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REVS. JOHNSON F. THOMAS, A. LONGREEN MURRAY AND A. JEFFERSON CAREY HAVE BEEN WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE, AND FOUND WANTING.

Several warm friends have recently informed the writer to the effect that Rev. Johnson F. Thomas says "the reason The Broad Ax delights in attacking him is that he, Rev. Thomas, refused to confer a favor upon its editor some time ago." We only have one word to say respecting this report or statement, namely, that it is a malicious falsehood from top to bottom, for we can honestly state that we have never asked a favor from Revs. Thomas, Murray, nor Carey, not even to the extent of a five-cent piece, and there is no personal ill-feeling on our part against either one of these three so-called Deivines. But we do object to their dishonest methods in dealing with their fellow-men, and as we proceed we will endeavor to fortify our position.

One Sunday evening early last fall while Rev. Johnson F. Thomas was begging and pleading for more money, he exclaimed in a very loud voice from his pulpit that "he wanted the members and friends of Olivet to give him more money that he did not care how or where they got it, just so he received the money." Rev. Thomas did not stop for one minute to consider the moral effect of his utterances. It would seem from the manner in which he spoke that if any one of the good sisters belonging to or attending Olivet should happen to get the notion into their heads to go out and sell their virtue for money and turn it (the money) into the treasury of Olivet Baptist church, that he, Rev. Thomas, would absolve such sisters from all their sins, and give them free transportation on to heaven, and if some of the men who drank in his words had been swayed by his faulty advice and had gone forth from Olivet and robbed or murdered some one for their money and then turned the money over to him for the church, no doubt he would have been willing to issue to them free passes-ports to that Baptist paradise beyond the skies. This is the logical deduction of the advice to the members and friends of Olivet by Rev. Thomas on the Sunday evening referred to.

On another occasion while Rev. Thomas was almost crying for more money he walked down out of his pulpit, at the same time laying a silver quarter on the table, he declared "that that was the last and the only piece of money he had to his name, that unless some one gave him some more money he would be compelled to walk home as he had no money for car fare." At that juncture an honest young man came forward and gave Rev. Thomas fifty cents so he would not have to walk home, and several faithful sisters did likewise, and while Rev. Thomas was still engaged in talking with those who had collected around him in the main body of the church, Rev. Thomas ran his hand into his vest pocket and pulled out a ten dollar bill and said to his second wife (not to his first wife down in Lexington, Ky.): "Here, Sally, take this money and put it away for I may lose it." At that point a good sister stepped up to Rev. Thomas and said, "Why Elder Thomas, you informed us a few minutes ago that you had no money and that you would have to walk home." Rev. Thomas hesitated a minute, then he simply laughed real loud and exclaimed, "Phaw! That is nothing!"

Prior to the death of Rev. Green who preached on the North Side, Rev. Thomas asked his members for a second collection for the purpose of aiding Rev. Green, and twenty dollars was lifted in the second collection. Then Elder Thomas claimed that the adherents of Olivet had done well, and that he would send Rev. Green ten dollars and keep ten, or words of the same effect. Does not all these things prove that Rev. Thomas has been weighed in the balance and is found wanting, that he does not speak out against vice, gambling dens, bad houses and other places of immorality which are thriving close up to the doors of Olivet, that his method of system of ethics is not conducive to

the highest morality?

At the time Rev. A. Longreen Murray assumed charge of Bethel church we would not read any political notices from his pulpit but whenever he read one he would come down out of his pulpit and stand in front of the altar. At the same time declaring that he would not desecrate nor profane the pulpit of the Lord with politics, and at that time it was hard for the members of Bethel to realize that Rev. Murray was conning them as far as politics was concerned, that he was simply a big bare-faced hypocrite, for just as soon as the politicians fixed Rev. Murray by giving him a little of the dough, or the longreen, he not only transformed Bethel church into a political hall but he also preached politics from his pulpit, and on one occasion he had Harvey Thompson, the wife-beater, Dan Jackson, the notorious libertine, and many other cheap black and white politicians who would need a thick coat of white-wash in order to transform them into bright shining angels, all up in the pulpit shouting or preaching politics. Is not this sufficient to prove that Rev. Murray is a low-bred hypocrite, that he has no high conception of honesty nor righteousness?

