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racess, which, to my mind, would have been greater than the saving of the entire cost of the maintenance of the war. Had Mr. Lincoln's last proposition been fully comprehended, and had half of the southern states been set aside to the use of freedmen, and had they been given the right and power to rule it accordingly as their efficiency grew; today, we would have governors, state and United States senators and representatives, besides the other official heads and departments of government.

When I think of the status of the Afro-Americans in this country today, and think of the 10,000,000 people without a single representative of their own people at Washington, the capital of this government, then it is, that I can fully appreciate the greatness of Mr. Lincoln with reference to this last proposition.

When I think of the rapid increase and spread of prejudice and discrimination, I can easily see what an advantage we could see if we had our people and our forces together, and I can the more appreciate this last proposition of Mr. Lincoln.

Time was, when prejudice was confined to the more ignorant of both races; today it has no bounds; the greatest profession in this country, the American Bar Association, has seen fit to discriminate against one of our greatest men, simply because he was not white.

The treatment which our people, in the post office department at Washington, are receiving, is a disgrace to this country.

Let me close by saying that, I believe the race question in this country will be settled some day, but not until they have been fully debated upon the field of battle, and if the Afro-American is ever called upon to debate them, they will do so as fully and completely as they debated the questions with the Spaniards marching up San Juan Hill.

Mayor Herbert P. Keller was next on the program but his honor was unavoidably absent and the next number was by the very excellent young musicians, Harry and Abraham Eurist, on violin and piano, who rendered "Le Souvenir," by Ch. Doncla, and "Gavotte," by Frz. Jos. Erseec, winning rapturous applause.

Attorney General Lyndon A. Smith was next on the program, for an address, but having been suddenly taken seriously ill he was unable to be present; but Secretary of State Julius A. Schmahl who had graciously consented to represent him, after being introduced by the lawyer W. T. Francis, spoke in part as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am appearing here this evening as a substitute for a legal mind, the Attorney General of the State, who is confined to his house and has been for several days through illness. I have attended to them because I am always like to follow a legal speaker because he is very apt to stick to the law while I engage, more or less in glittering and generalities.

As I came down to your hall this evening I was pleasantly reminded of a little incident which occurred up at the Capitol about a year or so ago by one of your number who asked me if I came down here to tend bar. You will probably remember that the Secretary of State's office was used by the military department one night at the Capitol's reception and it is said that the refreshments flowed freely. I was somewhat amused at Mr. Adams' method of putting the motion for the appointment of your resolutions committee a few moments ago. It reminded me of the Methodist minister who was trying to get the people in his congregation to join the church. He said, "All those who want to be saved will please rise," and everybody got up but one man, when they were seated the pastor called for the negative and this man stood up and said, "Well pastor, I guess you and I are the only ones that want to go to hell."

My friends, my mind reverts back to those pages of history when fifty years ago this country was a country in almost complete darkness. At that time it was a question whether or not a government of the people, for the people and by the people was to exist, or whether a handful of southern states, through their mis-guided citizens, were to control and were to set up a government of their own and forever make servile and subject to the black man. As I read the pages of history glory in the men who were the agitators prior to and during the war. I glory in Garrison, Beecher, Phillips and John Brown, but I glory most in the existence of the greatest emancipator of all, Abraham Lincoln. He had long since been convinced that he was for the Northern people to become convinced in their own minds that there was but one thing to do and that was to issue the emancipation proclamation that would set four million black souls free, and at the time it was issued I am sure he sent forth the enthusiasm that did more than anything else to ultimately bring about a union in the government of America.

In the last fifty years no race has progressed like the Afro-American. They are in every way the equal of the white people. The truth is that the Afro-Americans are a peaceful, gentle, playful people. In their friendliness to the ties of friendship they are superior to the Anglo-Saxon. Was there ever a more wonderful demonstration of fidelity than during the civil war, when four millions of slaves labored in the cotton fields and provided sustenance for the masters who fought to continue their bondage? The care of the estate, the women and children, and all that the Southern held dear and sacred were entrusted to the slaves and history does not record a single instance of faithlessness. After the slaves were freed, so great was the hatred heaped upon him, because he wanted to be a man, that nothing saved him from utter annihilation, but his value as a laborer.

It was my pleasure as I passed through the Panama Zone a few weeks ago to see employed, in that greatest school of mechanics and engineering work, large numbers of black men employed as engineers and in other positions of great importance. And I am sure that that is the condition that will exist all over this country whenever you people raise to the importance of your position and unitedly assert your rights. As I look back 15 or 20 years ago I can see men right here in this audience men who were doing menial labor at that time, but I am proud to say that they are in business for themselves and doing magnificently at this time. Let me impress this fact upon you, that the younger people of your race must not forget the great responsibility that rests upon their shoulders for the future success of the race. Your grandfathers passed out of slavery, your fathers and mothers have done what they could to advance

themselves in this American Republic, and it is now up to you young people to reach the place in the business world in society that you are justly entitled to. I feel now, as I have always felt, that under the guiding hand of Almighty God, the Afro-American will take his place, not only among the people of the United States, but all over the world, in the professions, in business, in politics, and in every other way. I appeal to you my friends tonight to do your share in your own peaceful way and if you do, your star will ever be in the ascendant.

