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THE CHORAL STUDY CLUB.

At its second concert of the season will render Mendelssohn's Landa Zion and The Seven Last Words of Christ, by Dubois, at Grace Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, Feb. 19, at 8:15 p. m. This will be a splendid program, well worth hearing. The soloists are Miss Cora Spriggs, soprano; Miss Diana Hackley, contralto; Mr. Wm. H. Hackney, tenor and Mr. T. Theodore Taylor, baritone. Tickets 35 cents.

For County Commissioner vote for Beaugard Fritz Moseley.

THE COLORED PRESS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO ORGANIZED AND A NEWS BUREAU ESTABLISHED.

Beaugard F. Moseley Endorsed and Recommended as Candidate for County Commissioner.

The meeting last Saturday night at the Pekin Cafe of the representatives of Chicago's leading journals, marked an epoch in the life of the race as well as in that of those directly interested in the publication of Chicago's four leading weeklies—The Broad Ax, The Defender, The Chronicle and the Illinois Idea, for at this meeting for the first time in the history of Negro journalism in this city not as the guest of one another, Mr. Julius F. Taylor, editor and publisher of The Broad Ax; Mr. S. B. Turner, editor and publisher of The Illinois Idea; Mr. R. S. Abbott, editor and publisher of The Chicago Defender, and Mr. Wm. D. Neighbors, editor and publisher of The Illinois Chronicle, and discussed seriously the mission and grave responsibility of the Negro press, and how to improve it. As a result the Colored Press Association of Chicago was organized with Mr. Julius F. Taylor as President; S. B. Turner, Vice-president; Wm. D. Neighbors, Secretary, and R. S. Abbott, Treasurer, and a news gathering bureau established for the purpose of uniformly increasing the usefulness and service of the Press to the people weekly meetings were arranged at which all topics of race interest and occurrences affecting the race will be considered and discussed and the attitude of the Press thereon declared. At this meeting one of the first subjects placed before the new organization by President Taylor for discussion was the possibility of concentration of effort of the nomination of a member of the race for County Commissioner from the list of five that had filed petitions to have their names placed upon the Primary ballot to be voted for April 9th next. It was conceded by all, that no one would be nominated if the Negroes themselves did not concentrate upon some one of the five, as neither of the five would be within the favored zone on the ballot, and that on this account, the individuality of the aspirant would aid greatly in securing to the race a nominee. The attempt of the party bosses to placate the Negro vote by selecting some Negro of their individual liking, regardless of his ability or his standing with his race or his moral fitness, was discussed and resented; and the trickery of naming in a questionable convention a Colored man as one of ten, and so filing the list with the officials who make up the official primary ballot so as to make him eleven, was regarded as an injury added to insult; it was also declared that no one identified with the two dominant factions in the party would have a chance, as the one would offset the other; after a careful scrutiny of the merits, fitness and individuality of each of the five aspirants, it was unanimously declared to be the best principal to support a man who has made good as a man unassisted by pay roll or job holding proclivities, a man of family and standing in the community who was not a secker after endorsements from any con-

vention or party faction, and one who has the confidence of the cleaner element in the party, and as a principal is of no avail without a man, in Beaugard F. Moseley of the 31st ward the Colored Press of Chicago believes the people, and the principal will have a man who will not be the puppet of any boss or subject to the command of any faction, but a true representative servant of all his people. It was thereupon resolved to make Mr. Moseley the selection of the Colored Press for candidate for County Commissioner and carry his name at the masthead of each paper in the Association and to urge upon the race in every precinct in Chicago to cast their vote on Primary Day for him, to the end, that a man of the race will be nominated and elected.

WAYMAN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH.

The pastor, Dr. H. E. Stewart, has fully recovered from his illness and will occupy the pulpit every Sunday. He has begun a series of sermons from the book of Revelations. Subject, "The Seven Songs." Many have made the book of Revelations a mysterious book. This is true, if one does not possess the key which will unlock the mysteries.

Dr. Stewart will make it plain in this series of sermons, just what God's message is to the church today. In making these truths plain some of the sermons will be illustrated, on canvass, life-size and realistic.

The Wayman Chapel class leaders will report at the next official board meeting all the persons in their classes who haven't paid their dues in the last six months. All such persons will be dealt with according to the discipline. This seems to be a wise move on the part of the officers. Mrs. Almyra Gordon, one of the stewardesses, has suggested a plan by which the church can be entirely paid out of debt in the next two years.

Board No. 2, Mrs. Mary Abernathy, President, expects to excel this quarter; to this end special efforts are being made.