Rev. Murray, for your own good you should come out in the open and answer the following questions: Did you not sign your name on the South Town office pay roll last year as A. Murray? A man who has worked in the South Town office for many years claims that you did, Rev. Murray, and he also states that Collector Fuller paid you \$90 for three weeks' work and that during that time you did not work one day, that the only work performed by you was to walk into the office each Saturday, sign the pay-roll as A. Murray and draw your \$30. Is this true or false, Rev. Murray, for you must be aware of the fact that if it is untrue it is your duty as a minister of the gospel to clear your skirts of these charges or reports which have now become the talk of the town, and if it is true Rev. Murray that you did connect your name to the South Town office payroll, then the members of Bethel, should not permit you to pollute its pulpit, not only that but they should drive you from the city for accepting any money from the worst gang of robbers and bootleggers that ever ran the South Town office or any other public office for they robbed and plundered the tax-payers right and left, and Rev. Murray, if some of the money which the South Town gang stole from the people, found its way into your pockets it ought to forever damn you for it is blood money which was wrong from the honest people. Rev. Murray, like Rev. J. F. Thomas, is an anti-delluvian preacher, and he has also been weighed in the balance is found wanting; for he never raises his angelic voice against the questionable resorts and dives which are located so near the doors of Bethel church.

Rev. A. Jefferson Carey in the last month we have been informed by more than twenty people that "you also signed the South Town office pay-roll as A. Carey," also one of the men connected with the South Town office made the same statement in our presence. Rev. Carey, he further stated that you drew \$90 dollars for three weeks' work, that one Saturday while you were waiting for your unearned money Rev. D. W. Jones stepped into the South Town office unexpectedly and in order to prevent him from seeing you, like a guilty boy, you ran and hid under a large table. Is this true or false, Rev. Carey? If you did not sign the South Town office payroll as A. Carey and if you never received any money under the pretense of working three weeks while as a matter of fact you did not work one day, nor hide under the table then, Rev. Carey, you should wash your hands of this mess and inform the public that you are not guilty of sinking so low in the scales of humanity,

For Rev. Carey, you are not ignorant of the fact that such reports as the above and all evil reports or rumors which are scattered broad-cast respecting the delinquencies of one preacher has a tendency of lowering all preach-

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION OF COOK COUNTY.

Tuesday afternoon last, Lorimer, Haney, Smyth, Jamieson and Co. held their mock Republican convention in



MR. JOHN J. HARKINS THE POPULAR AND EFFICIENT CHIEF ASSESSOR OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF CHICAGO WHO WOULD MAKE AN IDEAL CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT.

ers in the estimation of the non-church going people so, for your own sake, you should possess the manhood to deny these charges and bring to the bar of justice those who are endeavoring to besmirch or blacken your character. For you cannot afford to have your name connected with the bunch of jail birds who looted the South Town office.

It is maintained that while Rev. Carey was engaged in preaching down in Georgia he was perfectly contented to feast on sow-belly and hominy, but now he lives on Forest Ave. in grand style with a white servant to wait on him and his family. He has a telephone in his house and he can lay in his bed until ten o'clock in the morning and talk through his telephone to people in all parts of the city. The latter part of January, Mrs. Carey was complaining to one of the real dark lady members of Quina Chapel "that her Irish biddy had left her without giving her any notice, and that she was all up-set until she could find another Irish or Swedish girl." This lady who used to pay one to two dollars each month into Quina, but now she only drops one cent in the basket when they lift the collection, also intimated that Rev. Carey's "children attend a white dancing school and that sister Carey is not so anxious to have so many colored people to blow into their Forest Ave. home."

