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**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.**  
Treat each man according to his worth as a man. Distrust all who would have any one class placed before any other. Other republics have fallen because the unscrupulous have substituted loyalty to class for loyalty to the people as a whole. —President Roosevelt's speech at Little Rock, Ark.

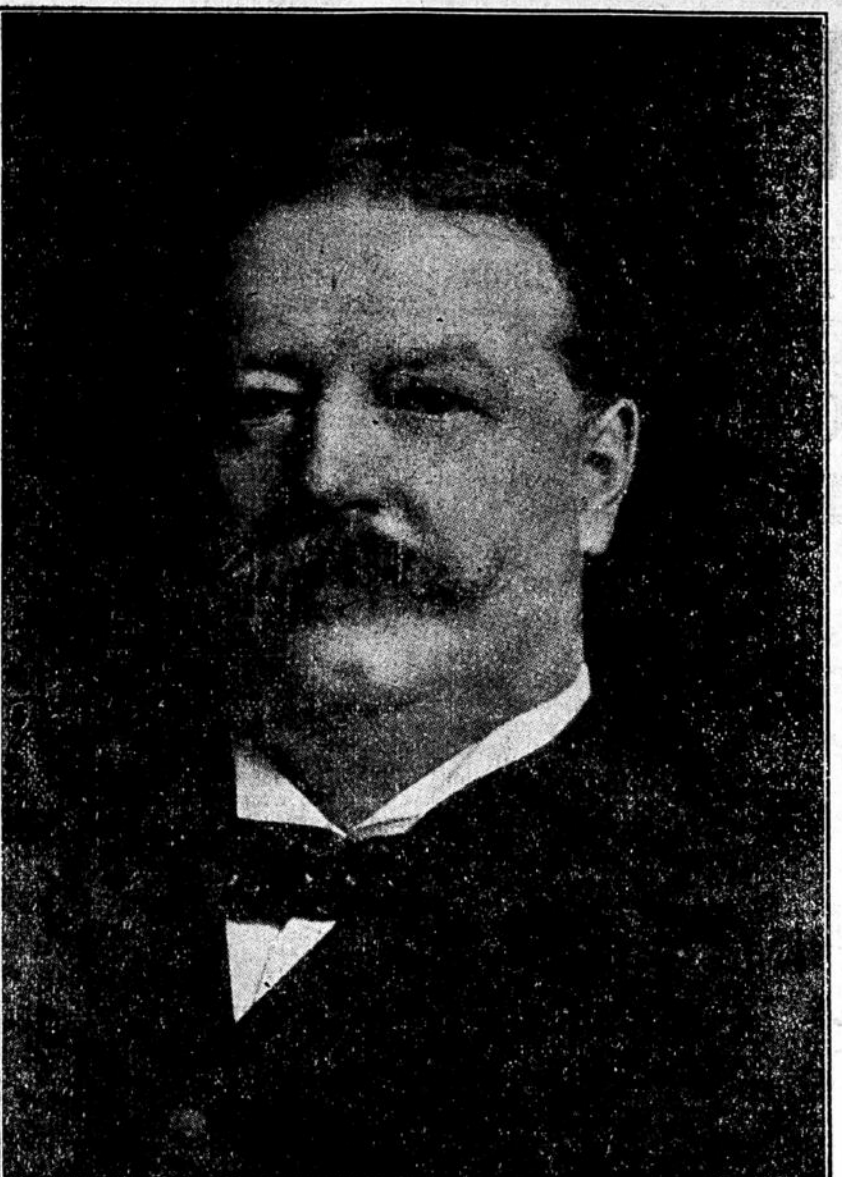
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1909.**

**THE MISSISSIPPIANIZATION OF FREE MASONRY.**

Grand Master Martin of the Caucasian Masonic Grand Lodge of the more or less grand old commonwealth of Mississippi, has set seriously about the task of reforming the institution of Freemasonry and making it such as it ought to be and must be in order to flourish in that enlightened section of the universe.

Grand Master Martin recently discovered that the Caucasian Grand Lodge of New Jersey had, among its subordinate lodges one—Alpha Lodge of Newark—composed of Afro-American members.

