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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.

CANDIDATES OF OUR RACE

AN IMPORTANT local matter in which all our people are vitally interested is the election of a candidate to the School Board and to the State Legislature. Rev. John Albert Williams is being actively and enthusiastically supported for the School Board. Not only are our own people interested in his election but several influential white friends have given assurance of their support. All express confidence that he can and will be elected. F. L. Barnett is a candidate from the Tenth Legislative District which is a strong Republican District with a large colored population. His election, therefore, seems assured. Mr. Barnett is voted for only in his district. Candidates for the School Board are voted for in every part of the city. This means that friends and supporters of Rev. John Albert Williams must be on the alert and active in every ward and voting district in the city. A united vote will put our candidates over the top.

OUR VOICE IS STILL FOR ADAM McMULLEN

THE MONITOR was one of the first newspapers in the state to urge and support the candidacy of the Hon. Adam McMullen of Beatrice for Governor of Nebraska. We have never had any reason to waver in our support of him. We believe that he will prove himself a governor of whom all citizens of the state will be proud. We can expect from him an economical and businesslike administration such as the state requires and the times demand and a square deal for all citizens. We predict the election of Adam McMullen, republican nominee for governor, by a large majority, towards which the colored voters will have contributed several thousand.

GREENLEAF FOR ASSESSOR

THE MONITOR commends Sam K. Greenleaf for the position of County Assessor, an important office for which he is well qualified. We have

known him personally for thirty years—fourteen of which he was our neighbor. His election will assure taxpayers a thoroughly competent man and his relationship with our people has always been on the square. Vote for Greenleaf!

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

ROBERT SMITH has rendered the citizens and taxpayers of this County excellent service as Clerk of the District Court for several years. That's why they have kept him on the job. He has made good absolutely. In the admirable administration of his office he has won the right to the re-election which he seeks. As an additional claim to our support he gives employment to a colored clerk in his office. John G. Pegg is the present employee, he having succeeded Worthington Williams, who resigned to enter the University of Minnesota. Others who have been employed at different times by Mr. Smith since he has held the office are Rufus C. Long and Miss Myrtle Cloud. Vote for Robert Smith for Clerk of the District Court!

SECRETARY OF STATE

CHARLES W. POOL has served the people of Nebraska as Secretary of State for two successive terms. He filled the same office acceptably a few years ago. He is one of the few democrats whom this good old Republican state has repeatedly chosen to an important state office even when the rest of his ticket went down in defeat. This speaks volumes for the character and ability of "Charley" Pool. The Monitor is supporting Charles W. Pool, candidate on the Democrat-Progressive Ticket for Secretary of State and heartily commends him to the favorable consideration of our people.

One of the ablest and best judges on the District bench is A. C. Troup. Be sure to vote for him.

Vote "YES" on the Branch Library Bond Issue.

OUR DUTY IS CLEAR

THE CLOSING HOURS of the most important political campaign in sixty years are upon us. It is important and momentous because of the issues at stake. Hysteria prevails throughout the world and the United States is suffering with this malady. There is a desire for change. There is seething unrest. This restlessness and desire for change, if it meant simply change for the better, which is really what we all wish to have, are not to be condemned. They are symptoms of growth. But there is a growth which makes for strength and a growth that makes for weakness. There is a healthy growth and an unhealthy growth. Many are the indications that the growing pains of the nation felt at this time indicate a growth into weakness and not into strength. And that is why it behooves us to carefully consider how we shall vote in this election, which is, without question, the most important and significant one since the Reconstruction period which followed the Civil War. Great issues center around three strong and magnetic personalities. In admiration for these men their adherents are likely to overlook the fact that they are called upon to decide upon BASIC PRINCIPLES which strike at the root of the nation's political and economic life. PRINCIPLES not PERSONALITIES should determine our vote. A fair and candid consideration of the issues involved and the principles at stake in the present election, the present crisis, clearly shows that the progress, prosperity and the welfare of the nation rests with the Republican Party under the leadership of Calvin Coolidge. Why do we say this? Because of the fact that this party stands upon and for the Constitution of the United States, which is the chief issue at stake at this time and that is fundamental and vital. The Constitution, as it is, fairly and honestly interpreted and applied, means the happiness, prosperity and wellbeing of every citizen. What the people need to demand is not tampering with, amending, modifying or nullifying the Constitution, which La Follette advocates, and the party of Davis practices—but the enforcement of its provisions. Coolidge and the Republican Party stand squarely upon the Constitution. Shall the Constitution stand? This is the supreme question for us to decide in this election. There are other important issues, but this overshadows all. Shall the Constitution stand? La Follette and Davis who have formed an alliance say "No". Coolidge says "Yes". Our safety and welfare rest under the Constitution and the protection of the Supreme Court. Knowing this our duty is plain. On November 4 as loyal and patriotic Americans we will go to the polls and vote for Calvin Coolidge.

