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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.

AN IMPERATIVE NEED.

IT is becoming increasingly apparent that there never was a time in the history of our race in this country when an honest, sane, fearless and intelligent press was more urgently needed than today. As the race advances in intelligence, moral character, wealth and self-respect, malignant and hostile forces oppose its progress and advance. These forces are not to be feared, but they are to be met and conquered and this can only be done by the moulding of a right public sentiment and for this we need our own publications, which should be adequately supported and financed. The race press is growing in power and influence and is continuing to grow, but it is regrettable that so many of our race are so short-sighted as not to appreciate the important work race newspapers are doing. They are meeting an imperative need.

We are not a pessimist, but an optimist of the first rank. At the same time, however, we are not ignorant of conditions as they are and realize that they WILL be BETTER only as we use every ounce of energy given us to make them better. Opposition makes one strong and that, we take it is, the Divine purpose back of the opposition which confronts our racial group today. Pulpit and press have an imperative duty to perform in encouraging racial solidarity, self-respect, and self-resourcefulness. We need to have stressed the constructive side of our racial life and this the race press is striving to do. It can be done and will be done more effectively as the race journal, magazine and newspapers are more adequately supported.

WAKE UP!

OUR self-respecting, forward-looking citizens who are paying taxes for the support of the public schools in this city must not sleep on their rights. We must not cease our efforts until we have representation on the teachers' corps of our public schools, and representation in other departments. There are nearly 3,000 employees in the public school system of Omaha and while almost every nationality has representation in some department our people have not even a janitor. Is there anything right about this? Are you content to have it so?

Well-qualified teachers of color are just as competent to impart knowledge to an ignorant and unlettered child, white or black, as are well-qualified white teachers to perform the same praiseworthy service. Urge your children to qualify and then organize and fight and continue to fight until the cause is won. Omaha has many fair-minded people who have the courage to stand for right and justice and we are only asking for right and justice when we ask that our sons and daughters having met the standards set, educationally and morally, will be given a square deal. Taxation without representation was accounted tyranny in

the early days of this republic and it is tyranny still.

Wake up. Cease sleeping on your rights.

PLAN FOR BEAUTY

SPRING is at hand. It is not too early to call attention to the importance of laying plans to make our homes as beautiful as it is possible to do. We have many home-owners in this city who take great pride in keeping up their property. These need no urging. There are, however, many who are tenants and the houses which they occupy and the surroundings are such as to lend little incentive to beautifying. And yet, even these, can be made attractive and sightly. Suppose we all try to see just what show-places we can make our homes and those sections in which we chiefly reside. Let us plan for well-kept lawns and beautiful flowers. Let us do our part to make Omaha a city beautiful. And let us pound upon the backs of the City Commissioners to do their duty in improving the streets and alleys of the neglected sections in which some of our folks live.

AND TO START IT.

WILL Joseph Koutsky and Dean Noyes jump in their flivver some day next week and drive to Twenty-first and Nicholas street and view the beautiful rubbish piled up on the northwest corner of Twenty-first and Nicholas? Invite Louis R. Bostwick who is featuring beautiful spots in Nebraska to photograph the scene, have it published in the photogravure section of one of our dailies with the inscription: "This beautiful scene is on a much-traveled thoroughfare within less than a mile of the city hall."

WHY NOT?

WHY should not North Twenty-fourth street be as beautiful and attractively lighted as the corresponding section of South Twenty-fourth street? Whose fault is it, that it isn't? The Northside merchants should wake up. There are outlying residence sections, better lighter than this busy section of North Twenty-fourth street.

OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

HOW do you like our Negro Business Directory? Good idea, isn't it? Well, if you feel that way about it, get into it and just see how many and various are the businesses, callings and professions in which our people are engaged in this city. That's the object as well as to advertise and help build up your business.

BE CHEERFUL.

BE cheerful, it's good for your own health and also the health of the other fellow.

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."

CHICAGO EDITOR DELIVERS ADDRESS TO BIG AUDIENCE

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places upon himself and continue to meet with rebuffs and discrimination."

He told how the race riot in Chicago had unified the race. He stressed the need of this unification everywhere. He plead for thoroughness of preparation for all work and insistence upon getting work upon merit. Efficiency will break down barriers of prejudice. He scorned the short-sightedness of those who favored separate schools as illustrating the discounting of the Negro's American citizenship. His closing counsel was "get together, stand together and take your status as American citizens. Be satisfied with nothing less."

Preceding Mr. Abbott's address there was a varied program consisting of musical numbers by a chorus from Pilgrim Baptist Church and Bethel, solos by H. L. Preston and Miss Irene Cochran; a well-written history of Bethel by Mrs. S. K. Brownlow; remarks by C. C. Galloway, master of ceremonies; an admirable and well-prepared address by Mr. Robert Smith, clerk of the District Court, on "The Value of the Church to the Community"; an earnest address and plea for Bethel's mortgage fund by Bishop Carey and the receiving of offerings and pledges for the same, which totaled about \$400, and well-spoken words of welcome to the guest of honor by Master Thirkield Garrett, a thirteen-year-old high school lad, which was an outstanding feature of the program. The invocation was said by Rev. J. E. Ellis of Grove M. E. and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. A. Williams.