If these things are all true, and there is never much smoke without some fire, it would indicate that the Careys are some dogs in Negro swindlers that there is no colored girl in this city good enough to work for them; that it must be very pleasant to the women who belong to Quina Chapel to transform themselves into beggars and take in washing for the white folks in order to maintain the Careys in elegant or grand style. Rev. Carey, like Revs. Thomas and Murray, has also been weighed in the balance and is found wanting and he is not the preacher to thunder forth against vice, crime and immorality in high places, therefore, he is a stumbling block in the pathway of the Negro race.

Congressman James McAndrews is spending one week in the city and congressman McAndrews will be re-nominated and re-elected from his district.

the First Regiment armory, and the following machine made ticket" was turned out by the four: G. O. P. Carey: County treasurer—John H. Hanberg, Sheriff—Daniel D. Healy, County clerk—James Reddick, Clerk probate court—P. J. Cahill, Clerk criminal court—W. C. Lawton, Clerk Appellate court—A. R. Porter, Board of review—Roy O. West, Assessors (country towns)—William H. Weber, Adam Wolf, County Judge—Orrin N. Carter, Judge probate court—C. S. Cutting, Judges circuit court—Daniel J. Schuyler, Lorin C. Collins, Jr., Abram M. Fence.

Judges superior court—William S. Elliott, Jr., Fred A. Smith, George A. Dupuy, Willard M. M'Ever (to succeed Nathaniel C. Sears.)

County superintendent of schools—A. F. Nightingale, President county board—Henry G. Foreman.

County commissioner (city)—John R. Marshall, Henry G. Foreman, Charles A. Raggio, Anton Novak, Claus Flodin, Edwin K. Walker, John P. Garner, John J. Vanderbilt, William Hale Thompson, Herman Ahrens, County commissioners (Co.)—Alfred Van Steenberg, Peter M. Hoffman, William Busch, August C. Boeber, Joseph Carolan.

The convention was not called to order until between two and three o'clock, but on Monday night Messrs. Lorimer, Haney, Smyth, Jamieson and small company met in one of the back rooms in one of the hotels and they then and there selected their willing tools for the various places on the ticket entirely ignoring the rights of the people and without consulting the wishes of the one thousand and thirty-nine delegates in the matter of choosing candidates. This reprehensible method of doing politics is un-American and it is an insult to the intelligence of the electorate. Of course, we have no desire to convey the idea that Lorimer, Haney, Smyth, Jamieson and company selected all the worst men in their party as candidates for some of them are reputable citizens who stand well in their respective communities.

But most of the men on the ticket are professional politicians or office holders and Dan Haney and many of his associates on the ticket have been cutting pie and cake at the public crib

for many, many years. From time to time The Broad Ax will endeavor to shed a little more light on some of the products of Boss Lorimer's machine.

It is the firm opinion of many Republicans that the Democratic party can route Bill Lorimer and his office-holding crowd, providing the leaders of the party will nominate a good clean ticket composed of business men and not load the ticket down with a lot of cheap grafting politicians whom the tax-payers will not trust to handle their money nor to transact their business. In the first place the people residing in the several sections of the city and in all parts of the county must be permitted not only to have a voice in the selection of delegates to the convention, but they must also have a voice in the convention as well, and no two nor three crafty bosses, whoever they may be, should for one minute be permitted to crack their whips over the delegates and command them to do their bidding, regardless of the rights of the people.

The merits and demerits of the aspirants for the various positions on the ticket should be discussed right in the open convention and in all cases the very best men should be brought forth and placed on the ticket, and the nominations must not be ground out by any machine, and right now The Broad Ax wants to serve notice on the leaders of the party that knowingly it will not support a dishonest man for any office, white or black, high or low Democrat or Republican.

If the leaders of the Democratic party will act in accordance with these ideas we feel confident that victory will perch on the banner of Democracy in Cook County next November.

THE WOMEN'S FARCE AT LOS ANGELES.

Political bigotry and race animosity have had an apparently easy victory at the biennial convention of women's clubs in session at Los Angeles.

What has been adopted nominally as a compromise upon the color question is in fact a complete surrender of the northern clubs to the manifestly superior tact which directed the bigotry of the convention.

