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REMINISCENCES OF THE BATTLE.

Interestingly Told by One in the Fight—
A Graphic Description—The Afro American Spellbinders in Demand and Scattered the Enemy.

Editor The Colored American: A word through your great national organ, The Colored American, whose trumpet peals from the Capitol of the Nation is heard throughout the land. With Mrs. Bryant I have just returned from the seat of the last great political conflict of the nation. I mean the "Wild and Woolly West" for it surely was the "seat of war" as every inch of ground was hotly contested by the Bryan-Tillman combination, and for some weeks was evenly matched to all appearances. Not until Major H. C. Hedges, the veteran chairman of the Speakers Bureau, got his blood up and Senator Hanna forgot his rheumatics and put on his war paint, the slogan sounded, the armies marshalled, the shrill notes of the heroic bugles and the tread of the patriotic armies shook the earth from the apex of the mountains, along the banks of the banks of the Mississippi, ripping the muddy waters of the Missouri and giving new life to the sluggish "Kaw." Not until the "Rough rider Teddy" got on the track of the "Boy Orator of the Platte," and the irrepressible Hanna dashed through South Dakota and "winded" Pettigrew with his silence and "unhorsed" him; not until they called in the colored contingent and sent Vance of Louisiana to Wisconsin and Minnesota, Pledger of Georgia and Fortune of New York Indiana and reinforced them with crew of Missouri, McElwee of Tennessee and Moseley of Illinois; then ordered Fortune, Pledger, Wheaton and Allain with Mrs. Barnett to join Crossland in Missouri. Your humble servant was considered an "all around political athlete" and why not? I have canvassed in every campaign under the supervision of the National Republican Committee since 1872. Then there was the local contingent, Lawyer Barnett on National Committee, Captain Jordan Chavis on the State Committee and they had able speakers under them. Rev. Drs. Carey, Ransom, Gray, Thomas, McGhee and a host of others. Lawyers Bob Mitchell, B. F. Moseley, the eloquent S. B. Turner, Col. Rivers, Dan Mason and many others. When these with the scores of our white brethren got to going up "spellbinders lane" pyrotechnics, bombs, cannons, howitzers, lightning, blood, thunder and pandemonium was carried into the Bryanites columns and they had to scatter or like the Modocs hunt their lava beds. The last ten days of the campaign Chicago, Cook county Ill. and Douglass county Nebraska was hotly contested. Your humble servant accompanied by Mrs Bryant, who was a most potent factor in the fight, was ordered to Omaha and Douglass county for there Bryan would make his closing fight and last stand to control the state legislature and if not President then U. S. We were hospitably entertained in Omaha stopping first at Merchant's Hotel and then to the palatial residence of Hon. E. R. Overall who for thirty-



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We met a royal lot of republicans, and the colored contingent was grand. There was V. B. Walker, member of both State and County Committee, Claus Hubbard, the hustler; Scott and Singleton of Washington who came home to work and vote, and Minor, Mahammit, Bryants, Roberts and Brooks, messenger to Mayor Moore Result, Col. Wm. J. Bryan is neither President or United States Senator. Chicago and Cook county, under the matchless leadership of its Morris, Jones, Turner, Montague and a score of others elected nine tenths of its ticket, while Pettigrew of South Dakota will "pack his trunk and go" after the 4th of March, Pitchfork Tillman goes one eye on it, and Wm. J. Bryan on the banks of the roaring Platte asks, "who jerked that stump from under me?" While he prepares his notes for the printer "The second battle."

A swing through Missouri, Illinois, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska, with finger ever and anon on the public pulse gives evidence to my mind that this the great battle of the 19th Century means much to the Negro. The citizens of the great West and Northwest heard the story of the Negro from his own lips; have seen that he is not the ignorant, licentious barbarian that his traducers have painted;

but that he is intelligent, patriotic and above all up-to-date as a citizen worthy of the highest consideration and the largest recognition as an American and a man. That Tillman, with his pitchfork and his "isms" is but the vapourings that arise from the stinking cesspool of paltrony, and that he, his agitators and abettors are wrapped in the royalty of their own embeccility, irresponsible, untruthful and unloyal, and that so sure as God reigns and is just there is a sentiment formulating and growing that will in due time hurl from its cracked and crumbling pedestal the damnable dogma of race hate and coercion and give Americans irrespective of color their just and equal rights.

DR. GEORGE W. BRYANT.
Baltimore, Md., Nov. 26, 1900.

Congressman Geo. H. White.

Tomorrow afternoon Hon. Geo. H. White, Member of Congress, from N. Carolina, will appear at the Second Baptist Lyceum. Mr. White is a central figure now, because he is the only colored man in Congress, and because of his leadership in the Afro-American Council. His subject is "Race and Self Reliance." The audience will be treated to a violin solo by Mr. Robert L. Prior, and to an instrumental solo by Miss Mamie White.

COLORED WOMEN MEET.

The Windy City Entertains Them—Mrs. Mary Church-Terrell Lectures—Resolutions Passed in the Ruffin Case—Notes by the way.

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Chicago, Ill., Special.—The annual meeting of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was held Wednesday and Thursday of this week at the Institutional church. Mrs. M. J. Jackson occupied the chair as president and Mesdames Townsend and West as first and second vice-presidents, were on the platform. The morning session was called to order at nine o'clock and the session was devoted to business. Three new clubs were admitted to membership, viz., the Hyde Park Women's Club; Peoria Women's Aid Club, and the Peoria Women's Christian Club; making a total of 128 new members. After receiving the various reports the session adjourned to partake of lunch which was served by the home ladies.

The paper read in the afternoon by Mrs. L. E. Young on the Unit of Society was good but would have been more highly appreciated if it had been more original. The paper by Mrs. Georgie Faulkner, "Home Life," was well written and delivered. She said home is not merely four walls though, with pictures hung and gilded. Home is where contentments dwells, where there is one to love and ore to love us. The success or failure of this nation is in our hands. It is the mother who must take time to read, to pray and to think.

Without strength of will there is no strength of character. What is necessary is not to break the child's will, but to educate it to act in a proper manner. Man's first possession in a world of sin was a dwelling place; but Eden was not a home till the woman joined him there. Home study aims to make each home a garden in which to grow strong, men and women. The fairest home! It is not placed in scenes with outward beauty graded. But where kind words and smiles impart

A constant sunshine to the heart. On such a home of peace and love God showers his blessing from above And angels watching o'er it cry. Lo! this is like our home on high!"

The afternoon session closed after the entire delegation had posed for a group picture.

In the evening the welcoming address was delivered by Mrs. G. Curl and the response was by Mrs. McGruder of Galesburg. The paper by Mrs. Albrete Moore Smith on "Negro women's Capabilities and Achievements in the World of Business" was an excellent portrayal of that young woman's mind. She is president of the Chicago Colored Womens Business Club. Among other noteworthy remarks she said "Woman's entrance into the commercial world and her ratification along all lines where she has the slightest chance for intellectual improvement has aroused strong prejudice against

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