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### 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.

## CHICAGO POINTS THE WAY

WITHOUT question Chicago points the way to successful racial achievement along many lines. There the race has imbibed the spirit of that great city epitomized in its motto, "I WILL". This spirit has given us great commercial enterprises, banks, department stores, insurance companies, real estate firms, newspapers, automobile firms, manufacturers and jobbers. In Chicago Negroes are making marvelous strides in various lines of legitimate business and demonstrating their ability to do worthwhile things. In professional lines there are scores and scores of men and women who have risen far above mediocrity in their chosen fields, many of them having obtained an enviable eminence. Nor is the artistic, cultural and religious life neglected. Here, too, they are holding their own. Perhaps no better index to the progressive and aggressive spirit of our race in Chicago can be found than their success in the political field. Of late years they have been demanding more and more recognition and REPRESENTATION in political affairs and what's more they have been getting it. The recent election of Albert A. George, whose qualifications for the position his conferees at the bar concede, to a municipal judgeship; and the election of Adelbert Roberts to the state senate and four others, Charles A. Griffin, S. B. Turner, Warren B. Douglas and William King to the state legislature are indisputable facts of far-reaching significance. The race in Chicago has learned the much needed lesson of successful team work. After many bitter experiences they have learned that all their strength is in their union, all their weakness lies in discord. Having learned this lesson and that only within the last few years, the race in Chicago points the way for the race in other communities where we are found in any appreciable number to follow. Not only do they unify their efforts but they are persistent and persevering. They do not give up. Perseverance and persistence are the price that all must pay for success and in this Chicago points the way.

## THE COMMUNITY CHEST

OMAHA is asked to contribute and will contribute again this year the sum of \$402,000 for the Community Chest for the support of 29 Welfare and Charitable organizations. Last year our people contributed generously and will cheerfully do the same this year. The first year of the operation of the Community Chest, which was from the necessity of the case, largely experimental, has absolutely justified this method of financing the social and welfare work of our city. The Board of Governors, as a whole, and especially the Budget and Finance Committees in particular, have given days and days of work for which no money could pay them in administering the funds entrusted to

their care for the best interests of all. Not a word of criticism against their spirit of fairness towards all the agencies within the Chest has been or could be successfully uttered. Four distinct organizations of our group are beneficiaries of the Community Chest: The O'd Folks Home, Colored Commercial Club Labor Bureau, the Christ Child Society (St. Benedict's Community Center) and the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A. In addition to these specific organizations, our people share in the benefactions of other welfare agencies, such as the Associated Charities, Red Cross, etc. Last year the direct traceable contributions from the colored people were far in excess of the allotments to our specific organizations; or in other words we contributed more than enough to care for our own welfare organizations. This, of course, is only right and in keeping with our willingness to help in any civic cause. Aside from the contributions directly traceable to our group there were additional sums not traceable inasmuch as they came through firms where our people were employed. Of course we did not give too much. No one ever does that. But whatever we gave last year let us give more this year. One purpose of the Community Chest is to get everybody to give something to help somebody else. Let everybody give to the COMMUNITY CHEST for 1925.

## DOING ONE'S BEST

WHATEVER work one undertakes he should be actuated by the desire and determination to do it to the best of his ability. Too many people are satisfied with merely "getting by". Those who do this never amount to much. Shirkers on any job are in reality cheating themselves more than they are inflicting upon themselves not only a serious loss in physical and mental efficiency but also irreparable damage to their moral character. Doing one's best wherever called to serve pays large dividends. Always strive to do your best.

## COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB IS PLANNING INCREASED ACTIVITIES

The Colored Commercial club which has attractive quarters at 1514 North Twenty-fourth street is planning to enlarge its activities during the winter months. A membership drive will soon be put on and an effort made to have schools of salesmanship which will be very helpful to all business men who desire to attend. The rooms are available and are being largely used for meetings of a business, civic and welfare nature. The free employment bureau is rendering good service in finding employment for our people, altho at the present time the call for work is far in excess of that for workers.

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## 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."

