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## TWO DELEGATIONS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

**National Committeeman Capers Objects to The Personnel of the Delegation.**

**TOO MUCH COLOR THERE FOR HIM**

**B. R. Levy and W. T. Andrew Are The Two Colored Delegates**

Columbia, S. C., March 7—South Carolina will likely have two delegations claiming seats at the next Republican National Convention. The Torbert faction met here a few days ago, endorsed the Taft Administration, and elected for delegates at large to the Chicago Convention. Those elected were J. R. Levy, W. T. Andrews, editor of the Defender, Sumter, N. C.; J. H. Torbert and J. Duncan Adams, the last two being white. Gen. Robert Smalls, collector of customs at Beaufort, was elected an alternate delegate.

National Committeeman John C. Harper is up in arms because he says 42 out of 43 county chairman are colored, six of the seven congressional districts have chairmen of the same race and 23 of the 25 county chairmen are colored.

Capers, who has long been regarded as "lilywhite" says that he is not in favor of a preponderance of colored men in the party councils in this state, by whch by the way, would not have any Republican party if it were not for colored voters. He points to the fact of his allowing two colored men on the State Republican Committee as an evidence of his desire to treat colored voters fairly.

Despite his talk of fairness, the fact that colored men were largely in control at the Torbert convention has made him issue a call for a State Convention to be held here on May 4.

### Bill For Colored Militia Advancing

**Notwithstanding Strong Opposition by White Malitiamen**

Albany, N.Y., March 8.—Depite the fact that while militiamen in all parts of the State are opposing it, the Assembly has advanced to its third raeding of the bill creating a colored regiment. It will come up for final action next Tuesday.

Opposition among white mlitia men is mainly based on race lines, but some expres the fear that one of the white units will be disbanded if the bill becomes a law.

Russell Raynor, president of the New York National Guard Association, has written a letter to all the commanding officers in the State military asking their cooperation in figting against the colored regiment.

The Cuvillier Bill establising a a regiment composed of men of the race was passed by the legislature a years ago, but failed to receive Governor Dix's signature. The bill was backed by many of the leading colred men of New York city and state. It is expceted that a large number of prominent colored men will be on hnd next Tuesday to urge the passage of the new measure.

Chicago, Marh 7—Dr. Booker T. Washington will be in the city. He will speak at Sinai Church in the morning.

MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL

### A Testimonial For Mrs. Mary Church Terrell

**Collector McKinley, Prof. Cook and Dr. Shepard Will Also Be Banquetted**

(Spec. to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Washington, Mar. 8—A testimonial is being planned in honor of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell by the women of Washington, and banquets are on foot for Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the National Religious Training School, Durham, N. C,, Prof. George William Cook, of Howard University, and Mr. Whitefield McKinley, collector of custo...s for the Port of Georgetown.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary, by a unanimous vote, Monday, ordered a favorable report on the nomination of Chancellor Mahlon Pitney to be Associated Justice of the Supreme Court, to succeed the late Justice Harlan. On Wednesday, he was confirmed by the Senate, without a dissenting vote.

The Kentucky Colony filled the boxes Monday evening at the Howard, witnessing the initial performance of "Lawyer Harper's" magnetic drama, "Tallaboo."

### Medical Society Organized

Jacksonville, Fla., March 7.—At A meeting here of physicians of Florida, Georgia and Alabama the Tri-State Medical Society was organized. A number of papers dealing with medical topics were read and discussed. Dr. S. B. Palmer, of Atlanta, was elected president, and Dr. J. A. Kenney, of Tuskegee Institute, secretary. The next meetng will be held at Atlant.

### Clean Bill of Health For Roscoe C. Bruce

**Superintendent Davidson Will Recommend That He Be Retained At Head of Schools**

Washington, Mar. 7—Superintendent of Schools Davidson is expected to urg d the retention of Roscoe Conkling Bruce as assistant Superintendent of public schools at the meeting of the Board of Education on March 20th. Mr. Bruce has been opposed for several years by some of the most influential colored residence. Some time ago he was cleared on charges. This time a secret hearing has been given his opponents and they are said to have registered a big protest against his educational methods.

Mr. Bruce is a son of the late Senator Bruce, of Misissippi. He was class orator at Howard University in 1902, and before his appointment as assistant superintendent of schools, he was superintendent of the academic work at Tuskegee Institute.

