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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 friends,
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.

A PLAIN DUTY

A PLAIN duty lies before the 125,000 voters of our race in Indiana, who generally vote the Republican ticket and that is to vote against the Republican candidate for governor who is a member of the Ku Klux Klan and has the support of the Klan. There can be no compromise upon the part of our people anywhere with the Klan. The issue in Indiana is clear. It looks very much now as though the issue is to be clearly drawn nationally between Klan and anti-Klan. In many places the Republicans have become identified with Klan. It looks very much as though the Coolidge administration is favorable to the Klan. If this be so, then the vote of our race must be thrown unitedly against it. The Monitor hopes to be able to support Calvin Coolidge for the presidency, but if he has the backing of the Ku Klux Klan, we will be against him. Coolidge's nomination is conceded. His election, however, is entirely another question. Indiana, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania are pivotal states. In every one of these states our race holds the balance of power. Normally we are Republican; but we are anti-Klan. Any alliance between the Ku Klux Klan and the republican candidates means, as it deserves to mean, whole sale defection or alienation of the Negro vote. Whatever else may be in doubt our duty toward the Ku Klux Klan is plain and that is to fight it to the last ditch. If its power grows and it is not checked Klan propaganda means within the next five years Civil War in the United States. Hatred breeds war. The Klan propagates race and religious hatred and its fruitage in war. The Klan is unqualifiedly opposed to Negroes, Jews, Roman Catholics and the foreign-born

Will Consider Sale of Monitor

Will consider favorable proposal for purchase of The Monitor as I am seriously considering retiring from newspaper work, important though it is, and devoting my time entirely to my pastoral and parish work.

John Albert Williams
Box 1204, Omaha, Neb.

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.

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LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mrs. Belle Carriages died at her home last Sunday morning after a siege of sickness. She leaves a number of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. The funeral was held at the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. M. C. Knight will preach.

Mother Gant is confined at the home of her son, John, with sickness.

Mrs. R. W. Walker is reported to be seriously ill at their home on Peach street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe E. Williams Saturday, May 25, a baby boy. Mother and babe doing well.

Mrs. Laura Johnson, formerly of Lincoln, but now of Chicago, is visiting in the city.

The Utopian Art Club was nicely entertained by Mrs. Mary King at her home, 1447 Northside avenue, last Thursday night. Quite a few members attended.

A number of the men members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church has organized a Layman's Brotherhood, which promises to be quite a unit to the church. The brotherhood will give their first banquet next Thursday night, June 5, in basement of the church, which promises to be a swell affair. Can you afford to miss it?

Remember June 9th to 15th is the convening of the New Era Baptist Association, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. conventions at Mt. Zion Baptist church at Lincoln, Neb.

The Davis Women's Club met with Mrs. A. C. Stanley at the Blue Goose. Quite a number of women were present and business pertaining to the state federation was transacted.

Amaranth and Princess Haptipha chapters O. E. S. entertained the members and the Masonic fraternity Sunday afternoon at Masonic hall in honor of the Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Kate Wilson of Omaha. An impromptu program and light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Laura Johnson, P. Grd. Worthy Matron of Chicago was a pleasant surprise to her friends and relatives Sunday.

Regular services were conducted at the A. M. E. Church Sunday morning, when the P. E. J. T. Hicks arrived about noon. Sacramental services were conducted in the afternoon and evening.

Rev. Mr. Ross of Guthrie, Okla., and family is the minister at Newman M. E. Church in place of Rev. Mr. Brown.

Regular services were conducted by the pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Sunday, who preached good sermons. The attendance was fairly good.

MINISTERS' ALLIANCE

An enthusiastic meeting was held by the Alliance last Tuesday at the Y. W. C. A. A communication was read by the secretary, asking the Alliance to endorse an invitation asking for the 1925 session of the National Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congresses to be held in Omaha. This was granted unanimously. A second communication was read by the secretary, inviting the Ministers' Alliance to visit a movie entitled "New Deciple" struck fire and produced a most sanguine discussion. The Alliance voted adversely on this invitation. The Alliance voted to recess the latter part of July. The following were named as chairmen of committees: Rev. F. Divers, on Chautauqua for Young Peoples; Rev. O. J. Burkhardt on Vigilance and Rev. E. W. Cox on Exchange of Pulpits.

The Alliance has suddenly taken on new life and much good is expected to be accomplished in next two months.