The Sabbath school, under the direction of the new superintendent, Miss Watts will take on new life. The Sunday Club will have an excellent program next Sunday. Mr. O. F. Roberts is the president. Good program at 4:30 every Sunday.

Sunday, March 3rd, at the evening hour will be held a special service known as the "Ten Virgins." These will appear on the platform when the cry is heard, "Behold, the bridegroom! Go ye out to meet him!" This will be the first service of the kind ever held at Wayman. We are quite sure great interest will be manifested.—"C."

WALTERS A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Cor. 38th and Dearborn Streets.

Rev. H. J. Callis, D. D., Pastor.

At the 11 o'clock service on last Sunday, Dr. Callis gave every practical talk on the duty of worshipers to church service. The Dr. does not believe that the worship of lazy careless persons who could if they would be in church on time; but come late, is accepted with God. He said also, that for persons to leave the service before it closes unless in extreme necessity; was an act of ingratitude to God and the church. The sermon at the night service, "Searching for Truth"; was well delivered and highly appreciated.

The Sunbeams entertainment of Lincoln's birthday was well attended and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The Men's Utility Club held an interesting meeting on last Wednesday night, their annual banquet to be held on Thursday the 29th, will be a very brilliant affair.

All of the departments in the Annual Fair which is to open on the 18th of March held their meeting on last Friday night. Sunday will be pledge day for the Easter Rally, it is hoped that every member and friend will make their pledges as large as possible. \$1,000 must be raised in this rally.

The music of our church starts out under new management Miss Daisy Ware, a graduate of the Denver Conservatory of Music will be directress. Mrs. C. J. Jackson will preside at the organ. It is expected that the music in our church will take on new life.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society will have a Martha Washington Tea, Thursday, Feb. 22 at the pastors residence 3629 Forest ave., a program will be rendered and refreshments will be served.

The reception tendered by Mr. W. J. Burdine at the residence of Mrs. Susie Davis, 57 E. 34th st., on Thursday evening, Feb. 8, to the Southern Club, the Sunbeams and invited guests was largely attended and perhaps the most elaborate of its kind given this season. The congratulations are Mr. Burdine's.

Sunday services will be as usual, the pastor will preach morning and evening. A special sermon will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Offley, the evangelist at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.—"S."

LINCOLN AND DOUGLASS "DAY" BY THE VOLUNTEER WORKERS'

The Volunteer Workers' Club met at the residence of Mrs. W. M. Webster, 6430 Vincennes avenue. The executive board prepared a Lincoln and Douglass memorial, and the following program was rendered:

Song, "America"..... The Club Paper, Frederick Douglass.....
.....Mrs. S. L. Williams
Address, The Man Lincoln.....
.....Mrs. W. S. White
Solo, "In the Garden of My Heart".....
.....Mrs. Patton

Reading, "Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud".....
.....Mrs. Lutie Williams

Remarks on Lincoln and Douglass.....
.....Mrs. Woolley of Douglass Center Paper, Abraham Lincoln.....

.....Mrs. Harry A. Duncan
Patriot Songs..... Twelve Little Girls

Many visitors were present, to whom delightful refreshments were served. The Board appreciates very much offerings for charity to the amount of \$8.26—Mrs. Clara Johnson, Pres.; Mrs. Nina T. Tives, Sec'y.

ST. MARY'S A. M. E. CHURCH. 4926 Dearborn St.

Sunday was a glorious day at St. Mary's A. M. E. Church at their 2nd quarterly meeting. The presiding elder, T. Reeves, preached a soul stirring sermon in the morning and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Wilson, of St. Stephens, preached as he never has preached before. While delivering his sermon one soul was convicted and happily converted.

At 8 p. m., Judge Mayo, of Gary, Ind., preached an excellent sermon, and on Monday night he conducted the Love Feast.

Father Loury, of the Roman Catholic Church, will preach Sunday night, Feb. 18.

Tuesday, Pan Cake Social at Mrs. Higgins', 4850 Dearborn street. Thursday evening, Martha Washington entertainment, under the auspices of Intermediate Endeavor.

THE BOY SCOUTS MADE A DARING RESCUE.

A fire broke out at 5006 Armour avenue last Saturday night at 1 a. m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lee White. Capt. Nelson and Sergeant Horde turned in the alarm. Major S. J. Horde, with the assistance of Lieut. R. L. Braxton, rushed to the burning building and rescued their four children and many valuables.

Mr. and Mrs. White cannot say too much in praise of the Boy Scouts.—L. M.

MOTTS' PEKIN THEATRE.

"Hottest Coon in Dixie."