There is assuredly no reason in common sense why educated and refined women belonging to the yellow, the brown or the black races should not cooperate with other intelligent and refined women in promoting industry and philanthropy. No question of social intercourse was involved.

Political bigotry be completely dominated the women at Los Angeles that a rule has been adopted requiring the unanimous vote of the membership committee to admit any delegate. "In case of a tie" the question is amusingly referred to the board of directors and a three-fifths vote of that body will be required to elect. This brutal and transparent subterfuge designed to keep out women of native American colored blood if elected delegates by state clubs was adopted by an overwhelming majority.

Whether on thinking the thing over self-respecting women who also respect the constitution of the United States will desire in any considerable number to remain monetary supporters of the farcial and now un-American National Federation of Women's Clubs is a question the answer to which unbogged women belonging to women's clubs will await with considerable interest.

The conviction has been growing rapidly throughout the women's clubs of the country that the National Federation of Women's Clubs is both useless and ridiculous. This conviction is now becoming more general and its effect will be the saving of considerable money for more benign club uses than a biennial treasury which has ceased to be merely absurd and has become malignant.

It would have been vastly more to the credit of the Los Angeles convention if the majority had frankly voted that they are in favor of reducing again to slavery all women in the United States whose blood is not pure

white.

A chemical investigation of blood corpuscles might, it is true, render the strict application of such a decision acutely embarrassing in many unsuspected places.

The triumph of political bigotry and social barbarity at Los Angeles is a shame to American womanhood.—The Chicago Chronicle.

In our judgment this is the clearest and most logical editorial that can or will ever be written on the narrow minded and bigoted women who dominate and control the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

NORMAL NOTES.

Mr. W. A. Hunton, field secretary of the Colored Y. M. C. A., spent a few days with us this week. His interesting talks to the teachers and students were highly appreciated.

Judge Jones, formerly Governor of Alabama, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. May, spent several hours with us this week. His eloquent address, which was so encouraging and elevating, made a deep impression on all who heard it.

Dr. Mayo's lectures become more and more interesting each time. We are all pleased and highly gratified to have him with us and to be able to listen to his instructive teachings.

CHIPS.

Justice John K. Prindiville is now located in his new justice shop, 91 South Clark street.

Max Stern & Co., printers, 84 5th avenue, will gladly pay anyone two dollars who can induce Rev. A. Longreen Murray to call in and see them.

Attorney Hugh J. Koarns has vacated his law office in the Ashland Block and he is now in fine quarters in the Woman's Temple.

Alderman P. J. O'Connell, it is said, will control the delegation from his ward to the Democratic County Convention.

Lawyer Dan Morgan Smith has removed from 225 Dearborn street to the Portland Block, 107 Dearborn street.

"The College Man and Woman, and the People Who Do the World's Work" will be discussed by Prof. Mangasarian Sunday morning at the Grand Opera House.

Mayor D. J. Hogan, of Geniva, Ill., who is one of the big guns on the Democratic State Committee of Illinois, was sauntering around town first of the week.

Alderman Henry L. Fick, "when your paper first began coming to my place of business the many colored railroad men who frequent it paid no attention to it but now all of them as well as all of my other customers like to read The Broad Ax."

Mr. Wm. Peacock will receive the nomination for Congress in the Seventh Congressional District. He is a strong man and can be sited by the leaders of the party in the district will stop fighting each other and settle down to business.

Charles J. Holmes, who was a member of the Public Library Board, died very suddenly the latter part of last week. Mr. Holmes, who was always very courteous, was a useful public-spirited citizen, and he will be greatly missed in the social and business circles of Chicago.

In the death of Pottier Palmer, whose funeral was held Wednesday, and which was largely attended by both rich and poor, the Afro-American race has lost one of its best and warmest friends. Years and years ago when it was dangerous for a white man to champion the rights of the Negro, Mr. Palmer, who was a life-long Democrat, was ever ready to aid them by giving them work and by permitting respectable colored people to stop in his hotel when the doors of other hotels were slammed in their faces. For his many kind and generous acts toward the race the colored population not only of Chicago but throughout the country is common, with his family, numerous friends and the public in general, mourn his death.