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ARTICLE XIV, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

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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.

PAGEANTRY AS A TEACHER

UNDER THE DIRECTION and management of Mrs. Frederick Divers, wife of the pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, there is to be given at the City Auditorium, February 12, Lincoln's birthday, a pageant, entitled "The Unveiling of Ethiopia". This pageant is historical and depicts the progress of our race since emancipation. It centers around Negro music from the plaintive plantation melodies and folk songs of our forebears to the classical compositions of such well known and internationally recognized musicians as Nathaniel Dett, Harry Burleigh, Rosamond Johnson, S. Cole-ridge Taylor and others. There is to be a large chorus rendering these selections. The Monitor commends this as a most praiseworthy undertaking and wishes for it an artistic and financial success. It is most fitting that an entertainment of this kind should be given on the anniversary of "the Great Emancipator". We believe that more ought to be made of our racial history in this country by pageants of this character. Pageantry as an important educational agency is being revived and we, as a people, should make good use of it.

WHY NOT DO IT?

SOME WEEKS ago a prominent business man of this city who is deeply interested in the progress of our people, said, "I would like to see the colored people of Omaha organize, train and maintain a great chorus, which at least once a year would give a concert at the Auditorium and present at such times and in connection therewith some of your great artists, which are a credit not only to you, but to America. It would have a great educational value and be a most helpful agency. Why don't you do it?"

The suggestion is an excellent one. Omaha has many good voices and some excellent musicians. Not only could we organize and maintain a great chorus, but The Monitor is sure that a symphony orchestra is a possibility. Why not do it?

ADAM McMULLEN FOR GOVERNOR

AS ANNOUNCED in a former issue of The Monitor Adam McMullen of Beatrice has filed for the nomination for governor on the republican ticket, subject to the primaries to be held in April. The Monitor was for Adam McMullen in the last guber-

natorial primaries. We announced him as our choice as soon as he filed. So close was the contest between him and George H. Randall of Randolph in the primaries that it took the official count to determine the nominee. This clearly proved Mr. McMullen's strength with the Nebraska electorate and justifies his filing again. The Monitor is as strong for Adam McMullen as ever and commends him to the favorable consideration of our voters who will have the privilege of expressing their choice for the head of the state ticket in April. We have known Mr. McMullen for several years and can therefore commend him as a high-class, broad-minded gentleman whom we believe has the qualifications for a conscientious and capable chief executive of the commonwealth of Nebraska.

AN ABUNDANT CROP

THE CROP of candidates for various political positions is an abundant one. As yet we have heard of no member of our group who has filed for any elective office. We believe there should be. As citizens we ought to take our place with others in standing for election. This will have an educational value as well as a salutary moral and political influence. The Monitor believes that some of our number should be found to file for three elective positions; the State legislature, the City Commission-ship and the Board of Education. With proper alignment and the solid vote, male and female, of our own people, who hold the balance of power, there is no reason why we should not land some one in one or all of these places. Years ago when as a group we were a feeble folk Dr. M. O. Ricketts was sent to the legislature twice. Since then we have multiplied manifold. Why not make our political strength count?

COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS

The churches of this city report substantial growth and progress. Rev. J. A. Jackson is pastor of Tabernacle Baptist and the Rev. Wm. Majors is pastor of the Methodist church.

Mrs. John Freeman, 3215 Fourth avenue, has returned from a six weeks' visit to Indianapolis, Ind., and points in Illinois and Kentucky. She reports a very pleasant visit.

Several Bluffites owe The Monitor for their subscriptions. Please have the money ready when the collector calls. His regular day is Wednesday.

CHARTER MEMBER OF KEYSTONE LODGE SUCUMBES TO LONG ILLNESS

Richard Kelly, aged 68, a resident of Omaha for thirty-six years and a charter member of Keystone Lodge K. of P., died at his late residence, 1103 North Nineteenth street, Saturday morning after an illness of more than nine months' duration. The funeral was held from Jones & Co.'s chapel Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, officiated. Interment was at Forest Lawn. The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Delia Kelly, and a sister, Mrs. Robinson of Chicago.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to Shaffer Chapter, Omaha Chapter and Nebraska Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Daughters of Bethel, Washington Benevolent Association, Advisory Board of Old Folks Home, Bethel A. M. E. Church, Welfare League and friends and neighbors for flowers and other various kind expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved wife, mother and sister, Mary Elizabeth Wade.

Signed,
WILLIAM P. WADE
MR. and MRS. ARNOLD BLACK
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HARRY SMITH.

GEORGE WATSON

SUDDENLY CALLED
George W. Watson, 2718 North 28th Avenue died suddenly Tuesday night while at work at the Athletic Club. He had not been in the best of health for some months but lately had been feeling quite well. He complained of illness Tuesday night, and his condition being considered serious an ambulance was called and he was rushed to the hospital death ensuing within a few minutes of his being stricken. He is survived by his widow, a half-brother, George Watson, and

other relatives. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon from the residence, 2718 N. 28th Ave., the Rev. W. C. Williams, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, of which deceased was a member, officiating.

AN ODE TO PETE

Peter Bonnema, pressman, Who works at Barnhart's shop; Was always quite a dress man; And now Peter is a pop. To him a little girl was born On Tuesday of this week, The boys aver he toots his horn And is too puffed up to speak; He struts about the Barnhart place, His head quite high in air; An expansive smile upon his face Which says she has red hair. For Peters locks are of this hue, And it is plain to see That he is proud and never blue Because "My baby looks like me."

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Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

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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. 368; N. W. 718"

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