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ROSCOE CONKLIN BRUCE VINDICATED

White Members of Washington School Board Stand Solidly By Him.

COLORED MEMBERS VOTE AGAINST HIM

End of a Bitter Fight Against Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Washington, March 21—As was predicted in this correspondence two weeks ago, Superintendent of Schools Davidson submitted a report to the Board of Education sustaining Assistant Superintendent of Schools Roscoe C. Bruce., against whom charges of making unlawful prom tions and demotions had been filed last September.

The vote resulted in a division on race lines, the five white members voting to sustain Mr. Bruce, while colored members, R. R. Horner, Rev. Dr. William V. Tunnell and Mrs. Caroline Harris, voted against the superintendent. Mr. Horner made a big fight against its adoption.

Mr. Davidson's report entirely exonerates Mr. Bruce against the allegations that had been made of his conduct of the colored schools by more than 300 colored residents. The reports reads in part:

"I have carefully considered the question of the retention of the assistant superintendent for the colored schools, to which my attention was directed by the members of the board of education at an informal conference held on the evening of September 19, 1911, and have come to the conclusion that no change should be made in that office."

Mr. Horner claimed that Dr. Davidson's report was based on testimony received from only one side

"None of the persons who were in a position to testify," said Mr. Horner, "to the actions of Mr. Bruce was called upon by the superintendent to make statements. I mean no reflection upon the superintendent when I say this, because I believe he is the best fitted man for the position that we could obtain. In this matter he merely heard one side of the question. If this report is accepted it will be the first time in the history of this board, since it was presided over by Thomas Jefferson, that the white members of the board united and out voted the colored members in any matter pertaining only to the colored schools of the District of Colubmia."

Following the casting of the vote for the supreintendent Mr. Horner noted an appeal.

There were quite a large number of prominent colored persons on hand when the vote was taken. Mr. Daniel Murray, assistant librarian at the Congressional Library, was on hand armed with a number of circular letters. Mr. Horner attempted unsuccessfully to have one of these letters read.

Besides making a number of appointments and accepting resignations, the board accepted an offer from Charles Zeublin, editor of the New Century Magazine, Boston, of a prize of $10 for the pupil of the Armstrong Manual Training School or the M Street High School for the best essay on "What is Needed to Make Washington a Perfect City."

Discrimination Against Enlightenment and Efficiency

"New York and the Negro" the Topic For Discussion By Social Workers

New York, Mar. 21—"New York and the Colored People" was the general topic at the monthly confrence held under the auspices of the harity Organization Society Tuesday.

The first speaker as Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, editor of the Crisis, who mentoned the effects of social barriers.

"Discrimination against the Negro," he said, "was formerly discrimination against ignorance and inefficiency, but is now becoming more a discrimination against enlightenment and efficiency."

In the general discussion which followed his talk, Dr. DuBois was asked what was meant by the "grandfather clause." He explained that many of the Southern States had enacted laws only allowing those to vote whose grandfathers had that right, before the time of the emanciption of the race.

David Mannes of the Musical School settlement spoke highly of Charles Dougltass, under whom he began the study of the violin.

"We understand Germany by her composers," said Mr. Mannes, "and Italy through her pictures. Surely we can only understand the Negro through his music. We look down on rag-time as only a joke, but it is really a serious matter. Give the children a chance so that their warmth and life and color may be given this way of expression."

David I. Martin, of the Music Settlement for Colored People, urged that a scholarship fund to aid colored children of musical talent be created.

Carnegie Library Is Well Patronized.

Louisville, Ky., Mar. 21—There have been 280,941 patrons of the Colored Branch of the Carnegie Library during the past six years. There are 4,260 persons holding borrowers' cards at present. The library is liberally patronized by the colored people of this city, and contains many books of reference. Race newspapers are also on file. There are several reading circles and debating clubs which meet there. T. F. Blue is the head librarian, Mrs. Rachel D. Harris, first assistant, and Miss Inez Finney, second assistant.

South Before the War Subject For Artist

Brooklyn, N. Y., Mar. 21—An interesting collection of studies of Negro life by Harry Roseland is on exhibition at the Arlington Art Galleries.

Among the pictures is "To the Highest Bidder," which represents a young colored woman in slavery times standing with her child clinging to her dress before the placard which announces that she is for sale; "By the Mark Twain," which shows a Mississippi River stevedore standing on the dock of a steamboat, while he passes along the call of the leadsman; and other studies show the colored people of the "Old South" in various attitudes.

Want Rev. Brooks back.

New York, Mar. 22—Though Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks has declared that he would have to give up the pastorate of St. Mark's M. E. Church on account of his health, it is most probable that he will be returned by the New York Conference, so great has the pressure been made for his retention. He is an able minister, and was educated at Morgan College, Baltimore, and Howard University, Washington

NEW YORKERS ARE FOR ROOSEVELT

Prominent Citizens Visit Him And Pledge Their Support.

THE COLONEL IS FOR FAIR DEALING

Office Holding New Yorkers are Working Hard For Taft.

