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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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### AMERICANISM.

IF any one desires to see an excellent demonstration of what 100% Americanism is he should attend the annual field meet of the public schools of Omaha, which was sponsored and started many years ago by the Omaha World-Herald. This annual event attracts great crowds. Boys and girls from all the schools of Omaha compete on equal terms in these events. For example, on one relay team from one school may be seen a boy of Italian parentage, another of Jewish, another of Bohemian, another of Polish, another of "native" white American, another of Negro. All American school boys with the best of spirit out to win for their school. Here are boys and girls of all classes, nationalities, religious faiths and colors competing in feats of skill, endurance, speed and strength. Real, genuine, sportsmanship competition, each urging and emulating the other to do his best. When America can reproduce this happy result among all her people then true democracy will reign, strife and discord will cease, all will understand and respect each other and our country be exalted to that place among nations of the earth which we believe God destines her to attain. Separation and segregation make for misunderstanding and discord, association and helpful contact make for understanding, sympathy, concord and mutual respect. This is true Americanism.

### COMMON LAW MARRIAGES

WE read very frequently of some tragedy in which common law marriages figure. Common law marriages, so-called, are just ordinary adulterous unions. If men and women desire to live together as husband and wife the proper thing to do is to be lawfully married. Common law marriages do not grant protection to the woman or children and establish an immoral relationship which should not exist. Honorable marriage constitutes a safeguard for the family and for the nation.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

IT IS gratifying to note the increase in the number of

our boys and girls who will this year graduate from the Omaha high schools. The number is unprecedented. The largest number hitherto graduated at one time was seven. This year the number is 23. Technical High school graduates 12; Central 8 and South High 3. This is most gratifying and shows a growing appreciation of the value of education. Many of these too, are planning to go to college. These youth are to be congratulated and their self-sacrificing parents to be commended for the encouragement they are giving their children to prepare themselves for useful careers. While these youth are preparing themselves a duty devolves upon us as a people to pool our interests and develop business enterprises and institutions which will give employment to our ambitious youth when they have completed their training. Even though doors of opportunity are today in many places closed against our youth this should not thwart our ambition or discourage our work of preparation. Let us prepare ourselves and be ready for the opportunity when it comes.

### LINCOLN NOTES.

Rev. H. W. Botts was called to Plattsburg, Mo. last Wednesday to officiate at the funeral of a former member of his church while there.

Mrs. Mays went to Cherry County to visit her brother and to recuperate.

Mr. Charlie Owens was reported quite ill this week.

J. T. Wright is confined at home with illness.

Frenchy Kinney is reporting mending in health.

Mrs. Fanny Young has returned home, and was able to attend services Sunday morning.

Mr. H. L. Anderson and family were over from Omaha and worshipped at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Sunday.

Master Orlander Mitchell, the boy preacher, and mother of Omaha, worshipped at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Sunday. Master Mitchell preached for the Mission society in the afternoon, and again for the church at night. His subject was "The Prodigal Son."

Master Orlander Mitchell has consented to come to Lincoln next Sunday, June 6, and speak for Mt. Zion Baptist Church at night.

The commencement program of the State University Saturday, June 5th.

The New Era Baptist State Convention of Nebraska will convene in Pilgrim Baptist Church, 25th & Hamilton Sts., Omaha, Monday, June 7-13. All Baptists take note.

Sunday, June 6th will mark the consummation of the June rally at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Special services will be conducted during the day. Master Orlander Mitchell of Omaha will preach Sunday night; after which, reports of all moneys raised will be made.

Mr. Harry Swanagan, pianist for Miss Ada Brown & Co., playing at the Liberty Theatre was a guest of Mr. Harold Jones at 1339 So. 19th St. Mrs. Hazel Dean entertained with a dinner after the matinee Tuesday from 5 to 7 p. m.

Mr. Harold Jones entertained with an informal party from 10:30 till 12 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Ritha Banks, 815 G. St. Those present were: Miss Ada Brown and daughter, Gladys, Mr. Harry Swanagan, Miss Lillian McElroth, Mr. Everett Wilford, Miss Edna Davis, Mr. D. C. Jackson, Miss Josie Kincaid, Mr. Albert Molden, Miss Ritha Banks, Mr. Harold Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estes, James Estes, Tassie Arvilla Banks, pianist for the evening.

The O. E. S. Chapters will hold Esther day services in Masonic hall next Sunday afternoon.

Annual election of officers for Lebanon Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. first meeting in June.

### COLORED BOY AMONG FIRST GRADUATES OF CENTRAL

Central High school celebrates this June the semi-centennial anniversary of its first graduating class. In June, 1876, just fifty years ago, nine girls and two boys were handed their diplomas as the first graduating class of Central. Six members of the class, all women, now widely scattered, survive. The girls were the Misses Esther Jacobs, Nellie Lehmer, Fannie Wilson, Margaret McCague, Bertha Isaacs, Blanche Duell, Addie Gladstone, Stacia Crowley and Ida Goodman. The boys were Alfred Ramsey and Henry Currie. Currie was a colored boy, the son of one of Omaha's pioneer barbers. He died some years ago in Chicago. It is worth remembering that in the first class to graduate from Central High was a colored youth. Central's fiftieth class which will be graduated June 12 and which numbers 332 contains eight colored students, a large decrease in the ratio of the class of 1876.

### UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK PROMOTES EMPLOYEE

The United States National Bank, which has a large number of depositors from our group, has promoted Nate Hunter, who has been employed as messenger for the past twelve years rendering faithful and dependable service, to the position of special officer with an increased salary and has employed to succeed him as messenger, Lovejoy Crawford. Robert Allen has been employed as elevator conductor. This makes three of our young men to be employed by the United States National Bank. Messrs. Crawford and Allen are excellent young men and there is no doubt but that they will do their best to give entire satisfaction in the positions which have been given them. Promptness, politeness and dependability upon the part of our people who are given employment in any position will make openings for others.

### OMAHA BRANCH N. A. A. C. P.

The forum of the N. A. A. C. P. was held in Cleaves Temple, C. M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon. Rain interfered with the attendance, but an interesting address was delivered by R. W. Logan on "Some Hindrances To Our Economic Progress and How to Remedy Them" which elicited a profitable discussion lead by the Rev. James S. Blaine, pastor of the church. M. L. Hunter, vice-president presided.

Next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the regular monthly meeting of the Omaha Branch will be held at the North Side "Y," Twenty-second and Grant streets. All members and friends are urged to be present.

### BISHOP HAMLETT WILL PREACH AT CLEAVES TEMPLE

The Rt. Rev. J. A. Hamlett, D. D. the new bishop of the C. M. E. church who has recently been assigned to this district will preach at Cleaves Temple, C. M. E. Church, Twenty-fifth and Decatur streets, Rev. James S. Blaine, pastor, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday, June 6. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of St. Philip the Deason will entertain at a dancing party, Monday night, June 7 at Dreamland Hall. Music by Adams' orchestra.—Adv.

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Mrs. Bertha Brown of Harrisonville, Mo., who was called to Omaha by the death of her uncle, C. H. Hon, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Fox, 2816 Maple street. Mrs. Fox is a sister-in-law of Mr. Hon.

### EVER LOYAL CLUB.

The Ever Loyal Club, recently organized and composed of the young married women of Pilgrim Baptist Church, held its regular weekly meeting at the home of Mrs. Katie D. Smith, 27th and Caldwell Streets, last Wednesday night. Among the many plans of the club for assisting the Church financially, is their periodical luncheons, which will be announced from time to time.



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