conveniences and has been made comfortable under direction of Mr. Austin Dickerson, president of syndicate, and Mr. M. C. Sand, district deputy. There are several days and nights vacant. The plumbing in the hall was installed by Mr. A. Harbin, the U. B. F. plumber.

The sick of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. Family are: Mesdames Georgie White of Benson Temple, Maggie Brown of Diamond Square Temple, Clara Tidwell and Leticia Smith of Friendship Temple, and Mr. P. W. White, P. M., of D. W. Gooden Lodge. At this writing all are convalescent.

The order is taking on new growth, many new members being added.

Mrs. O. L. Neal of Kansas City, Mo., was the guest of Mrs. M. C. Sands and Mrs. A. Harbin while in the city. Mrs. Neal left for Lincoln Wednesday having an engagement there Wednesday night.

### Seaman's Belief.

You will never find a sailor man allowing a glass to "ring" without putting out his hand at once to stop it. They say that when a glass is struck accidentally, and rings, a man is drowning at sea. To put out your hand to stop it saves him!

## LONG TRIP 100 YEARS AGO

Story of the Strenuous Exploring Expedition of Maj. S. H. Long into Northwest.

The exploring expedition conducted by Maj. Stephen H. Long of the United States army took its departure from Philadelphia on the 20th of April last with the view of traversing the American territory in a northwesterly direction and returning by way of the great northern lakes, says the Franklin Gazette of October 27, 1823. The gentlemen composing the expedition accordingly proceeded by way of Wheeling, Fort Wayne, Chicago, Prairie du Chien and Fort St. Anthony to the source of the River St. Peter.

They then traveled over the valley of the River St. Peter to its junction with the Assiniboine, having ascertained, agreeably to their instructions, the point at which the forty-ninth degree of north latitude, the northern boundary of the United States, crosses that river. Thus far they had gone by horse, but at this place they embarked on board bark canoes, in which they reached Lake Superior. Here they exchanged their canoes for a bateau and, amid severe gales and storms with snow, proceeded to Mackinaw where they met a revenue cutter, which took them to Detroit. There they boarded the steamboat Superior and landed at Buffalo.

Pursuing their journey they found passage on board of one of the New York canal packet boats at Rochester on the Genesee river, and traveled on the customary route to Philadelphia. The tour extended to the fifty-first degree of north latitude and embraced a circuit of more than 4,000 miles, upward of 3,000 of which were through a savage wilderness. This long and hazardous expedition has been completed in the short period of three days less than six months, and greatly redounds to the credit of the distinguished scientific officers by whom it was conducted.

## MADE HIS GARDEN PAY WELL

Minnesota Lad Laid His Plans Early and Carried Them Out With Skill.

Garden plans started during Christmas vacation and carried out the following summer earned a Minnesota club boy a net profit of more than \$100 and the state garden club championship for last year. Obtaining a location for his garden early, this club boy, Willard Weeks of Winona, Minn., drew a plan of his plot, indicating the place for each variety of seed, so that when he had the ground prepared in the spring there was no delay in laying off and planting the rows. The first products of the garden were ready for use 21 days after planting. From that time on, throughout the summer, this young gardener not only supplied his family with all the fresh vegetables needed, but, learning how to prepare his products for market, he built up an extensive trade among his neighbors. Finding the price for late products low, he used the training he had acquired in canning club work to put up tomatoes, beets and corn, pickles and preserves for winter use. At the end of the season his records showed the total value of vegetables used at home, canned, and stored for winter, and sold, to be \$135, produced at an expense of \$21.50.

### Great Ideas Last Long.

Why is it that there are some great men whose memory the world "will not willingly let die"? Most of us perish with our generation. A few personalities linger on for one or more generations. But there are some sons of men whose recollection does not seem to fade.

Jesus of Nazareth is still a lively influence in millions of lives. Socrates, Plato, Buddha, Dante and Shakespeare are still vital.

Men are like bells. They are struck with a "big idea." As the reverberation goes on long after the stroke has been made, according to the quality and size of the bell, so the great man is made of such metal that the reverberations of his initial impulse are not deadened by the passing of years.

What a chime is that composed of all the echoes of the world's great souls!—New York American.

### Lights to Kill Insects.

One Texas farmer has doubled his yield of cotton by placing lights at intervals in his field and under the lights putting basins of water to catch the unwary insects.

The scheme sounds reasonable. The same thing gets the human being.

The bright lights of the big city attract the attention of the unwary boy and girl from the happy country home and has been the means of doubling the yield of broken hearts, blasted lives and degeneration along the brightly colored broadways of the country as well as providing a testing place for those with characters of true blue.

The scheme works so well on people it would be a wonder if the bugs could not be caught by the same bait that is so alluring to man.

### Nothing Now.

An African of peculiarly dusky hue was hailed to court one morning for stealing chickens. The judge said to the clerk: "Swear the prisoner."

"Sam, do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

"I does, sah."

"Sam, what have you to say for yourself?"

"Well, Jedge, with all dem limitations you has just put on me, I doesn't believe I has anything at all, sah."—Judge.

### "Put" and "Call."

A "put" is a contract which gives its possessor the right to deliver to the party signing the same a certain amount of stock at a named price during the time stated in the contract. A "call" is a contract which gives its possessor the right to demand from the party signing the same a certain amount of stock at a named price during the time stated in the contract.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

There will be the usual mid-night Mass at 12 a. m. Christmas morning. The other services will be at 8 a. m. and 11 a. m. Christmas morning. The Holy Communion will also be celebrated at 7 a. m. Wednesday which is St. Stephen's Day; Thursday, St. John the Evangelist Day and Friday, the Holy Innocents Day. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor will preach on "Born of the Virgin Mary".

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O. J. Burkhardt, Pastor.

Sunday at 11 a. m. the pastor will use for a text: "If We Confess Our Sins He Is Faithful and Just to Forgive Us Our Sins" At 7:30 there will be an evangelistic sermon.

Deaconess Gray has returned to the city and was out to church looking fine.

Mesdames Severe, Jefferson and Jones are better at this writing.

Mrs. McDonald is confined to Mrs. Jefferson home, 2741 R street. Mrs. McDonald is a stranger in Omaha and is in need of financial help and care on the part of the women who are able to clean her room and prepare for her the proper kind of food. Mrs. Jefferson is herself under the care of a doctor and nurse and can't take care of Mrs. McDonald. Will you please remember this woman's condition?



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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.

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