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THE COLORED TROOPS FOUGHT NOBLY

The intelligence, patriotism, and courage of members of the Negro race in many serious concerns have greatly advanced public sentiment with respect to the reasonablness as well as wisdom of freely yielding them a larger share and participation in civic affairs. In line with this thought the contribution of the Negroes of Maryland to the grand achievemnt of last Tuesday through the Republican primary is worthy of special praise and admiration. Such are the private and personal connections of many Negroes with those in many ways assocated with the present state and federal administration, and so strong has been the habit of the great bulk of them in adherring to the judgment of what is usually styled the "organization," that a serious break in such relations would seem well-nigh impossible But, it was not because there was the least in appreciation of the good offices in the post of Collector Stone, and other man closely associated with the organization, which inspired such unusual action. The real issue, and the real cause, is to be sought along other lines. The pre-eminent personality of Theodore Roosevelt is the simple answer. The story of the old Negro, who owned a little shanty adjoinning the property of Mr. Vanderbilt, in Asheville, N. C. and who refused to sell it even to Mr. Vanderbilt for a fabulous sum, is illustrative of the point. The one desire of his heart was to live in a good neighborhood to have the very best of neighbors. Since Mr. Vanderbilt had become his neighbor he was delighted, and under no circumstances was he disposed to vacate and run the risk of assocations not so desirable. There is a peculiar and attractive charm which centers around the personality of Mr. Roosevelt. He is a great man, great in simplicity In his presence the poor hard-working Negro truly believes he has found a real friend who will exert himself to the full to have "All Men up." There is genuine confidence in the sincerity of Roosevelt, and that accounts for the great victory. He always appeals to that which is deepest in men, and inspire in their breasts the firl of hope. It is not in the constitution of the Negro to go back upon such fine quality of Manhood. As a matter of fact, he is what he is today by reason of the precious heritage descended upon him from his for bears which sustain such helpful and elevating contact with the gentlemanly class of their day. Colored men in the recent primary election fought as their fathers fought of old, steadied and guided by a noble principle. Old blind Bartimeus, mentioned in the Gospels, sat daily by the way-side begging alms of the people. But on one particular day there came where he was the most exalted type of Manhood endowed with the fullness of all powers, and rightly discerned his opportnity, he craved something infinitely of more value than money and throwing his crutches away, he came to the Master, crvaving bt one thing, and that one thing was his sight. And in the presence of the generous and just personality of Theodore Roosevelt, the intelligent and patriotic Negro forgets all about a few dollars doled out from headquarters, and the patronizing air of the white friends and, as it were, with one consent, craves the elevation and dignity he is sure to receive under the masterful leadership of a man whose life interprets his immunity from the blindness and narrowness of race-prejudice.

The Negro who honestly believed in his heart, that of all the men mentioned for the Presidency of the United States, there was none so capable in heart, mind, soul, and body, as Theodore Roosevelt could make no choice. He had but to register the conviction of his heart. It makes no difference if such election was for the hundredth time, if he were the bravest and best of them all, he was the man for the race and for the country. The work of last Tuesday is a land mark in race progress. It is living witness against the of taspersions heaped against the race, to the effect that they vote like cattle, that they are subject to corrupting influences. The victory of Theodore Roosevelt in Maryland in the spring the year 1912, eloquently declares to the world that Negro men, poor and dependent, never the less honest and brave, in spite of every inducement, persistently voted for the greatest living public exponent of the genuine Brotherhood of all men.

LET THE LEADERS SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE

Usually, following the defeat of the Republican party, in this State, or the defeat of the "organization" in a primary fight, the estimable gentlemen of the white race who occupy some official relation in the direction of party affairs, proceed to account such defeat by reason of infidelity and lack of faithfulness upon the part of Negro voters. With the great victory registered this week on behalf of the "square deal" policy, follows the usual wailing and lamentaion on the part of that little group of white men who have strenuously sought to so circumvent the politcal life and activity of Negroes as to incapacitate them for anything else save being used as a voting machine.

It is one of the strangest things imaginable that such men as Mr. Hanna and Mr. Wilcox, with such splendid mentalty and cultivated powers of discernment have failed to understand, that in such a large Negro population, as pertains to this city and State, that, necessarily, in view of the many schools academies and colleges operated among Negroes that there has arisen a brand new class of Negro citizens absolutely unknown to these eminent white political manipulators. The great changes which have taken place in the old order of things are due to higher and more thoughtful set of young colored men who exert their gifts in the direction of breaking the bonds of that political slavery by the which our poor race have been dominated by men of the other race, to their own advantage.

