

A Mississippi Leader

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up-to-the-very-hour library, and keeps in touch with the great doings of the profession. He is a member of the bar association of Vicksburg, and whenever any concert of action is wanted his name appears among the members of a bar that has boasted its Prentiss, Foote, Guion, Yerger, Marshall and a host of others of note. As an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the courts and bar, he was appointed by a Democratic judge to be district attorney pro tem to hold a term of court in one of the counties of the district in the absence of the regular prosecuting attorney. He frequently conducts prosecutions alone, and always make a good showing. He makes friends of courts, lawyers and juries and carries his point in cases where he himself is surprised at his own success.

He has owned and edited two newspapers. He was the editor of the Spectator, then the county paper, and it was during this time that he had the distinction of attending a banquet of the state press at Natchez, when no less a personage than Jefferson Davis was the guest of honor. His presence at that banquet was widely commented upon by the state press and no word of criticism or unfriendliness appeared anywhere. He is a frequent contributor to local as well as foreign papers, and it is a common thing for him to be called upon by the press of the city to give his views upon public matters. He is a wide reader in other fields than law, acquiring information on many subjects that he claims to find useful in his chosen profession. He has kept in touch with the subjects which delight the scholar. He reads the classic with interest and pleasure. He has made himself familiar enough with German and Spanish to read and speak the former, and read the latter with some facility. He speaks entertainingly on a vast number of subjects, showing wide reading and study. He ranks as one of the orators of this state and section, both on the rostrum and at the bar.

He was elected to be president of the Lincoln Savings Bank of Vicksburg, Miss., and under his management the institution has grown beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. He has the confidence and respect of the banking community, and the banks of the city have afforded him every facility in the conduct of the affairs of his bank, and every facility to acquaint himself with the running and inner workings of these important institutions. At the present rate of growth the bank will be employing a number of persons within the next few months. Mr. Mollison will be in attendance at the Business League at Nashville in August, and will probably read a paper or deliver an address on some subject to be assigned him.

Mr. Mollison was married to Miss Ida T. Welborne, of Clinton, Miss., who has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to him. They have an interesting family of boys and girls who are being prepared for the great battle of life in which their parents play so prominent a part.

Mr. Mollison was the supervisor of the Seventh District of Mississippi in the taking of the census of 1900 and has 175 employees of both races under his direction. His work was completed with celerity and accuracy and without friction of any kind.

It should also be noted that at the National Republican Convention of 1892 held at Minneapolis Minn. he delivered a most eloquent speech nominating James G. Blaine for the Presidency.

Prof. R. T. Coles, principal of the Garrison school, Kansas City, Mo., is expected to arrive in this city to-day; while here he will be the Moulton Yeager, his sister, 7th street, N. W.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Afro-American Press Association, was held at Louisville, Ky., on the 29th ultimo, almost coincidentally with the gathering of the Afro-American Council. The meeting was poorly attended. No unseemly wrangle appeared to have disturbed the current of the proceedings, and after two sessions the Association adjourned.

Cyrus Field Adams, of Chicago, presided and made a short address.

Other addresses were made by Albert G. White, of the Kentucky Standard, and Rev. H. J. Johnson, of Christian Recorder.

Emmet J. Scott, private secretary of Booker T. Washington, and editor of the Tuskegee Student, told how to make a Negro newspaper pay. Short



CYRUS FIELD ADAMS.

President of the National Afro-American Press Association.

addresses were made by the Rev. John H. Frank, D. D., editor of the Moderator; M. M. Lewey, editor of the Florida Sentinel, Pensacola, Fla., and William H. Steward, editor of the American Baptist, Louisville.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by John Q. Adams, editor of the Appeal, St. Paul, recommending that in the future the association meet in convention biennially, which was approved, and the following officers were elected:

Cyrus Field Adams, Chicago, president; William A. Pledger, Atlanta Age, Atlanta, Ga., vice president; William H. Steward, the American Baptist, Louisville, treasurer; Emmet J. Scott, Tuskegee Student, Tuskegee, Ala., secretary.

Executive Committee—T. Thomas Fortune, New York Age, New York City, chairman; J. Q. Adams, St. Paul, secretary; M. M. Lewey, Florida Sentinel, Pensacola, Fla.; John R. Clifford, Pioneer Press, Martinsburg, W. Va.; H. T. Johnson, Christian Recorder, Philadelphia; Charles Stewart, Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.

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