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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.

POLITICS

POLITICS is the science and art of government or the administration of public affairs. Government has as its object the well-being of mankind. Its purpose is the maintenance of right and justice. The origin of government is from above, is of divine origin. "The powers that be are ordained of God." This is equally true whether human government exists as a monarchy or a republic; whether invested in a royal succession or in rulers chosen of the people. In a republic the government is "of the people, by the people and for the people." Therefore in a republic every citizen is in duty bound to be a politician, to take his part in politics. There needs to be plain teaching on this subject. And it must be clearly understood at the outset that the State is, as we have already said, a divine institution of divine origin, existing for the maintenance of right and justice. It comes into existence, or becomes manifested, by an evolutionary process, if you please, just as soon as the interests of men in the administration of justice becomes powerful enough to constrain them to enforce and protect the right at all costs. Such administration of justice is for the insurance and safe-guarding of that liberty in which alone lies the possibility of the free and full development of personality, the protection of property and freedom of thought and worship. These are precious rights. If they are to be guaranteed to us by the State, it must be plain that it is a religious duty for every citizen to interest himself in the public welfare. This means to take part in politics. Every Christian man, every upright citizen should be willing to assume his political obligations, not simply as a voter, but filling office if he have the ability and qualifications for such public service. The bulwark of our government is to be found in the rectitude of our legislators and administrators. If good men decline to enter municipal and political life on the ground that they will get their character besmirched in the mire of politics and leave these duties to the venial where will the right type of representatives come from? A thoughtful writer has truthfully said, "The true duty of the Christian man is not to forsake municipal and political life because it is corrupt, but to carry into it the spirit of Jesus Christ.

He must do his part to secure for his fellow-countrymen all those blessings which a nation, justly and efficiently governed, alone can secure for them." He is absolutely right. Political activity, political interest, intelligent and conscientious, is a patriotic duty. To stand aloof, in a self-righteous attitude, from these spheres of public service, to refuse from fear of peculiar temptations to take part in shaping the polity of the city, state and nation is false in theory and indefensible in practice.

SCRAPS OF PAPER

THERE was great indignation expressed not many years ago because certain treaties were regarded as "mere scraps of paper," the provisions of which were not to be seriously regarded as binding either in law or in morals. The United States, however, has small room for indignation on this score so long as she permits her Constitution to be regarded as a mere "scrap of paper" by millions of her own citizens. For example, Article XIV, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, expressly and in unequivocal language, defines those who are citizens of the United States, and expressly forbids any state to make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States and yet there are several states in the Union which have made and enforce laws abridging the privileges and immunities of loyal American citizens solely upon the ground of color. Moreover, there is hardly a state in the Union where citizens of color do not have to submit to an abridgement of their citizenship rights. The government does nothing about it. If this is not permitting her

CHARLES UNITT FILES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Charles Unitt who points to his record as County Commissioner with commendable pride has filed for nomination. Charley is a rock-ribbed republican and proud of the fact. Whatever else his political opponents and enemies, if he has any of the latter, can say about him, they all admit that no fault can be found with him as to strict and conscientious discharge of his duty. He is always on the job. Mr. Unitt stands upon the same platform upon which he was elected before: "A reduction of taxes to the lowest possible degree, conditioned upon sound, economical business-like administration of the affairs of the county." Mr. Unitt represents the Fifth Commissioner District which comprises practically all of the Second, Third and Tenth Wards. It will be of interest to our people to learn that since his incumbency Mr. Unitt has secured the advantages of the Widow's Pension for eighteen deserving widows of our race who are thus enabled to provide for their children.

RICHARD L. METCALFE HEADS REAL ESTATE FIRM

Richard L. Metcalfe, who for the past three years has been in charge of the advertising department of the Brandeis Store, and who for years was prominent in literary and newspaper work and also served as governor of the Panama Canal zone, has become president of the Metcalfe Real Estate Company which will specialize in building moderate priced homes within the reach of the masses. There is a great demand for such homes in Omaha and this firm has an excellent field. Any enterprise that Richard L. Metcalfe has anything to do with is absolutely on the square and those who deal with this firm can absolutely count on a square deal. "Ted" Metcalfe, a young man of the same high principles as his father, is secretary of the company. Building operations will be in charge of Joe Shaver and the sales department will be headed by Leroy Gebris and Ted Pickin. The company's offices are on the first floor of the Saunders-Kennedy building, Nineteenth and Farnam. The Monitor predicts for this firm well-deserved success.

PERRY IS WORTH \$8,000,000

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22.—Herman E. Perry, president of the Standard Life Insurance Co., chairman of two bank corporations, president of 11 other corporations has an income of \$75,000. Assets of his companies total \$13,000,000, and Mr. Perry is easily worth \$8,000,000. He started life as attendant in a Turkish bath house and now carries \$1,000,000 insurance on his own life.

Omaha has no slums or tenements.

NEWSLETS

Texas has two colored postmistresses.

Native diggers at the tomb of King Tutankhamen received 12 cents a day.

Mr. James H. Maxwell, of Red Bank, N. J., conducts a modern grocery store and butcher shop.

In the land of Lilliput the clans are engaged in their quadrennial fight over the question of leadership.

Dr. S. A. Ware, a prominent physician of Springfield, Illinois, is a candidate for the State Legislature.

In each 1,000 colored persons between 5 and 20 years of age, 540, as compared with 670 whites, attend school.

W. L. Porter, Editor of The East Tennessee News, was recently elected to serve on the Knox County Republican Executive Committee.

The New Age, of Hopkinsville, Ky., is asking if there is a Negro Ku Klux Klan organization in that city.

In Houston, Texas, the dentists have a local dental society which meets weekly and is opened with prayer—we hope for the patients.

A successful new business enterprise in Chicago is the Chemical Products Corporation, manufacturers of coal tar disinfectants, fly sprays and disinfectant powders.

Just because a crack has been found in the lid of King Tut's coffin, an effort is being made to prove that undertakers have been grafting for at least 3,300 years.

According to the Star of Zion, official organ of the A. M. E. Zion Church, there are about thirty ministers in the race for the bishopric.

The Colorado Statesman announces, as another progressive step in Negro business, that a firm is to build a modern building and garage in Denver.

BLACK RACE BEING ABSORBED

New York, Feb. 22.—Representative Johnson speaking here recently on restricting immigration declared that 200 years from now there will be no difference between races in America. He gave figures to prove that 10,000,000 Negroes are being absorbed by the white race. So he thinks.

GRADUATES THIRTY-NINE

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The graduating class of the Sumner Teacher's College this year numbered thirty-nine. The Class orations dealt with the subject "Some Occupations of Moral Education" and music was furnished by the Junior College students. Prof. Frank L. Williams is the Principal. The January graduates from Sumner High School numbered seventy. The orations were based on the subject, "The Wisdom of Our American Poets." Prof. Williams is principal of Sumner, one of the most prominent High Schools of the country.

ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Sunday was Allen Day and it was observed with appropriate services and exercises. In the morning the pastor preached on Richard Allen, His Life and Accomplishments. At 8 p. m. the program included short addresses the Rev. P. M. Harris, S. E. Grass and J. H. Wakefield; musical numbers by Mrs. Sarah Jones, Ruth and Muriel Redd and Master Valeria Johnson; interesting papers by Mrs. Louveta Busch and Della Jones and selections by the junior choir.

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Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1893.

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. 358; N. W. 718"

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