

A PROPHET AT HOME.

Genial Bob Pelham Visits His Native Heath and there is a Sound of Revelry by Night.—Flashes from the Wolverine State.

DETROIT, MICH., Special.—Possibly the neatest compliment ever paid to any man in Detroit was the stag dinner in honor of Rob't Pelham, Jr., on the occasion of his visit home, July 24th.

Dr. J. W. Ames and Mr. W. E. Cole were the hosts and they played their parts to perfection. Covers were laid for twenty-one and their spacious adjoining residences were turned into a bower of beauty and place of revelry.

On the arrival of the guest of honor, the company was ushered into the parlors of Mr. Cole, where they indulged in cards and pleasantries until from a secluded spot the resonant tones of a phonograph broke in upon them and so surprised the party that further concentration upon the games in hand was abandoned, and Mr. George C.



MR. ROBERT PELHAM, JR.

Cole, the local distributor for the American and Columbia Phonograph Companies, was urged to render a complete program of his choice selections. This was followed by that inimitable artist, Mr. Samuel Lucas, whose selections upon the guitar, solos and monologues kept the party in constant laughter until 11 p. m., when the party was conducted by the genial doctor into his apartments, the ground floor of which had been transformed into a beautiful dining hall where the guest of the evening was to be treated to a surprise ever to be remembered.

The room was dotted here and there with the stars and stripes; across the archway artistically draped was a large flag beneath whose folds, entwined with smilax was a picture of the guest encircled by the words "Welcome Pelham." A huge bouquet of



HON. J. W. AMES,

flowers decorated the center of the table, while at either end the letter "P" was outlined in smilax and nasturtiums.

Just before taking their seats at the table each gentleman was told that he would be expected to respond to a toast to help carry out the doctor's idea of an "Evening with Pelham." The list began with "Pelham as a friend," followed by many others appropriate,

among them: "Pelham as a newspaper man; as a politician, as a humorist; as a home builder; as a national character; as a lawyer," etc.

Here Mr. Pelham was made to feel by the sentiments expressed that his presence was appreciated and absence felt by the warm personal friends at home, whose best wishes for his success were ever predominant. Mr. Pelham's response was delivered in his usual characteristic style, but he could not conceal his emotion which this unexpected show of good will aroused within him. As Auld Lang Syne was lustily sung each gentleman approached the guest and wished for him many good things as they pulled one side of a wish-bone, prepared for the occasion, and thus the wee small hours found them singing him a "Jolly good fellow" as they wended their way homeward.

Mr. Pelham came to attend the wedding of his niece, of which the Detroit Journal, of yesterday, spoke as follows:

It is said that the wedding to-night of Miss Norinne Mabel Ferguson and Leonard C. Thompson will be the most elaborate social function Detroit colored society has ever known. Miss Ferguson is the daughter of Attorney and ex-Legislative Representative W. W. Ferguson. Mr. Thompson, is abstract clerk for the Union Trust Co.

The ceremony will be celebrated in St. Matthew's Episcopal church, Antoine and Elizabeth streets, by Rev. J. B. Massiah, at 7.30 o'clock. The high church full choral service will be used. Admission will be by card. The reception, from 8 to 10 p. m., will



MR. SAM LUCAS.

be at the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Robert Pelham, 223 Alfred street, whose spacious dwelling adjoins the Ferguson home. Finney's orchestra will play during the reception hours.

Miss Adah N. Pelham, of Hannibal, Mo., will be the maid of honor and Mrs. Metta P. F. Richardson, the matron of honor. The bridesmaids are the Misses Harriet F. Barrier and Gertrude Thompson. The flower girls are Dorothy Pelham, of Washington, D. C. and Frances Pelham. The groom will be attended by Dr. H. Peyton Johnson. The ushers are Clarence Thompson, Romaine W. Jeffrey, Robert De Cofield and John L. Richardson. Out of town guests are Prof. J. H. Pelham, of Hannibal, Mo., and Robert Pelham, Jr., of Washington, D. C."

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