J. D. CRUM, Secretary.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party was given Tuesday evening at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Redd, 6613 Railroad avenue, by a party of girls who make up a class taught by Mrs. Redd in the Sunday school at Allen Chapel. The Carter orchestra furnished the music. Her daughter Olive adroitly managed to allay her mother's suspicion that anything unusual was going on until the participants arrived. A delightful evening was spent in making merry with songs and speeches. Mrs. Redd was presented with a beautiful parasol by the class and others.

The scientists must be asleep if they have just discovered that the domination of man is on the wane and that in time women will be the ruling sex. Who rules now?

AK-SAR-BEN RUNNING RACES

MAY 31st to JUNE 24th

Omaha's big booster institution, Ak-Sar-Ben, is planning a running race program this spring—May 31st to June 24th—that will be second to none in the west. In fact, with the advent of this, Ak-Sar-Ben's fourth season of racing, the Omaha track is established as a meeting place for stables from the four corners of the United States, from Mexico and Canada.

Advance reservations indicate that most of the states in the Union will be represented at the races in Omaha. The track is becoming more and more popular with the public. The steel and concrete grandstand, which seats 10,000 people, is considered one of the finest amphitheatres in the country. The layout of the mile track and the arrangement of the grand stand are such that from any seat in the grand stand, every movement of the horses on the track can be seen.

Some of the finest stables in the country will contest for the handicap purses. Following are the big events and the days on which they will be run: The Speed Inaugural, May 31st; the Ak-Sar-Ben Queen's Plate, Wednesday, June 4th; the Ak-Sar-Ben King's Cup, Saturday, June 7th; the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Handicap, Saturday, June 14th; the Nebraska Handicap, Thursday, June 19th, and the Stock Yards Derby, Saturday, June 21st. There will be 21 days of racing, six or more races each day; purses total \$80,000.

CARD OF THANKS

We can not think of words suitable to express our sincere thanks, we take this means of extending the many friends who so kindly rendered their assistance through a period of illness and death of our beloved daughter and wife, Blanche. We would be pleased to give here an individual list of names, but it would require too much space.

H. K. HILLON,
MRS. H. K. HILLON,
ALONZO SIMMONS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB OF OMAHA

The purpose of the Colored Commercial Club is to co-operate in civic and commercial enterprises among the colored people of Omaha; to foster a better relation between the colored and white business houses.

The Colored Commercial Club is an organization that undertakes civic and commercial work on a large scale. Despite the fact that the club has been criticized very severely and unwarrantedly, it has striven to keep the ideals and principles for which it was organized foremost in mind. It has not allowed the criticisms to discourage but rather to maintain its purpose.

As illustration of practical accomplishments of the Club, it has placed one hundred and eighty colored persons in jobs in the past month, which to every fair minded person speaks for itself. Very often people come to the office with letters and papers from their respective homes indicating they are good citizens and worthy of good jobs. The Club has secured these people desirable homes, good jobs and assisted them in many ways that an individual regardless of his standing could not do. This is emphasized, because of the many activities of the Colored Commercial Club, this is one of the greatest.

It is the duty of the Colored Commercial Club to foster civic spirit as is true of many other clubs and organizations of business and social nature throughout the city. The Club is a meeting place for organizations of social uplift, a place where the colored business men can band together for the good of the race and Omaha at large. The Colored Commercial Club is the logical place to carry on this kind of work.

The officers of the Club are as follows: Nathaniel Hunter, president; R. L. Williams, commissioner; Dan Desdunes, treasurer.

The activities of the Club are carried on by committees consisting of from three to seven members. They are as follows:

- Legislation and Municipal Affairs—Rev. John Albert Williams, chairman.
- Publicity and Convention—H. J. Pinkett, chairman.
- Charities, Hospital and Public Health—Dr. R. C. Riddle, chairman.
- Boys Work—Chairman to be appointed.
- Membership—C. H. Spriggs, chairman.
- Entertainment, Music, Good Fellowship—Chairman to be appointed.
- Real Estate, Insurance, Housing—Dr. D. W. Gooden, chairman.
- Ways and Means—T. P. Mahammit, chairman.
- Retail Trade and New Business—A. P. Peoples, chairman.
- Finance—Rev. Russel Taylor.
- House Committee—H. W. Williams, chairman.

It will be seen that the purpose and aim of the C. C. C. is to unify racial efforts for advancement and uplift. The Club invites all who believe in such unification and co-operation to membership.

R. L. WILLIAMS, Commissioner.

The District of Columbia leads in the number of colored female composers any typesetters. Illinois ranks in second place, followed by Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York.

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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 a more private part of the house. Ferguson vs. Gies, 82 Mich. 358; N. W. 713."

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