SOCIAL SEASON IN WASHINGTON

Many Timely Topics Discussed. Race Stands by Lewis.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Elite Society Preparing For the Annual Assembly of the Monican Club—Taft and Wickersham Being Praised For Their Loyalty to Assistant Attorney General W. H. Lewis.

Washington.—No city in the world has such a cultured and intelligent population as this city, and in no city has colored society attained a point so nearly approaching the best society of other races as is true of this city. Washington abounds in beautiful maidens and handsome matrons, and their social entertainments approximate those given by the society devotees in the exclusive aristocratic white circles. The homes of the colored people in Washington—that is, many of them—are large, commodious and elegantly furnished, and with the large number of high colored federal officials now in Washington an impetus is given to the social side of life. Just now the ladies are on the tiptoe of feminine expectation and anticipation in view of the approaching Monican club assembly, which is by far the most elaborate affair in Washington society. The after Lenten assembly of the Monican club is always a perfect riot of beautiful women, elegant gowns and fine looking gentlemen, the very cream of Washington's society always being present. There are few of Washington's colored Four Hundred—that is, the women—who are not now discussing and arranging for the gowns they will wear on this particular occasion. And these assemblies are usually attended by a large number of strangers, ladies and gentlemen coming from a distance to be present at the after Lenten assembly of the Monican club. The invitation list to a Monican club affair is usually limited to 350, and the result is there is always a veritable scramble to secure one of the much coveted invitations. The new president of the Monican club is Mr. Walter Pinchback, a son of ex-Governor Pinchback. The membership of the club itself is limited to twenty-five gentlemen. The regular monthly meeting is always followed by the serving of a collation almost equal to an ordinary Washington banquet.

The stand that Attorney General Wickersham took in defense of Mr. William H. Lewis, the colored assistant attorney general, has caused him to be fairly flooded with letters of approval and commendation from colored men in every section and state of the country, and hundreds of white men are also writing the attorney general indorsing his courageous stand for a colored man. President Taft is also being praised in the most earnest manner by colored men, for it is well known here in Washington that President Taft was not only consulted by Attorney General Wickersham in the matter, but he gave unqualified approval of Mr. Wickersham's course. The 100,000 colored population in Washington, men and women in every walk of life, have done nothing for the past few weeks but discuss the defense of Mr. Lewis made by the attorney general. Through it all Mr. Lewis has borne himself with becoming modesty and dignity. Many a man, it is said, might have been swept off his feet by the favorable and commendable press reports received by Mr. Lewis, but not so with the brainy Boston man, who so acceptably fills the highest position ever given a Negro by any Republican administration.

Capable Men In the Federal Service.

Recorder of Deeds Henry Lincoln Johnson, who is just back after a month spent in his native state, Georgia, is so full of political news that you have only to mention politics to start the genial colonel from Atlanta to discoursing on the splendid qualities of his chief, President Taft. Mr. Johnson, it is said, is the man who swung Georgia in line for the president. An encouraging sign of the times is that Mr. Johnson is working loyally with the other distinguished colored federal officials here in looking after the best interests of the race.

A distinguished member of congress the other day in referring to colored federal officials—and, by the way, he was a Democrat, too—said: "The class of colored men now holding office is a big improvement over those who held office some years ago, taken as a whole. And no president ever was surrounded with as many bright, brainy and really efficient Negroes as President Taft has surrounded himself with. It used to be that the average colored federal official simply drew his monthly stipend and permitted the white men of the office to do the work. The bunch of colored federal officials in Washington, and it is the largest number ever assembled at the capitol, are all workers, every man of them knowing his duties and performing them with signal ability. The fact that President Taft has surrounded himself with such an intelligent, capable and efficient corps of colored officials, and so many of them, is responsible for his (the president's) stronghold on the race." The foregoing from a congressman, from a man who frequently has business with the bureaus over which colored officials preside, is regarded by colored men throughout the country as a high tribute to the race.

Judge Robert H. Terrell of the municipal court delivered an address at Harrisburg, Pa., recently before the largest colored audience ever assembled in that city. The reports reaching Washington are to the effect that the judge made one of the finest addresses ever delivered there by a man of any race, and the large number of whites present attested to the popularity of the judge and the good feeling existing between the whites and colored people of Harrisburg. Judge Terrell, like Assistant Attorney General Lewis, is in great demand as a speaker by his race, requests being received by both of these men from every section of the country. Mrs. Mary C. Terrell, wife of Judge Terrell, easily the most brilliant colored woman orator in this country and having few equals among the whites, is also in great demand. The recent appearance in Boston of Mrs. Terrell, when she addressed the girls of two exclusive white schools, was one of the highest compliments ever paid the race, and Mrs. Terrell, according to the white press of Boston, acquitted herself splendidly. But Washington is thronged with colored men and women who are good speakers in public. Oratory is not a lost art among the colored people in Washington.