New York, Mar. 21—That Theodore Roosevelt is the choice of the colored voters of Greater New York is indicated by a poll that has been made by the Amsterdam News, which is supporting the Colonel's candidacy. Those interviewed include men prominent in various walks of life and whose names are well known in this community.

The New York Age is supporting Taft. So is Collector of Internal Revenue Charles W. Anderson and a number of the men who hold positions under him, along with some others.

A big delegation of members of the newly-formed Roosevelt Colored County Committee called on the Colonel Tuesday and pledged him the support of the majority of the 11,000 colored voters of New York county.

After several of the delegation had told Mr. Roosevelt that they were for him, followed by many lusty cheers for the lion hunter, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"Teddy" for Square Deal.

"Gentlemen, all I am trying to represent is social justice, industrial justice for those that are worthy of it, and that is a doctrine of the square deal. Just let me say how glad I am to see you here today as representative business men and clergymen. As you know, one of the things that I have been especially interested in has been the movement for the upbuilding of the business element among the colored people.

"I feel that it is true of every good citizen, but perhaps more true of the colored man, that he not only benefits himself, but he benefits the whole race. The colored man who knows that he is a direct type of self-respecting, self-supporting citizen is a credit to himself, to his people, and to the whole community."

James C. Thomas, the well-known Harlem funeral director, who is president of the organization, said: "We bid you God-speed, an we will work for you from start to finish."

Gerge W. Harris, secretary of the organization, and chief editorial writer on the Amsterdam News, told Colonel Roosevelt that he also was a Harvard alumnus. "The 11,000 colored voters in this county," he said, "are not going to have their will thwarted by the bosses. We have faith and hope in you as we have had in no man since Lincoln."

Rev. Reverdy Ransom, Rev. R R. Mont, Henry C. Parker, Rev. F. Sales, Prof. A. F. Mando, and George C. Bramble were among the many prominent men noticed at the meetings with the Colonel.

Mound Bayou, Miss., Mar. 21—By a court decision handed down a few days ago, the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge of Masons was declared the only colored body in the State that had the right to use Masonic principles, name and emblems.

Dr. Jenifer Makes Plea For Fair Play

Denounces Hyde Park Improvement Association For Unnecessary Race Prejudice

Chicago, Mar. 21—An eloquent plea by Rev. John T. Jenifer, a retired minister of the African Methodist Episcoal Church, that no effort be made to prevent the House for Good Shepherd, a colored institution, from locating in Hyde Park nearly provoked a riot at the meeting of Hyde Park Improvement Association last Thursday night.

H. T. Davis, president of the association, was about to call for a vote on the question, when Dr. Jenifer, who has every appearance of a white man, arose and said:

"I would ask indulgence for a moment before you take this step." He then proceeded to make a bitter arraignment of the proposed step. He called upon the members as men of intelligence before they had argeed to an act "which could not but reflect on their broadmindedness and humanity. Strike this blow at the Negro race," he continued, "and you go against your God."

Angered by Dr. Jenifer's plea for fairness, men from all parts of the house clamored for the right to speak. One man asked him if he would permit his children to go to school with a Negro and he replied that they had with no ill effects. Another asked if he would allow his daughter to marry a colored man.

When the vote was taken to ask the rescinding of the charter for the institution, Dr. Jenifer voted in the negative.

The Hyde Parkers some time ago tried to have separate schools established for colored people.

Dr. Jenifer was formerly an active minister in the Baltimore A. M. E. Conference.

Chicago Lining Up For New Y. M. C. A.

Chicago, Mar. 21—International Secretary J. E. Moorland was the principal speaker at the Y. M. C. A. rally last Sunday. He epxressed enthusiasm over the way the project for a new building for the colored Y. M. C. A. is taking shape. As soon as the great majority of the subscriptions are paid, the erection of a handsome and modern building will begin at 38th and Dearborn streets. Dr. Booker T. Washington, Mr. Julius Rosenwald, and Dr. George C. Hall were among the speakers at the rally Sunday before last.

Hon. Edward D. Green, a member of the last Legislature, is candidate for re-election.

Will Elect Successor to the Late Bishop Holly

New York, Mar. 21—When the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church meets here next month a successor to the Rt. Rev. Theodore Holly, late bishop of Hayti, will be chosen. While there are no known aspirants, it is most likely that some colored rector will be chosen for the place. Bishop Samuel David Ferguson, who has charge of the work in Hayti, is the only colored prelate in the American Church. Bishops Phillips and Oluwule, native Africans, have charge of the work of the English branch in Sierra Leone.

Schools Receive Appropriations

Frankfort, Ky., Mar. 21—Among the appropriations made for colored institutions at the recent session of the Legislature were: State Normal and Industrial School, $ 17,500; Western Industrial School, $10,500; and the Kentucky Home Society, $5000. A number of other schools in the State were also remembered.

MINISTERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Forty-Ninth Session of Washington Annual Conference Convenes

BIG CHANGES TO BE MADE THIS YEAR.

