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THE CAMPAIGN IN NEW JERSEY.

The campaign in New Jersey is clean cut and well defined, and the battle in the State is being waged wholly upon national issues. The stakes to be played for are ten electoral votes; a legislature whose duty it will be to choose a successor in the United States Senate to General William J. Sewell, whose term expires March 3, 1901, and eight members of the House of Representatives, in our national Congress.

At the present time the State is Republican in every branch of government, and the Republican organization is far superior to that of any other party in the State. General Sewell is in full command of his party, and he is the idol of the people. He has been the commanding figure in Jersey politics for more than a quarter of a century, and there is not a blot upon his record. His motto is, "In politics and in business be strictly honest, and the people will take you at your true value." The General is unlike most politicians, in that he never breaks faith with anyone, nor is he carried away by popular clamor. He is just to all, and he looks out for the interest of each and every element in the party. That is why the people stand by him, and that is why he will be his own successor in the United States Senate.

The colored business and professional men of Washington deserve to be congratulated upon the fact that Mr. A. F. Hilyer has decided to take up the work of the Union League again and will issue another Union League Directory. It is impossible to estimate the value of the work already done by this organization in infusing the business spirit into our people and calling attention to the necessity of our standing together in business and patronizing each other. The Union League Directory is invaluable as a guide and exhibit of our business, industrial, pro-

fessional and organized status. Mr. Hilyer writes that he intends to make it a complete showing of our status along these lines at the beginning of the twentieth century.

The benefits to the sufferers from the Galveston storm given by the theaters and some of our churches here were steps in the right direction. The enjoyable concert in behalf of these victims given at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Wednesday night was a success in every respect. The proceeds of the concert went to aid in relief of these sufferers, without regard to their color or previous condition—a rule which did not seem to be observed in the summary punishment visited upon Negroes in Galveston without warrant of law.

The refusal of the National Baptist Convention which met in Richmond last week to permit Miss Jewett to address it upon the subject of lynching, was a grievous mistake. Had Miss Jewett been a member of our race, we could see some excuse for the action of this distinguished body. We should always give the white man or woman a chance to testify against the evildoers in their own race. Our white brethren never refuses us an opportunity to tell on each other. Then too, Miss Jewett may be the John Brown that shall give rise to a sentiment which shall destroy the spirit of lynching, just as her predecessor created a feeling which finally destroyed human slavery in this country. We think the Baptist Convention intended to do good, but in its thoughtlessness, served notice on the white ally that her help is not wanted by us, whereas we need all the assistance we can get from our white friends.

More political leaders like Senator William J. Sewell of New Jersey are needed in the Northern States. There are 23,000 colored voters in New Jersey and they have fared better than the colored brother in any other Northern State.

The public schools opened Monday last with an enrollment of nearly fifty thousand pupils. Both the teachers and the taught wore a bright smile and walked with a reinvigorated step. About one third of the enrolled attendants are colored.

With this army of prospective recruits to the educated cohorts of the race, the educational qualification for the right of franchise here was not sufficient to deprive the colored voter of the ballot here; hence, in order to annul his voting ability, the ballot was taken from the white and colored men alike. If this were the case in the South, there would be less objection to the so-called educational qualification requirement.

It is pleasing to note that Superintendent Stuart paid a deserved compliment to the former Superintendent, George F. T. Cook, upon opening the schools last Monday, Superintendent Stuart unhesitatingly declared that the colored schools of the District had been established and built up by former Superintendent Cook. "He had wrought with nothing to begin with, and by persistent effort under most trying circumstances, evolved the present splendid system of public schools among his people," observed Superintendent Stuart.

Assistant Superintendent Montgomery endorsed the unstinted but deserved encomiums paid Mr. Cook by the Superintendent.

The autumn days have come. We welcome them.

Our public schools opened in full blast Monday.

It is failure, not success, that one is called upon to explain.

Against whom is the republican party unable to protect the Negro?

Somebody is trying to make Bishop B. W. Arnett a scape goat, but the little game will not work.

William McKinley is not alone the president of the republican party. He is the president of the entire American body politic.

There is a difference and yet a similarity between the terms "pull" and "haul." The man with a strong "pull" invariably makes a good "haul."

