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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 FRIENDLY 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.

### ETHICAL PRINCIPLES SHOULD PREVAIL

IT IS to be regretted that political campaigns cannot be conducted without resort to wilful and deliberate lying, misrepresentation and appealing to passion and prejudice. Surely the Americans have reached the stage, or should have reached it, when the appeal for the support of men or measures should be addressed to their reason and intelligence, rather than to their prejudices. And yet in every political campaign, national, state, county or municipal, the appeal to reason and intelligence is largely overshadowed by the appeal to passion and prejudice. Racial and religious prejudices are exploited for personal and partisan gain. This ought not to be so, but it is. Wilful lies are told and facts distorted for the sake of a few votes. Instead of honestly and frankly discussing men and measures upon their merits, and letting it go at that, resort is made to reprehensible and unworthy methods which should be rebuked and condemned by all self-respecting people. And yet these things are taken as a matter of course and tolerated as part of the game. But are lying and cheating elements of good sportsmanship in any game? In the long run doesn't it pay to play the game fair? This should apply to the political game. Both sides in political contests resort to the same reprehensible methods and excuse or justify themselves upon the questionable expedient that their opponents do the same thing. Let us hope that some day the American people will have reached the plane where they will demand that ethical principles be recognized even in political campaigns and lying and distorting of facts in

the case of, or upon the part of any candidate or party will meet the condemnation which it deserves.

### VOTE AS YOUR JUDGMENT DIRECTS

NEXT Tuesday all of our citizens, male and female, who are duly registered and are qualified, should go to the polls early and vote for the seven men, whom they honestly believe to be best qualified to serve this city for the next three years as commissioners. To these men is to be entrusted the important and responsible duty of governing this growing and progressive city. The government of our city touches us all as individuals more closely than does either the state or national government and for this important reason we all ought to be vitally interested in the character, integrity, fairness and ability of the men whom we elect for the next three years. We ought to ascertain, as far as we can, the influences that are behind them, as to whether they are friendly or inimical to any class of citizens, for be you well assured that if men are narrow or unfriendly towards any class, this is a disqualification for absolute fairness to all. We should, however, be sure of our facts, do some thinking for ourselves and not be swayed by prejudice based upon unproven statements manufactured for political purposes. If we honestly believe that any candidate is unfriendly towards our people then we ought not to vote for him; but don't be foolish enough to believe because a candidate is on one slate or the other or on no slate that he is necessarily friendly or unfriendly. Such a claim is bunk.

### A PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM RACE PREJUDICE

By Morney Williams  
(For the Associated Negro Press)

O GOD, who hast made man in Thine own likeness and who dost love all whom Thou hast made, suffer us not, because of difference in race, color or condition, to separate ourselves from others, and thereby from Thee; but teach us the unity of Thy family and the universality of Thy love. As Thy Son, our Savior, was born of an Hebrew mother and ministered first to His brethren of the House of Israel, but rejoiced in the faith of a Syro-Phoenician woman and of a Roman soldier, and suffered His cross to be carried by a man of Africa, teach us, also, while loving and serving our own, to enter into the communion of the whole human family; and forbid that, from pride of birth and hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom Christ died, or injure any in whom He lives. Amen.

What we are exceedingly anxious to have our people do, is to vote intelligently according to their honest convictions and not be whipped into line by the crack of some whip, be it the lash of prejudice, the coercion of those interested in special privileges or the dictatorship of ecclesiastical or professional demagogues subsidized by promised patronage. If you believe, as many believe, that the present city administration, headed by Mayor Dahman, has been efficient, progressive and fair, and should be continued, it is your duty to vote for it. If it is your honest conviction that a change would be for the betterment of the city, then vote accordingly, but vote according to your convictions and best judgment and give everybody else the privilege of doing the same thing. In saying this, is The Monitor "on the fence?" No! The Monitor is never on the fence. It always takes a position. Personally we favor the reelection of the present seven commissioners from Dahman to Butler. We believe, all things considered, they have striven to be conscientious, efficient and faithful public servants. They are not as white as their admirers picture them or as black as their adversaries paint them. There are evils in our city that we would like to see eradicated, there is much room for improvement in many things, but we believe these can be secured—IF THE PEOPLE DEMAND THEM—as quickly and as readily under the Dahman administration as under any other. With their internal wranglings and dissensions we are not particularly concerned—and much of that is for political effect and grand-stand play—so long as they faithfully discharge the duties of their respective offices to which they are elected.

