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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.

COOLIDGE IS RIGHT

COOLIDGE will be commended by all right-thinking Americans for his refusal to yield his constitutional prerogatives to the United States Senate in its demand for the removal of Secretary Denby. If the senators who voted for and virtually commanded President Coolidge to demand Denby's resignation were actuated by sincere motives they would have taken action for his impeachment. Having no ground for such action they attempt to put Coolidge in a corner. Coolidge wisely refused to be stampeded or to sanction lynch law, which is in reality what the democratic senators and a few weak-kneed republicans demanded. Denby is entitled to a hearing. He is not charged with malfeasance or any criminal act, but with lack of judgment and negligence. This, of course, may be true. But to summarily dismiss him without a hearing or investigation as to the facts in the case would be wrong. Coolidge's manly stand will be commended by all thoughtful citizens. He assumes full responsibility in the case, as he is sworn to do, and will take such action as justice to all may dictate. A cool head is needed at the helm of state at this time and in Calvin Coolidge the nation has such a man.

NOTABLE AMERICANS

FEBRUARY is the birth month of several notable Americans. Four loom large in the thought of our own group, two only in the thought of white America. Washington and Lincoln are rightfully given homage by all Americans. We as Americans of color join in this homage. But we do not overlook the fact that there are at least two more who are worthy of a high place as great Americans. One of these has been seriously considered for a place in America's Hall of Fame. Frederick Douglas some day will be given high honor by all Americans. We to whose race he belonged should fittingly observe his natal day. It is linked closely with that of Lincoln, who esteemed him as a personal friend and adviser. Working in another field is Richard Allen, the founder of African Methodism. He influenced for good thousands of our race and in doing so contributed to the upbuilding of this republic. February is famous as the birth month of notable Americans. While we honor Washington and Lincoln, let us not forget Douglas and Allen. This is the birth month of these four eminent Americans, two white and two black, so closely linked together are these races in our national weal and woe, who have left their influence upon America.

ATTITUDE MUST CHANGE

AMERICA'S mental attitude towards colored citizens must be changed before there will be very much improvement in race relationship in this country. That mental attitude is founded upon the false assumption that the colored race is fundamentally and inherently inferior to the white race. It is up to us as a people to prove the falsity of this claim by exerting every ounce of energy we possess to rise to the highest plane of achievement in everything that is honorable. We have a big job, because we have the heavy handicap of the ignorance and backwardness of such a large proportion of our people. But big jobs develop strength. Let each individual tackle his job with vim and determination to do his best and success is sure.

WARE FILES FOR JUDGE

ATTORNEY NOAH W. WARE has filed for Municipal Judge, subject to the primaries of April 8. The Monitor is glad Attorney Ware has filed. It is in keeping with our suggestion made some years ago and repeated again and again that our people should file for elective offices. We hope that our people will stand unitedly behind Mr. Ware. Don't hunt up excuses, but boost him!

Omaha is fourth city in home ownership in the United States. Omaha spent \$13,000,000 for new houses and buildings in 1923.

gether to free soil. Upon detecting this plot, the officers of the law got the impression that her husband had turned over the papers to the slave and arrested the freedman for the supposed offense. He had such difficulty in extricating himself from this complication that his attorney's fees amounted to \$500. To pay them he disposed of his faithless wife for that amount.

Benevolent Negroes often purchased slaves to make their lot easier by granting them their freedom for a nominal sum or by permitting them to work it out on liberal terms. John Barry Meachum, a Negro Baptist minister in St. Louis, thus came into possession of as many as twenty slaves by 1836. The exploitation type of Negro slaveholder, moreover, sometimes feeling the sting of conscience, liberated his slaves. Thus did Samuel Gibson, a Negro of Mississippi, in 1844, when he brought his six slaves to Cincinnati, Ohio, and settled them on free territory.

Practically all of these Negro slaveholders were in the South. Slavery, however, at that time had not been exterminated altogether in the North, and even there the Negro was following in the footsteps of the white man, as this report will show.

NEGRO ARISTOCRACY A CENTURY AGO

4,500 Negro Owners of Slaves in 1830

(From Journal of Negro History, published by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc.)