Famous "Black Cabinet" to the Fore.

The now famous "black cabinet" is being praised by the race in every part of the country for the effective work it did recently in urging the president to consider the cause of their race in making his appointment of a judge to succeed the late Judge Harlan. The "black cabinet," as it has been styled by a few, is composed of Assistant Attorney General Lewis, Register of the Treasury J. C. Napier, the collector of customs here, Whitfield McKinley; Judge Robert H. Terrell, Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds James A. Cobb, assistant United States district attorney, and Ralph W. Tyler, auditor for the navy. Mr. Tyler is regarded as the dean of the cabinet. He has been styled by some the "Black Senator Crane" for the reason that he is so quiet, unobtrusive and effective in what he undertakes to do. The pretty thing about this cabinet is the cordial relations existing between them Hardly a day passes but what these six officials take their noon lunch together, at which time they carefully discuss and plan things for the benefit of their race.

Hon. J. C. Napier, register of the treasury, is back at his desk after a trip through Florida with Dr. Washington. Before returning to Washington Mr. Napier stopped off at his home in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Napier is making a most enviable reputation as register of the treasury, and the treasury department regards him as the superior of any predecessor. Officeholding is a public trust and duty with Mr. Napier, for possessed of much of this world's good he does not need to hold office for a livelihood.

Hon. Ralph Tyler Back From the West.

Mr. Ralph W. Tyler, auditor of the navy department, is back in Washington after a quick circuit of the west. What he heard and saw no one knows, for, as usual, in political matters he is as uncommunicative as a clam.

William L. Houston, ex-grand master of the Odd Fellows and present member of the Odd Fellows' supreme court, is making quite an active and, they say, effective campaign for the grand secretaryship of the order. Mr. Houston is one of the most popular colored men in Washington, liked by every one because of his genial disposition. A friend referring to him the other day remarked that "Bill Houston is a ray of sunshine and a cup of cheer." Most of Washington votes aye on this.

Dr. I. N. Ross, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, the largest congregation in this city, is an out and out candidate for a place on the bishopric bench of his church. Reports received in Washington indicate that the eloquent pastor of Metropolitan church has quite a following, and not a few have the temerity to predict that he will be elected a bishop at the next general conference. Prior to coming to Washington Dr. Ross was pastor of Big Bethel at Atlanta, Ga. He has had many charges in many states and has been very successful. As a pulpit orator Dr. Ross has few equals in his church.

L. B. Lapsly on Ann Arbor Track Team

Lorenzo B. Lapsly, student in dentistry at Ann Arbor university, Michigan, is a full fledged member of the college track team. Lapsly is a native of Portland, Ore., where he graduated from the Ladd grammar school before going to Ann Arbor. He is fond of athletic sports and is considered a valuable acquisition to the athletic fraternity of the university.

State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The annual meeting of the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in New York city for two days, beginning on Tuesday, July 2 Prominent clubwomen from many sections of the country are expected to attend, as many of them will be on their vacation and en route to the national association, which meets in Hampton, Va., in August.

Political Situation In Arkansas.

The colored citizens of Arkansas are organizing to defeat the "grandfather clause" which will come up for adoption at the fall elections. In Little Rock the Hon. John E. Bush is giving the matter of organization much personal attention. The scheme of the author of the amendment is to disfranchise the colored voters of the state.

THE NEW YORK MISSION.

Needs and Future Usefulness Pointed Out by Dr. J. L. Barton.

Speaking of the urgent needs of the New York Colored mission, Dr. J. L. Barton, chairman of the board of managers, said recently:

The Negro in the north needs industrial training as much as or even more than the Negro in the south. In the north he must compete with the white man, and unless he can do as well or even better he cannot get remunerative employment. In the cities a large majority of the Negroes are hopelessly submerged. Little can be done to increase the efficiency of the older generation, but an earnest effort should be made at once to rescue the boys and girls from the adverse conditions which surround their parents.

The first step to this end is to supplement the knowledge gained in the public schools with an industrial training. The New York Colored mission, an institution founded and managed by white people for the moral, social and religious elevation of the Negro, after a careful study of prevailing conditions desires to establish an industrial farm institute.

A farm of 465 acres located in Orange county, N. Y., fully equipped with agricultural appliances, has been offered at a maximum price of $50 per acre. Is there not some one with large means and a larger heart who will purchase this farm and help the New York Colored mission to inaugurate this urgently needed work?

