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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.

LET'S DO OUR SHARE

In October Omaha is going to entertain a convention of unimaginable proportions and of far-reaching influence. It is the American Legion Convention, which will bring to the city, so we are advised nearly 200,000 people. In other words Omaha's population will be doubled for the time being. It is estimated that among the delegates and visitors there will be about 2,000 colored delegates. The Theodore Roosevelt Post in co-operation with Omaha Post of the American Legion is leaving no stone unturned to do its part in the entertainment of all legionnaires. We know that our citizens will lend their whole-hearted co-operation. Provision must be made for the housing and entertainment of these hundreds of thousands of visitors. Let's all do our share in extending cordial welcome to the city's guests and in preparing for their coming. *The Monitor* while urging our people to do their full share desires to bring to the attention of our leading citizens the necessity of their seeing to it that all guests who come are treated as American citizens without the embarrassments that certain narrow-minded people will be disposed to impose upon some of the city's guests. Omaha has an unprecedented opportunity to prove that she is truly an upstanding, broad-minded democratic city.

DOES OMAHA WANT SLUMS?

OMAHA prides itself on being a city without slums. Slums, technically speaking, mean a badly congested, unsanitary, low dirty district of a city, mainly inhabited by a poor and generally criminal population. With the wide expansive territory of Omaha there is no reason for the existence of such districts. If building regulations are rigidly enforced and the cupidity of grasping landlords is restrained Omaha will have no slums. It is to avoid such a condition as this that *The Monitor* desires to call the attention of the City Commissioners to a small tract of land, less than 200 feet square, on the corner of Twenty-first and Paul streets, upon which are crowded no less than eleven good-size dwelling houses, crowded so closely together that they are a menace to health and morality. These houses are at present occupied by poor, and we believe, respectable colored tenants. Such congestion as this, however, is an incipient slum. We cannot understand why this narrow strip was not included in the condemnation proceedings for the Municipal Playground, as should have been done. Left as it is it will be to the proposed playgrounds as a silk hat on a naked Hotentot. But whether it is in-

cluded or not our city authorities ought not permit the owner of that land to jam it full of houses in such a manner as he is doing, backdoor of one dwelling virtually opening into the front door of the dwelling behind it. Omaha has sufficient land to make such congestion as this impossible. If Omaha wants no slums such crowding as this must be stopped now.

THE DEED OF A MAN

TOM LEE is presumably an untutored Negro such as are to be found in large numbers in the Southern states where educational opportunities for black men are largely circumscribed and restricted. He knows the Mississippi river. Recently a government steamer turned turtle. Many of the passengers sank into a watery grave. Tom Lee rescued thirty. He imperiled his life to save others. They were all white persons, most of whom no doubt despised him because he was black, and if he had been injured would have denied him admittance into a hospital or their homes, lest his presence there would have defiled them. He thought nothing of that. He simply saw human beings in peril and did his duty like a man. They are acclaiming Tom Lee a hero. A fund to purchase him a home has been started. Like the slave who saved St. Michael's, Tom Lee can ask, "Tell me, ye who can, if the deed I have done before you is not the deed of a man?" May his deed, matched by others of his race, compel America to recognize and treat the black American as a man, nothing more, nothing less.

SET GOOD EXAMPLE

A BUSINESS man the other day told a certain young man if one of your colored papers is for this project and the other is against it, of course, nothing can be done. He was able to inform the gentleman that both papers were for it. As an example of united action and sentiment, when it comes to matters of racial policy and uplift, *The Monitor* and its contemporary, *The New Era*, are a unit. If we can get our racial forces to act as unitedly as our two local race papers do we as a group will soon get somewhere. Our papers are setting a good example of pulling together for the common racial welfare. Let others follow our example.

GOOD MANNERS AN ASSET

GOOD MANNERS is a most valuable asset. Courtesy and flippancy may provoke a laugh among the shallow pated but only court contempt from the thoughtful. Cultivate good manners and shun all impoliteness and boorishness.

