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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.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns, whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unflinching." William Ellery Channing.

QUESTIONINGS

SHE is the daughter of an English clergyman, long since called to his well-earned rest. He was a godly and scholarly man and his culture and religion made him a broad-minded man. The greater part of his ministry was spent in the United States. Here his daughter was reared and educated. She inherits the principles of her father. She is a woman of culture and refinement. Speaking to a friend the other day she said, "Why is it so many white people look with disdain upon colored people and treat them with such disrespect which causes them pain and embarrassment? It seems to make no difference how well-educated, cultured, refined and good a colored person may be, he is treated as though he were ignorant and uncouth. I can't understand it. And another thing, if people must be mistreated because they are colored, why did our Heavenly Father make men of different colors? It all seems very puzzling to me. I really can't understand it, can you? I think people ought to be treated according to their character and real worth and without respect to race or color, don't you?"

God is to be thanked for women of this kind. There are more and more, despite apparent evidence to the contrary, who are thinking along the same lines as this clergyman's daughter. Some day the white people of the United States generally will realize that "people ought to be treated according to their character and real worth without respect to race or color."

In the meanwhile, let us not worry about it. Let us do our full duty, let us bend every effort to make ourselves proficient along all lines, showing ourselves self-reliant, self-respecting, resourceful, progressive, proving ourselves worthy of the respect and friendship of such people as this Christian woman who is representa-

tive of many who are questioning America's attitude today towards her worthy citizens of color. Questions demand a correct answer.

STOP THIS DISCRIMINATION

ATTENTION has been called to the fact that the moving picture industry is largely in the hands of Jews. They are the proprietors of many moving picture theatres. Nearly all, if not all of the largest movie theatres down town in Omaha are owned by Jews. We are informed that in nearly all of these theatres, colored people are discriminated against, in direct violation of the Nebraska Civil Rights Bill, which provides clearly and in unequivocal language that "All persons within this state shall be entitled to full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations, established by law and applicable alike to every person." Violation of this statute carries a penalty.

Personally we have many warm friends among the Jews. We have no anti-semitic feeling or prejudice; but we desire to say frankly and candidly and we hope our Jewish friends of influence will realize the full import of what we say, that Jewish merchants who are enjoying a large patronage from our people, and this is especially true of the northern part of our city, as well as those down town, cannot expect our people to spend money with them in their stores and other places of business on the one hand and on the other hand be insulted and denied their civil rights by Jewish theatre owners down town. A hint to the wise is sufficient. We expect our Jewish friends to see that this discrimination ceases. It can be done and must be done.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday School had an educational rally last Sunday with an excellent sermon by the Rev. J. S. Williams, who preached to a large congregation. The pastor preached at night. The revival has started and is being conducted by the Rev. Dr. I. S. Powell of Arkansas. Among the visitors Sunday were the Rev. Mr. Oliver and Attorney N. W. Ware of Omaha; Alice Perry of Monroe, La.; Mary Hill of Boley, Okla.; and Mrs. Bettie Garlington of Hattiesville, Ark. Rev. Thos. A. Taggart, pastor.

OMAHA

By Rev. Russel Taylor.

1. Westward, straight from Chicago, Lies Omaha: Greatest, best of all cities In the Middle West. On the bank of a river, Trade is assured. They who founded her years ago, Showed their judgment best.

Chorus
 Omaha, Omaha, City of the Middle West. Omaha, Omaha, Greatest, grandest, best.

2. Midst the wonderful grain fields, Feeding the world. Market for the cattle, Center for all trains. Gateway to both oceans, Queen of the plains. Best opportunities here are found For all men of brains.

3. Churches, schools of learning On every hand. Hospitals of mercy, Aid to all mankind Parks so free to the children, Trees, flowers, vines. Oh, Omaha, thou art truly blest, Great thy people, kind.

This song, the words and music of which were written by the pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, was sung for the first time with great effect at the mass meeting held at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, March 2.

ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The services next Sunday will conform to the usual high standard of the congregation. The sermon topics will be as follows: 11 a. m.—"Pleasing God or Man, Which?"; 8 p. m.—"A New Old Philosophy of Life"; 7 p. m.—"Christian Endeavor society, 'Dangers of Trifling with Life, God and the Soul,' Acts 26:28-32. Mrs. Mattie A. Johnson, leader.

Russel Taylor, pastor.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

The first Sunday in the month continues to be the banner Sunday as was shown last Sunday in the attendance at the Sunday school and the morning services. The pastor filled the pulpit and sought to impress upon the congregation what they owe to God in turn for his great gift to the world as recorded in St. John 3:16. The services were enjoyed by all. At the evening service the pastor preached. There were two accessions. Next Sunday will mark the close of the second anniversary of Bethel A. M. E. Church which has no doubt been watched by its many friends. All are invited to be present next Sunday. And then the following Sunday is quarterly meeting, the second for this year and you are asked to be with us at the afternoon service if no other.

