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ARTICLE XIV, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

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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.

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

THE people have spoken and emphatically declared their will concerning those who are to be entrusted with the solemn duty of government. They have chosen to entrust the administration of national affairs to the hands of the republican party under the leadership of Calvin Coolidge. We believe this decision to be a wise one. In these times of unrest and hysteria a man of deliberation and sanity is needed at the head of affairs. The times demand a man who cannot be stampeded and such a man undoubtedly is Calvin Coolidge. He has shown himself to be a man with an opinion and a will. The party which he leads is fundamentally sound. Its principles are true, its ideals high, although it cannot be denied that it has not always striven to live up to its principles, nor to realize its ideals. Nevertheless, whenever there is soundness at heart there is always found the motive and urge to be true to the right. And this is true of the republican party which is fundamentally sound. Believing this the American electorate, where they have been free to express their choice, have declared their confidence in the republican party. We do not believe that this confidence will be abused. The people having spoken and declared their will, it is their duty to uphold the hands of those whom they have chosen to rule and to pray for their authority that they may be guided aright that "all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations."

WILL WE LEARN OUR LESSON?

SOME important lessons should be learned by our people from the results of the election locally. There was a sincere desire upon the part of many, indeed, there was practical unanimity among us to secure representation in the State Legislature and on the Board of Education. There was confidence expressed that a candidate could and would be chosen for both of these places. It was realized that an election to the Board of Education would be more difficult to secure than one to the Legislature from a given district overwhelmingly republican. For this reason it was thought the part of wisdom to concentrate upon a candidate for the former position whose wide acquaintance and long residence in the city would be a political asset. It was hoped that this could be done. It was not, however. Another candidate was entered, making two. The combined vote of the two would not have elected either candidate, but the entering of one would have shown the intention to concentrate upon one whom it was believed could master the most strength. This is something we must learn. Then, too, we must

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

do vote and largely determine the results. It has been so in this election. The value of our vote has been recognized and bidden for by all three parties. In many state elections this vote has been most woefully divided. On national candidates, despite some notable defections, the race has remained loyal to the Republican party. Had this not been so many Republican candidates for Congress would have been defeated. This would have tied the president's hands. The race has remained true to the Republican party, will the party prove equally true to our race? This is a crucial question. Upon its answer will depend our attitude in 1926 and 1928. As part of the American people we share generally in whatever prosperity or adversity may come to the nation under any administration. However, aside from this, there are certain specific disabilities which affect us as a special group particularly. This ought not to be. There should be no special groups of Americans, considered as things apart from other Americans, but unfortunately there are, and inimical forces are at work to multiply and widen these racial and religious divisions. It is to be hoped that some of the civil disabilities and limitations which are laid upon us contrary to the Constitution will be removed under the present administration which is Republican and has been placed in power largely through the votes of our people. We have faith in Coolidge. We have reasonable expectations.

"FLAG EDUCATION DAY" TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Major C. W. Mason of the United States Seventh Corps Area, with headquarters in Omaha, has announced that Sunday, November 9th, has been designated as "Flag Education Day" for Omaha.

"The purpose of 'Flag Education Day' is to teach the American people the proper manner in which to display our flag," said Major Mason, "and every effort will be made between now and 'Flag Education Day' to bring before the people of Omaha the solemnity and homage due to our flag in its various manners of display."

According to Major Mason, every luncheon club in Omaha will bring before its members the importance and necessity of the proper display of the flag. Major Mason will personally appear before several of these luncheon clubs and give short talks. The schools of Omaha will devote a few minutes each day to the proper display of the flag. Every congregation in Omaha will hear from its pulpit the reverence that should be shown to the flag by its proper display. Local business houses will include in their advertising a small space urging its readers in the proper display of the flag.

"The reason that we have chosen Sunday, November 9th, as 'Flag Education Day' is that on Armistice Day, Tuesday, November 11th, every home and business house in Omaha should display a flag and display it properly," said Major Mason. J. A. Drain, National Commander of the American Legion, will be in Omaha on Armistice Day to attend the exercises, and we want to show him that the people of Omaha are patriotic and do know how to properly display our flag."

Major Mason is in charge of "Flag Education Day" in Omaha. Literature is being mailed out to thousands of homes, business houses, clubs, civic organizations, churches, schools and other institutions in the form of the flag code. This flag code shows the different manners in which the flag is to be displayed. This code also tells on what occasions to display the flag, and just how to display it for these particular occasions.

