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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.

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CONGRATULATIONS,  
**HOWARD KENNEDY!**

THE Monitor extends congratulations to Howard Kennedy school for winning the Omaha Grade School basket ball championship. It is rather noteworthy that for several years now the city championship in various athletic contests have been won by the schools with a large colored enrollment and consequently with a large representation on the various teams. West Side, which contended with Howard Kennedy in the finals, was composed, as was Howard Kennedy's, of five colored and one white player. In these interscholastic contests the best of good feeling prevails and every team goes out to win for its respective school. This is competition and sportsmanship of the right kind.

### "FOUL AND FAIR"

WHEN we look at certain sections of our city within a two-mile radius of the Postoffice, we are tempted to paraphrase a sentence from Macbeth: "So foul and fair a (city) I have never seen." Some sections are beautiful and a credit to our city. Others are unsightly and a disgrace to any city that lays claim to any civic pride. Tumbled-down shacks, guiltless of paint; rubbish-heaped lots; unpaved streets and almost impassable sidewalks, exist in the heart of the city, almost. A little beyond these unsightly districts, found here and there, are beautiful residence and business districts, but in reaching these the visitor has to pass through these "foul" sections, before reaching the "fair." This is a bad advertisement for Omaha. Let our city commissioners get busy and see to it that these "foul" sections are improved and made "fair".

### NO MAKESHIFT PLAYGROUND.

WE heard the other day, but have not been able to verify the rumor, that it is proposed to partially equip the Municipal Playground at Twenty-

first and Paul streets, with some apparatus that "will do for the present." We have not conferred with Park Commissioner Hummel and so cannot speak with any certainty until we have. But assuming that there is some truth in the rumor, The Monitor desires to go on record as being absolutely opposed to any makeshift methods. This playground should be thoroughly equipped and beautified for the children of this section or abandoned. We believe further that the houses on Paul street owned by Whalen should be acquired and moved off Pleasant Green Baptist church and the entire plot used for the playground. This is one of the neglected sections of the city, concerning which the sentiment seems to be "any old thing will do." Here is a chance for the city to improve, beautify and utilize. Make this playground what it should be or abandon it.

### DOING ONE'S BEST.

WHATEVER one has to do he should always determine to do his best. No one should be satisfied in simply trying to get by. Thoroughness is the thing that counts. Many fail to do worthwhile things or to make any progress in life because they are too easily satisfied. Mediocrity is permitted to push out proficiency. We wonder if this is not one of the weaknesses from which our group, taken as a whole, suffers. What do you think about it?

### COLORED ARTIST SHOWS WORK

New York, N. Y.—(By the Associated Negro Press) Prominent among the displays in exhibition of the Society of Independent Artists which opened Thursday in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel were two portraits by O. Richard Reid, a colored member of the society. The portraits are of Fannie Hurst, Jewish short story writer and novelist, and of Lester Walton, contributor of the New York World. Mr. Reid worked his way through the Pennsylvania School of Fine Arts as a hotel waiter and porter. He is twenty-eight years old, and was born in Jacksonville, Florida.

### DENY NEGROES USE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wilmington, N. C.—(By the Associated Negro Press) A request by the colored chamber of commerce in the interest of the colored citizens for the use of the public library has been

### 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."

denied by the city council. The request came like a bolt from the blue, taking the members of the council completely by surprise since there had been no intimation that colored persons had ever considered use of the library. The mayor tried to explain that he didn't know whether the city owned the library or a society which had founded it, saying that the records would have to be searched. He suggested that Negroes start soon to "roll their own."

### EXAGGERATION OF INDIAN ATTACKS IN WEST IS TOLD

Prof. Hulbert, Director of Commission on Western History, Reaches Conclusion After Much Research.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Historical fiction of the Wild West appears to have exaggerated the number of sanguinary attacks by Indians upon immigrant trains along the old Oregon trail. Nature, and not the aborigines, furnished most of the dangers encountered by the pioneers.

These conclusions have been reached by Prof. Archer H. Hulbert, director of the commission on western history, who has just completed the task of mapping six of the most famous old trails from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast.