Contributions may be sent to L. Hollingsworth Wood, 2 Wall street, New York, treasurer of the board of managers. Further information will be cheerfully furnished and references of the highest character given as to the standing of the institution to those who may be interested.

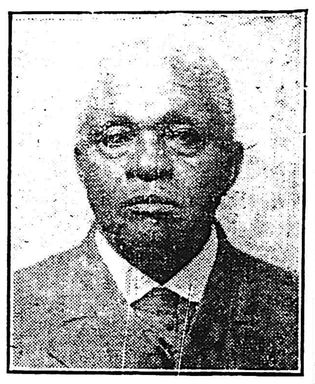
CENTURY OF METHODISM.

To Be Celebrated In 1916—Movement Started by Dr. R. H. W. Leak.

Raleigh, N. C.—Rev. Dr. R. H. W. Leak of this city has started a movement to celebrate the centennial of the African Methodist Episcopal church to be held in Philadelphia in 1916. The idea has already been approved by the board of bishops of the denomination.

It was in Philadelphia in 1816 that Richard Allen and a band of followers who had a few years before seceded from the Methodist church on account of the manifestations of race prejudice met and organized the A. M. E. church. From that time the denomination has steadily grown until today it has nearly a million members, many educational institutions and other interests.

Its foreign mission work in West and South Africa has grown to large proportions. Many of the most successful ministers and teachers among our people received their education and



REV. DR. R. H. W. LEAK.

special training in the schools fostered by the African Methodist church. Dr. Leak's plan will probably be adopted by the coming general conference of the denomination.

Dr. Leak is one of the best known men in the connection. Born in North Carolina over fifty years ago, he has long been active in the church, having been a delegate to every general conference since 1880. He is the founder of Kittrell college at Kittrell, N. C., and even mortgaged his home to give this now flourishing school a start.

He is prominently mentioned for the episcopacy and has strong backing from his conference, the North Carolina, and from other sections of the country. He is a presiding elder, with headquarters at Durham, N. C.

Able Trio of United States Senators.

Forty-two years ago the late Hiram Revels, who was a native of North Carolina, was elected to the United States senate by the Mississippi legislature. Mr. Revels was educated at the Quaker college, Liberty, Ind., and at Knox college, in Illinois. In 1869 he went to Natchez, Miss., where he soon became active in politics and was elected to the city council, and the next year he was duly chosen as United States senator. He served as such from February, 1870, to March, 1871. Two other colored men have also served as United States senators—namely, the Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback and the late Hon. B. K. Bruce. They were all able men and filled their station with credit and marked adaptability.

Professor J. Melvin Lamb Dies.

In the recent sudden death of Dr. J. Melvin Lamb, professor in the medical department of Howard university, in Washington, the institution has been deprived of one of its most efficient instructors. Professor Lamb had served the school for over a quarter of a century. He was widely known, much loved and noted for his close application to the science of medicine in all of its branches.

STEAMER STARLIGHT READY FOR BUSINESS

Overhauled and Enlarged it Is Now One of the Best Excursion Boats in The Harbor.

Overhauled throughout, enlarged and repaired, the steamer Starlight made a trial trip a day or two ago. The vessel has been undergoing improvements by the Spedden Shipbuiling Company, and will be probably the largest and handsomest boat owned by colored people in this country.

The improvements cost $8,000, and include the increase of the passenger capacity to nearly 1,200 and the installation of a refreshment room in the hitherto unused hold of the boat. While the vessel will be used for the most part in carrying excursions to Brown's Grove a resort owned by Messrs. George W. Brown and Walter Langley, who are also the owners of the Starlight, excursions down the Chesapeake Bay will also be looked after. The boat is valued at $30,000.

The success of Messrs. Brown and Langley is deserved because they started out at a time when white companies refused to let colored people have boats until late in the summer. Since their advent one or two companies have made every effort to land colored excursions right in the heart of the summer season. Six years ago they commenced with the steamer Newbill, which carried about 400 passengers. They then secured the present boat, which at that time carried only 450 passengers. The boat has been enlarged three times and its carrying capacity nearly trebled.

As an example of the way the business of Messrs. Brown and Langley has grown, it may be stated that during the excursion season last summer nearly 110,000 passengers were carried on the Starlight and the total receipts exceeded $21,000.

"I am grateful to the public," said Mr. Brown to a representative of the Afro-American Ledger, "for the patronage that we have received from the people. We have tried each year to increase our facilities, and how well we have succeeded is shown by the increased patronage each year. I am firmly of the opinion that the people stand ready to patronize race ventures when the same inducements that others give are offered. Browns Grove has been improved, and will more than ever cater to the needs of excursionists."

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