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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.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

COMMENDATION of President Coolidge's message should be forthcoming from even the most hide-bound partisan opposition press. The keynote of the message is economy in governmental affairs. With this program none can find fault. The country is suffering from extravagance and waste. Much of it, of course, is a legacy from the late war. Some of it undoubtedly is due to graft upon the part of men in high positions who proved recreant to their trust. The urgent demand for economy stressed by President Coolidge touches the cancer in our national life. Making economy the keynote of his message, the President is candid, clear and forcible in his recommendations touching other highly important matters, such as waterways and reclamation, restoration of agriculture, railways, a national police bureau, the army and navy, labor, care of veterans, foreign relations, constitutional rights of citizens, and an international court. All of these questions are treated with sanity and common sense. He favors, and we believe wisely, America's entrance into an international court, but not into the league of nations. He removes the fallacy, held by many, that only the rich pay the expense of government. The humblest citizen shares the burden of taxation and feels it more keenly than the wealthy. His statements referring specifically to our group express only truisms which America must eventually acknowledge, but their importance lies in the fact that the President has called the attention of the country, by implication, at least, to the fact that Negroes are denied their constitutional rights. His words upon this point though few and terse are very significant, if they will issue, as we believe they will, in action. "The colored people are working out their own destiny. I firmly believe that it is better for all concerned that they should be cheerfully accorded their full constitutional rights." Certainly this is all we ask, "FULL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS." We were unworthy, shamefully unworthy, of our American heritage, were we satisfied with less. And further as he well says, "that they should be protected from all of those impositions to which from their position, they naturally fall a prey, especially from the crime of lynching, and that they should receive encouragement to become full partakers in all the blessings our common American citizenship." The message is characterized by candor and common sense and points the way towards prosperity and peace at home and abroad.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST

FOR some reason, despite the fact that it was most successfully handled last year, the response this year to the Community Chest has not

been as spontaneous or as generous as it should be. Up to the present time there is lacking about \$50,000 of the quota of \$402,000 needed to provide for the 29 agencies and charities supported by the Chest. Last year our people subscribed generously. Many of them have done the same this year. Doubtless many have given nothing. If you have not given, do give something. Help fill the Community Chest. Omaha must not fall down and we are sure that our own people will not fail in their duty. Call Community Chest Headquarters, Fontenelle Hotel, or The North Side "Y" and a solicitor will call.

MISREPRESENTATION

THE habit of misrepresenting facts is quite common. We do not think people want to be willfully malicious, but it seems difficult for some people to tell things as they are. They will exaggerate or misrepresent facts in such a way as to injure their neighbor or cause trouble. Avoid the habit of misrepresentation. At least make an honest effort to tell things as they are.

TAKING A RACE NEWSPAPER

EVERY thoughtful and self-respecting Negro should subscribe for and read a race newspaper. In our own mediums we get important facts about our people that cannot be obtained elsewhere. Then, too, our own race publications champion our cause and plead for a square deal.

THINK THIS OVER

CONSERVATIVELY estimated the colored population of Omaha is around 14,000. We spend an average of at least 50 cents a day for food alone. This means \$7,000 a day for food or \$2,555,000 a year. Suppose only one-tenth of this amount were spent with our own people. Think this over.

RAG'S OBSERVATIONS

Booming Business Among Us. The big election is now over. Business is again growing normal. The numbers of the unemployed are diminishing rapidly. The outlook for the future is much more promising. The great optimism of a large part of the people is responsible for this encouraging outlook. Some one said immediately after the election that the per capita wealth for Nebraska is \$4004. There is one automobile to every five persons. This is the greatest corn growing state in the union. Encouraging, sure. Well, all business places seem to be very busy—the business places run by white people and Jews. But what does all this mean to the colored race? As one colored man said very recently concerning the right to vote: "It does me no good to vote, I get no more." Colored

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."

Omaha is not able to feel this business boom because they spend their earnings on foreign soil. The good profits enlarge the bank accounts of other races. You get as much out of anything as you put into it. There are a few colored places in Omaha, which if rightly supported by the colored people, could not possibly get along with the limited personnel they now have. More businesses would have to be organized to handle the trade. This means more jobs for the jobless; more money for the race. It means a business boom.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

The moral drama "Every Youth" to be given next Monday night in Masonic Hall at 8:30 has Mr. William Stanley, the genial partner of our popular cafe, The Blue Goose, acting as the efficient business man called "Work". Mr. Stanley simply transfers his business hours from the cafe to the play. "Truth" as Mr. Sidney Thomas calls attention to the fact that that young gentleman has some splendid facts to give us concerning life. "Vice" as Mr. Everett Wilford and "Cace" as Mr. Clyde Malone give spice and flavor to the whole production. "Happiness" as Mme. Sara Walker is a sweet winsome Miss acting as "Work's" stenographer.

The L. L. K. Club met with Mrs. G. H. Dean at a covered dish luncheon Monday evening. This proved to be a source of jollity and excitement as no one knew what was to be served except the hostess who served the desert which was delicious. Next meeting is the annual Christmas celebration of the club; all members to be present for election of officers and formulating plans for the new year. Mrs. J. R. Edwards, president.

Attorney Adams was a welcome visitor at Quinn Chapel Sunday morning.

Mrs. Pearl Chrisman is recovering from a siege of illness at her home.

