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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

I would be TRUE for there are those who trust me,  
I would be PURE for there are those who care,  
I would be STRONG for there is much to suffer,  
I would be BRAVE for there is much to dare,  
I would be FRIEND to all the many friendless,  
I would be GIVING and forget the gift,  
I would be HUMBLE for I know my weakness,  
I would LOOK UP, and laugh, and love and lift.

—Howard Walter.

### SILLY, SENSELESS SNOBBISHNESS

THERE has been brought to the attention of The Monitor an incident which cannot be permitted to pass unrebuked. It is this: A few days ago a young woman of the race telephoned to one of the leading beauty parlors of the city and to avoid any embarrassment frankly stated her race and inquired if she might have some work done there. The proprietor advised her that they did not draw the color line in their business and that they would be pleased to serve her, adding that they had colored people in their employ. The young woman made an appointment and promptly kept it. She was courteously received by the proprietor and in her turn was assigned to the booth of one of the hairdressers who is a young colored woman and has the reputation of being one of the most skillful in the employ of this well-known firm. This girl indignantly refused to do this customer's work. One of the white operatives did the work willingly and cheerfully and rebuked the silly and snobbish colored woman who refused to work on one of her own color. Such conduct as this upon the part of anybody who lays claim to ordinary intelligence or even common sense is inexcusable. It betrays the absence of both. It discloses a silliness and snobbishness which all right-thinking people will condemn. Instead of showing a willingness to cooperate with the broad-minded white proprietor, who took whatever risk or assumed risk in the loss of custom there might be—often more imaginary than real—in refusing to discriminate against suitable colored patrons and thus lessen discrimination, this foolish young woman became a party to the promotion of the very thing which we are anxious to see broken down and against which we have practised against her, she would most loudly and indignantly protest. Fortunately, however, such silly, senseless snobbishness is rare among our people and we hope this young woman will repent of this her foolishness.

### THE JUDICIARY

IN the approaching election great care should be taken to elect men of ability, fair-mindedness and judicial temperament to the judiciary. Our people, especially, should be deeply concerned in the kind of men who are chosen to the important position of judge either in the minor or major courts. As a rule the men who have been chosen to the district bench in this city have been men of high class. Those seeking re-nomination have rendered good service. Among the other aspirants for the bench are men of legal ability, large experience and broad-mindedness whom we believe will be fair to all classes. Of these there are some who in their attitude towards and dealings with our group are such as to commend them to our favorable consideration. Our advice is to carefully scrutinize the character, reputation and attitude towards us of those who are asking for our votes. If they have been on the bench and have striven to be fair and unbiased towards all classes they are entitled to support. If they have not been on the bench they can only be judged by their general character and reputation. We must be careful not to be swayed by unproven rumors or charges and so be prejudiced to do an injustice to any worthy man. We should do our best to obtain reliable information concerning candidates for the judiciary and then support those whom we think best qualified to serve.

that you do all in your power to urge men and women in Omaha to use the right to franchise which after all is the true expression of the mind of the people." We call attention to this significant action upon the part of the Y. W. C. A. as indicating the right attitude all American citizens should take in political campaigns. There are those who regard political activity as an unholy thing, to be left to a few politicians. Taking an active and intelligent part in politics is a patriotic and religious duty.

### THE WHATNOT COLUMN

(For the Associated Negro Press)  
107—Who is called "The Apostle of Education?"  
Daniel A. Payne sometimes called "The Apostle of Education" was born in Charleston, S. C. By trade, he was a carpenter and taught school in his native city until forced to close by the slave holders; whereupon he left the city. In 1840 he joined the Philadelphia Conference of the A. M. E. Church as a local preacher, and after having served churches at Washington, Baltimore and other cities, he was elected a bishop. In 1863, he purchased for the A. M. E. Church, Wilberforce University in the state of Ohio, and the success that this school has attained is due largely to his efforts. He died in Wilberforce in 1893 being at the time president of the Payne Theological Seminary at that place.

108—Who was Phillis Wheatley?  
In the year of 1761 there arrived in Boston Harbour a slave ship, among whose cargo was a little slave girl whose only clothing was a small piece of dirty carpet. Among those who were impressed by the apparent intelligence of this young slave was Mrs. John Wheatley who finally purchased her, and through kind treatment and encouragement, Phillis, the name given her by Mrs. Wheatley, learned easily and developed a talent for poetry. Phillis Wheatley eventually wrote a book of 40 poems, whose literary merit disposed some to question their origin; and she finally became one of the most noted writers of her day.

109—Who is the world's champion bricklayer?  
James Meriwether, a Negro laid 12,000 bricks in 2 hours; an average of 100 bricks per minute. It required 12 men to wait on him. This feat was accomplished at Elberton, Ga., and is believed to be a record.  
John Martin while working on a State road near Grafton, W. Virginia, laid 42,000 bricks of 10 1/2 lbs. each (200 tons) in 8 hours, an average of 87 bricks per minute. Martin has been known to lay 90 bricks in 30 seconds and is the champion bricklayer.

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### LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

**Konecky States Platform**  
Editor of The Monitor,  
Dear Sir:  
I am a candidate for City Commissioner. If the present administration seeks re-election, it must show that its past record qualifies retention in office.

Need I review for you the shameful and scandalous administration of our City Government by our present commissioners? You know, as well as I do, that with the exception of a very few men, the rest are absolutely controlled by an organized invisible gang, that has for its object the violation of law, which is a menace to our Republic. Your commissioners have made you plenty of promises before the election (they always do) but have done nothing for the great mass of the people of our city. I believe that the principal business of the city is to take care of its people. Now, where does the care of its people begin? With the care of the mothers of the new generation; with the care of the children before they are born. If I am elected I shall undertake to provide city care of poor mothers, medical care before and after birth of children and when necessary, material aid to them. This care would be given through the Department of Charities and the Welfare Department. The latter must be entirely re-organized into a useful function to our City Government. Municipal nurseries where children of mothers who have to work could be cared for during the day, (this reference of course, to children under kindergarten age), better schools, more schools, more teachers (consequently no over-worked teachers), better and more sanitary transportation, more cars, cleaner cars, better ventilated cars during the summer and better heated cars during the winter, the free administration of justice to employees against employers who refuse to pay wages due.)

If I am elected I shall use my power in stopping the waste and squandering of the peoples money in running the City Government. Do you know that it cost \$13,479,455 to run this city (per capital for every woman, man and child in this city \$67.15). Isn't it outrageous, and where does the money go to? The City Hall is full of political pie eaters doing nothing and drawing fat salaries. City taxes have become so high that it is impossible for the people to pay them, the result being that homes are being broken up and business people are crushed to the wall. The only remedy to eliminate this dangerous condition is to cut down the pay roll of unnecessary office holders, which automatically will cut down expenses. If I am elected, I pledge myself to do everything in my power to remedy this existing state of affairs.

Yours truly,  
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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 denial, 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, 35 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 another private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gles, 82 Mich. 368; N. W. 718"

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