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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;
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. Whitier.

NOT DISCOURAGED

THERE is decided disappointment that Superintendent Beverage, who has been given chief authority in the recommendation of teachers, failed to recommend the appointment of the two well-qualified applicants of our race for positions in the public schools. The two applicants are Mrs. Grace M. Hutten, an experienced teacher of several years' standing and Miss Dorothy E. Williams, who graduated last year from the Primary-Kindergarten Department of the University of Omaha, receiving her first-class teachers certificate from the state and this year received her A. B. from the university. The applicants are admittedly qualified. That as taxpayers and citizens we are entitled to recognition on the teaching corps of over 1,400 any fair-minded person will admit. Other cities from Maine to California where they have mixed schools give employment to qualified teachers of color in these schools and they are making good. Omaha has had them and they made good. Is the citizenry of Omaha less progressive, less fair-minded and just than Boston, New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and other cities that can be named? What retroactive force is at work here which has changed conditions since the days of Superintendents Marble, Purce and Davidson? Is the Board of Education composed of narrower-minded men and of lower ideals of justice and fairness than in former days? Where is the trouble? Let there be no passing of the buck, when a real issue is at the bar. The cause is not yet lost. There is still time for favorable action. We are not asking for colored teachers to teach colored pupils, as erroneously stated in the daily press as quoting the chairman of the teachers committee, but for the appointment of teachers to teach any pupils that may fall to their lot. We are simply asking for the appointment of our young women who meet the qualifications upon the same basis as others. Our request is fair and reasonable and we are going to win ultimately. We are not discouraged or dismayed. The issue must be met. We will win because our cause is just.

STANDS FOR A SYSTEM

THE MONITOR welcomes communications from our readers on subjects of interest. We wish that the department of this publication, "Letters from Our Readers" were more generally used than it is. We are, therefore, glad that our editorial of last week, captioned "Segregation" has elicited a letter which we gladly give place in this issue. Our correspond-

ent does not agree with our viewpoint. His letter implies that he favors segregation, inasmuch as he rhetorically asks, "are there not grounds for believing that its (segregation's) advantages from a practical standpoint are greater than the theoretical disadvantages?" Evidently he believes that there are "practical advantages" which overbalance and compensate for the "theoretical disadvantages" of the system, and it must be borne in mind that the word "SEGREGATION" definitely understood and specifically and technically applied in the United States stands for a SYSTEM, which enforces by sentiment, practice, custom, understanding, agreement, coercion, law, the separation of one group of people from another upon the basis of their undesirability of association with or proximity to the presumed superior group or class. It is in this sense, specific and well-defined, that the word is used.

The intransitive sense of the verb from which it comes is pushed into the background by popular usage. Usage of words and terminology determine their meaning. We did not, therefore, err in our usage. Voluntary association, which is regulated by social instinct and the law of racial attraction is one thing; segregation, or involuntary herding is quite another. Of course the Negro is not the only group who is segregated. There are other "undesirables" like the Jews and various foreigners who cannot buy property or reside in certain sections of American cities. But that does not make it right. Our contention is that segregation, which stands for a definite thing in the United States, on the sole or primary ground of race, creed or color is contrary to the genius, letter and spirit of the Constitution of the United States and a virtual denial of one's manhood rights and citizenship. Can any temporary advantage, pecuniary or other, compensate any individual or group for this denial of these constitutional rights? Some of our people think so. Evidently our correspondent is of this opinion. We are not. May we also remind our correspondent that Francis J. Grimke is a product of Harvard and Dr. Alexander of Oxford university, England, where being treated and trained as men they were prepared for the leadership which they exercised and the influence which they exerted.

"UNITED WE STAND"

OF COURSE you have heard of the practical demonstration of the strength of unity given by an old Indian chieftain to his sons whom he desired to teach an important and needed lesson. He handed each of his sons a small dry twig and told them to break them. The twigs snapped like pipe stems under very slight pressure. He then gathered several of the same kind of twigs into a bundle and handed this bundle of twigs to each one in succession and bade him use his strength to break them. Each tried in vain but could not break the bundle of twigs. He then told two to try their strength in breaking the bundle of twigs but even then they could not break them. "Single twigs you see are weak, my children, and can easily be broken; bound into a bundle they are strong and cannot be broken."

The lesson was well learned. And this is the lesson, we as a people, need to learn. United, intelligent action upon our part in almost any community can secure anything within reason and

justice we desire. United support of worth-while business ventures among our people will rapidly develop economic independence. America's motto should be our motto and slogan: "United we stand." Division means weakness. Union means strength. "Single twigs are weak and can easily be broken, but bound into a bundle they are strong and cannot be broken."

