

MR. CHARLES E. HALL.

Assistant Secretary Illinois League of Republican Clubs.

The subject of this sketch, son of Rev. A. T. Hall, was born in Batavia, Kane Co., Illinois, May 22, 1868, and received a common school education. Before reaching his majority, Mr. Hall took a lively interest in politics and at the age of twenty one was appointed by Congressman A. J. Hopkins to a lucrative position in the Eleventh U. S. Census. Upon the completion of his duties here he returned to Illinois, and



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shortly after went to the Pacific Coast where he located in Spokane, Wash., engaging in the real estate and loan business until, the extreme financial stringency and populist theories prevalent, precluded the possibility of his making much headway as a broker or politician.

Returning to his native state after an absence of several years he engaged in business and politics meeting with success. In 1897 he was appointed as a senate committee clerk in the Illinois Legislature, having the important committees on Banks and Banking and Mines and Mining. About this time he became interested in newspaper work, and for two years was managing editor of the Illinois Record, a republican paper published in Springfield, Ill., devoted to the interests of the race. Congressman Hopkins, one of our national leaders, appreciating the energy and worth of Mr. Hall again persuaded him to accept a lucrative clerkship in the Census Bureau, and his many friends rejoice at his return to the national capital.

At the last State Convention of the Illinois League of Republican Clubs, Mr. Hall was the unanimous choice of 1500 delegates for the position of Assistant Secretary, and he has the honor of being the first colored man to fill that position.

Although pleasantly employed in the Census Bureau Mr. Hall has under consideration the importunities of his friends who desire to see him placed as chief of the Afro-American Republican State Bureau during the coming campaign. Needless to say that Charles E. Hall is a hustler and justly deserves any recognition he may receive from the party. Congressman Hopkins might well be proud of such a protege who is destined to become a leader of his people.

There will be a grand musical concert given at Esou Baptist church, Wednesday evening April 4th 1900 by Misses Eva E. Belle and Mary C. Euell. Rev. J. I. Loving pastor.

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GEORGIA REPUBLICANS CONVENE

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Atlanta, Ga., Special.—On the 7th inst., the republicans of Georgia held one of the largest, as well as one of the most harmonious State Conventions ever held in this State by any party. Long before 12 o'clock, the appointed hour for the assembling of the Convention, the streets, avenues and thoroughfares leading to the Capital were literally lined and packed with delegates and visitors making their way to the place of meeting. The crowd was so great that the managers or officers of the organization were compelled to issue tickets to the convention hall. Shortly after 12 o'clock U. S. Marshal W. H. Johnson, chairman of the State Executive Committee appeared at the main entrance to the hall, the audience getting a glimpse of him fairly went wild with applause. This but scarcely ended when Register J. W. Lyons appeared such a demonstration was perhaps never witnessed before, the great audience rose en masse, the ladies in the galleries waved their handkerchiefs and fans.

Fitting recognition was shown Ex-Governor Bullock, W. A. Pledger, H. L. Johnson, H. A. Rucker and other great party leaders upon their entering the hall. Chairman Johnson called the convention to order and requested Bishop H. M. Turner to open the convention with prayer. As the Bishop arose and started down the main aisle with his crutches in his hands another demonstration broke out approaching if not surpassing the great demonstration paid to Register Lyons a few moments before. The good Bishop's voice was clear and distinct. The roll call developed the fact that every one of the 137 counties in the great State was represented in person, a fact heretofore unknown. Chairman Johnson following the recommendation of the Executive Committee in one of the most eloquent speeches ever made in the hall, placed in nomination for temporary chairman Ex State Attorney General Col. Henry P. Farrow of Gainesville. He was unanimously elected. A committee of eleven was appointed on credentials with Maj. W. H. Smyth chairman. While this committee was out Ex Governor R. B. Bullock, Prof. R. R. Wright, Bishop H. M. Turner, Register Lyons, Bishop L. H. Holsey, Hon. S. A. Darnell, Ex-U. S. Attorney Rea, H. S. Doyle, A. Graves, Esq., Rev. E. K. Love, D. D., were called upon for speeches, and each responded and gave the great mass of human beings some good old time Republican talk.

The convention after adopting the report of the committee on credentials elected Col. W. A. Pledger permanent chairman, Col. J. H. Deveaux, Prof. S. S. Hubbard, of Montezuma and Col. S. B. Vaughn of Augusta permanent secretaries Messrs. W. H. Johnson, J. W. Lyons, H. A. Rucker, H. L. Johnson were elected delegates to the national convention from the state at large. Messrs. A. Graves, Alexander Akerman, son of ex-attorney general of the United States; Hon. Amos T. Akerman, Prof. T. M. Dent, Captain L. M. Pleasant were elected alternates. Hon. W. H. Johnson was elected chairman of the state committee. Col. W. A. Pledger was elected vice chairman, Col. J. H. Deveaux secretary, Prof. A. Graves assistant secretary. The committee on platform reported, favoring the adopting of Congressman White's bill against mob violence.