Much Interest In The Election of Delegates To General Conference

Washington, Mar. 22—Interest was at keen edge this morning at Ebenezer M. E. Church, where the forty-ninth annual session of the Washingon Methodist Episcopal Conference has been in session since Wednesday, on account of the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the M. E. General Conference, which will meet at Minneapolis in May.

The balloting began just before noon. The lay electoral conference met in the basement of the church, and after electin officers proceeded to elect delegates. The membership of the lay conference is made of one member from each charge.

Nearly all of the larger appointments, including the selection of successors to M. J. Naylor, superintendent of the Baltimore district, and S. R. Hughes, of the Staunton district, have been practically agreed upon. Bishop Anderson, who is presiding, refuses to give out any information in advance. Rev. W. H. Brooks, pastor of St. Mark's M. E. Church, New York, was here Wednesday and told some of the ministers, it is said, that pressure had been brought to bear to make him reconsider his determination to resign the pastorate on account of his health.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society met this afternoon. The conference practically began Tuesday night, when the anniversary of the Epworth League was observed. Addresses were delivered by Prof. I. Garland Penn and Rev. E. M. Randall. At the opening session Wednesday morning, addresses of welcome were delivered by Commissioner Cune H. Randolph, Rev. S. H. Brown, pastor of the church where the conference is meeting, and Dr. W. P. Thirkield, preident of Howard University. Responses were made by Bishop Anderson, Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, of Atlanta, and Rev. C. Y. Trigg, of West Virginia.

Carnegie Fund Increased.

The characters of District Superintendents M. J. Naylor, G. E. Curry, E. S. Williams, W. C. Thompson, Joseph Wheeler, and S. R. Hughes were passed Thursday Their reports show that the work of their respcetive districts is in good shape. The Carnegie Fund, of Morgan College, Baltimore, was considerably augmented in the conference claims from various charges. Metropolitan and Sharp Street Memorial Churches lead the Baltimore Churches in raising money for benevolences.

Among the many who have addressed the conference are: Revs. M. C. B. Mason, of the Freedmans Aid Society; I. L. Thomas, of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; C. C. Jacobs, of the Board of Sunday Schools; U. G. Leeper, the spokesman for a delegation of ministers from the A. M. E. Church; H. S. France, representing the white Methodist ministers of the district; and a number of ministers of other denominations. Rev. A. P. Shaw, of Winchester, Va., preached the annual missionary sermon yesterday afternoon, his theme being the "Great Missioner." A reception was tendered the visiting ministers last night.

Bishop Anderson will preach at Ebenezer Church tomorrow, Sunday, morning. The ordination of deascon and elders will take place in the afternoon. The conference will probably close Monday morning with the announcement of the appointments.

Rev. Brown Removed.

Providence, R. I., Mar. 21—Following a secret investigation of a charge that he was seeking to establish an Episcopal mission in this city, Bishop Evans Tyree has removed Rev. P. G. Moore-Brown as pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church. Rev. C. H. Yearwood, of New Bedford, Mass., has been appointed to succeed him.

To Build New Church.

Atlantic City, N. J., Mar. 21—Rev. A. L. Martin, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, has succeeded in getting a loan of Church Extension Board of the M. E. Church for the new building that the congregation will soon erect. Friends of the church have already given $1,000.

When the Deleware Annual Conferncee meets in Salisbury, Md., the first week in April, Rev Martin will report 100 accessions to the church during the year, $300 raised for benevolences, and nearly $6,000 raised for all purposes.

Employers Honor Servant.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Mar. 21—Mrs. Isabella Johnson, who has been employed by the family of Stryker Williamson, of Gravesend, for the past fifty years, was tendered a reception by her employers last Thursday night. They presented her a braclet made of ten-dollar gold pieces and tied with pink ribbon.

Instructed For Roosevelt.

Norfolk, Va., Mar. 21—The colored Republicans of the Second Congressional district held a meeting at Gideon Hall yesterday, instructed for Roosevelt and elected Wiley H. Crocker, of Suffolk, and Theodore Nash, of Portsmouth, as delegates to the Republican National Convention. Similar meetings will be held in the remainder of the ten Congressional districts of the State. A State convention will also be held at Richmond to select deleagtes at large. Two white factions have already selected delegates which means a triangular contest at Chicago.

The action yesterday was taken as a protest against the exclusion of the race from party councils in this State.

Rev. Morris Tendered Reception.

Norfolk, Va., Mar. 21—A reception was tendered Rev. Charles S. Morris Tuesday night, the occasion being his first anniversary as pastor of the Bank Street Baptist Church. A number of addresses were deliverd by white and colored ministers. Dr. Morris is regarded as one of the ablest pastors in the city.

A number of leading colored men organized a Roosevelt Club here Monday night. The membership includes most of those who have been active in fighting against the dominaiton of the party councils by whites.

The colored taxpayers of the Ninth ward are against the proposed bond issue as it discriminates against the ninth ward in the matter of contemplated improvements.

Will Hurt Colored Fishermen.

Austin, Tex., Mar. 21—The pearl fishery at Lake Caddo will here after be conducted by the State authorities. This will cut out a hitherto profitable business among colored fishermen and others.