As Alpha Lodge has existed for nearly a century, intelligent Masons all over the world knew of its existence, but the Mississippi fellow never "hearn tell" of such a thing before. And it is fair to presume that his ignorance is sufficiently comprehensive to make him unaware of the fact that the grand lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Hungary, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Jamaica, Porto Rico, Peru and Argentina are in the same attitude as that of New



**HON. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT**  
In an address at the Y. C. M. A. in Augusta, Ga., Lauds Afro-American Race.

"The idea that the South can afford," said Mr. Taft, "to have the Afro-American transplanted to some other country to me always sounded like a joke. They tried that down in Mississippi, and they were going to move then, not out of the country to Africa, but only across the river, and they had a riot. Of course, that is absurd.

"But if the Afro-American would be respected he must make himself worthy of respect. He must cultivate those virtues of providence, of industry, of thrift which will make him respected as a laborer, as a farmer, as a skilled mechanic, as a man contributing to the wealth of the community in which he lives, and without whose aid the accumulation of that wealth is impossible.

"I want to add that I always want to say before an Afro-American audience that you are Americans. The idea of transplanting you is utterly absurd. The only flag you know is the Stars and Stripes, and you are of a race that has given up their lives and moistened the ground with their

Jersey. Possibly that is the reason why he did not boycott the whole outfit and thus limit pure masonry to the confines of Mississippi.

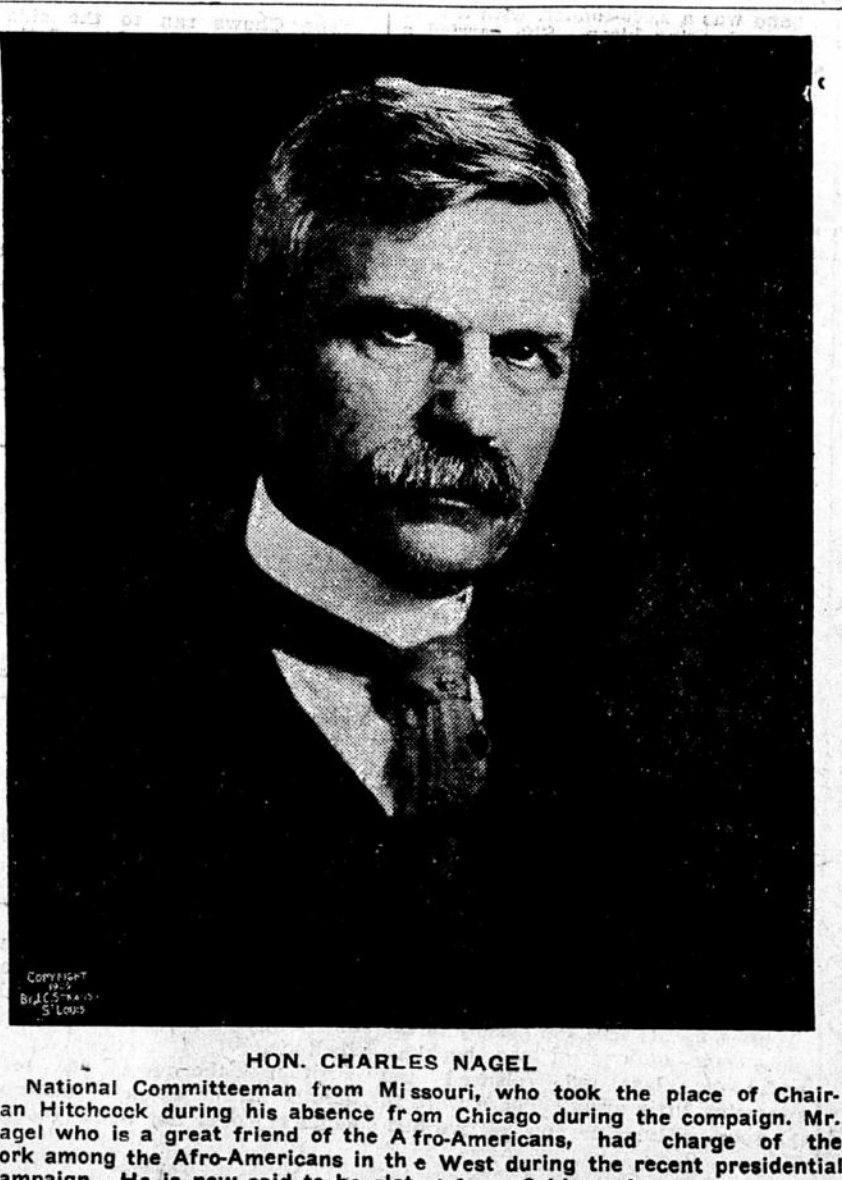
Brother Martin, please take notice that the Grand Lodge of Liberia, composed of colored men, is affiliated with by nearly all the Grand Lodges of the world, except those of the United States. For further information, THE APPEAL respectfully refers you to Bishop and Grand Master Lampton of your own state, who could give you many valuable lessons about an institution in regard to which you manifest such a lamentable ignorance.