...Coming...

THE HOUSE BEHIND THE CEDARS

The story of a handsome young white millionaire's passionate love for a beautiful mulatto girl... and the discovery. An amazing parallel to the famous Rhinlander case.

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."

"TAKE YOUR HAT OFF"

Why should Colored America "stand for everything?" There are those among the whites who are inclined to want to handle us as they would a suit case—pick us up and lay us down, stick us in a corner and kick us around, according to their prejudicial whims. We have certainly had a helluva mess of this in America. In a most amazing manner, protest against this was made in Washington last week by Miss Hallie Q. Brown, representing the women of the Race. The reaction of this event, in not only stiffening our own back bones, but in serving warning to American whites that we have reached the limit in submission, cannot be estimated at this time. Throughout the country, we predict, there will henceforth be ringing protests against the damnable American practice of segregation. We have preached and protested against it, and written against it, to these many years, but it takes such an event as the one in Washington, to properly emphasize it. Two things remember: Hit the iron while it is hot; take off your hat and bow low to Miss Hallie Q. Brown. She is the salt of the earth.—Editor Associated Negro Press.

THE OMAHA WAITERS' ASSOCIATION

The regular weekly meeting of the club was held at the club rooms, 2427 Lake street, Monday evening, May 18. It was a most joyous meeting. Announcement was made by the director of a donation of \$92 from the Ad-Selling League to help furnish the club rooms. They were at a loss to find words to thank them. Long live the Ad-Selling Club!

They are off! The Omaha Country club opens up its season Saturday, May 23. Tony Jackson is headwaiter with the following crew: Allen Kennedy, J. D. Johnson, Essex Williams and William Newsome. You know Tony.

Fast time. Saturday, May 23, the Omaha Field Club opens up its season with J. W. Brooks as headwaiter, and the following crew: R. Ricks, L. Reed, N. Jefferson, old warhorse Mr. Pace. You can't lose, Brooks.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. A. T. Jordan, our popular caterer, has been given the concession of the dining room of the Highland Club for the season. He will be assisted by Mr. George Lomax. Your knowledge of the game spells success.

One of the newest pleasure clubs of the city is the J. O. C. Club De Luxe. If doing things and class count for anything then De Luxe is right. 100 per cent member of the association. Mr. P. Smith, president.

Mr. C. M. Andrews, motored to Lincoln Sunday.

Mr. H. Bartlett of the U. P. service pulled in from Denver Tuesday. Looks the same. O you, kid!

Usher Graves made his first visit to the club rooms Tuesday. One look! "Give me the pen and ink!" Nuff sed.
 We regret the leaving of our old friend, D. Simpson. It's like tearing down an old landmark. He leaves next week for Oakland, Cal., where he will make his future home. He is going in business with his brother-in-law. Good luck!
 C. H. Spriggs, Correspondent.

A farm census of Nebraska is now being taken by the federal government along with that provided for by congress for all other states, as a result of a movement started by the ag-

gricultural committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

This census was authorized by congress through a bill passed in 1922 appropriating the funds necessary for it, after the Omaha Chamber's agricultural committee had pointed out the need for a census of farms each five years. This was brought to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States by the Omaha Chamber, and the national organization, in turn, brought it to the attention of the president and congress.

Inadequacy of the 1920 census figures for purposes of comparison was pointed out by the agricultural committee in its resolution. Inflated land values in 1919, the failure of the 1920 census to set forth the farm mortgage and indebtedness by counties and state, and the correct ratio of indebtedness to actual values, it was shown, made the last census inadequate and misleading. It also was urged that the five year count should include statistics on ownership and tenancy of farm lands by states and counties.