As a people, we have been long-suffering and patient. We have constantly won battles in order that such men as Mr. Hanna, and other like him, might enjoy the emoluments of office, while we receive not even courteous treatment in return. If there be ingratitude anywhere in the world it lies with those white men in Maryland who have administered party affairs during past years. Up until the advent of Mr. Roosevelt with his "square deal" poilcy, even in a public meeting held in a public hall like the Lyric, this most ungrateful coetrie of organization managers without a tinge of shame, sought to humiliate our people by unlawfully and unjustly segregating them. In the recent Legislature which assembled at Annapolis there were a number of white Republicans elected by Negro votes, and yet they remained dumb as oysters when they could have exerted themselves on behalf of obtaining decent and adequate appropriations for the educational and charitable needs of the colored race in this State. They are unwilling to treat colored men as American citizens, in a public hall, at a political meeting; they are unwilling that decent, self respecting and wel lqualified colored men should hold office, and they are unmoved on behalf of improving the charitable and educational institutions among this people. And yet they have the brazen effrontery of a Cataline to intrude their vulgar speech in public print in the denouncition of Negro men who have the courage to refuseto passively submit to such shameful humiliation. Last Tuesday was Judgement Day for the gang. But it was, after all, but the shadow of coming events.

The enilghtened Nergoes of Maryland voted for Mr. Roosevelt with discernment and deilberation. Mr. Roosevelt has proven on many occasions that he thoroughly believes in the policy "all men up", and that all men shall have a square deal. The Negroes have faith in him. They voted according to their faith. Theodore Roosevelt in his letter to South Carolina objectors to the appointment of Dr. Crum said: "I cannot consent to take the poistion that the 'Door of Hope' is to be shut upon any man no matter how worthy, purely upon the ground of race or color."

Col. Roosevelt has never gone back upon the sentiments there exressed. He is a lover of men and in men, the Negroes are included. The present occupant of the White House has pursued the same slinking, dodging policy as characteries many of the so called white Republicans of this State. The Negro of to-day in Maryland is not the Negro of twenty-five years ago. He is simply not going to submit to it. He has learnt througn suffering. He knows how to act, and there is no affinity between the manly self-respecting Negro and those membres of the race who hang around Repulbican Headquarters and engage to play "Sam Weller" to the Pickwickian boss of the organiation. He is going to allign himself and bring to bear his force, with that element of culture and high standing men in the Republican party whose characters constitute the surest guarantee of a square deal. Let the odl time moss-back bourbon leaders of the Republican machine take notice.

Lawyer W. A. Hawkins To Argue Case

The argument on a demurrer to the suit for $100,000 damages that Samuel Burton, of this city, has filed in the federal court at Norfolk against the town of Onancock, Va., and a number of white citizens there, will begin at Norfolk, Monday. The argument for the defense will be made by Attorney W. Ashbie Hawkins, of this city.

The suit is the outcome of the rioting at Onancock, Va., on August 10, 1907, during which Mr Burton's store was burned to the ground and the plant of the Peninsular Times, published by Samuel Uzzel, was also destroyed by fire. After the whites had done as much damage as they desired and had killed a colored boy, Messrs. Burton, Uzzel and Samuel T Conquest were arrested on a charge of murder and riot. They were convicted in the lower court and Burton and Conquest given ten years each in the Virignia Penitentiary, and Uzzel given three years. The cases were appealed to the State Supreme Court, the decision of the lower court reversed and the three gentlemen released.

Mr. Burton's claims for damages is made because of false arrest and for pecuniary damages sustained in the loss of his business. Mr. Uzzle is now publishing the New Century of Norfolk, and Mr. Burton is employed by a large Baltimore installment house as a salesman.

To Bring About Better Recognition

Cape May, N. J., May 9.—At a conference of colored voters of New Jersey, held here, James A. Lighfoot, editor of the Atlantic City Advocate, was elected chairman, after which plans for bringing about the recognition, as well as to increase the civic usefulness of the colored voters were discussed. Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, delivered an address last night, in which he urged the members to stand by Taft.

Different.

Willie—"Did the doctor make you take nasty medicine when you were sick?" Freddie—"No; it was father who made me take it."—Judge.

Inflammatory Substances.

"Breech of promise suits," said Uncle Eben, "is de result of a man dat wears his heart on his sleeve meetin' a gal dat carries hers in her pocketbook."

ST. LOUIS BUSINESS MEN PROSPEROUS

Colored Men There Are Engaged In Many Lines Of Endeavor.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING A MODEL ONE

A Tailor Whose Fashion Plates Are Pictures of Colored Men Taken From Life

Editorial Correspondence

Kansas City, May 9. — We are here in one of the great twin cities of the West. Kansas City, Mo., part of this city, and Kansas City, Kansas, is divided by an imaginary line and by the Kaw river. In many respects the two cities are one. Many persons live in one city and do business in the other, so that for all practical purposes there is but one Kansas City, which may be termed Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas.