As intelligent and self-respecting men and women vote next Tuesday for the men whom you honestly believe will best serve this city as commissioners, whether it be the "Dahman Slate," the "Butler Slate" or the "Smashed Slate." Be sure to vote. This is an imperative duty.

WHY NOT TELL THE TRUTH?  
NO DOUBT Dan B. Butler, who heads the opposition slate to the Dahman slate will admit that he like most mortals is guilty of many sins of omission and sins of commission. But this does not justify wilful lying about him. Handbills have been circulated stating that during Mr. Butler's

eighteen years of public life he has never given employment to any colored men. A public speaker is alleged according to a newspaper report to have reiterated this statement. What are the facts? In 1918-1920, Mr. Butler was street commissioner. He employed Ole Jackson as foreman of a crew of four colored men on the street cleaning gang. He employed on the asphalt gang the following persons: Bob Fisher, George Wright, Tony Peak, Albert Peak, Albert Ennix, Rufus Brooks and J. D. Harrison. While in charge of the Municipal Coal yard, the following truck drivers were employed: George Brewer, T. Brewer, Jack Johnson, Tony Peak and Albert Peak. The Monitor believes in fair play.

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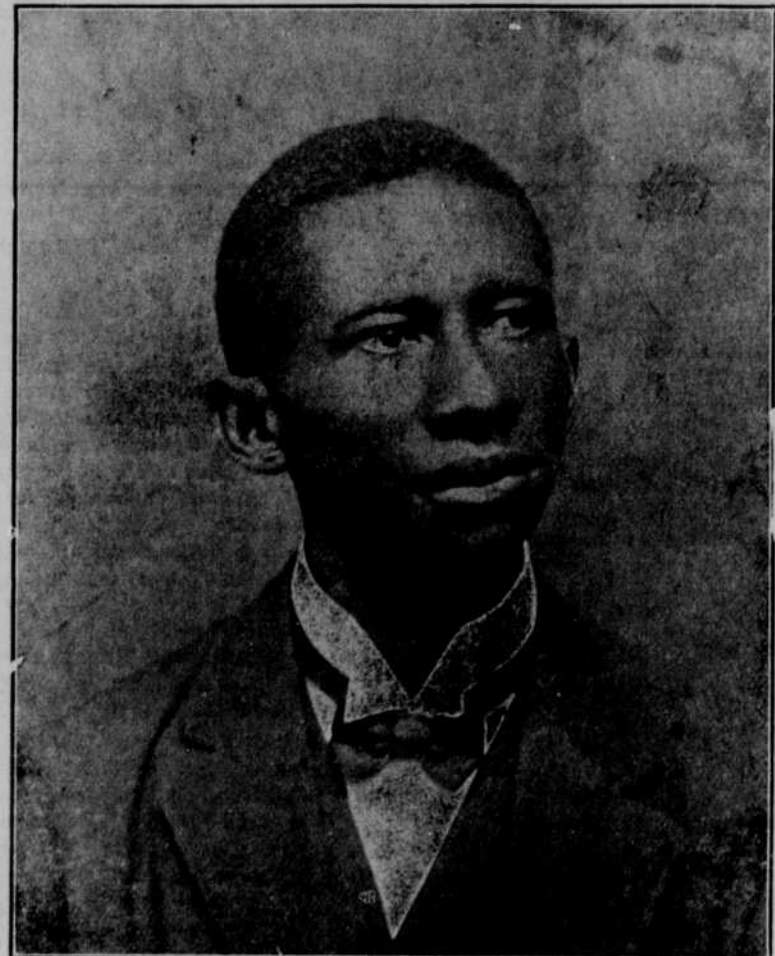
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## Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1898.

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, 25 Neb. page 677. N. W. 633."

"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, 22 Mich. 308; N. W. 712."