**KISSING A MENACE TO MORALITY.**

Rev. Henry W. Ireland of Mount Gilead, Ohio, in a recent sermon in the Disciple church denounced kissing as a greater curse than intemperance. He says:

"The kiss is an intoxicant, and, like the saloon, must go. It is more fruitful of consequences than any alcoholic beverage ever distilled. I think kissing is the worst thing a young woman can do, and the amount of it some of our girls do—of our best families, too—is a menace to morality.

"I have carefully inquired into the matter and find that many young girls imagine this is the way to get husbands. It may help some, but kissing is not all that is necessary."



**HON. CHARLES NAGEL**  
National Committeeman from Missouri, who took the place of Chairman Hitchcock during his absence from Chicago during the campaign. Mr. Nagel who is a great friend of the Afro-Americans, had charge of the work among the Afro-Americans in the West during the recent presidential campaign. He is now said to be slated for a Cabinet place.

**THE WIDOW**  
Says That "Luck in Love" Consists in Keeping Out of It

BY HELEN ROWLAND.  
"I'VE just had my fortune told," announced the widow, glancing interestedly at the lines in her small jeweled hand.

"Humph!" remarked the bachelor, "I'd have told your fortune—for nothing! You are going to marry a nice-looking bachelor with good shoulders and a noble nose."

"And a tiny, little bald spot," put in the widow, making it a pity. "But you're a bad fortune teller, Mr. Travers."

"What?"

"Well," explained the widow, "you don't want your palm crossed with silver, and you don't wear a pointed cap and a long cape covered with gilt stars and crescents, and you prophesy unlucky things and—"

"Unlucky things!" exclaimed the bachelor, indignantly. "Don't you consider it real 'luck in love' to be able to marry a charming, intelligent, high-minded person—"

"Not at all!" broke in the widow, hastily. "Real luck in love consists entirely in keeping out of it!"

"Why-ew!" The bachelor drew a long, long pipe at his cigar before replying. "Ah, well!" He mused thoughtfully. The mere fact of marrying me wouldn't necessarily indicate that you were in love."

"No-o-o," agreed the widow, doubtfully. "After all, that might be real luck—in marriage."

"That is the point," the bachelor, delightedly. "Then you do want me."

"That is not the point," retorted the widow. "Luck in marriage consists not

toously, "is the greatest joy of love."

"Yes," agreed the widow, laconically. "In poetry and during the honeymoon; but when it comes to deciding who is going to get up and turn on the steam heat and take the milk off the dumbwaiter on cold mornings, and who is going to get the tenderest portion of steak and the seat nearest the radiator, it's quite different. Self-sacrifice is perfectly beautiful in novels and the abstract; but in everyday life it's—rather inconvenient, you see."

"No," retorted the bachelor, obstinately. "I don't see why two peo-

"Because we aren't built that way," sighed the widow, sadly. "Matrimony is a bargain—and somebody has to get the bargain. The other must take the leavings and be satisfied."