## BOOK CHAT

By Mary White Ovington, Chairman, Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"A PASSAGE TO INDIA". By E. M. Forster. Published by Messrs. Harcourt, Brace & Co., 4 West 43rd street, New York City. Price \$2.50. By mail \$2.60.

There is not a word regarding the Negro in this best seller, and yet it does more to clarify the situation of the Negro in the United States than any dozen treatises written about him. For this story of the English in India and their relation to the Mohammedans and Hindus over whom they rule is brother to the disfranchised Negro here. One reads it and sees on page after page the conditions, physical and psychological, of America. Not that we have any one spot corresponding to the city of Chandrapore, in which Mr. Forster's novel moves, but we can conceive a city, compounded of Southern caste and Northern efficiency, that would correspond exactly. Into such a place sound the alarm of an attack upon a white girl by a colored man and you can tell what will happen. Among the English who gather at the club to consider the matter of the alleged attack, is one Fielding who remains calm. "The Collector looked at him sternly because he was keeping his head. He had not gone mad at the phrase 'an English girl fresh from England', he had not rallied to the banner of race. He was still after facts though the herd had decided on emotion. Nothing enrages Anglo-India more than the lantern of reason, if it is exhibited for one moment after its extinction is decreed. All over Chandrapore that day the Europeans were putting aside their normal personalities and sinking themselves in their community. Pity, wrath, heroism, filled them, but the power of putting two and two together was annihilated."

And again in relation to the alleged assault. "They had started speaking of 'women and children'—that phrase that exempts the male from sanity when it has been repeated a few times."

The story of the alleged assault and of the trial is the one dramatic theme in the book, but apart from the interest in the fate of the characters, one delights in every figure sketched for us. The Mohammedan, Aziz, hero of the story, skeptical of the English and yet one whose heart goes out in love to those who are kind to him; the Hindu, Nawab Bahadur, later plain Mr. Zulfikar, all the English, Ronny, the City Magistrate, the Collector, the terrible English women who have made India their home. Fielding, Aziz's friend, discovered, "that it is possible to keep in with Indians and Englishmen, but that he who would also keep in with Englishwomen must drop the Indians." (That the woman emphasizes social position more than the man and makes the coming together of the races increasingly difficult, we realize, not only in India but in the Southern states.) And last there is the oriental setting, giving us easily and pleasantly an intimate view of an ancient land.

I always find it more difficult to write of a book that I greatly like than of one of which I am critical. A beloved book is like a loved friend—one cannot talk much about either, but one reverts any criticism or attack. Look, admire, revere, one says. This is my attitude toward Mr. Forster's novel. He writes seldom but when he does write it is surpassingly done. Oh, for a book equal to this of our own land!

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## ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

O. J. Burekhardt, Pastor.  
All services were well attended Sunday. At 11 o'clock the pastor preached on "Robbing God" and at the evening service on "Christian Manhood and Womanhood". These sermons made a decided impression upon the congregation. The sermon topic next Sunday morning will be "The Remedy for Carnality"; evening, "What God Knows". A welcome awaits all at Allen Chapel.

## WHITE SOUTHERNER CONTRIBUTES TO FIGHT AGAINST SEGREGATION

C. K. Bartlett, a white resident of Asheville, North Carolina, has sent his check for \$15 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, to be used in the fight now being made against residential segregation. Mr. Bartlett writes: "I am not only in hearty sympathy with you in this fight, but realize that people of the white race (I am one, an eager one) will be much better off when they join hands with you and strive for certain qualities of mind and heart, in which you excel." Mr. Bartlett is one of a number of white Southerners who are enthusiastic and faithful friends of the N. A. A. C. P.

## REV. S. E. GROSS TO DELIVER LECTURE

To the People of South Omaha Who Are Interested in South Omaha: There will be a lecture delivered at Allen Chapel Monday night, November 17, by the Rev. S. E. Gross, on "The Ant".

## LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Armistice Day was appropriately celebrated though the weather was cold.