But it is not of Kansas City particularly that this is being written, but of the very pleasant time spent in getting here. As has already been said, we started from Baltimore with a party made up of a number of ministers and laymen on their way to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church which opened its sessions here Monday. Some little trouble was experienced in Washington, from the fact that the Pullman car people made a mistake in the calibre of the passengers they were to serve, and instead of giving them the quality of car they promised gave one very much inferior, so much so that the contingent, headed by Bishop Johnson and Dr. Hurst, made a decided kick, with the result that a first-class coach was obtained and after a delay of fifty minutes the party proceeded on its way.

After the little episode was over the party proceeded to enjoy itself in a way most pleasing to each individual.

We arrived in St. Louis on time and were met in the Union Station by Noble F. J. Brown, of Medinah Temple, No. 39, whose guests we were while in that city. Arriving at our stopping place, we found ample arrangements had been made for our comfort, and after having a lunch we went out on the street for a stroll. Next morning we were again taken in charge and shown through the business section of the city. Later on Mr. C. K. Robinson, a fellow tradesman, took us in charge and in his automobile, we went whizzing through the city in all directions. The public parks and other places of interest were shown us, then we were again brought to the business section of the city and shown a number of Negro business house which would do credit to any city and any race, even though they were small. The splendid laundry of the Acme Company as shown us with more than a score of employees with the very latest appliances for the business. While this company has not been doing business for a great while its business is increasing so rapidly that it will be but a sort time before they will have to add space to their present building in order to keep up with their trade. This laundry is located in the business district.

Mr. W. C. Gordon and Messrs. Harrison and McKoin are among the leading undertakers, and what they do not know about the business is hardly worth knowing. They have splendid outfits of horses and carriages, hearses and wagons for their business and are prospering.

Messrs. Clark and Smith are tailors and run a fine haberdashery business in connection with their merchant tailoring establishment, which is up-to-date in every particular. To show the enterprise of these young men, the pictures on their walls illustrating the clothes they make and the latest styles are taken from life and each of them is a colored man. And I beg to assure you that a colored man looks as well in a fashion plate as in an advertisement for a brand of ham and then a little better.

Messrs. W. H. King is the local editor of the Central Afro-American, and has a neat office. We had the pleasure of hearing some of his experiences which are very similar in many respects to those of the writer. Mr. George L. Vaughn is a young lawyer and cutting his first teeth in a newspaper business which has taken the name of the Argus. Editor Vaughn will need all of his Argus eyes in order to keep up with the procession, although he has started out pretty well.

After our tour of the city, we were allowed to take a little rest and then in a carriage behind a stepping pair of blacks owned by Undertaker McKoin, we were whirled to the Masonic Temple where we had the pleasure of enjoying a fine banquet given in our honor by the Nobles of Medinah Temple, No. 39, A. E. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. After a number of speeches and a recitation by Mrs. Addie Harriston, the wee sma' hours found us returning to our home behind those same smart-stepping blacks. Surely, the Noble of St. Louis know how to do things.

Thursday, Dr. Brabham took us out in his buggy and the Lincoln High School was visited. After a hurried trip through the school with a guide furnished by Principal Williams we were off to other scenes. However passing we wish to say that Baltimore needs just such a high school building as St. Louis has and the good people of that burg must get a good sized hustle on them and try to get it. It is a model school, and no wonder it takes so many of Baltimore's best teachers away from us. Most any one would be glad to teach in this school. We would like to describe it in detail, but time and space forbids.

Again in Dr. Brabham's buggy we were driven to the sweet little home of Mrs. S. A. Humphrey on Goode avenue, and there found a number of ladies of the D. of S., and the Golden Circle awaiting us. We plead guilty to ignorance on our part why all these good things came our way, for we are not advised of any great thing we have ever done to merit it. Again in company, this time with Prof. Giles, instructor in athletics in the St. Louis schools, formerly holding the same position in Baltimore we were shown another part of the city, an then home to pack our grips and get headed for this place where we landed on Friday morning, in pretty good shape but little worse for wear.

To get on the "job" was the next thing, so down town to the newspaper offices and the Associated Press, and then to look after the interests of the General Conference Recorder, which we are doing now.

We are now closing this letter this week, but we hope to give the readers of this paper another bit of travel news shortly.

Odd Fellows May Not Send Delegates of B.M.C.

Some Lodges Are Tired of Ring Rule —Nicholas May Supercede Johnson As Leader From This State.

While most of the Maryland lodges of the Grand United Order of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will elect delegates to the session of the Biennial Movable Committee, which meets in Atlanta next September, there is a likelihood that some of the lodges will refuse to elect delegates. Already eight or nine lodges have refused to elect.

When asked what was their reason for refusing to elect delegates one prominent local Odd Fellow said: "There is not much use of our spending money to elect delegates to send to Atlanta to enact legislation, for the benefit of the order when the present leaders refused to do the same in this city at the last B. M. C. The same regime will have charge of things in Atlanta, and the most we can expect to see is the election of Ben Davis as grand master, along with the election of other officials that he favors."