WHY NOT LA FOLLETTE?

BECAUSE of the record of the democratic party as it affects our people but comparatively few colored Americans will be induced to vote DIRECTLY for Davis. A large number, however, are disposed to vote for him INDIRECTLY by supporting La Follette. None can consistently do this when he understands the dangerous principles which the brilliant Wisconsin senator advocates. We shall select but two of these vicious principles. In fact his planks fall into

two distinct categories, political and economic, both having as their objective, wresting of power from the favored few and placing it with all the people. Admittedly worthy objectives supported by the Constitution. But how does he propose to accomplish this? By the destruction of those very agencies and safeguards of government: which alone make what he says he desires possible. He would sit on a limb of a tree and saw it off between himself and its supporting trunk. The Federal Courts which protect the rights of the people and guarantee them the privilege of exercising the franchise he would make purely subservient to the will and whim of the people. He would have Federal Judges elected for limited terms by the people making them largely political pawns. Judges should be freed as far as possible from the exigencies of politics. This we approximate in the appointment of Federal Judges by the President with the consent of the senate. This removes them very largely, if not entirely, from the popular opinions and currents which would tend to color their decisions. The protection of the Negro, as of others, lies in the Federal Courts. State and municipal courts may be and have been prejudiced against him, but in the Federal Courts his rights have been protected. Recall the Elaine cases in Arkansas and other recent important decisions. And why the demand for a Federal anti-lynching law? Because of the justifiable belief that the Federal Court will not be governed by local sentiment. La Follette would change the present tenure of the Federal Judiciary. Then, too, and note how vital this is, he would have Congress empowered to override what he misleadingly calls "the veto power of the Supreme Court". The Supreme Court vetoes nothing. It sets aside acts of Congress and enactments of lower courts when they are found incompatible with and in violation of the Constitution. We need such a judicial system which protects the rights of the lowest as it does those of the highest and because in these two fundamental principals, La Follette strikes at the vitals of the nation and robs the common people of the protection they sorely need fully answers the question "Why Not La Follette?" Our people should not be misled. A crisis is here. Vital principles are at stake. These touch us closely. We cannot be indifferent. We cannot follow La Follette.

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.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Elect Williams and Barnett

EDITOR MONITOR: Permit me space in your valuable publication to say a few words concerning the candidacy of Father John Albert Williams for the School Board and F. L. Barnett for the State Legislature.

All right-thinking Negroes and white people, too, and from my long residence here and wide business acquaintance I know Omaha has lots and lots of fairminded white people—will admit that our people are entitled to representation both on the School Board and in the Legislature.

In inducing Father Williams to run for the School Board, the Negroes of Omaha have done a wise thing. We have selected the right man. His character, ability, long residence and wide acquaintance as well as the deep interest he has always taken in our children and in civic matters fits him for the job. As a taxpayer and father with children in school I want to see Father Williams on the School Board.

F. L. Barnett whom I have known for thirty-five years will do good service in the Legislature. He is a property owner and taxpayer and can be depended upon to do good service.

Let us elect these two candidates—Williams for the School Board and Barnett for the Legislature.

S. H. DORSEY,
2643 Parker St.

HEART TO HEART TALK TO MY NEGRO NEIGHBORS

By REV. ALBERT KUHN, Pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Corner North 20th Street and Willis Avenue.

I have been urged to run as a candidate for the ninth district, as state representative.

I believe in folks casting their votes intelligently and so I am going to tell the voters of the district, just where I stand.

FIRST—I believe there are fine and capable men in every party, and if I am elected, I shall work together for good with all real patriots no matter on what ticket they ran. It is not the party label one wears that counts, but the man underneath the label.

SECOND—I shall represent a district made up mostly of working people, colored and white, Protestant, Jewish and Catholic. I shall have my eye especially on legislation that affects the common people. I shall fight for their rights.

THIRD—I shall propose a law which demands that shops and stores must pay as a minimum a fair living

wage to our women and girls over sixteen, like some other states have. It is not fair that some girls work just for their powder and rouge and hats and thus cut down the wages for women and girls who have to make their living by their hands.

FOURTH—I shall propose a revision of the criminal laws. As it is now the little thief gets hit with a club and the big crook is touched with a feather duster. I am for a better regulation of the pardon system.

FIFTH—I shall propose a law which shall do away with Sunday labor in shops except in cases of public necessity and which forces factories where Sunday work is necessary to so arrange their shifts that the men get one day of seven free. We have altogether too much seven-day-a-week-slavery.

SIXTH—I shall propose a law which will make it possible for children to get religious instruction in the week without violating in any way the fullest liberty of religion. A nation without godliness will go to the rocks.

SEVENTH—I shall demand that the Negroes shall get their fair share of the employment which the state administration has to furnish; by this I mean that if the Negro population amounts to five per cent of the whole state population, five per cent of the workers for the state should be Negroes. There are plenty of intelligent Negroes that are as efficient and as dependable as any white man. We should not only preach but practice equality before the law.

