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RACE LEADERS TO MEET AT WASHINGTON

Will Discuss Present Attitude of Race Towards Presidential Candidates.

SENTIMENT IS STRONGLY AGAINST TAFT

Fedral Office Holders Are Frequent Callers At The Taft Headquarters.

Washington, April 4—The call for a convention of men of the race in various sections of the country who are in favor of the presidential candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt is meeting with hearty and gratifying responses. The convention will probably be held in this city on April 24, and it will most likely be attended by representative men from more than 30 States.

At the meeting it is expected that the discussions will include the present attitude of the race toward the Republican presidential candidates; plans for getting a satisfactory expression of the sentiment of the race as to the Roosevelt candidacy, as well as the attitude of the present administration toward the race.

Judging from the many replies that have been received from representative men of the race, they are hostile to the nomination of Mr. Taft, and are enthusiastic Roosevelt men.

Roosevelt Men Optimistic.

Despite the fact that Mr. Taft has apparently the majority of the delegates elected to the Republican National Convention, the men in charge of the Roosevelt headquarters, in the Munsey Building, are optimistic about the Colonel's chances. Senator Dixon, who is directing the Roosevelt fight, has received many assurances from various sections of the country that Roosevelt is the favorite as against Taft. One gratifying piece of news received here this week was that there was hardly a Taft man in evidence around Henderson, N. C. North Carolina is the state where the President recently withdrew ten nominations of men for various federal offices, because, some politicians say, they were not outspoken Taft men.

One of the hardest working men at the Roosevelt headquarters is James H. Hayes, of Richmond. Knowing prominent men of the race, in all sections of the country, Mr. Hayes has made a valuable aid for Senator Dixon and Ormsby McHarg.

Taft Forces Working.

Over at the Raleigh, where the Taft forces hold forth, much activity is being manifested. All of the big colored office-holders and the lesser ones in the Taft ranks are seen frequently there pledging the support of themselves and their friends for Mr. Taft. Many of these men find their way to the White House also, where they either tell President Taft or Secretary Hilles that they think that they will be able to overcome the present hostility among the race to Mr. Taft.

The fact that Taft was completely snowed under by LaFollete in Wisconsin assures Wisconsin's delegation to the Senator first, and only Taft as a last resort, it is thought here. Anyway, it takes a big slice off what Taft would have liked to count among his delegates.

With the Republican National Convention only ten weeks off, some interesting developments are expected, especially in the South where a number of men are fighting the efforts of the Lily White machines to select Taft delegates without letting the rank and file of the party have a voice.

Business League Reorganized.

Philadelphia, April 3—The Philadelphia Negro Business League has been reorganized with the following officers:

Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, president; E. C. Dawkins, vice president; C. Thomas, auditor; John W. Harris, secretary; C. K. Brown, treasurer; Dr. Henry M. Minton; Harry W. Bass; William Geary; Charles Bolden; P. H. Sumner; and John A. Austin execuitve committee.

Colored Institutions Aided By Legislature

President Spencer of Morgan College Appointed On State Board of Education.

Annapolis, Md., April 3—The Maryland Legislature, which ended its biennial session Monday, passed a compulsory education law. The bill will apply to most of the counties of the State. It was originally drafted to cover the whole State, but a few Democratic senators from counties with a considerable colored population had their counties exempted, so as their counties would not be committed to keeping colored schools open longer than three or four months in a year. Baltimore has had such a law for ten years.

The Legislature made a number of appropriations to colored institutions. These include: the colored Normal School at Bowie; Provident Hospital, Baltimore; St. Elizabeth's Asylum; the Industrial Home for Colored Girls at Melvale; and the Colored House of Reformation at Cheltenham.

Governor Goldsborough has renamed several of his appointees to the State Board of Education who failed of confirmation by the State Senate. Among them was Dr. J. O. Spencer president of Morgan College this city who is thoroughly familiar with the educational needs of all classes of the people of Maryland.

Supreme Court of Odd Fellows to Meet.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 4—The members of the Supreme Court of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will meet in this city week after next to adopt a revision and codification, of the laws of the order, upon which they have been engaged for the past year.

A number of social events have been planned for the visitors, who will include James F. Needham, of Philadelphia, secretary of the order.

The members of the court are: B. J. Davis, Atlanta, chief justice; W. L. Houston, Washington, and W. R. Morris, St. Paul, associate justices. W. T. Francis, of this city, is clerk of the court.

Boston, Mass., April 4 — Bishop Alexander Walters, who has just completed 20 years' service as a bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was tendered a big testimonial reception at the Columbus Avenue A. M. E. Zion Church last night.