PROGRAM FOR CITY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LEAGUE

Sunday, March 9, at Allen Chapel church, 1:30 p. m.: Invocation; Piano Solo—Miss Ethel Carter of Allen Chapel; Paper—Mr. James Lewis of St. John; Piano Solo—Miss Dorine Bush of Bethel A. M. E.; Cornet Solo—Mr. Lester Carter of Allen Chapel; Paper—Miss Helen Blueford of St. John; Vocal Solo—Miss Rachel Rice; Violin Solo—Miss Linnie Walker of Bethel; Paper—Miss Dorothy Jordan of Bethel; Vocal Solo—Mr. J. W. Griffin of St. John.

All Endeavor workers are urged to be present so that a permanent organization may be affected.

THE WHATNOT COLUMN

By Robert P. Edwards (For the Associated Negro Press)

101. Who was Gen. Rufus Saxon? General Rufus Saxon was the first officer to receive official authority to enlist Negroes as soldiers. On the 26th of August, 1862, the Secretary of War ordered him to proceed to the Department of the South and organize 5,000 troops of "African descent," which were to be designated for service in garrisons not in danger of attack by the enemy, to relieve white regiments whose terms of enlistment had expired.

102. Who was Carney of Wagner? When the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, under command of Col. Shaw, stormed Fort Wagner, the regimental colors were entrusted to W. H. Carney, a young sergeant. As this gallant regiment ascended the wall of the fort the ranks were full, but as they reached the top, they melted away before the enemy's fire—almost instantly. Carney received a severe wound in the thigh, but falling upon his knees he quickly planted the flag upon the parapet, and lay down on the outer slope, for shelter. Carney with a death grip on the flagstaff held it erect for over an hour and despite that he was later shot in the head held on until he was relieved by another officer. When he was being carried past a brigade of his comrades, on the way to the field hospital, he partly raised up and cried, "Boys, the old flag never touched the ground."

103. What incident took place when the first New Orleans Colored regiment received its flags?

The first Colored regiment raised in New Orleans; after remaining in camp for about six months were quite efficient in the use of arms. Its commanding officer Col. Stafford being disabled they were placed under command of Gen. Dwight. Before the regiment left the officers assembled at the quarters of Col. Stafford, where the Colored guard marched up to receive the regimental flags. Col. Stafford made a speech full of patriotism and feeling and concluded by saying: "Colored guard, protect, defend, die for it, but do not surrender these colors." The reply of the sergeant was, "Colonel, I will bring back these colors to you in honor, or report to God the reason why."

Next Weeks Whatnots

104. What was "The Freedmen's Bureau?"
 105. Who was Nora Gordon?
 106. Who was the first Colored man whose signature made money of worthless paper?

DETROITERS VISIT WITH OMAHA FRIENDS

Benjamin W. Lambert and his sister, Mrs. Ella Bradford of Detroit, Mich., enroute to Los Angeles, are the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. John Albert Williams at St. Philip's rectory. They will remain over Sunday. They are members of one of Detroit's pioneer families.

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The Ash Wednesday services were well attended from the holy communion at 7 o'clock until evensong at eight. The week-night services during Lent will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 o'clock. A visiting clergyman will preach each Wednesday night. Next Wednesday the Rev. D. J. Gallagher, rector of St. Andrew's, will preach. The services Sunday will be as follows: Holy communion, 7:30 a. m.; matins, 8:30; Church school, 10; sung eucharist with sermon, 11; evening prayer and confirmation address at eight. Public invited to all services.

MEETING HELD IN SOUTH OMAHA

A mass meeting in the interests of the Anti-Lynching Fund was held in the Armour Auditorium, South Side, Sunday afternoon. Henry W. Black presided. Addresses were made by H. J. Pinkett, Isaac Konecky and Judge Charles A. Goss. Contributions were made to the fund.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce the opening of a Branch Office at the North Side Bazaar, 2114 No. 24th St. Mr. J. E. Smith, formerly associated with Electric Appliances in Toronto, Canada, is in charge. Mr. Smith has had fifteen years experience and is an authority on household devices. His specialty is the American Classic Washing Machine and the Hamilton-Beach Vacuum Cleaner. Mr. Smith stands ready and willing to supply your every need and you will find him a most courteous gentleman. Come in and get acquainted. Demonstrations gladly given upon request. Phone WEBster 5566.—Adv.

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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, 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. 365; N. W. 718."