If you are with me on this platform I shall appreciate your vote regardless to what party you belong.

I am personally a booster for La Follette and make no beans about it; I have admired him for years for his honesty, his gameness and his proven sympathy for the common people. I believe that the rich can take care of themselves; they control everything else; they have controlled the government for their own profit; turn about is fair play.

But in state politics I wear no man's collar and shall put together with any good republican or democrat.

I don't believe in party hate and party prejudice, but in mutual confidence, forbearance and co-operation. My district includes the territory from Thirtieth street to the river and from about Charles north to Lake and in some parts to Spencer.—Adv.

HOW A JUDGE HELPED TWO WAYWARD GIRLS

By Rev. John Albert Williams.

Some years ago when Judge A. L. Sutton was on the District bench he telephoned the writer to come to his office which I did.

He told me why he had sent for me. Two young colored women who had begun a life of shame had been convicted in his court for larceny from the person from a man who consorted with that kind of women. It was a penitentiary offense.

Judge Sutton said, "I don't want to send these women to the penitentiary, if I can help it. Courts are to help reform people, and I may be mistaken but I believe these women can be saved to society. They are not hardened cases. One of them is a mere kid, she looks like she's about fourteen, but claims she is eighteen. She's just started out. The other woman is older. I want you to see them and talk with them. If you think, as I do, that we can help them, I would like you to find among your people two homes in which they can stop temporarily until they find work and I'll suspend their sentence and parole them to you. Are you willing to do this?"

I replied in the affirmative and went to the jail to see them. Police Matron Gibbons spoke quite highly of them as "good girls, started wrong". I was favorably impressed. I went to see Leon Smallwood, who was a messenger at the Omaha National bank and lived in Benson. I told him of Judge Sutton's proposition. His eyes moistened as he said:

"Father Williams, if a white judge can take that much interest in trying to save some of our girls, God knows some of us ought to help. I'll talk the matter over with Minnie (his wife) and see if we can't take one of them into our home."

The result was this: Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood took "the kid" into their home and the older woman came to my home, where she remained a few days until she got a service place, where she worked for several months. The younger girl found work, too. Subsequently she returned to her home in an adjoining state, where she married, has a family and is getting on nicely. The older woman was keeping straight the last I heard of her which was some years ago.

I think Judge Sutton rendered good service to society by the interest he took in these two wayward girls, don't you?

MEHARRY MEDICAL SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE HERE

Dr. J. E. Holman, official endowment solicitor of Meharry Medical School, Nashville, Tenn., is here in the interests of that institution. He will speak at St. John's A. M. E. Church Sunday morning and at Zion Baptist Church Sunday night. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock he will address the N. A. A. C. P. at the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A., which will be in the nature of a memorial for Dr. Hubbard, the founder of Meharry.



James T. English
DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE
Public Defender
Election November 4, 1924
Son of Late Judge James P. English



Jas. M. Fitzgerald
Asks Your Vote for
Re-Election as
DISTRICT JUDGE
Election November 4th



Vote for
Judge Chas. Foster
FOR
District Judge
The office is non-political under the law, and as District Judge, I promise to fill it without regard to partisanship, race, creed or color.



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All Ages, All Races, All Religious Creeds attend the Omaha Public Schools. School Board Members must be wise, honest, prudent and tolerant. Theirs is a BIG job.

Ask for a "School Board Ballot"
Vote for---
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And Add One More Good Name for the Sixth Place



ABRAHAM L. SUTTON
for
District Judge
Served as your District Judge for more than ten years
Douglas, Washington and Burt Counties
Election November 4, 1924

Colored Vote for CALVIN COOLIDGE

Calvin Coolidge as president and as a public official before he became president, has treated the Negro with exact and unprejudiced justice that has won for him the general support of the colored race in the present campaign. His policy has been that of the Republican party which was founded, in part, upon the principle of freedom and equality of opportunity for the Negro. In his appointments to various offices the president has recognized Negroes qualified for various positions of trust, from the high post of minister to Liberia, and responsible positions as assistants to the attorney general, down to various postal and veteran's bureau places. A few weeks ago, in rejecting a suggestion that he should endeavor to prevent a Negro becoming a candidate for the republican nomination for Congress

in one of the New York districts, President Coolidge wrote: "The suggestion of denying any measure of their full political rights to such a great group of our population as the colored people is one which, however it might be received in some other quarters, could not possibly be permitted by one who feels a responsibility for living up to the traditions and maintaining the principles of the republican party. "A colored man is precisely as much entitled to submit his candidacy in a party primary, as is any other citizen." President Coolidge appointed an all-Negro commission to visit the Virgin Islands, the newly acquired possession of the United States in the West Indies, inhabited by Negroes. The appointment of an all-Negro commission of this importance is unprecedented in the history of the United States.

MAKE SURE--VOTE THE STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN TICKET