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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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If there be some weaker one, Give me strength to help him on; If a blinder soul there be, Let me guide him nearer Thee. Make my mortal dreams come true, With the work I fain would do; Clothe with life the weak intent, Let me be the thing I meant; Let me find in Thy employ Peace that dearer is than joy; Out of self to love be led, And to heaven acclimated, Until all things sweet and good Seem my nature's habitude.

—John C. Whittier.

SEGREGATION

SEGREGATION means separating, setting aside or apart from others. It is a Latin derivative from SE, aside, and GREX or GREG, flock or herd. Its primary signification therefore is very plain, to set apart or herd together as sheep, oxen or cattle. The prime idea is that of group separation. Such separation is involuntary and is accomplished by external force. For example, a shepherd separates the goats from the sheep, or the sick sheep from the well or the lean from the fat. We are speaking now of the primary, root idea underlying the word segregation. It is quite necessary that we should understand this for the word as used in our American life in its application to and its effect upon our people it shows a distinct and decided reversal of type. This is explained by the social history of the term. The slave trade of which our race was the victim gave the Negro a status from which in the mind of the white people of this country we have never been emancipated. The slave was not a man, but a mere animal or chattel, the personal property of an owner, which he could set aside or sell or dispose of according to his interest or whim just as he might do with his sheep, oxen, cattle, hogs or any other animal. This idea of the status of the Negro, as an animal, a chattel, has become a fixed one in the mind of the average white American, colors his thought and unconsciously warps his judgment. This is an inheritance and has become a tradition for "this social attitude toward the people of color of these United States, entrenched and fortified by profit and privilege, persisted with legal sanction and religious justification for approximately half a thousand years."

NOT FUNDAMENTALLY HYPOCRITICAL

WE differ radically from many of our people who contend that white people, as a class, are congenitally, fundamentally and constitutionally untruthful, dishonest and hypocritical in their attitude toward and their dealings with colored folk. We do not think this is true because we believe in the inherent integrity and moral sense of humanity. We believe that fundamentally and at heart all men desire to be just and fair in their dealings with another. We believe that man's moral nature imposes this desire and duty upon him. We do not believe that white men desire to be unjust towards black or black towards white. That injustice abounds no one can deny. That the weaker is the victim of injustice at the hand of the stronger is unquestionably true; but that the dominant group, anywhere—and here it is the white folk—is consciously, willfully, wantonly, congenitally and constitutionally untruthful, unfair and hypocritical in its dealing with the subordinate group we do not hold to be true. Unfairness there is and much of it, but it is traceable to false

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
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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.

education and faulty thinking. That prejudice, whether racial or religious, which is the parent of injustice, is not congenital or inherent is shown by its absence in the case of little children. They are absolutely void of it. They know nothing of prejudice until taught by their elders. Doesn't this throw a flood of light upon the Divine Master's words, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven?" Because of unfairness upon the part of individuals and manifest hypocrisy, dishonesty, and deceit upon the part of many, let us not lose faith in the inherent goodness and sense of justice of humanity nor become cynical or bitter! "We have more friends than foes among the Anglo-Saxon race."

DEPRAVITY

IT is almost inconceivable to believe that youths who have been given every educational advantage that wealth can procure could be so depraved and lacking in moral sense as to deliberately murder a fourteen year old boy simply "in the spirit of adventure" and "to have a thrill." These youths, be it noted, belong to "the superior race." How much more horrible this depravity would be considered had these hapless degenerates possessed black skins instead of white.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mr. Aaron Shackelford graduates from the state university pharmacy course this season. The Kappa Alpha Psi gave a banquet in his honor Monday night.

Mrs. Minnie Walker, aged 40 years, wife of H. W. Walker, passed away at the hospital last Friday, after an operation for cancer was performed on her with hopes of saving her life, but it proved fruitless. She leaves as survivors the husband, two small children, one sister of Denver, Colo., several sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws and friends. Mrs. Walker had been sick for quite a long time. The funeral was held in Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church Sunday at 3 P. M. Rev. M. C. Knight preached. A large crowd of relatives and friends paid last respects to the deceased. Out-of-town relatives were: Mrs. Eva Kimons, Muskogee, Okla.; Mrs. E. D. Walker, Mrs. Oliver Akers, Horton, Kans., and Mr. A. T. Walker, St. Joseph, Mo. The husband and relatives have our sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

E. J. Griffin has been confined to his home with illness.

Mrs. Rosa Adair and Mr. Wm. Scott are reported ill.

Mr. Chas. Scott was up from Beatrice last week and was raised to a Master Mason's degree in Lebanon Lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M., last Tuesday night. Grand lecturer, P. A. Booth of Hastings, made his annual visit and gave the craft a most excellent lecture. He also congratulated Lebanon on their fine work as Master Masons of Nebraska and its jurisdiction. A fine luncheon was partaken of, and impromptu addresses were listened to from G. M. R. H. Young, Grand Lecturer P. A. Booth and others. Master Masons, take notice! Election of officers next Tuesday night.