Mr. Zack Johnson is confined at the Lincoln Sanitarium where he was taken Sunday after developing a case of pneumonia. Last reports say he is on the mend.

Mr. Alonzo Johnson is here from St. Paul, Minn., on account of his father's illness.

Mr. Guy Wiley spent Saturday night and Sunday at Omaha as guest of Mrs. Susie Trent; also worshipped at Zion Baptist church during the day.

Mrs. Gertrude Haynes is reported confined to her bed with illness.

Mrs. Lottie Chinn's arm, recently injured, is mending slowly.

Mrs. Horace Colley is confined at St. Elizabeth's hospital where a child was born to her last Friday, though dead. Mrs. Colley is reported doing fairly at this time.

Services were conducted as usual at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday, Rev. H. W. Botts preached. The father and sons banquet given in basement of church Monday night was fine and well attended. Thanksgiving services and dinner was held as usual each year.

The Refuge Baptist church has an installation program starting Wednesday which ends with the installing of Rev. J. T. Farley as pastor of the church next Sunday.

Services at Quinn Chapel, A. M. E. church, were conducted as usual by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Knight. All aid societies had usual good services.

Rev. C. R. Ross of the Newman M. E. church states to the public that he is still conducting services at the regular place, and would solicit attendance of those who would come. Everybody is welcome.

The C. A. C. Hollowe'en party at the home of Mrs. Marie Copeland, 2420 Holdrege street, the past week was an attractive affair. The house being decorated in Hallowe'en suggestions and with large baskets of American Beauty roses and astors as a centerpiece for the table. The evening was spent in a game contest, first prizes being won by Miss Ruth Hickman and Mr. Adelbert Molden, and second prizes by Miss Lucy Allen and Mr. R. G. Huston. Mrs. Dorothy Lewis was initiated into the club, and presented with a large bouquet of roses. The menu carried out the Hallowe'en idea.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Huff motored to Warrensburg, Mo., to visit his mother, who is quite ill.

The program at the Newman M. E. church Sunday evening, November 2, under the direction of Attorney J. H. Lawson was a success and largely attended. The evening was given entirely to the business and professional men of the city. Several interesting addresses were given on the following subjects: Law, real estate, medicine, and a short sermonette by Rev. T. J. Porter. Instrumental, vocal and saxophone solos were rendered. The evening was much enjoyed by the large attendance.

## ILLINOIS GETS FIRST LINCOLN LEGION CHARTER

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 14.—Illinois will be the first state to receive a charter from the newly-organized Lincoln Legion, according to a motion made by National Organizer Monroe Mason, editor of the Blue Helmet, at a dinner to Illinois representatives, and passed by members of the organization. The dinner was held in the armory of the famous Eighth Illinois infantry.

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## NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT

To Hurrel Greenway, Non-Resident Defendant:

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of July, 1924, Marie Greenway, as plaintiff, filed a petition in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, against you as defendant, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the ground of desertion.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 22nd day of December, 1924.

Marie Greenway, Plaintiff,  
By W. B. Bryant,  
Her attorney.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for the beautiful floral offerings sent me during my serious illness, while at the Methodist hospital, especially Bethel No. 9, Golden Sheaf Tabernacle No. 91, Mary Dixon Tabernacle No. 29, and the Past Matrons' Council. MRS. LULU ROUNTREE.

## WHITE MAGAZINES PUBLISH COUNTEE P. CULLEN'S POEMS

(N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.)  
Countee P. Cullen, the young colored poet, who has recently again won a poetry prize, has had his work published in four leading white magazines this November. The prize-winning poem is published in The American Mercury and others of Mr. Cullen's poems appear in Harper's Magazine, The Century and The Bookman.

The Chas. S. Gilpin Literary Society of St. John's A. M. E. church challenges any debating team in the city to debate any subject at any time and place. On Friday night, Nov. 21, the team plans to divide itself into two distinct clubs and debate the following question: "Resolved, That Religion Should be Mingled With Politics." This will be in keeping with Father and Son weeks' program.

