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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 NEW YEAR

A NEW YEAR has come. Like all things new or young it is welcomed with glad acclaim. What it holds for us of joy or sorrow, success or failure, is mercifully hidden from our eyes. Could we foresee all that it holds might it not deter us or hold us back from doing our best? Do we not need the spur of which the possible, but yet, by us, unattained holds out? Surely, we do. We know that the present year will be in the main, like all its predecessors, replete with opportunities of doing good to and for ourselves and for others. Bringing too, its many opportunities for rising to a higher plane of life, to be kinder, more brotherly, more charitable, more useful, more industrious, more frugal, more helpful in every way. Let us look upon the New Year in this light, voicing the prayer:

"Build thee more stately, mansions,  
Oh, my soul;  
As the swift seasons roll;  
Leave thy low-vaulted past;  
Let each new season nobler than the last  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,  
Till thou at length art free  
Leaving thine out worn shell  
By Life's unresting sea."  
Happiness and prosperity will indeed be theirs who regard the New Year as another opportunity of taking courage and moving onward and upward.

### SAY IT WITH DOLLARS

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is raising a fund of \$50,000 for the defense of Dr. Sweet, whose trial just closed in Detroit. It is raising it for more than Dr. Sweet. It will soon have to meet residential segregation fights in Washington, D. C., Cleveland, New Orleans, New York, Chicago, Baltimore—everywhere. Evil is rapidly gaining ground. The Negro is being set back at a prairie-fire rate.

The more recent fights of the last few years have been confined primarily to the separate school and the segregated living district. In other words Negroes must not earn decently and they must not live in good surroundings. The Caucasian Satanic soul knows that if you keep a child illy housed and ignorant you are not going to have a Negro with either knowledge or the spirit which makes for highest manhood and womanhood.

The N. A. A. C. P. is fighting several evils but these just now are the order of the day on their militant calendar. They seek large contributions and small contributions. They appeal to you on the basis of the income tax—you should give according to your ability to pay. Not only that; the more you have, the more you need the protection which they are offering you. It is not often that the Negro attacked in the South and run out is a ne'er-do-well. He is usually a successful physician, prosperous farmer or enterprising business man. The more he possesses, the more he is hated. It is progress which arouses envy. The Negro loafer and ne'er-do-well is welcome. The residential clash comes when one of these successful physicians or prosperous men can afford to buy his home in a so-called white community, which is more desirable to live in. The masses have an interest in his moving into such localities, too, because New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, Detroit, it paves the way for the great masses getting into better residential sections. This has been the history of the progress of Negroes in home buying all over the country. In fact it is a rare thing for a colored person to build a new home anywhere. He buys a fine home already built by and for the white person. It is well that this is so since the homes built for whites are generally better than those built for colored people. Besides, they get these houses cheaper.

The N. A. A. C. P. is fighting for a better head and better home for Negro manhood and Negro womanhood. This is the meaning of their battering down of segregation in schools and residences. There is no family which cannot afford to give \$1.00. There is no grown working man or woman who cannot make this sacrifice by giving up merely the amount he spends on vices which had better be dispensed with one day, one week or one month. Send your contribution today to James We'don Johnson, secretary, N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth Avenue, New York.—Chicago Go.

### SHOULD SUE CITY

Behold a strange social phenomenon. In Detroit, Michigan, eleven citizens are on trial for their lives for protecting their property from an attack by a mob. Instead of being tried for his life Dr. Sweet ought to be suing the city of Detroit for its failure to guarantee him protection from the mob which was destroying his property and threatening him and his friends with personal violence.

We wonder if this aspect of the Sweet case has overcome to others. We believe that any city that permits a mob to damage or destroy a citizen's property should be and can be held liable for damages. Why not?

### SCHOOL TEACHERS

The colored taxpayers and citizens of Omaha must not cease their agitation for the appointment of some competent teachers of our race in the public schools until we get them. There are several college and normal graduates who are compelled to go away from home to teach when some of them at least ought to be teaching here in this city. The time to go after the Board of Education for this just recognition is now. Let us not wait until June. Combine forces and get busy now. Think of it! Negroes of this city, paying taxes, direct and indirect, upon millions of real and personal property, and on a single representative drawing one cent of

### 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 dominant 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."