"Nice words this would be," grumbled the bachelor, bitterly. "If every one took your advice and went about searching for somebody to adore him—"

"Oh, that never will happen," interrupted the widow, cheerfully. "There always will be plenty of fools and idealists in the world who will cling to the belief that happiness in marriage consists in making a martyr of one's self, just as there always will be plenty of lambs in Wall street who will give the bulls an abject chance to make their millions. But there isn't any happiness in marriage," she added sorrowfully, "because you can't be happy with the person you love—and you can't be happy without him!"

"Then why not try being happy with somebody who loves you?" suggested the bachelor, eagerly. "I'm willing to try it on the wrong side—"

"What?"

"And to take the milk off the dumbwaiter and give you three-quarters of the steak?"

"I don't believe you!" cried the widow, vehemently. "But if you were—"

"You'd marry me?" broke in the bachelor, excitedly.

"Never!" declared the widow, with a shudder. "I'd hate to marry a bull or a bear, but I'd prefer even a hyena or a scorpion to anything so humble and easy as a lamb—with mint sauce. Besides," she added with conviction, "I-I-I like you too well to marry you."

"Thankswfully," returned the bachelor, with a sigh of real relief.

**The Bachelor Drew a Long Puff.**

In getting the person who wants you."

"Anybody can do that!" declared the bachelor, scornfully.

"Anybody can become president!" rejoined the widow. "But most of them never do. Any man can marry a girl who wants him, but he always imagines he wants some woman who doesn't want him. He will pass by all nice, cozy, suitable girls who would give their eyes for the privilege of adoring him and mending his socks, and making life a drowsy couch for him, and will spend his days pursuing some elusive creature whose very distance and indifference constitute her enchantment, and who, even if he succeeds in winning her, merely takes him as a last resort or a convenience and keeps him busy working for her, and waiting for her, and feeling like an object of charity for the rest of his life. The winner is a one-sided game; and the winner is the one who is loved, not the one who is merely allowed to do the loving. It's a perfectly balanced game when the other side goes down the other tips and the more weight there is on one side the lighter the weight on the other side. Anger, who is a little shy on grommatic, 'de order end of de hole, I spect.'—Campbell (Ga.) News.

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Each team represents an airship, which can be given an appropriate name, as Zeppelin, Wright, Farnam, and so on. When the players are seated the back of each chair should touch the knees of the person directly behind. A winning tape should be stretched across the room at the other end.

To start the race another person begins to read a short story; but previous to this, each airship has been given a word which means advance and another retreat. Let us suppose the chosen words to be:

For the Zeppelin Air-ship..... "The" "On"

Might Not Bark Forever.  
"Come right on in, Sambo," the farmer called out. "He won't hurt you. You know a barking dog never bite."

"Sure, boss, ah knows, dat," replied the cautious colored man, "but ah don't know how soon he's goin' to stop barkin'!"—Success Magazine.

True Prophecy.  
Wife—Oh, John, I went to a fortune teller this afternoon and he told me that a dark man would cross my threshold."

Hub—Right for once. Tomorrow morning the ton of coal I ordered will be put in.—Boston Transcript.

For the Wright Air-ship..... "And" "In"

For the Farnam Air-ship..... "Of" "No"

As the story comes to any of these words the airship owning them acts accordingly. Thus, on the word "The" Zeppelin advances by the rear player bringing his chair nearer the front of his column. On the word "On" Zeppelin retreats by the front player going directly to the rear of his column, and so on with the other airships. If in retreating there is not sufficient room behind that player must leave the race and the machine is considered damaged. He may step on playing, but is penalized one point for every chair lost. In this way the whole machine may disappear gradually. An airship failing to advance must lose its chance, but all retreats must be made.

Another person should act as referee to insure fair advances and retreats.

This game cannot be played with fewer than two airships of two chairs apiece.

The airship, of course, which reaches the tape first wins the game.

Hint for Wise Parents.  
The Young Man—I wish to thank you, sir, for giving me your assistance in persuading your daughter to marry me.

The Old Man—Sir, I was violently opposed to the match.

The Young Man—I know it.—Cleveland Leader.

Diplomacy.  
"Why do you insist on underrating the kind of golf you play?"

"Because," answered the wise official, "there is no use of making a whole lot of people jealous and antagonistic over a little thinklike golf."—Washington Star.

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