The Afro-American Press Association is not a political organization, and the attempt of certain politicians to drag it down to politics miscarried.

The Advocate published at Charleston, W. Va., shows most excellent taste in selecting its "Notes of the Race." It neglected however to give The Colored American credit for three gems taken from its opinion page.

There must be danger signals in New York politics. The spellbinders have been recalled from other fields and turned loose in the Empire State. As for New York City, well; "there'll be a hot time in old town tonight."

The Negro is beginning to learn politics. All parties regard him now as a factor to be considered and dealt with. That is as it should be. Our word for it; the Negro vote can and will decide the present political contest.

The Colored American is a free forum. It has no desire to stifle public thought. It prefers to encourage free thinking and fearless expression. The intelligent and fair-minded man hears both sides before reaching a decision on any issue.

The demand for colored singers, lecturers, public readers and elocutionists, is growing every day. There is a big field for this work for those of the race who will take the time and the patience to prepare themselves for their chosen profession. All of the larger magazines are devoting special articles from time to time to some phase of the Afro-American, his achievements and accomplishments. An early number of Warner's Magazine published in New York will contain a special article on colored literateurs.

At Lincoln Memorial Church.

Great preparations are being made for the grand rally and anniversary services in the Lincoln Memorial Congregational church, the first Sunday in October when the pastor, Rev. A. P. Miller, B. D. will preach the anniversary sermon, and some of the most eminent and eloquent divines of the city are to preach during the week, excellent music being provided by some of the most popular choirs of the city. The pastors rally is Sunday, October 7th at 21 a. m.

SENATOR FAIRBANKS SPEAKS.

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which was essentially an army of freedom. What more sublime spectacle than the colored people, lately held in bondage themselves, drawing the sword to make others free?

President McKinley, as other Republican Presidents have done, invited to public places of trust many colored men. They are faithful officers; honest, loyal. A colored citizen of Indiana was appointed by him consul in one of the South American States. His service has been commended in the fullest degree.

The Republican party has been true to the colored race, and it knows that the colored race will be true to it. Gratitude is not yet a lost virtue.

A HARD SET.

In another column of this issue of The Colored American, under the caption of "Sayings from the Sanctum," the colored members of the press gang are given an "inning." There is a class of dead beats which ought to be exposed. They shift from one paper to another. If it is not The Colored American it is The Age or The Freeman or The Dallas Express or The Christian Recorder or some paper, but they shift from one to another. They "do" the first paper up, and the second, etc., all down the line and yet the publishers are too stupid to expose them. We submit herewith a sample letter and if any of the papers know this "duck" they should reprint the entire article and make comments.

Americus, Ga. Sept. the 15, 1900

Dear sir yu letter came to my hand and fond me sick. I have bin far some time bort I was not in Americus. Dear sir I told you that I wald pay this bill the furst Sep yu fail to cend the paper to me as you had bin. Dear sir I am sorry to say to yu that from yu letter that yu roat me that yu or frad about yu money. Dear sir will cend yu every cent due to yu I have got a lot to say that thay want the paper and last week yu fail fill my oder and was sick and cold not write yu and till I got up. Yu letter state that yu cold not cend enny morn paper and till I come to sum kine settlement. I will pay yu far all paper that came from yu. So pleas let me hear from yu soon and was in Jacksonville, Fla. Yu thully,

J. N. WILLIAMS.

Mme. Batson and Millar Return.

Miss Flora Batson, America's peerless queen of song, late star of McAdoo Australian Operatic Company, and Mr. Gerard Millar, Australia's premier basso, have just returned from the Australian colonies after a successful tour of fifteen months. These two artists are recognized as leaders in their respective lines, and Mr. Millar is the only colored man ever known to have taken the part of Simon Legree in the play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," he having interpreted that very difficult role before the elite of the entire colonies where "talent," not "color" is what takes one to the front.

The Negro Proves Himself a Man When Tried.

"There are bad Negroes just as there are bad white men," said Gen. Scurry, Adj. Gen'l of Texas, "but there are hundreds of good ones to one bad. They have done a great work for Galveston that shall not be forgotten."