Countess Schimmigmann of Denmark is in Atlanta attending the great Bible conference that is being held here. She spoke to over 3000 people last Sunday night at Bethel A. M. E. church. She said it was the first time that she ever spoke to an audience of

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colored people as a separate race. In her country she was preached to by a colored man who told her that there were 38,000 promises in the Bible and that she believes it. She is a great woman and have none of the color phobia in her. It is delightful to hear her talk and to talk with her. She is truly a woman of God.

A FEAST OF REASON.

Mr. William H. Johnson the Host of a "Smart Set."

Albany, N. Y., Special.—Mr. Thomas H. Diggs the genial and affable compatriot of John Irving, who together make life pleasant for the traveling public as proprietors of the Adams House and expert mixologists, entertained the members of the House Social Club at dinner on the 11 instant in the cozy dining parlor of that famous hostelry. The event was also in celebration of the 67th anniversary of Mr. William H. Johnson, founder and first president of this popular social organization which dates its beginning back to 1837. Covers were laid for twelve including the guest of honor, Mr. William H. Johnson. Mr. William H. Brent, J. F. Price, J. H. Clifton, G. H. Tummey, A. C. Green, William Nan Alstyne, Frank Fulton, A. C. Gordon, C. Edwards and "mine host," Thomas H. Diggs, Esq., accompanied by his usual smile and proverbial bonhomie. After all the good things had been eaten, and swallowed, Vice President J. W. Price arose and in a felicitous and happy speech presented Mr. William H. Johnson with a handsome silk badge with gold and silver ornaments, the center piece being a silver horse shoe bearing the monogram H. S. C. and the word "secretary" this being the office now held by Mr. Johnson in the club and which he has held for the past eight years. In accepting this token of regard and esteem from his fellow members and associates, Mr. Johnson responded in appropriate and fitting terms thanking each and all for their generous remembrance of him. After the speech making cigars and ice water were passed around which of course called for more talk, and everybody talked and smoked for along while. BRUCE GRIT.

The Charlottesville Va Letter.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—At the Ebenezer Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. C. N. Harris, pastor, baptized fourteen candidates who were converted at the revival recently held at the aforesaid church. At three o'clock communion services were held and the right hand of fellowship given the newly made members. Revivals

are still in progress at the Mt. Zion and First Baptist churches with great success. At the Mt. Zion church, Rev. R. D. Hardy pastor, is being assisted by Revs. Nathan Cave, Wilson Carter and Dillard Goffney of the county. Large numbers have professed faith in Christ. At the First Baptist Church, Rev. R. C. Quarles, pastor, Rev. R. J. Perkins of Linton, West Virginia, is conducting the meetings. Rev. Perkins is a talented expounder of the gospel and is meeting with great success in winning souls for Christ. The funeral of Mrs. Phoebe Johnson, who was accidentally burned to death, took place from the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Sunday at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. B. Hardy officiating. She was left in charge of two children who on hearing the bad left her alone and it is supposed she caught from a lighted pipe. She was 105 years old. The funeral of Mabel Sellers daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sellers, took place from the home of the parents, Monday at 11 o'clock. Rev. C. N. Harris officiated. Rev. E. Duke Venture, pastor of the M. E. church of this city, will leave this week for Baltimore, Md., to attend the annual conference. Mr. William Sammons, of Jersey City was in the city last week having come down to bury his infant child. Miss M. E. White who has been visiting Miss Bettie James on Preston avenue left Monday for her home in Staunton, Va. Mr. Godfrey B. Brown and Miss Lucilla Grayson were married at Ivy Depot the home of the bride on Thursday night the 15th. Messrs. William Heever, Brazel Jackson and Stephen Gray left this week for Hot Springs, Va. Mr. Egbert Terry who has been teaching in Augusta County, has returned home having closed his school for the term. Mrs. Mary E. Gordon has closed her school in the county and is home again. Lawyer J. E. Byrd, President of United Aid and Insurance Co., of Richmond, Va., was in the city this week. Mrs. J. Madeline Brown who has been home on the illness of her father Mr. Noah Jackson (who is much improved,) left this week for Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. J. H. Dickinson has recently improved his tonsorial parlor at the foot of the "hill" and the affable tonsorial artists Messrs. W. F. Walker and John T. Leech are still ready to serve the public. The American can be had every Saturday at Pollard and Noble's barber shop or from Mr. A. F. Angel at the University. MONTICELLO.

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