Following the rendition of a special program, a banquet was tendered the prelate. Dr. Walter O. Taylor was toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by Dr. W. C. Lane, Rev. Walter McClane, Lide W. Benjamin, Emory T. Norris, Johnson Ramsey, Edward Everett Brown, Miss Eliza Gardner, and W. Monroe Trotter, editor of the Guardian.

Bishop Walters responded gracefully to the many enconiums paid him.

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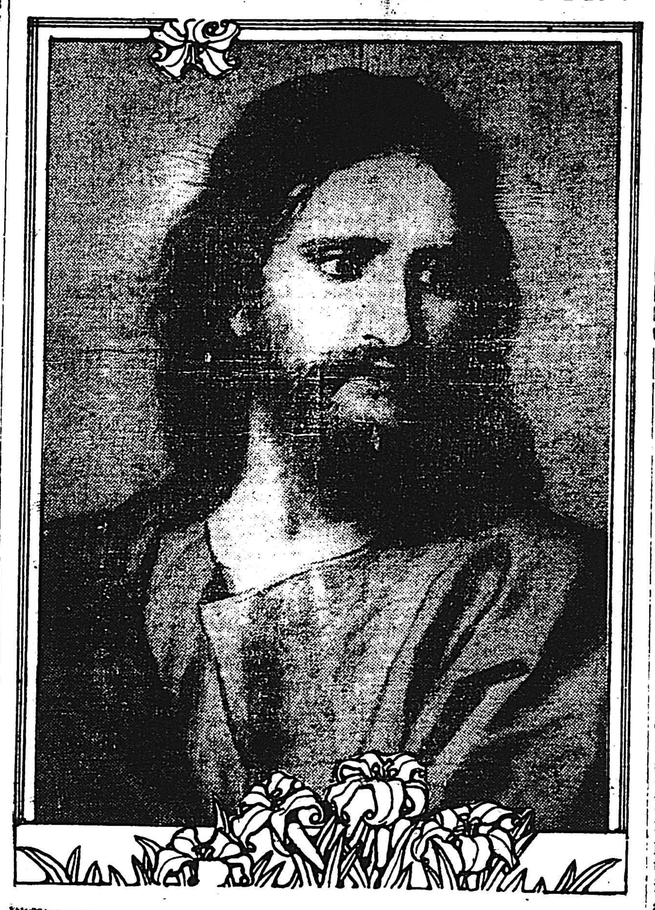

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The Mount which shoo' with horror at the sight
On Calvary's cross had since resumed repose,
And on the brow of Olivet the light
Replaced night's shadings with the hue of rose.

Bright plumaged minstrels flitted through the air
And chanted matins to the day new born.
The hills and valleys and the city fair
Gleamed in the beauty of the early morn.

Around the tomb where Christ had vanquished death
Anemone and crocus bloom enhanced the view,
And life, awakened by the spring's warm breath,
Had draped the scene with Eden's charm and hue.

But one there was whom love had early led
To where they laid Him in the rocky tomb.
The glow and beauty all around her spread,
But added sorrow to her pain and gloom.

Last at the cross and first to reach the grave
And greet her risen Lord, but she alone
Of those who knew His power to save
Had come to ponder and her loss bemoan.

Atlanta Pastor Pleads For Better Conditions

Urges City to Provide Bath Houses Sewerage Connections and Paved Streets For Colored Citizens.

Atlanta, Ga., April 4 —A plea for paved alleys, bath houses and good schools for the race in this city was made by Rev. H. H. Proctor in the course of a sermon at the Congregational Church Sunday.

"I wish," said Rev. Proctor, "to make three suggestions which, if followed, would take an active part in the campaign for a cleaner city.

"The first is to pave the back alleys and provide them water and sewer connections. A half million dollars spent in this direction would be one of the best investments our city could make. The people of the alleys and those of the front street are bound up together, for it is these alleys that furnish most of the people who wash, cook, and nurse for the richest people of the city.

"The second is to put in the more thickly populated sections, where, Negroes, live, a chain of public bath houses, where the masses of the race may have a chance at personal, physical cleanliness. This is done for foreigners in Cleveland, Ohio, and for blacks in Baltimore, Md. Because of the lack of facilities in many Negro houses it is impossible to keep clean.

"The other is to open in this city a school for domestic servants, where the principles of practical hygiene and sanitation may be taught in a simple and effective way. The colored people hold in their hands the health of the city, and they should be taught how to meet the great responsibility that is theirs, in this respect. If the people of Atlanta will stand by me, I have a plan by which I can open a school like this in this city within the next ninety days."