Mrs. Davis of Omaha, Mr. Sidney Brown of Kansas City and Mr. H. Ellis of Des Moines, Ia., were Lincoln visitors last week.

Thanksgiving services were nicely attended all day and evening at Quinn Chapel. The Emergency Club cleared a nice little sum.

Our Community Chest Workers are Mesdames Knight, Young, McDonald, McCowan and Knight.

Mrs. Easley and granddaughter of Kansas City, Kans., spent Thanksgiving day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gant at the Liberty cafe.

Miss Nannie Vance left last Saturday for Kansas City to visit kin.

Mr. Alonzo Johnson left Saturday for St. Paul, Minn. His father, Zack Johnson, being much improved. Mrs. Gertrude Haynes is reported to be quite ill at their home, 1416 B street.

Thanksgiving services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Thursday morning. Rev. H. W. Botts delivered a fine sermon. Dinner was served during the afternoon and night, being a splendid success. The choir held a short program in the auditorium at

night after which the contestants for the diamond ring reported as follows: Mrs. Lillian Kenney, \$46; Mrs. Ida Todd, \$36; Mrs. M. Griffin, \$6; Mrs. Nanny Vance, \$5. Mrs. Lillian Kenney was awarded the diamond ring, \$46; Mrs. Ida Todd, second prize, \$5 in cash.

Miss Erma Easley and Mr. T. Saunders were married at Council Bluffs, Ia., last week end.

Eat at the Blue Goose, 238 North Ninth street.—Adv.

Remember "Every Youth" at Masonic Hall Monday night, December 8th.—Adv.

Services at Mt. Zion were held as usual Sunday. Rev. J. A. Bruce of Omaha, state missionary, was present and preached in the morning. The pastor preached at evening worship, attendance being good.

"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" IS MECCA OF AMUSEMENT LOVERS

"The Ten Commandments", Cecil B. DeMille's powerful spectacular drama presented by Adolph Zukor and Jesse L. Lasky, plays its only engagement in this city at the Brandeis theatre beginning Sunday night. Performances will be given daily at 2:20 and 8:15 during the engagement. The big picture comes here with the reclaim of long runs in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Los Angeles, where it was received with unexampled attendance and enthusiasm.

Dishonesty in business and official life is one of the big central themes, reflected as if by prescience the vital issues of the year. The need of the fundamental code of right and wrong was never more vividly illustrated. The modern scenes are laid in San Francisco, and the drama is tense and thrilling.

Dan, the commandment breaker, and his pal Inspector Redding, who winks at iniquity; Mary, the wife; Sally Lung, the charmer from Chinatown, and John, the "four-square" carpenter, are folks that live in memory and

win from the spectator the tribute of sympathy, laughter and tears. The main story is preceded by a grand introduction which pictures Israel's bondage and flight from Egypt, the miracle of the divided Red Sea, the giving of the Law to Moses, and the destruction of the licentious bacchanal of the Golden Calf. Theodore Roberts as Moses, Estelle Taylor as the beautiful frenzied prophetess, together with Rod La Rocque, Robert Edeson, Leatrice Joy, Nita Naldi and Richard Dix in the modern story, are the outstanding figures in a cast of rare excellence. One of the most delightful features is the accompanying Riesfeld score played by a large orchestra of symphonic experts.

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH NOW IN NEW QUARTERS

Last Sunday St. John's Baptist church had its formal opening in its new temporary quarters in the Knights of Tabor Hall, Twenty-fourth and Burdette streets. The pastor, the Rev. E. H. McDonald, preached in the morning on, "Lack of Faith," and at night on, "The Model City." In the afternoon the Rev. Z. E. McGee, pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist church and his choir, participated in the services. Mr. McGee preached a helpful sermon from the text, "Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing."

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear father, Ethan Smith Ford, who died one year ago, December 2, 1923. The month of December again is here, To us the saddest of the year; For just one year ago today Our dear father passed away. He is sadly missed by his children, Thomas Ford and Mrs. Alberta Moore, Omaha; William and Mancheon Ford, St. Paul, Minn.; Marian Ford, Kansas City, Mo.; Bernice Ford, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Bessie Gant, Pittsburg, Pa.

Announcement

We wish to announce that Edward W. Killingsworth has become a partner in HERMANN'S GROCERY STORE, TWENTY-FOURTH AND WILLIS AVENUE, and we earnestly solicit the patronage and co-operation of all the colored people of Omaha. As the business grows it means the employment of colored help exclusively. Again asking you to give this well-known firm in its new venture your liberal patronage and a fair trial we remain,

Yours respectfully,

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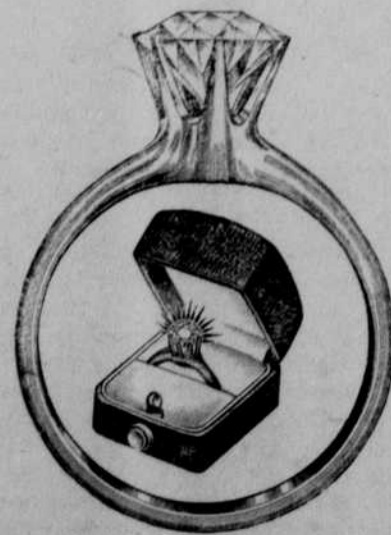
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