Tuesday night there was a banquet at Bethel A. M. E. Church as the closing feature of the celebration at which Mr. Abbott delivered an address on his observations in South America.

The Rev. Frederick Divers is the pastor of Bethel.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE RACE PROBLEM

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gospel.

These are vital suggestions and while practical are difficult enough to carry out. To have correct knowledge on racial matters, Mr. Oldham points out some of the vital errors of our scientists, especially our psychologists, is no simple matter. Scientists as well as other folk think in propaganda. They test the ability of the colored child on a basis of the capability of the white child. To create a right public opinion. Who has not dreamed of this and waked to see impossibility? To spread the gospel. One may question that. Apparently the only Western nation free from race prejudice, anti-imperialistic, is atheist Russia. Certainly in those parts of the United States, where the church flourishes the most, there is the most racial intolerance. It is likely that if the doors of every Christian church were to close for good tomorrow, there would not be a whit's difference between the relations of colored and white. But the appeal to men's humanity is always worth while, and this book in a sane, kindly fashion insists on the fundamental doctrine of all great religions, that all men are equal in the sight of God. With this truth in his heart Mr. Oldham examines the relations of the English speaking peoples to the colored races and for the most part argues wisely and convincingly regarding what he sees.

RECORDER OF DEEDS FROE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY

Washington, March 13, 1925.—Just as February closed, Congress passed Bill S. 1934, authorizing the appointment of a deputy recorder of deeds, as an additional assistant to Recorder Arthur G. Froe, appointee of the late President Harding, and Coolidge hold-over. According to the new bill, which, it is said, is now ready for signature, the second deputy recorder is authorized to perform any and all acts which the recorder is authorized to do. The salary is to be \$2,000, payable with the approval of the U. S. Attorney-General. The Recorder has not yet given any intimation of the person who is to receive the plum.

Mrs. James Bell, of 2620 Grant St., who has had an attack of la grippe is much better.

RETURNS FROM BURIAL OF HIS MOTHER.

Dr. L. E. Britt, well-known and successful physician, returned Saturday, February 28th from Higginsville, Mo., where he had been called by the illness and death of his mother, Mrs. Anice Britt, who passed peacefully away in the home in which she had lived for forty years, February 25th. The funeral was held from the Methodist church of which she had long been a devoted member, Friday afternoon, February 27th and was attended by a large concourse of friends of both races. The local paper paid a high tribute to her as one of the most highly respected citizens of Higginsville. She is survived by several children and two grandchildren.

N. Y. CIVIC CLUB HEARS SPEECHES ON NEGRO GIFTS.

The Civic Club of New York City recently gave an evening to the discussion of the Negro's gifts to America. The meeting arose as a consequence of the "Harlem Number", published as the March issue of The Survey Graphic Magazine.

Speakers at the meeting were Prof. Alain Locke, of Howard University, who planned and worked on the "Harlem Number" of the Survey Graphic; Dr. W. E. B. Bois, Editor of THE CRISIS; James Weldon Johnson and Walter White, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Konrad Berecovi, author and lecturer; and Miss Elise Johnson McDougald, Assistant Principal of Public School 89 in Harlem.

Prof. Locke spoke of the youth movement in the Negro race and its spiritual and cultural significance. Dr. Du Bois censured the historians' conspiracy to deny the Negro credit for his share in America's upbuilding. Mr. Johnson spoke of the bad moral effect upon the nation that comes of oppressing a minority group and said the race problem involves "saving black America's body and white America's soul." Konrad Berecovi gave his impressions of Harlem life and ridiculed "Nordic" pretensions to superiority. Miss McDougald told of her work among race mothers and children. Mr. White discussed the effects of race prejudice on white and colored people.

A packed auditorium applauded the addresses. The Civic Club is the outstanding liberal club of New York City, and a meeting of this sort held there is expected to have far-reaching effects.

LINCOLN NEWS

A series of very successful revival services are in progress at Mt. Zion Baptist church, under the leadership of Dr. W. H. Hill, of Independence, Mo. Dr. Hill is quite a fluent speaker, and has been drawing immense crowds each night. A large accession to the church has been made. Rev. H. W. Bots and church are elated over the fact.

Mrs. Guy Wiley, who yet resides at Omaha, spent several days with her husband here.

The Utopian Art Club will meet with Mrs. Anna Christensen, 828 C St., March 19th.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin attended the executive board meeting of New Era Baptist Assn. at Omaha this week.

Ye correspondent is ill at this time, hence news is brief.

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7:30 a. m. Holy Communion

10 a. m. Sunday School

11 a. m. Sung Eucharist With Sermon

8 p. m. Service and Sermon

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