"IN CASE OF WAR WITH JAPAN"

SAID a thoughtful young man to us recently, "In case of a war with Japan wouldn't it cause confusion and consternation if our people took it into their heads to side with Japan?" Of course it would; but there is not much likelihood of our people doing such a thing in an eventuality of this kind. The chance remark shows how some people are thinking.

BEING PLEASANT AND COURTEOUS

THERE are a good many grouchy people in the world. Some are constitutionally so. They are to be pitied. What the world needs is more of human sunniness and kindness. One of the best health tonics is pleasantness and courtesy. Strive to be good-natured, sunny-tempered, pleasant and courteous and you will enjoy living.

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Letters From Our Readers

Short, timely letters are invited. We prefer that writers sign their names, but in all cases letters signed with a nom de plume or as "Reader," "Subscriber," etc., must be accompanied by the name and address of the author for the editor's information.

Segregation Not Always Compulsory Nor With Sinister Motives.

Editor Monitor: In your editorial in last week's issue on "Segregation" you did not maintain your usual spirit of breadth and fairness of view. Perhaps lack of time and space are accountable causes. Inasmuch as some very pertinent things may be said contrary to your position I beg space to continue the discussion from another angle that all possible light may be shed on this mooted and vital question.

In the first place the verb "segregate" is both transitive and intransitive. You, in common with the usual custom, have considered it transitive only. A person or group or "herd" that separates from others voluntarily is as truly "segregated" as is a person, group or "herd" that is so separated by force or compulsion.

The earliest case of enforced segregation known to history was at the tower of Bebel and under the command of Jehovah. From that day to the present the peoples of the world have lived in groups bound by certain common ties. When the Church was in its infancy we find the Greek Christians complaining because the Hebrew deacons discriminated against them in the distribution of the charities with the result that Greek deacons were chosen to administer the charities to the Greek Christian.

It seems to be according to the Divine plan that these groups should exist. For the Apostle Paul in the memorable address on Mar's Hill after declaring that God had created all men of one blood, follows up by the declaration that He has determined their times and places.

But I soar too high. Let's get back to earth and commonplace affairs. Let us look the facts squarely in the face.

Singularly, of all the racial groups in America, ours is the one howling most incessantly about segregation. As a matter of fact, the Indian is the only nationally segregated race in America. To him alone has the government of the United States said on this spot of ground you and thy kindred shall ever dwell. True, a few states have declared by way of legislation that in the use of certain public utilities the Negro be segregated. Whatever else remains in the nature of segregation comes for the most part on social grounds and this is common to all people. Even among us are our "Blue Veins" and "Four Hundred." The fact that some schools, perhaps the most of them, are inferior in equipment and efficiency should not be charged entirely to segregation. Most Negro schools are in rural districts and all rural schools suffer in comparison to city schools. When we think of Fisk, Howard, Lincoln, Wilberforce, when we consider the splendid work of the public schools in St. Louis, Kansas City, Atlantic City, etc., we discredit our race when we declare them to be inferior in any sense of the word. When

we think of the influence of a Francis Grimke, Alexander Crummell, Dr. Bowen and a host of others who have come to their eminence through the fact of segregation, are there not grounds for believing that its advantages from a practical standpoint are greater than the theoretical disadvantages?

RUSSELL TAYLOR.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Fred Divers, Pastor.

Future vision is what we hopefully build our civilization on. Our yesterday's task may not have been as wonderfully achieved as to merit the hosannas of the grand stand, but where the program is for good, some good is achieved.

Increase in attendance each Sabbath is what we are pleased to note. Adult's Bible class has now found its development. The campaign for members will close June 22. The delegates chosen to attend Sunday school convention in June will put forth a special effort to help raise their expenses Wednesday, June 18th, in the form of a Japanese social. All members are asked to give what assistance they can to the young people.

Sunday afternoon is our third quarter. The public is invited to worship with us as this is probably our last Sunday quarterly meeting before conference. The presiding elder will preach for us morning and night. Rev. E. W. C. Cox, D. D., and his choir will be with us in the afternoon at three o'clock.

COOLIDGE SPEAKS AT HOWARD

(By Associated Negro Press)

Washington, D. C., June 13.—"Racial hostility, ancient tradition and social prejudice are not to be eliminated immediately or easily, but they will be lessened as the colored people by their own efforts and under their own leaders shall prove worthy of the fullest measure of opportunity," declared President Coolidge in making the commencement address at Howard University Friday.

The President, in bringing his message to one of the largest graduating classes in the history of the university, referred to the unique and marvelous position of the Negro among the peoples of the world, pointing out that in the sixty-year period since slavery the Negro, as a race, had shot forward with lightning speed in the march of progress, a feat rendered remarkable in comparison with the general slow and painful progress of humanity.

Slavery, according to Mr. Coolidge, while wrong as a system, was probably a boon to the Negroes of the world, in that it brought a portion of them into contact with the more advanced peoples of the world and created an interest in Negroes to awake and get into line with moving, spirited people. Africa would now be scarcely seeing the light if it has not been for that great period of trial through which the Negroes of America went, he declared.