In a space of forty miles along the Carson river on the trail broken by the forty-niners, 4,000 dead cattle and 8,000 abandoned wagons were left to record the history of the hardships they suffered in the trek for gold. Miners built houses of these wagon wrecks in the days of the Comstock lode discovery in Nevada a decade later.

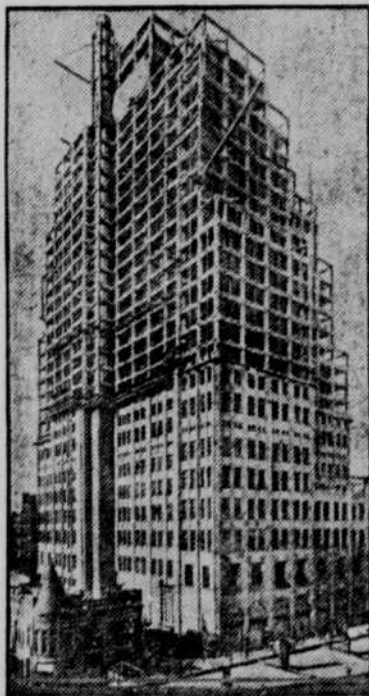
Great rivers were not difficult to cross when "flats" or rafts were secured, but the thousands of little "cut-bank" creeks not more than ten feet wide were the daily terror of the teamsters and delayed the caravans more than did the few rivers of width.

Trappers and gold hunters suffered from Indian attacks more than did the great immigrant trains in the era of mass migration to Oregon. Between 1842 and 1850 the number of trains that were seriously molested by the red men were few, the investigators found.

Information used in the survey and map making was obtained from state and county surveyors' offices, from the original surveys in the general land office at Washington and by studying the diaries of 150 old-time travelers and pioneers.

In addition to the Oregon trail the map reproduces the routes of the Mormon trail fork from Omaha to Fort Laramie; the Nebraska City-Fort Kearney branch; the California trail from Yale post office, Idaho, to the coast; the Salt Lake branch of the California trail; the Forty-niners' trail on Raft river in northwestern Utah; the Salt Lake-Placerville route, and the Overland Stage branch of the main trail from Julesburg, Colo., to Salt Lake City.

### Telephone Co. Builds Sky Scraper in St. Louis



This \$5,000,000 building of the Southwest Bell Telephone company, 31 stories high, is now the tallest building in St. Louis, Mo. It stands on the block bounded by Tenth, Eleventh, Chestnut and Pine streets.

### New Universe Pictured by Savant and Measured

Chicago.—Another universe, similar to our own, but inconceivably distant in space, has been photographed and measured by Dr. Edwin Hubble, he relates in the Astro-Physical Journal of the University of Chicago.

It is 69,000,872 billion miles from the earth to the galaxy of stars which compose the other universe.

From observations made at Mount Wilson observatory, in California, the scientist has reduced to measurement the universe which was first seen in 1884. Expressing its distance from the earth as 700,000 light years, he estimates the galaxy measures 4,000 light years across. Photographs taken with light which left the universe thousands of years ago show it to be a system of stars similar in appearance to the familiar milky way.

### NEGRO CHOIR MAKES RECORD

Toronto, Can.—(By the Associated Negro Press) So many requests have been received by the Dominion Batteries Radio Station CKCL to again broadcast the now famous First Baptist church choir and quartet of this city that precedent has been set at night and when these colored singers broadcast March 14th, they will have been the only choir or chorus to give concerts within two months from a Canadian station.

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wholesale and retail, and to do all things pertaining to such business, and to issue and sell stock.

That the amount of authorized capital stock is \$10,000.00, to be paid cash when issued. Provided, the board of Directors may call stock upon payment of 10 per cent cash and 10 per cent weekly payments. Provided, further, that no certificate shall issue until paid in full.

That the time of commencement of the corporation is February, 1926, and the termination shall be 99 years thereafter.

That the highest amount of indebtedness to which this corporation shall be liable is two-thirds of its capital stock.

That the affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a board of directors.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 3d day of March, 1926.

(SIGNED)  
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T. S. Lambert, C. Westbrook,  
J. W. Dacus, Abraham Johnson,  
W. A. Brayboy, J. H. Thomas,  
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