Mr. Schmahl's address was long and loudly applauded.

The next number of the program was an original poem by Mr. Arthur V. Hall, the author, as follows:

LOOKING BACKWARD. Fifty years, fifty years, fifty years' freedom— Told the death knell of a half century— Out of the Stygian blackness of thralldom, Into the sunshine of sweet liberty.

Two generations have passed down life's highways; Two generations of black men—free born. What progress made since the long night of slave days Paled 'fore the dawn of the Jubilee Morn?

Come with me back to that day in September— When prayers were answered, The slave's shackles fell. Only a few now are left to remember; Ask them the pitiful story to tell.

How they were destitute, helpless and heart-sore— Sold like dumb brutes, so was justice defiled. Strong, rugged bodies, like horses well cared for; Sinews of steel and the mind of a child.

Then like a giant that awakens from slumber, Startled the sun's noon-day glory to see, So the black legions, four million in number, Rose from their lethargy, frightened—but free.

Rose from the auction-block's whipping and God's grace to his purpose and plan. Lifted by Him from the soil he was tilling. Rose a crude creature and stood forth—a man.

Into the school house, the work-shop, the world-strife, Struthway he entered, nor found the way smooth. Hell-nourished prejudice struck at his very life; Stalked him and mocked him where'er he might move.

So we have come to our fiftieth milestone. Weary with fighting; how long, Lord, how long? Weary with wond'ring if Christ really did atone; Weary of telling the world of its wrong.

Prayerfully hoping a just consummation. Of all our ills, many sorrows we bore; Strong in our faith that the great Proclamation, Our Rock of Ages, must stand evermore.

Fifty years, fifty years, fifty years' freedom. Told the death-knell of a half century. Out of the Stygian blackness of thralldom, Into the sunshine of God's liberty.

Judge of the Municipal Court, John W. Finehout was introduced by Attorney W. T. Francis, and spoke in part, as follows:

I have attended all of these celebrations, managed by Mr. Adams, and I have attended them because I have enjoyed them, because they are an education and because I consider it a privilege which I am glad to have to meet you and get acquainted with you and to know you better. I am sorry that there are not more of my people here tonight to see you, to know you and to meet you as I do. It would be a means of changing sentiment in your favor. You are a progressive people and you are winning your way slowly but surely. I am acquainted with many of your men for whom I have the highest regard.

I want to take this opportunity of saying just a word about my friend W. T. Francis, whom I have known for a number of years. He is a young man of sterling character, a good lawyer, and a citizen of whom we might all well be proud. I also wish to express my appreciation for Mr. Morris and Mr. Ervin, as gentlemen, both of whom have practised before me with ability. I thank you for the privilege of being here tonight.

Attorney W. T. Francis followed Judge Finehout and among other things paid a well deserved tribute to Secretary Schmahl and Judge Finehout.

Following Mr. Francis came a piano number by "The Appeal Quartet," 8 hands, who rendered "Salut a Pesth," Miss Adina Adams, the master of Minneapolis, Misses Albreta Bell and Adina Adams, who scored quite a hit.

Attorney W. R. Morris, the scholarly lawyer of Minneapolis, spoke upon the matter of the segregation of the Afro-Americans in the departments at Washington and gave one of his usual logical and helpful addresses.

Next was a soprano solo, "Farewell Ye Hills"—Tschalkowsky, Mme. Addie Crawford Minor, who as usual completely covered herself with glory. For an encore she sang "God's Goodbye" and by special request Judge Finehout, sang "Swanee River," Miss Albreta Bell, accompanist.

The audience was then treated to a very pleasing number by a young eulogist from Grand Forks, N. D., who came especially to appear on the program, Miss Frances Willard McCray. Her reading was fine and drew deserved applause.

Mr. W. T. Francis by request then introduced Mr. George R. Garner, a tenor robusto from Chicago, who sang two selections in a most delightful manner. He was a little extra treat for the audience that was highly enjoyed. Mrs. S. Edward Hall was his accompanist.

Then followed the Little Lovable Child, by the author, Mr. Chas. H. Miller and Mrs. Emma Archer, of course this "brought down the house"

and was a very enjoyable finale, and with a benediction by Rev. George W. Camp, ended what has generally been conceded one of the very best programs that has been furnished to the people in a very long time.

During the evening a telegram was received from Dr. A. J. Carey, pastor of Institutional Church, Chicago, as follows:

At the close of the exercises the floor was cleared by members of the floor committee and the grand march, led by Mr. J. Q. Adams and his daughter, Miss Adina, was conducted by Mr. Howell, in which more than 100 couples appeared. Then followed the toothsome supper of which all partook with relish.