Negroes have now progressed to the point where they should realize the necessity of self-help and the more advanced members should work strenuously to bring up the straggling rear to the end that Negro communities in America may become stronger and stronger, Mr. Coolidge asserted in closing his speech.

TEXAS COLLEGE GIVEN STATE RECOGNITION

Tyler, Texas, June 13, 1924.—Just as the most brilliant commencement exercises in the history of Texas College were in progress there came a telegram from the Department of Education stating that the institution has been put on the accredited list of schools. When this information was announced by President W. R. Banks the vast audience of friends and students went wild with enthusiasm and cheers. It has been, indeed, a task before the institution to meet the qualifications outlined by the Department of Education. Now that those who finish here are entitled to a state certificate, already there is every indication of an unprecedented enrollment.

At the spring meeting of the General Education Board of New York City \$20,000.00 were appropriated for the \$100,000.00 administration hall now under construction, on condition that the school raises a similar sum. The trustees and friends throughout the state of Texas are determined to use every means in securing money enough to make the appropriation available at once.

Texas College has just closed the most successful school term in its history. The summer school and normal opened Monday with a splendid enrollment.

PEPPER POT CLUB

The Pepper Pot Club met Tuesday, June 10th, at the residence of Mrs. Lavinia Rose, 1303 North Fifteenth avenue. Brief important business matters were discussed. Everyone enjoyed a delightful time during the social hour. Refreshments were served by Mr. Charley Howard, assisted by his aunt, Mrs. Rose. The Sunday morning breakfast which was to have been held June 8th was postponed. Club members and friends were entertained in the afternoon at the residence of Miss Ida May Jackson, 2735 Caldwell street. Covers were laid for eighteen. Appetizing menu was prepared and served by a committee of girls. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 17th, with Mr. Owen Speise, 1923 North Twenty-seventh street.

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Sunday marked the third quarterly meeting.

Presiding Elder Hicks preached two excellent sermons at the morning and evening services and at 3 p. m. Rev. W. C. Williams preached from Jno. 14-1. "Let not your heart be troubled."

The visiting ministers present were: Rev. W. C. Williams, F. Divers, R. E. Ewing, Streeter, Majors, Gross, Harris, Alexander.

Sunday will be Children's Day. A great program will be given by the children.

Mr. Clay is still confined to his home. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kinney united with us Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Simm from Muskogee, Ok.

WHY "ART" LARSEN SMILES

Arthur Raymond Larsen, Jr., is the name of a very valuable addition to the large and happy family of the Waters-Barnhart Printery. His father is the Gordon pressman. "The finest boy that ever was" came to glad- den the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Larsen June 2nd and Art has the smile that won't come off.

U. S. Annuls Citizenship Granted by Confederacy

New Orleans.—After residing in New Orleans virtually all his life, believing himself to be an American and exercising a citizen's suffrage, William D. Seymour has learned in Federal court that he is a British subject.

Seymour was born in Mexico of British parentage and his father was naturalized by the Confederacy during the Civil war.

The discovery that he was a British subject was made when Seymour attempted to obtain a passport to visit Europe. It was denied by the State department on the ground that he could not prove his American citizenship. At the same time it was held that rights granted by the Confederacy were not legal.

Songs of Nightingales Heard on English Radio

London.—Thousands of persons who had never listened to the notes of a nightingale heard the songs of these shy little birds broadcast from the Glynths of a Surrey wood late one night. These birds were tempted to sing at the right moment by notes sounded on a cello by a musician seated in the wood, it having been found that they respond to musical tones resembling those with which they habitually begin their songs. A sensitive microphone and amplifier were used to transmit the notes to the London broadcasting station.

Sacramento, Cal.—Entrance to the Y. M. C. A. building was blocked for more than an hour recently when a swarm of bees congregated on the awning over the doorway. The bees held the fort until an unidentified man, armed with a torch and necessary equipment, induced the queen bee to take up quarters in a hive. The rest of the subjects followed the queen.

Penny in Her Throat

Escanaba, Mich.—A specialist removed a penny from the throat of Mildred, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Windham Winkle. The coin had been lodged in the child's throat for nearly five days.

THE HARMONY FOUR PLEASE

The Harmony Four appeared in a recital at Bethel A. M. E. church Thursday, June 12, before a very pleasing audience. Special solo work was rendered by Mrs. V. Parker, Mr. John Griffin and Mr. H. L. Preston, Miss Otis Watson accompanying. Mr. Geo. Griffin and Mr. H. Sherwood, who are the two other members of the quartet, were given special mention for their effective voices. It is being planned to take the group to one of the leading white churches of Council Bluffs in the near future.

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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 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. 718."

BIG CARNIVAL

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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.

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