DELAWARE CITIZENS WILL CELEBRATE

The Fiftieth Anniversary of The Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation

WONDERFUL PROGRESS IN FIFTY YEARS

Meeting to Perfect Arrangements Will Be Held at State College on April 18

Dever, Del., April 5—A call has been issued for a meeting of representative citizens of Deleware to consider ways and means for the celebraton of the fiftieth anniversary of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The meeting will be held at the State College on April 18.

The call reads:

On the 22nd day of September, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the famous Emancipation Proclamation, which went into effect January 1, 1863, setting free four million slaves — our fathers and mothers. Fifty years have passed since this memorable deed by the great Emancipator, and during this space of half a century our people all over this State and country have made wonderful progress in population, education, religion, agriculture, mechanic arts, trade and business, fine arts, literature, the professions, inventions, and all lines of industry. The best informed writers on the history of races tell us that no such progress has been known in such short time by any other people of the world who emerged from slavery as we did.

"Such has been the progress of our people that by common consent it is the feeling of all concerned to celebrate this progress in some substantial way."

Texas Teachers Meet

Henderson Tex. April 4 — The fourteenth annual session of the East Texas Teachers' Association will be held here on April 19 and 20. Rev. Dr. M. W. Dogan president of Wiley University is president of the association.

Attorney Hawkins Wins Suit For $1,400

Annapolis, Md., Mar. 27—The Court of Appeals handed down a decision affirming the decision of the City Court of Baltimore City in awarding John H. Wilson, of Baltimore, $1,400 from Frank W. Sandruck for alleged breach of contract.

Mr. Wilson contracted with Mr. Sandruck to build him an auto truck for $2,500. $1,360 of the amount was paid Mr. Wilson with the understanding that Sandruck was to send him enough money to cover the remainder. Sandruck refused to advance the money, turn over the auto until the whole $2,500 was paid, or to return the money already paid, hence the suit. The lower court decided in favor of Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Sandruck appealed.

Attorneys Hawkins and McMechen, both of Batimore, represented Mr. Wilson.

Conference to Convene

Hampton, Va., April 4—African Methodist ministers from all parts of Virginia will be here next week to attend the annual session of the Virginia A. M. E. Conference, which opens here next Wednesday. Bishop Levi J. Coppin will preside.

True Reformer Officials Re-indicted

Richmond, Va., April 3 — A grand jury in the Hustings Court Monday reindicted A. W. Holmes, former grand master of the True Reformers: W. P. Burrell, former secretary of the order; W. L Taylor, former grand master; J. C. Robertson, former attorney of the order; and Edward Ellis, Jr., all former officials and dircetors of the defunct True Reformer's Bank for the wrecking of the institution.

The indictments aginst he officials were squashed last week after counsel for W. P. Burrell and contended that they were invalid on the ground that they did not specify that the bank was insolvent.

The new indictments contain six counts and are supposed to be proof against legal objection. The trials of the indicted officials will likely be at an early date, and are expected to consume a week.

Secretary Knox Entertained By Haitien Officials

Port au Prince, April 4—Secretary of State Knox and party were received with open arms by the officials of the Haytian government this week. The American minister, Dr. H. W. Furniss, gave a breakfast in honor of the distinguished party yesterday morning. President LeConte, who was present at the breakfast, said that his people welomed American capital for the development of the resources of the country.

New Jersey Conference To Convene

Trenton, N. J., April 4 — The New Jersey A. M. E. Conference will convene in annual session at the A. M. E. Church next Wednesday. Bishop Evans Tryee will preside. Rev. Solomon P. Hood pastor of the church where the conference will be held, has made ample arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors.

Colored Republicans Bolt

Raleigh, N. C., April 4—At a meeting of the representative colored Republicans Monday, resolutions against the elimination of the Negro from the party councils in North Carolina were adopted.

It was decided to hold a colored Republican convention here on May 15, when the Republican State Convention will meet.

While no candidate for the presidency was endorsed, the meeting was harmonious throughout, all of those present being taken up with a discussion of the Lliy White regime and the exclusion of influential colored, taxpaying Republicans from the party councils.

Among those present were: H. H. Taylor, chairman; C. W. Hunter, secretary; W. W. Watson, Edgecomb, N. C.; W. E. Merritt, Wagner, N. C.; T. W. Wallace, Rowan, N. C.; J. P. Arrington, Nashville, N. C.; Rev. R. H. W. Leak, Raleigh; D. P. Lane, Wake, N. C.; and C. F. Rich, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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