## W. ASHBIE HAWKINS OPPOSED TO TAFT

**Prominent Baltimore Attorney Says Taft Has Shown No Friendliness**

**HIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENTS CRITICISED**

**Colored Men In The City Tire of Being Used Without Being Consulted**

Judging by the talk of men of every section of the city it is nothing but Roosevelt for them. Ministers, lawyers, merchants, teachers, laborers, porters, drivers, and even the gentlemen who work hardest when they are eating say they are for "Teddy."

These men oppose Taft because they regard his policy of excluding colored men from federal positions in the South as delivering the race to those who would disfranchise and "Jim Crow" the Negro. They also point to his Supreme Court appointments as evidence of the fact that he did not consider the Negro's rights as para ount with those of other classes of citizens.

W. Ashbie Hawkins, the lawyer was one of the men to declare against Taft.

"In favoring Colonel Roosevelt as against Mr. Taft," said Mr. Hawkins, "I do not take back one iota of my contention that the discharge of the colored soldiers at Brownsville was wholly unfair and capable of doing untold damage to the rights of the race, and especially in that section of the country that now so lightly regards them. Mr. Taft in his Southern policy caters directly to the element that has been and is still opposed to the Negro and in trying to please that element he ignors the very ones that have always been loyal in their support of the Republican party

Disrfanchisement Illegal..

"There is a widespread belief that the Anti Negro laws of the South are subversive of the spirit of the constitution of the United States, and that when the case of disfrachisement, for instance, is brought squarely before the United States Supreme Court these laws will be declared invalid. We have seen an inkling of this posibility in the decisions of Judge Thomas J. Morris of the United States Court for Maryland in which the grand father' clause is declared invalid. But with all this possibility of the United States Court renderng decision in favor of manhood 'rights, Mr. Taft has made appointments of men to the Supreme Court bench who could be reasonably taken to be opposed to the Negro enjoying the same right as other classes of American citizens. Two of these men came from the South, and a Southerner was elevated to the Chief Justiceship. We cannot expect our case to be favorably decided when men with set convictions aginst the race are to be the judges.

"I have always fought for the rights and privileges of the race, and always without remuneration and I will continue to do so, and therefore I do not favor the renomination and reelection of Willlam Howard Taft."

Among the many others who are for Roosevelt are Rev. E. D. W.

W. ASHBIE HAWKINS

Jones, Rev. A. L. Gaines, W. F. Dearderleben, Attorney George W.F. McMecher, John Hawkins, and the leaders in the various fraternal orders.

City is Organized.

A number of the leading colored men of the city quietly effected a city wide organization this week which they will extend to the county in their work to help the Roosevelt cause. Some of these say they are tired of the Republican machine delivering them over without even consulting the race leaders. They also say that few colored people who are for Taft and those who are for Roosevelt should demand at least four of the sixteen delegates to the Republican National convention.

The Equitable League is one of the many organizations that have declared against Taft.

## PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE

**M. E. Ministers Will Gather In Annual Session At Washington**

Washington, D. C., March 7th—The forty-ninth annual session of the Washington Conference of the M. E. Church will be held at Ebenezer Church, this city week after next. Nearly all of the minister of the conference have completed their work and are now casting their thoughts as to where they will probaby be next stationed.

Some few changes are expected, and it may be that one of the local pastors will be succeeded by another. The term of Rev. M. J. Naylor as presiding elder of the Baltimore district expires this year and there are a number of aspirants for the position. Six delegates to the coming General Conferene of the denomination, which meets in Minneapolis in May, are desired. Among those mentioned in this connection are: Revs. J. W. E. Bowen, I. L. Thomas, W. A. C. Hughes, D. W. Shaw, M. W. Clair, J. A. Holmes, D. W. Hays, Ernest Lyon, M. J. Naylor, G. W. W. Jenkins, D. L. Washington, and S. H. Norwood.

The lay electoral college will also meet to elect three lay delegates to the General Conference. Those mentioned include: I. Garland Penn, assistant secretary of the Epworth League; Dr. S. B. Hughes, of Baltimore; George A. Owens, of Baltimore, George T. Beason, of this city. S. P. Ford, of Washington, J. Hutton, Martinsbury, W. Va., and Attorney Oliver, of Roanoke, Va.

Lincoln Univeristy, Pa., March 7—By the will of a New Jersey white man, Lincoln University has been endowed with $40,000. It is one of the best endowed colored schools in the country.