The culinary department was in charge of Mr. Louis Carter and Mesdames Anna Casey and Bernice Jones. The services of the supper by the members of the refreshment committee was very satisfactory, consisting of chicken salad, finger rolls, coffee ice cream, cake and Appel punch ad libitum.

The programs were handed by Mrs. Edithella Adams, Martha Colins, Olga Wilson and Ruth Hunter, who also furnished slips to the ladies upon which to give descriptions of their costumes but only a few took advantage of the opportunity.

The check room was in charge of Master J. Q. Adams, Jr., and Foster Brown.

Mr. Orrington C. Hall was in the box office and Mr. Richard M. Johnson was doorkeeper.

Mr. S. L. Ransom was very efficient as head usher with the floor committee as his assistants.

The celebration following "Fashion Week" gave evidence that the ladies of the Twin Cities are right up-to-the-minute and they do say that the display of magnificent gowns has never been surpassed on any former occasion. The gentlemen in their full dress suits formed excellent backgrounds for the ladies.

A few of the gowns are described below: Mrs. Florence Henley, brown crepe de chine, Persian trimmings.

Mrs. L. M. Terrill, gray silk, cut steel trimmings and chiffon. Mrs. O. D. Phelps, Minneapolis, black satin, black lace, ostrich tip scarf, white kid gloves, bird of paradise in hair.

Miss Lynn Fogg, Copenhagen blue silk voile, chantilly lace trimmings, pearls. Mrs. Jennie Bell, black chiffon panama beaded net, diamonds.

Miss Albreta C. Bell, pink satin, cream net and chiffon drapery. Mrs. Wm. Alston, black messaline satin net, Persian trimmings, amethysts.

Mrs. J. G. Clemens, Chicago, black brocaded velvet charmaeuse with gold lace, diamonds and emeralds. Mrs. Frankway Linn, Minneapolis, gray crepe de chine, with gray chiffon blouse, trimmed with white fur and rhine stones, French hat of black velvet trimmed with band of swansdown, black and white plumes.

Mrs. Inez Moss, minaret gown of cream shadow lace and chiffon, Dresden cap trimmed in pink and blue rose buds, diamonds.

Miss Florence Uley, silver beaded drapery over blue silk crepe, pink roses. Mrs. S. W. Williams, blue silk, Paris style. Miss Rozella Sample, Minneapolis, white silk poplin trimmed in shadow lace and chiffon.

Mrs. L. V. Douglass, Minneapolis, black Spanish lace over yellow silk messaline. Mrs. Henry High, white voile, heavy lace, turquoise blue crepe de chine sash.

Mrs. S. Lawrence, white satin charmeuse coat trimmed in mink fur, draped marquette velvet skirt trimmed with cut glass buttons, diamonds.

Mrs. E. F. Alley, Chicago, embroidered voile, marquette trimming, over white charmeuse, crushed girde and sash or pink charmeuse, smoked pearls, diamonds.

Mrs. E. W. Lindsay, shadow silk with draping mackemay lace, crushed girde and sash of kings blue charmeuse, diamonds.

Mrs. A. H. Schooly, gray voile trimmed in pearls and emeralds, Persian passametrie, black matinee hat, blue ostrich plume.

Mrs. Dea Veltis, black chantilly lace over violet silk. Mrs. Sidney Salter, tan oriental embroidered crepe meteor.

Mrs. Edith Mitchell, pink charmeuse, bodice of shadow lace. Mrs. Irene Salter, gas light green charmeuse with overdress of dew drop chiffon.

Miss Ruth Lawrence, blue marquette over pink poplin. Mrs. Homer Goins, white satin and shadow lace in train.

Mrs. Mildred Plummer, Minneapolis, lavender chiffon over lavender satin. Mrs. Glover Shull, Minneapolis, black charmeuse trimmed in white chiffon, diamonds.

Mrs. Valdo Turner, blue oriental embroidered silk and shadow lace, pearls. Miss Madeline Goins, cream lace and rhine stones over champagne satin.

Mrs. J. E. Glass, lavender broadcloth and crepe lace. Mrs. Wm. Shills, pink messaline trimmed in shadow lace.

Miss Lillian McCoy, oriental embroidered lace and shadow lace. Mrs. R. C. Minor, black, chiffon over white satin and lace.

Mrs. E. Boyd, blue satin charmeuse. Mrs. C. P. Tyler, black imported robe over canary brocaded satin, trimmed in shadow lace and rose buds. Miss Madred Shull, Minneapolis, gold dew drop chiffon over charmeuse, roses.

Miss Adina Adams, robins egg blue faye charmeuse, bodice of shadow lace and rhine stones. Mrs. W. Parker, gray crepe de chine, diamonds, pearls.

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