"We display the flag on Armistice Day to pay true honor to those boys who gave their lives for our country," said Major Mason, "and if we improperly display our flag, it does not show much thought. I especially urge every home to display a flag on Armistice Day and display it properly."

THE NEGRO PRESS AND CHURCH ARE SPLENDID FORCES

What Our Pioneer Journalists Accomplished in Spite of Very Great Obstacles

By R. R. Wright, Jr.
Editor of The Christian Recorder

The two most potent factors in forming modern public opinion are the pulpit and the press, the church and the newspaper. In days gone by the pulpit had much of a monopoly of the opinion forming among our own people, for it was the greatest social institution in our midst. And today it still wields a great influence. There are about 50,000 churches among our people. They have almost as many ministers, and many times as many officers. Each week at least five million people enter the 50,000 churches we have all over the land. These are great opinion forming stations. Their emphasis is necessarily put upon the spiritual things. While they to an extent give out information on business, politics, etc., religion is their object, and more and more they see the necessity of concentrating on religion. For if the people, no matter what their education and material progress, lost faith in the great God who made them and the principles of living His Son Jesus taught, we shall go backward and not forward. So with our increasing ma-

terial progress we need an increasing, strong spiritual force in a strong, consecrated, well trained pulpit. It is more needed today than ever before.

As the church puts its emphasis more strongly upon its chief object, religion, the press is coming forward to help, aid, voice and make opinion along secular lines, politics, business, social life, etc. The church should welcome this aid. The church should help the newspaper everywhere. Instead of being rivals they should be brothers, in a partnership for the best life among the people. At present the press is not as strong as it should be. It is only in its beginning. Indeed only within the present generation has the newspaper come to the place where any large number of well-trained men could make a living out of it. When the history of the self-expression and self-help movement among the Negroes of America is written, next to the church, the press will take its place as the finest effort the race has made to know itself, and rely upon itself. Through fifty years of the most severe hardship and the greatest sacrifice the Negro editor has fought his way to the front and won his place in the hearts of his people. It is a thrilling story and should be fully written. It will do much to stir the youth to nobler things. With all their faults, men like Chris J. Perry, T. Thomas Fortune, John H. Murphy, E. E. Cooper, Benj. Tucker Tanner, George L. Knox, W. J. White, W. A. Pledger, W. A. Sweeney, and a host of others now gone to their reward, laid a foundation for helping Negroes preserve their own souls which they never realized, and their sons of this generation are carrying on their work well.

The press today vies with the school house and the college in getting men of training, and many of our best have followed the press because there they find better avenues for self-expression, and true race loyalty. Two Howard University Ph.D.'s are magazine editors, one Pennsylvania Ph.D. is a weekly newspaper editor, and on the staffs of our leading weeklies and monthlies are graduates from Howard, Yale, Columbia, Dartmouth, Chicago, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Michigan and nearly every college in the land. These strong young men are making good. Nearly four hundred race newspapers testify to this. Whatever may be their differences in politics, in religion, in social position, in financial condition, in business policy, in educational equipment, in circulation, or geographical situation, there is one thing on which all these papers are a unit; they believe in their race. The creed of the Negro newspaper which every editor would sign might read: "I believe that God created all men with inherent human equality; that He is no respecter of racial differences. I believe in that part of humanity commonly called the American Negro, that he is entitled to the same rights in this country as any other citizen; that this is as much his country as anybody else's and that he should not, nor anybody else, be judged merely by the color of his skin, but by his character and accomplishments. I believe in manhood at its noblest, in religion in its purest, education to its fullest, industry in every form is honorable, politics that is democratic, government that rests upon the consent of the governed, and a square deal for all men."

The church should support this creed. It is truly Christian in the larger sense. It is the working out in practical life what we preach. As the race grows in intelligence, the press grows stronger. Soon there will be great daily papers in the centers of population such as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Atlanta, Washington, Nashville, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Louisville and other large cities. The day is coming. The church must help it to come by encouraging the newspaper men, by urging its officers and members to read. For the newspaper man is the spiritual brother to the preacher, and upon pulpit and press depends a great deal of the future of our people.

A SPECIAL MEETING FOR WOMEN ONLY

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Respectfully,

THE MANAGEMENT