## WICKERSHAM SAYS HE WILL RESIGN

**If American Bar Association Recinds Election of Assistant Attorney Lewis**

**OTHER PROMINENT MEN WILL ALSO RESIGN**

**The Attorney General Highly Commended For His Manly Stand.**

Advices received in the city this week convey the statement that a number of the most influential members of the American Bar Association will resign if the association votes to, rescind the elceton to membership of Assistant Attorney General W.H. Lewis. The question will come up at the next annual meeting at Milwaukee and many of the Southern members will try to have Mr. Lewis expelled on the ground of his being a Negro

Attorney General Wickersham announced this week that he would resign as a member of the American Bar Association should Mr. Lewis be excluded. He further says that such action would be illegal. The New York Evening Post editorially commends the stand taken by Mr. Wickersham and says that it is intolerale that a citizen "should be made the victim of race bigotry."

The editorial follows: Attorney General Wickersham has done a manly thing in protesting so vigorously against action of the executive committee of the American Bar Association which has voted to exclude from membership in this Association Assistant Attorney General William H. Lewis on the gound that Mr. Lewis is a Negro. Mr. Wickersham speaks of the committees' "outrazeous" action. It is difficult to say whether it is the outrageous injustice or the outrageous stupidity of such conduct stands out most conspicuously. The committee should have foreseen that precisely such a protest as the Attorney General has made would be forth coming. Nothing in the Constitution of the American Bar Association sanctions such race discrimination, and if lawyers were not traditionally obtuse in the law when it comes home to them personally, the committee might have known that legal measures could be invoked against its arbirtrary action. It is intolerable that a citizen who is in the employ of the United States government should be made the victim of race bigotry. It is giving notice to the colored race that conspicuous fitness for public office constiutes no title to decent consideration from those who probably look upon themselves as men of light and leading.

### Will Fight For His Job

Pittsburg, Pa., Mar 7—Director of Public Safety Morin has demanded the resignations of 12 of he ctty detectives, declaring that they have served 20 yeasr, and are, therefore, entitled to a pension. General Cole, the only colored detective in the city, is one on the list and his friends are making a big effort to have him returned in active service.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY LEWIS

### Christian Endeavorers Resent Being "Jim Crowed"

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Claiming to have been "jim-crowed" by having to sit in the extreme rear of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Monday night at a union meeting of the Christian Endeavorers of the District, fifteen colored members left the church, headed by Rev. E. E. Ricks, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Georgetown. There is a mass of conflicting testimony, the white leaders contending that the seating arrangements were the results of an agreement with the colored leaders at the time the union was formed, and a portion of the colored membership denying the same. About 15 colored members declined to take part in the "walkout." Of tne 78 local societies in the union, 10 are colored. J. R Moss and Lloyd C. Cuney, colored organizers, are investigating the matter.

### Anti-Lynching Bill Killed in the House

**Democrats Do Not Think Maryland Needs Such a Bill**

Annapolis, Md, Mar. 7—By a vote of 76 to 11, the House of Delegates killed the anti-lynching bill yesterday. The bill was introduced by Delegate W. Harry Pairo, of Baltimore city a few weeks ago, and provided a penalty of $5,000 for any county or city where a lynching took place.

The bill was unfavorably reported by the Judiciary Committee, of which Delegate Cook is chairman. Delegate Pairo championed the bill and delegate Cook said no Southern state needed or had passed such a law. He said that the fact that Ohio and Illinois had such laws did not mean that Maryland wanted one. The vote resulted in a division along party lines, the Republicans supporting tne bill.

The measure was the result of the lynching of King Johnson at Brooklyn, Md,, Christmas day last.

### Joins Exclusive Organization.

New York, March 7—Mr. Wilkis N. Huggins, a graduate student at Columbia University, has been elected a mebmer of Columbia University Arts and Craft club, one of the exclusive organizations of the university.

The new colored theatre that is to be erectedin arlemwill be known as the Walker Hogan Cole Theatre aftre the three deceased topnotchers among colored vaudeville players.

### Celebrates Ninth Anniversary.

Jersey City, N. J., March 6—The ninth anniversary of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church was celebrated here Sunday. A number of prominent speakers delivered adresses during the day. Rev. E. F. Eggleston, formerly of Baltimore, is pastor of the church.