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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.

YELLOW JOURNALISM

"WUXTRA! Buy a wuxtra! All about Negro Assaults Woman. Buy a Wuxtra!" Enterprising newswriters were shouting this on the streets of Omaha Tuesday afternoon. Copies of the Omaha Daily News were going like hot cakes. Visions of some "burly Negro" having committed a lustful and bestial crime against some white woman of our city or vicinity was doubtless in the minds of the eager purchasers of the "Wuxtra", newswriter's jargon for "Extra". Surely it must be a crime of this nature for was there not screaming in box-car letters, four inches deep, across the front page of the pink sheet, which carries the most valuable and important news of the hour, the thrilling, blood-stirring, mob-inciting headline:

"Posses Hunt Negro Assailant of Woman!"

The important news item, overshadowing national and international affairs, was a meagre dispatch from Hinsdale, Ill., only about 500 miles distant from Omaha, telling of the pursuit of a Negro who was apprehended by the authorities for alleged robbery and made his escape. The impression conveyed, and intended to be conveyed, by the startling headline, "Negro Assailant of Woman", was that rape had been attempted or committed, whereas the facts as published, did not justify this implication. But even though the facts had justified this charge or implication there is no sense or reason, except there be the ulterior motive of indicting us as a race of criminals, for stressing the race of the alleged offender, rather than his crime.

Yellow journalism of this character has been responsible for mob violence in Omaha as in other cities. It does incalculable harm not only to the weaker race but also to the entire community by engendering suspicion, ill-will and bitterness. No newspaper which sincerely desires to serve the best interests of the people can resort to these reprehensible methods without loss of prestige and self-respect. We hope that the Omaha Daily News, realizing, as it must realize, the harm such sensational propaganda does a large group of loyal, forward, self-respecting citizens will not repeat the offense.

THE RIGHT WAY

WHEN a committee representing six organizations waited upon the Omaha Daily News to protest against an offensive headline, a step in the right direction was taken by our group in this city. Instead of one or two individuals going in a private capacity the seven or eight gentlemen present, spoke for organizations and hence represented a large proportion of our people. This is the right way to do things. The sooner we learn the necessity of team work and intelligent co-operation the better it will be for all of us. No mass meeting was called, there was no time, nor neces-

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."

COMMITTEE LODGES PROTEST WITH THE OMAHA DAILY NEWS

A committee representing the Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., the Colored Commercial Club, the Negro Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, the Negro Business and Professional Men's League, the Colored Ministerial Alliance and Theodore Roosevelt Post of the American Legion waited upon the Omaha Daily News Wednesday afternoon to protest against the publication of the sensational headline published in Tuesday's issue. The members of the committee were the Rev. John Albert Williams, Allen Jones, Dr. D. W. Gooden, Count Wilkinson, Rev. Frederick Divers, R. L. Williams and Dr. W. W. Peebles. R. L. Williams, commissioner of the Colored Commercial Club, had telephoned Mr. Polcar making an appointment for 4 o'clock, which the committee promptly met. Mr. Polcar had deputized the city editor, Mr. Morris, to act for him. The committee was courteously received by Mr. Morris and laid its complaint before him. He saw the point of the objection and frankly admitted that it was well made. It is believed that there will be no further ground for complaint of the Daily News' policy along the lines complained of.

WELL-KNOWN WIDOW GOES TO HYMEN'S ALTAR

Mrs. Susie Trent, a well-known and popular widow of our city, and Mr. Guy Wiley of Lincoln, Neb., were married at Council Bluffs, Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, of which the bride is a member. Witnesses to the ceremony were Messdames Lucinda Davis and L. M. Ervin. A dinner was served for the bridal party following the ceremony by Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Oliver, at the residence of Dr. Lenox, 2627 Patrick avenue.

ENTIRE CHANGE OF VAUDEVILLE AT LAKE THEATRE

The Lake theatre announces that four new characters for the vaudeville programs will arrive in Omaha to open for Sunday's showing. Dusty Brown will continue to appear as he has made as wonderful hit in Omaha. Entire change of programs will be made on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday as in the past. The public is urged to attend early as all week day vaudeville starts promptly at nine o'clock before which time a big feature program is presented.

Especially big feature attractions have been secured for the coming week announcement of which is made elsewhere in this paper. The Lake theatre is now the talk of all Omaha. The quality of the shows is being constantly improved and anyone missing any of the changes of program is passing up a rare treat.

N. W. C. A. HOME NOTES

The meeting of last week at the Home was well attended, and every one seemed to enjoy themselves. The superintendent served a very delightful lunch.

Any one wishing to come into the Home please apply to the chairman of the investigating committee, Mrs. Laura Hicks, 2530 Maple street, telephone WEBster 6873.

Next Sunday at 4 o'clock the Rev. E. H. McDonald will conduct services at the home.

BUFFALO MAYOR TO NAME NEGRO FOR HEALTH DEPT.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The Trade and Commerce Club of Buffalo, a colored organization, enlarged its membership recently with the enrollment of Mayor Schwab, who has shown much interest in the body and encouraged its growth. In recognition of the good work of the colored citizens, he made a promise to appoint a representative of the race for the health department.