THE WHATNOT COLUMN

By Robert P. Edwards
 (For the Associated Negro Press)

What was the Armistice Case?
 One morning in August, 1834, the United States Steamship Washington sighted a ship which flew no pennants and responded to no signals, off Montauk Pt., L. I. Upon investigation the Washington discovered the mysteryship to be the *Armistice*, a slave, whose human cargo had revolted, taken command and were trying to get bearings in order to return home to Africa. Through the courts of the United States the owners of the ship tried to gain possession of the slaves (whom they designated as pirates) and freight; but Justice Story of the supreme court declared the owners' proceedings unlawful, which decision resulted in the slaves being returned to Africa and freed.

Who was Andrew Bryant?
 One day in 1788, a Negro slave had the temerity to call upon the citizens of Savannah, Georgia, to repent, believe and be baptized, for which he was publicly whipped. Undaunted, he continued to preach for which offense he was imprisoned and upon being released, again preached and with renewed fervor. He was again cast into prison, his persistence finally made such an impression on the civil authorities that not only was he left unmolested but his master gave him the use of a barn for his meetings. The persistent preacher was Andrew Bryant, and the barn, the birthplace of the First African Baptist church of Savannah.

Who was "Little" Steve?
 Estevancio, or Little Steve, was one of the few survivors of the Narvaez expedition which was wrecked on the coast of what is now Texas in 1528. "Little Steve" with two other companions wandered over the plains of Texas and Mexico, finally reaching Mexico City. In 1538 he led an expedition and discovered what is now the states of Arizona and New Mexico. He was killed at Gibbola, N. M., in a battle with the Indians who have handed down to their posterity wonderful tales of the bravery of the Black Mexican with Chili pepper lips.

HOOSIT?
 He was born in Maryland and became the foremost actor in the history of the race. His talent was first discovered by Edmund Kean, and in 1839 he appeared in London, England, as Othello to Kean's Iago. His performance attracted worldwide attention and he was decorated by the king of Prussia. He died in Poland in 1867.

GEN. DUNCAN ADDRESSES ROOSEVELT POST

Last Friday night the rooms of the Colored Commercial Club were filled to their capacity at the regular weekly meeting of the Theodore Roosevelt Post of the American Legion. General George B. Duncan and Anan Raymond, commander of Omaha Post, delivered addresses. General Duncan urged interest and enrollment in the Citizens Training Camp, and Commander Raymond spoke on the approaching Legion Convention and pledged the hearty co-operation of his post in providing for the colored legionnaires who will attend. Dr. W. W. Peebles designated several practical civic matters in which the Omaha post could be of assistance to their colored comrades, such as securing teachers in our public schools and similar vital matters. Count Wilkinson, editor of *The New Era*, and Rev. John Albert Williams were called upon for remarks. The former spoke briefly of the Citizen's Training Camp and the latter stressed the point, that it was up to the Omaha Post and the influential citizens of Omaha to see to it that when the convention meets here in October that all our guests are treated as American legionnaires without any distinction as to race or color.

WESTERNER HEADS THE LIBERTY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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 racter and great ability whose life was devoted to the welfare of others. Under his guidance and direction, our company has grown to tremendous proportions and although he is no longer with us, his ideals shall continue as our ideals, his methods as our methods. As a result, of these ideals, clean methods and admirable service our company has had a record of steady achievement, stability and fine morals not only in the home office and the field but among policyholders and stockholders.

Dr. Bousfield who is highly regarded in Chicago where he is identified with numerous activities among them being membership in the board of management of the Y. M. C. A., and the Urban League will continue as medical director of the company in addition to his new duties.

WOMEN'S PROTEST PLAINLY DECLARES RUBICON REACHED

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 It is argued that there are no exceptions to this rule; that it is not a threat, but a mere statement of fact. If Washington sets the example, other parts of the country will cheerfully follow.

The world is told that 400,000 former service men, their families and friends, feel that American hypocrisy in social and political justice should cease. Colored Americans have an enviable record of loyalty but this loyalty cannot be expected to thrive on segregation, discrimination and prejudice, declare these people. Segregation, like lynching must go, Colored America is declaring with resounding voices that can be heard in all crevices of the Capitol and in all nooks and corners of the White House.

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