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## YOUNG MATRONS SOCIAL SOCIETY

The Young Matrons Social Society club met at the residence of Mrs. Inola Macklin Thursday evening, Nov. 6. There was quite a few young married women out to enjoy the wonderful evening. Mesdames Rubydyl White, Eddie Saunders, Edwin Mills and Mary Watson were among the new members present. There was a three course luncheon served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the residence of Mrs. E. L. Reid, assisted by Mrs. Clarence A. Wright.

## RED SIGNAL LIGHT LEADS ALL IN TEST

## Green, Blue and Lemon Come Next in Order.

Washington.—That red signal lights are most easily distinguished from other colors at a distance and require the lowest light intensity for unmistakable recognition, is one of the conclusions drawn from an investigation of the visibility of traffic signals con-

ducted by the bureau of standards, Department of Commerce. Green signals came second on the list of colored lights easy to identify, but for street traffic a yellow green is considered preferable to the blue green used on the railroads. Blue ranked third on the list, but was found to require the highest intensity. The railroad yellows, it was found, were often mistaken for orange and red, and a lemon yellow gave much better results.

Several thousand observations were made at a distance of 600, 900 and 1,250 feet, using different observers. They were made under daylight conditions, under which the identification of colored lights is most difficult. On the average, a red light of 75-candle power could be identified at 600 feet, while a green light had to be of 250-candle power, a yellow 750 and a blue light 1,000. At 900 feet the requirements were 100, 250 and 1,500-candle power respectively, while at 1,250 feet they were 1,500, 2,500, 3,000 and 7,500.

The tests are a part of a program of standardization of colors for traffic signals in which the bureau is cooperating with the American Engineering Standards committee, the National Safety Council and the American Association of State Highway Officials. Under the auspices of these organizations a committee has been formed which has now nearly completed a code for colors of traffic signals and for lights for building exits. This problem includes the use of colored lights on highway vehicles, along highways, and at highway crossings of steam and electric railways; the co-ordinated relation of color, form, position and number of signals and their relation to systems of flashing, moving, or other lights; and methods of specifying or defining colors for signal purposes.

## World's Largest Sapphire Is Valued at \$35,000

London.—Declared to be the largest sapphire in the world, a jewel, once used as a common paper weight, has been brought from India and is now being offered for exhibition in London. The jewel is worth more than \$35,000, weighs 916 carats and is in the form of a plucked flower with a short stem. It was acquired by a government official in India, who, ignorant of its value, used it as a paper weight in one of the guard huts on the Indian frontier. The discovery of the jewel was made by the director of Indian revenue when he visited the outpost. Its history has been traced to the Twelfth century when one of the Bellala kings, while on a pilgrimage to Ceylon, was given the sapphire by a Buddhist monk. During the reign of this king the stone became the object of much veneration and was afterward captured by Malik Kafur, the great general of Allandun. Later it came into the possession of a state official, but was lost about 1875. Experts are of the opinion that the jewel was a hair ornament of an ancient deity, and there is, it is believed, a companion stone in existence.

## Dog Kills Pet Fawn

Charlottesville, N. J.—Because an eight-week-old fawn had the affections of children of Thomas W. Relly, superintendent of the Newark watershed, Rags, a wire-haired terrier, driven to desperation by jealousy, killed the fawn. The dog followed the deer into the woods near the Relly home and attacked it. The dog was called off, but the fawn did not survive.

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## A SPECIAL MEETING FOR WOMEN ONLY

Every Negro Woman in Omaha Urged to Attend—No Men Wanted

The members of the Board of Management of the North Side Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association are the sponsors of a very important meeting to be held for women only, Sunday, November 16, 1924, at 4 p. m. at the "Y", Twenty-second and Grant streets.

The purpose of such a meeting is to awaken and to establish a real sense of citizenship among the Negro women of this community. Interesting subjects will be discussed by able speakers; valuable facts that concern the betterment of particular racial conditions in this city will be given; fine music also.

The woman who is interested in her home, the woman who is interested in her church, the woman who is interested in her business, the woman who is interested in her civic club, or her social club—EVERY WOMAN is urged to attend.

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