60,000 JAPANESE MOVING TO SETTLE IN ARKANSAS

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 13.—What is perhaps the biggest immigration movement the country has witnessed in a long time began several days ago, when two Japanese families settled upon the rich portion of Arkansas along the Frisco railroad between Marion and Joyner. It was the first move in the plans of the Japanese incorporated under the name Delta Improvement Company, to buy several thousand acres of land and colonize it with some 60,000 Japanese.

JUDGE REPRIMANDS WHITE LAWYER FOR RACE INSULT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The contempt of the judge as well as opposing lawyers and respectable citizens was aroused in a court here, when a white lawyer, Jacob Dittwiler, acting as defending council for a colored man and woman accused of adultery, in his argument stated that the majority of the colored people in the district where the client lived were no better than they.

Attorney Ricks, one of the oldest members of the local bar and Attorney Scott, challenged the statement vehemently while Judge Scott reprimanded Attorney Dittwiler and had his remarks expunged from the records.

WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY AT FAMILY RESIDENCE

John W. Long, prominent and active in Political Affairs and Resident for Forty Year, Answers Last Call

John W. Long, prominent and active in political affairs and a resident of Omaha for forty years, died suddenly at his residence, 2712 Ohio street, Wednesday night. Mr. Long had been



at work at the Court House, as usual all day, and retired apparently in the best of health. He awoke complaining of difficulty in breathing and before medical aid could be summoned he expired.

Mr. Long was a native of Hillsboro, N. Car., where he was born sixty-four years ago. He was married in Atchison, Kans., to Miss Sina Wallace in 1886, coming thence to Omaha where they have since resided. He was employed in the Pullman service for a number of years. Being an ardent republican and active in politics, he served twice as inspector of Weights and Measures, first under Mayor Moores and then under the administration of Mayor Smith, when this department was under William Ure. He also held a position at Washington under Congressman Mercer. For the past two years he has been employed at the Court House.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Bethel A. M. E. church of which he was a member.

1025 "WORLD ALMANAC" LISTS SPINGARN MEDAL CONDITIONS AND WINNERS

The World Almanac which last year wrote to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, asking for data on the Spingarn Medal, this year, in its 1925 edition publishes the conditions governing the award of the medal, and a list of the winners from the time the medal was instituted in 1914, by J. E. Spingarn, N. A. A. C. P. treasurer.

The wide publicity attending the award of the medal to Roland Hayes last year, was largely responsible for this new recognition of the medal's importance.

SEGREGATION OF DAYTON SCHOOL CHILDREN FOUGHT

Dayton, O., Feb. 13.—A suit has been filed in the common pleas court here for a writ of mandamus to prevent the Dayton board of education from segregating colored children in the public schools. The petition was filed by Earl Reese, 227 Norwood avenue, who declared his two children were unlawfully placed in a building now used exclusively for Negroes.

TOM BASS WINS PRIZES AT DENVER HORSE SHOW

Denver, Colo., Feb. 13.—Tom Bass of Mexico, Mo., won first place in the prize gelding class and first in the five gaited saddle competition at the Denver horse show with "Denver", a young horse. Five hundred dollars was the prize in the five gaited class. "Belle Beach", Mr. Bass' high school horse, was the sensation of the show, on exhibition every night.

CLEVELANDER APPOINTED ASSISTANT VAULT CUSTODIAN

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—In recognition of his brilliant record, while in the government service at Washington a little over a year, William Todd of Cleveland has been selected by Harley V. Speelman, Registrar of the Treasury, to fill the position of assistant vault custodian of the treasury. He is accredited with having made the highest mark in the civil service examination for bookkeepers. He was formerly a minister of the A. M. E. church.

KANSAS CITY LAWYER REPLACES WHITE ATTORNEY

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 13.—Attorney Duane Mason, prominent Negro lawyer of this city, received an unprecedented distinction, when he was appointed Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson county. He is one of the younger members of the local bar.

COLORED HOSPITAL OPENED

Durham, N. C., Feb. 13.—One of the finest hospitals for the accommodation of colored people in the South has been formally opened here. The new building which takes the place of one destroyed by fire several months ago, is a beautiful fire-proof structure, having all of the latest appliances for caring for the sick. It will be known as the New Lincoln Hospital.

INDIANS KNOW HOW TO SAVE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Interest paid by banks throughout the country, in which funds of individual Indians under guardianship of the government are deposited, amounted to \$1,845,549 last year.

The total amount of money belonging to individual Indians and deposited in banks was \$35,877,729. This does not include tribal or other funds on deposit in the Treasury of the United States and drawing interest.

The average rate of interest earned through these deposits in banks was more than 4 per cent. Of the total amount of interest \$418,744 was paid by depositories for the Indians of the Osage tribe in Oklahoma; \$403,028 by depositories for the five civilized tribes in Oklahoma, and the balance amounting to \$1,023,747 by depositories of individual members of other tribes.

WHITES ASSAULT NEGRO WHO IS "TOO PROSEROUS"

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 13.—Junius Butler, son of Rev. A. J. Butler of this city, lies in bed at his home in Sassauma Heights with his side paralyzed from a wound suffered when he was attacked and shot by a group of young white men while on his way home. He stated that during the assault one of the men declared that he had better shut down his garage which was taking the business of two small white garages in its vicinity.



Eva Novak in "The Man from Hell's River at the Lake Theatre Friday and Saturday

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