This gentleman's views are not shared by the majority of the prominent Odd Fellows of the state.

JOHNSON ELIMINATED.

It seems as if Julius C. Johnson, grand treasuer of the order, will have a fight on his hands for election. His name has been left off the program for the Thanksgiving services that will be held at Leadenhall street Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, but the name of Grand Secretary Jesse L. Nicholas, who is a candidate for election as grand director appears in a prominent place. This is taken as an indication that Mr. Nicholas has strong friends favoring his election. As Maryland would hardly be awarded two choice plums by the next B. M. C., the election of Mr. Nicholas means the elimenation of Mr. Johnson. Councilman Harry S. Cummings holds the position of Attorney General of the order, but this will be filled again by the new Sub-committee of Management, which will be elected at Atlanta.

Rev. W. A. Creditt, of Philadelphia, will be the orator at the services this Sunday afternoon.

MEDICOS HOLD PUBLIC MEETING

Dr. J. R. Francis Speaks On "Health and Longevity—Dr. Rhetta Now President

Hygiene as an aid to long life was discussed by several speakers at the annual public meeting of the Maryland Medical Dental and Pharmaceutical Association at Allen A. M. E. Church Wednesday night of last week.

The principal address was delivered by John R. Francis, of Washington, who spoke on "Health and Longevity."

After declaring that the drinking of alcoholic drinks, smoking, overheating, not bathing regularly, the lack of exercise and sleep, and other excesses shortened the life of an individual, he ended by saying: "The Jew drinks less than his Christian brother, he takes as a rule, better food, he marries earlier, he rears the children that he has brought into the world with greater personal care; he tends the aged more thoughtfully, he takes better care of the poor and he takes better care of himself He does not boast of tomorrow, but he provides for it, and he holds tenaciously to all he gets. To some of us he carries these virtues too far, but there he wins, becomes powerful, and scorning boisterous mirth and passion, is comparatively happy.

"Now, by the strict law of nature, the end should come to man with him as unconscious of this natural death, as of his birth. The accidents that cause premature death, and to which we are all exposed are the few exceptions. When mankind has learned so to live as to bring us to such an end as to claim the reward of death by nature, then the act of death, now, as a rule, so dreaded because so premature, shall suggest no terror, inflict no agony."

Dr. Edward Short, retiring president of the association, made the opening address. Drs. J. Edward Fisher and B. F. Brown also presented papers. Solos were sung by Drs. W. B. Anderson and O. D. Jones and Mrs. B. M. Rhetta. A reception was tendered Dr. Francis after the meeting.

The monthly meeting of the association was held Monday night at the residence of Mr. Alexander Terrell, 2016 Druid Hill avenue, Dr. E. V. Stokes read a paper on "Pharmacutical Jurisprudence," after which the following officers were installed:

Dr. B. M. Rhetta, president; Dr. Albert O. Ried, vice president; Dr. F. N. Cardozo, secretary and Dr. Edward Short, treasurer.

Annapolis News

Annapolis, Md., May 9. — Miss Mary E. Johnson, of Washington, spent Thursday in Annapolis, the guest of Mrs. J. E. Johns.

Mrs. Minnie Harris, of Franklin street, entertained the ladies whist club on Friday evening.

Mrs. Arthur J. Black, of Providence, R. I., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Stepney, of Clay street.

Miss Hester Welch, of 37 Bladen street, will spend four days in Philadelphia visiting her sister.

Tendered A Reception.

Cockeysville, Md., May 9.—The Mite Missionary Society of Bazel Chapel A. M. E. Church tendered a reception to Rev. and Mrs. P. O. Bundick on Tuesday evening, April 31. Music was rendered by Mr. Frederick Bundick.

Those present besides Rev. and Mrs. Bundick were: Mr. and Mrs. Moses Quickly, J. L. Foote, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Mary J. Cole, Mrs. Mary E. Scott Mr. Marion Buchanan Mrs. Sarah E. Meedon Mrs. Eliza Davenport Mrs. Mary E. Smith Miss N. Warfield Mr. G. W. Johnson, and Mr. John Allen.

Musical Conservatory Exercises.

Ithaca, N. Y., May 10.—A large audience that completely filled the spacious Music Hall witnessed the exercises of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music in connection with the graduation recital of Miss Clarice Jones, daughter of Thomas L. Jones, a leading member of the bar of Washington, D. C.

Miss Jones achieved a gratifying triumph, and interpreted with skill and are intelligence repertoire of piano scores, embracing the most difficult productions of the world's most celebrated composers of classic music. She was assisted by Miss Alice MacPherson, violinist, Miss Sarah Maubury, accompanist, and by the Conservatory Orchestra.