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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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### THAT SCHOOL MANAGER

THE Monitor is opposed to the employment of a school manager. We believe that any functions he may be assigned are or can be successfully managed by the present superintendent of buildings, Duncan M. Finlayson, who has been serving in that capacity for twenty-five years. It has been announced that the Board of Education has not enough money to finance the summer schools which have been growing in favor for many years and have proven very beneficial to a large number of students. Pupils who desire to attend summer school must pay from \$10 to \$18 for the eight weeks' summer school, according to the number of studies carried, because funds are short and yet in the face of this fact, the Board has the unconscionable effrontery to want to employ a school manager at \$10,000 per annum and an assistant at \$7,000. Cut out the school manager and use the money that would be squandered by employing him and his assistant in financing the summer school. It is outrageous to demand that an extra fee of from \$10 to \$18 be paid for pupils attending summer school. What is the matter with Omaha's Board of Education anyway?

### GOSSIP

ONE of the most prolific sources of evil is gossip. It separates and estranges friends, breaks up families, wrecks business, bankrupts character and raises the devil generally. Only empty-headed people gossip. They who have their minds filled with worth while knowledge find better employment than indulging in gossip.

### HOW MUCH DO YOU SPEND?

HOW much do you spend with legitimate business enterprises which are being conducted by our people? When you need a taxi, for example, whom do you call? When you need a pair of socks or suspenders, a handkerchief, a necktie, a shirt, a spool of thread or some like necessity, where do you make such purchases?

### 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."

### LINCOLN, NEB.

Mr. Harry Franklin underwent another surgical operation last week for appendicitis which proved successful after several attempts by doctors. He is yet confined at the hospital, critically ill.

The chicken supper given at the Mount Zion Baptist church Thursday night by the Utopian Art club was a booming success.

A green supper was given at the A. M. E. church Thursday night by the ladies' aid.

The Heroines of Jericho will celebrate Palm Sunday at Masonic hall next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

The M. M. Mission was entertained by Miss Singer at the home of Mrs. E. J. Griffin's Monday night.

The Utopian Art club will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Forbes at their home, 2410 Holdredge street, Thursday night, April 1. A green supper will be given.

Mr. B. K. Mosby of Coffeerville, Kans., spent several days here with his wife and her sisters the past week. Mrs. Mosby is reported convalescing from an illness.

Mr. William Woods is able to return to his work.

Mrs. Ray of South 9th street is still confined indoors with sickness.

Mr. William Scott of 2443 South 9th street is reported somewhat better at this time.

### MONUMENT FOR COL. YOUNG SPONSORED BY OMEGAS

The Omega Phi Psi fraternity, by edict from their national organization, sponsors the placing of a monument over the grave of the late Col. Charles Young, in Arlington cemetery. Hundreds of visitors to Washington make a pilgrimage to the grave of Colonel Young. The Associated Negro Press has been asked by scores to urge the erection of a suitable monument. The subject has been discussed much, but it has remained for Omega, which organization keeps fresh the memory of the colonel, to definitely seek to raise funds for a monument. Major West Hamilton of the Washington Sentinel, leading Omega, will conduct the raising of \$2,500 necessary. The public is invited to join the fraternity. March 10 was the birthday of Colonel Young.

### TWENTY-ONE ST. LOUIS GROUPS BAR NEGROES

A concerted effort by 21 organizations in the city of St. Louis, to establish exclusion of Negroes from residential districts with definitely fixed boundaries, is being met by the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has organized a special committee to obtain members, and raise funds to meet emergencies as they may arise. James H. Tarter, secretary of the St. Louis branch, writes to the national office of the association in New York:

"There has been instituted propaganda to prevent the Negroes from occupying premises in certain localities in St. Louis. Boundaries have been formed and a perfect organized effort has been established to accomplish these aims of the white real estate agents. Twenty-one organizations have banded themselves with well-laid plans to keep Negroes from purchasing or renting houses only in the localities they have selected for them. This organization is composed of real estate men, merchants and business men of every profession.

"The agreement as laid out, or in other words, the constitution of the organization, is in our hands. . . . The executive committee (of the branch) has authorized a committee and that committee has worked out a plan to comb the city for membership and defense funds to be used as emergency arises. . . . We have something like 30 organizations. All are willingly desirous of working with the association's branch."

### "JAMES WELDON JOHNSON LIBRARY" IS DEDICATED

Atlantic City, N. J.—The seventh grade classes of the Indiana avenue school in this city have founded a library, which, at recent exercises, was dedicated as "James Weldon Johnson Library," being named after the secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Professor Montgomery Gregory, formerly of Howard University and now supervisor of the public schools in Atlantic City, was the principal speaker at the dedication exercises which closed with the singing of the Negro National Anthem.

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