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A KANSAS LEADER.

THE RISE OF THE HON. CHAS. CURTIS, THE POPULAR SUNFLOWER STATE CONGRESSMAN.

The Possibilities of An American Youth Fity Illustrated in the Successful Career of Mr. Curtis,

The re-nomination of Hon. Charles Curtis, of Kansas, for his ninth term in Congress is a great victory for himself and friends. His career is an interesting one and shows the possibilities of an American boy who has brains, pluck and industry. His early life is not unlike that of the average boy.

He was born in what is now known as North Topeka, January 25, 1860; was educated in the public schools, studied law with A. H. Case, Esq., at Topeka, was admitted to the bar in 1881, entered into partnership with Mr. Case in 1881, remaining with him until 1884.

Elected County Attorney in 1884 and re-elected in 1886; elected to the 53-54-55-56-57 and 58 Congresses.

Such in brief is the remarkable career of one of the brilliant men in Congress. From humble beginnings he has risen rapidly by reason of his worth and the confidence reposed in him by his constituents, and there is no question that when the opportunity presents itself but that the Senatorial toga will fall upon his shoulders.

His popularity is due to his unswerving fidelity to every interest with which he has been entrusted and his untiring labor in behalf of his constituents without regard to race, color or condition.

He is strongly supported by all the leading colored men of his state and has won the earnest co-operation of the colored voters by his unflinching defense of their rights. Recently appointed on the Ways and Means Committee, the most important in the House, he is admirably fitted for effective work as a member by reason of the twelve years of service in Congress and his wide acquaintance with all matters pertaining to the public service. He has recently introduced a bill providing for a U. S. Minister to San Domingo, at a salary of \$5,000, to replace the present Consul General. This when passed will afford an opportunity for the appointment of some well qualified colored man.

Mr. Curtis stands high in the councils of his party, is consulted on all important questions and his opinion is given



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the fullest consideration. A courteous, genial gentleman he is easy of approach and kindly in his manner to those brought in contact with him in the transaction of public business. Companionable and thoroughly appreciated by his intimates, he has a reserved dignity that commands respect although thoroughly free from a combative or belligerent tendency.

To such a man his friends are loyal, his enemies respectful and his relations with his constituents close and cordial, and all men regardless of class or color are benefitted when represented by men of sterling integrity, unflinching loyalty and unwavering devotion to right.

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THE COLORED STEAM BOAT CO.

The Freedman's Land and Improvement Company Unable to Operate the "Jane Moseley." Manager Lewis Jefferson Interviewed—His side of the Case Stated.

So many inquiries have come to this office lately wanting to know what had become of the "Jane Moseley" operated by the colored people last year on the Potomac, that a representative of The Colored American was sent out to make an investigation. He met a few members of the Freedman's Land and Improvement Co., but was unable to obtain a satisfactory explanation. He then called on Mr. Lewis Jefferson the manager of the Jane Moseley last season. Mr. Jefferson operates a coal and wood yard, owns and manages a truck garden and is one of the largest fertilizing dealers in the District of Columbia. He owns considerable real estate and is a heavy tax payer. He readily consented to an interview. He said:

"This steamer was purchased from the Jane Moseley Steam Boat Co., of Baltimore, Md., by the Freedman Transportation, Land and Improvement Co., of Washington, D. C., for the sum of \$20,000. This amount was to be paid in installments under penalty of forfeiture if any payment was not paid when due.

"The F. T. L. and Imp. Co., paid \$8,000 on the steamer in 1902. Another payment of \$2,000 was due in June, 1903, which was not paid by said Co. The Steamboat Co. of Baltimore notified the F. T. L. and Imp. Co., that if the payment was not settled they would certainly take charge of the steamer. At a meeting of the F. T. L. and Imp. Co., the situation was discussed but the amount due was not raised, there was not any money in the hands of the company.

"I being General Manager, thought it best to see the owners in Baltimore and try to get more time in which to meet said payment. I explained to them that we had not done any business as yet and the time was extended to June 15th. The time expired and still there was not any money in the hands of the F. T. L., and Imp. Co. I was compelled to promise that I would pay all bills if our Co. failed to pay them. I had to place in the hands of Mr. Isaac S. Tilbert, President of the Jane Moseley Steamboat Co., of Baltimore, the sum of \$1,340.75. My do-

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