Services at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday were enjoyed in praise and covenant in the forenoon; a fine sermon by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Botts, at night, and sacrament was partaken of by quite a crowd of members. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were fairly attended.

To all Baptist churches and missions of Nebraska: The New Era Baptist association and its auxiliaries convene in Mt. Zion Baptist church, Lincoln, Neb., next Monday, June 9-15, at 9 a. m. H. W. Botts, pastor.

The L. L. Kensington Club entertained themselves Thursday with a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. White. The members each brought their favorite dish of food and it proved to be a highly enjoyable meeting. The hostess serving the desert. The new work of bead making was taken up by the club under the supervision of the art instructor, Mrs. C. C. Chrisman. Next meeting with Mrs. Dean, when Mrs. Sara Walker will address the club describing her recent eastern trip.

The vocational school for children will open at Quinn Chapel Monday, June 9, at 9 o'clock in the morning. Every enterprising parent should send their children to this school. A pageant will be presented by the children attending the school at the close on July 26.

The Minnehaha Camp Fire Girls are planning to camp at Crete in their cabin "Unesda Rest". We are grateful to Lincolnites for making this trip possible.

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Miss Dorothy spent the week end in Beatrice attending the graduation of Miss Casmon from the Beatrice high school.

The spring party given by Mr. Harold Jones was a most delightful affair. The music was all to be desired, the beautiful costumes and unusual number of young people made an enjoyable evening.

Misses Frances Hill, Cleopatra Ross, Anita Miller and Helen Nichols are graduating from high school. We congratulate them.

Mr. Thomas Watts was in the city enroute to his home in Fremont from a visit to Fort Scott, Kan.

Ether Day services were observed at Quinn Chapel Sunday night by Order of Eastern Star. Rev. M. C. Knight giving an inspiring address on Esther.

DIPLOMAT FROM EGYPT ADMIRES YANKEE WOMEN

Not Surpassed Anywhere, He Says, but in His Heart He is Lover of Open.

Washington.—A man from the desert has forsaken the great barren spaces for the whirl of Washington social and diplomatic life.

But for A. M. Hassanein Bey, first secretary of the Egyptian legation, the moonlight nights, sandstorms and hardships of the desert are more attractive than the elaborate ballrooms and colorful receptions which are inseparable adjuncts to diplomatic life in America.

Hassanein Bey is one of Egypt's favorite sons. While only in his thirty-fourth year, he has won distinction as a soldier, athlete, adventurer, scholar and horseman. He is a true Egyptian and his love for the desert and for his people is profound.

If you were to meet Hassanein you would see a young man of medium height, slender and wiry of body. A neat black mustache, a pair of piercing jet eyes and a head of neatly groomed, coal-black hair give his lean, olive-complexioned face the stamp of oriental romance.

His four years at Oxford university are reflected in his speech. His English is as nearly perfect as his native language. He is now writing a book in the English language of his adventures in trekking across more than 5,000 miles of desert waste.

Hassanein is the best swordsman in Egypt. Each day you may find him practicing with his instructor at the Racquet club, preparing himself for competition in the Olympic games.

Aside from this, his skill with his hands, keen sight and speed make him a feared opponent with boxing gloves. He is fond of boxing and played hockey while in England.

He loves horses—but best of all his Baraka, a chestnut horse, which he considers the best in his native land for desert travel.

Most of all he loves adventure. "It's more or less inherent in every one of us."

"I am favorably impressed with America and her people," he said. "I admire American women. They are very energetic and seem much interested in community work. I don't think they are surpassed anywhere."

Discoverer of the First Vitamine Ever Crystallized



Dr. Walter H. Eddy, who discovered the first vitamine that has ever been crystallized as an individual compound. Asked if this means capsule food, he said, "I hope not, for it will take the joy out of life." Vitamines were never seen, but their absence was known to be the cause of scurvy, beri-beri and many other pernicious diseases.

Finds a \$500 Diamond in a \$2.04 Chicken

Gloversville, N. Y.—John Antillo, a local barber, made a profit of \$497.96 through the purchase of a chicken for \$2.04—and his deal was perfectly legitimate. He purchased the chicken at a market and, while cleaning the crop, cut rolled a diamond estimated to be worth \$500. The "home town" of the chicken is not known, it having arrived alive as part of a shipment from various parts of the state.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

O. J. Burckhardt, Pastor.
Quarterly meeting will be held Sunday. Presiding Elder Hicks will preach the sacramental sermon at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Last Sunday night the Rev. Dr. Smoot of Birmingham, Ala., preached an excellent sermon.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

Next Sunday being Whit-Sunday or the Feast of Pentecost, a high festival of the Church, there will be appropriate services. Holy communion 7:30 a. m.; sung eucharist with sermon at 11; evensong and sermon at 8 o'clock. Church school or Sunday school at 10 a. m.

John Jr. and Harold Adams, students at the Nebraska State University, are home for the summer vacation.

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. Pinkert, 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. Mahammitt, chairman. Retail Trade and New Business—A. F. 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.

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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 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. 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. 718."