Taking up the study of the Free Negro in the United States, the Research Department of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, directed by Dr. C. G. Woodson, decided to make this statistical report as to the heads of families, their ownership of slaves and social relations with the whites. The aim was to facilitate the further study of this neglected group. Most of those people have been forgotten, for persons supposedly well informed in history are surprised to learn today that about a half million, almost one-seventh of the Negroes of this country, were free prior to the emancipation in 1865. They can hardly believe that 4,500 of these were owners of slaves themselves in 1830, and in many cases controlled large plantations.

The census records show that the majority of the Negro owners of slaves were such from the point of view of philanthropy. In many instances the husband purchased the wife or vice versa. The slaves belonging to such families were few compared with the large numbers found among the whites on the well developed plantations. Slaves of Negroes were in some cases the children of a free father who had purchased his wife. If he did not thereafter emancipate the mother, as so many such husbands failed to do, his own children were born his slaves and were thus reported by the enumerators. Some of these husbands were not anxious to liberate their wives immediately. They considered it advisable to put them on probation for a few years, and if they did not find them satisfactory they would sell their wives as other slave holders disposed of Negroes. For example, a Negro shoemaker in Charleston, South Carolina, purchased his wife for \$700; but, on finding her hard to please, he sold her a few months thereafter for \$750, gaining \$50 by the transaction. Dr. C. G. Woodson personally knew a man in Cumberland county, Virginia, whose mother was purchased by his father who had first bought himself. Becoming enamored of a male slave, she gave him her husband's manumission papers that they might escape to-

and W. L. Johnson, door keepers. The meeting was the first of the year and was well attended. The members expressed themselves as being much encouraged over the livelihood of the club. A George Washington carnival will be given in Mt. Zion Baptist church next Friday night, February 22nd.

J. T. Wright was confined at home with illness the past week.

Mrs. Maude Gates is reported on the mend at the hospital after a third operation.

Mrs. Ollie Ray was called to St. Joseph, Mo., last Wednesday on account of her daughter's illness.

Mr. Robert Granger received sad news of the death of his brother's wife at their home in Kentucky last Sunday.

At the Newman M. E. Church last Sunday Rev. Mr. Carter delivered his usual good sermons. The Sunday school was fairly attended under Geo. B. Evans, superintendent.

At the A. M. E. Church Sunday services were carried out as scheduled, being well attended. The Sunday school and A. C. E. society were all well attended. The pastor's sermons were enjoyed by his hearers. The meetings during the week were fairly attended by the members.

The sermons as preached by Rev. H. W. Botts at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday were of much interest and instructive to the Christian worker. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. lessons were instructive. The congregation repaired the Third Christian church, where Rev. H. W. Botts preached an able sermon on baptism, after which seven persons were immersed. In the evening the right hand of fellowship, was given the new members, closing with the ordinance of communion.—The Saturday Nights Serving Club is having fine success with the meals at the church.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

The Utopian Art Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Christman last Thursday night. After report of last year's work routine of business was finished. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mrs. Irene Mosley, president; Mrs. Odessa Patrick, vice-president; Mrs. L. B. Alexander, treasurer; Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Florence Forbes, assistant-secretary; Professor W. R. B. Alexander, chaplain; Mrs. Jennie Johnson, luncheon; Mrs. Ida Todd, program; Mrs. Marie Patrick, ice cream; Messrs. L. D. Forbes

SINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Miss Edna M. Stratton, the cultured and efficient secretary of the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A., whose services are much in demand both as a singer and a speaker, sang as a solo, "O Lord, Rebuke Me Not" by Will Brown at the First Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks, D. D., is pastor, last Sunday morning. Mrs. Zabarskie, organist, accompanied her.

N. A. A. C. P. WILL MEET SUNDAY AT JEWELL BUILDING

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. will meet next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the room in the Jewell building, Twentyfourth and Grant streets, which has been donated by Mr. Jewell as headquarters for the Anti-Lynching Fund Campaign. An interesting program will be given including addresses on Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The public is urged to attend.

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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 amore private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 82 Mich. 358; N. W. 718"

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