### WASHINGTON WOMEN INAUGURATE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND DRIVE

With a meeting of 1,000 people, addressed by Arthur Garfield Hays, associated with Clarence Darrow in the Sweet Defense, and by Robert W. Bagnall, director of branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, women of Washington, D. C., inaugurated a drive in aid of the Legal Defense Fund being raised by the National Office. The mass meeting on Sunday, December 20, was followed on Monday by a card tournament, on Tuesday by a turkey dinner, on Wednesday by a second card tournament and on Christmas Eve by a large dance. The committee in charge of the drive and of the entertainments is headed by Mrs. Nellie McGuire. Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Laura B. Glenn, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Mrs. Ruth Savoy, Mrs. Pauline Marshall, Mrs. Lettie C. Calloway, Mrs. Carol Carson and Mrs. Louise Adams Hayes.

### NEWS FROM LINCOLN

Members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church were guests to their pastor, Rev. H. W. Bots Christmas night at the church.

Mrs. Ella Black is reported quite ill at her home, 708 No. 13th street.

Mrs. E. Davis of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Clemens, who is sick, and her sister, Mrs. Nettie McDonald.

Miss Fredonia Cooley is spending the holidays with friends at home here.

Mr. P. J. Abouner was called to Nejersey on account of the death of his sister.

Rev. C. W. Wilson is here from Kansas spending the holidays with his wife and daughters.

Dr. W. F. Bots of Omaha spent Saturday with his brother, Rev. H. W. Bots, here.

John Polette met with violent death on Christmas night, while in a fight at the home of Jim Gill. Polette was the aggressor. Hence the coroner's jury exonerated Gill for protecting his life and home.

The funeral of John Polette was held in Mt. Zion Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon. Rev. H. W. Bots preached. Cornhusker Lodge No. 579 had charge of the body.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stanley left Saturday morning for Chicago and eastern points. They expect to be gone about six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Watts and Josephine, relatives of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Edwards from Fremont, Nebr., spent Christmas in Lincoln.

Mrs. Stanley of St. Joseph, Mo., and Miss Pauline Hightower are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hightower.

The "Prince of Peace" Christmas Cantata 5 o'clock candle light service Christmas morning under the direction of Mme. Odessa Gohuson. Mme. Wilson at the piano and Miss Florence Reed at the organ.

The Sunday School program and Christmas tree was held Thursday evening. An interesting time was spent with the children. Miss Cleopatra Ross, pianist, was chairman of the program.

The Women's Davis Club, M. A. Club, and L. L. Kensington, together with numerous individuals were distributing Christmas cheer last week in different parts of the city.

Mrs. Gary, mother of Mrs. L. Haskel, passed away Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. Funeral services were held at Alta Brown's Mortuary, and the body taken to Manhattan, Kans., Thursday morning. Mrs. Gary was 75 years of age and past matron of Manhattan Chapt., O. E. S. and was a member of Quinn Chapel.

Mrs. Lulu Jones of Chicago is visiting friends and relatives in this city.

The M. A. Club gave their Christmas party and first tree celebration at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Edna Stokes, a pleasant time was had by all and every member was present.

Mr. Courtney Cooley leaves for Boston during the latter part of the week to resume his studies.

### NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

By Mrs. Emma Jones  
(Correspondent and Agent)  
1117 Avenue D.

Mrs. Arthur Ashby has returned from Des Moines.

Mr. Walter Sherndon was called to Chicago last week by the death of his sister. He returned Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sherndon held a family reunion Sunday at their home.

Mrs. Ida Giles had as dinner guest Mr. and Mrs. H. Preston of Omaha on Christmas day.

Mrs. E. H. Madison entertained Mr. Arthur Ashby at dinner Christmas day.

Mr. Lester Blackburn arrived Monday to spend a couple of days with his wife and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blackburn will leave this week for Sioux City to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gully celebrated their tenth anniversary Saturday, December 26. A delightful luncheon was served.



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