Commencing Monday night, Feb. 19th, this excellent musical comedy will make its appearance. This company was here a few months ago. The show is above the average, being exceptionally strong in singing. The Olio will be a strong feature, as several new vaudeville acts will be introduced. There will be no advance in prices. Seats now on sale.

AN APPEAL.

Mr. Massey Lee, of St. Mary's A. M. E. Church has a wife and four children. They lost everything they had last Saturday night by fire.

Anything that you may have in the way of bed clothing, wearing apparel or house furniture will be thankfully received at the pastor's residence, Rev. Higgins, 4850 Dearborn street, or Tel. Kenwood 79.

Mr. Aaron D. Dickenson, an old and honored citizen of the North Side, died on Saturday, February 3rd, after a long illness. His funeral was held at the Original Baptist Church, and he was buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Clara Dickenson, and a brother, Mr. Sanwich Dickenson, of Newton, Kas. The Masons and Knights of Pythias had part in the burial service.

One of the rattle-brained female members of St. Thomas church, sent word to the writer last week, to the effect that "she knew if she had been arrested for wrong doing that her name would have appeared in The Broad Ax." We wish to assure this little gossip monger that her name will not appear in these columns until after she pays the \$2.50 which she has owed us for the past three or four years.

CHIPS

Mr. M. P. Triplett has removed to 5335 Wabash avenue.

Mrs. Mable Vance-Smith, and her son John J. Smith, Jr., left Tuesday for New Orleans, La., where they will spend two weeks.

Miss Elizabeth B. Slaughter 3544 Dearborn street; will return home this coming week, from a delightful visit; among her old friends at Louisville, Ky.

Mr. John Griffin, of Evanston, who has been ill for the past two years, has returned home fully recovered from an operation by Dr. Dan Williams.

Mrs. Elizabeth Colbert, mother of Mrs. Henry Young, Mrs. Frank Powell, and Mrs. Anna B. Smith, died Friday, February 9th. Her remains were taken by her daughters to Columbia, Mo., for interment.

Mr. A. Binga, one of the prominent citizens of Richmond, Va., cousin of Mr. Jesse Binga, will arrive in the city this evening to attend the Johnson-Binga, wedding next Tuesday evening, Feb. 20.

Miss Beatrice Lee, 5259 Dearborn street, after a visit to Champaign, where she was the guest of Miss Mildred Brown, and attended the annual banquet of the University boys, returned home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Morris left on Tuesday on their long talked of trip around the world. Albert Hodges and the other members of his office force accompanied them to New York City.

The John P. Altgeld Club of the 26th ward have gone on record in favor of Samuel Alschuler for Governor of Illinois, and he looks mighty good as the logical candidate and a live wire.

Attorney William G. Anderson has removed his law office from 140 N. Dearborn street, to the Methodist Church block, southeast corner of Clark and Washington streets, or 35 N. Clark street, Room 5.

The Miles J. Devine Business Men's Club has been organized for the purpose of successfully booming him for the nomination for State's Attorney. N. G. Conybear is its President and Alderman John Powers vice-president.

Attorney J. Gray Lucas, 3337 Wabash avenue, lately bought a nice 8-room house for Mrs. Lucas and J. Gray, Jr., on 36th street, between Rhodes avenue and Vincennes avenue. They will move into their new home the first of this coming May.

Albert H. Putney, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Judge of the Municipal Court. Some years ago resided in the 30th ward, and he still has many friends in it and in the Town of Lake, who will take pleasure in assisting him to win the nomination for Municipal Judge.

It is officially rumored that Miss C. Delpha Boger, who comes from one of the best and oldest families in Illinois and was born and raised in Aurora, and Lawyer William G. Anderson will in the near future become united in marriage. Miss Boger, who is ever so loving and is extremely popular among a wide circle of friends, has already been presented with a diamond engagement ring.

The Searchlight, a new publication which is published at Gray's Lake, Ill., a copy of which has reached us, is full of logical and brilliantly written articles on current subjects and topics. It is a monthly publication and ably edited by our old and highly esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, and it is well worthy a place in the homes of all those who take delight in reading good, live magazines.

National and Local Theatrical and Stage Notes

Edited by the Stroller or by the Man on the Corner

PEKIN THEATRE.

The Pekin is now giving the best vaudeville shows that have ever been offered to its many patrons. This week is an exceptionally strong bill, the feature act being that of Will J. O'Hearn in a musical spectacle entitled a Romance of Killarney. Too much cannot be said of this gorgeous production and it is without doubt, the best attraction in vaudeville. The beautiful light and scenic effects adds much to the effectiveness of the story. Sunday night will be the last appearance of Mr. O'Hearn and his clever company.

Pewee Tolliver & Co., have an excellent singing, juggling and dancing sketch and were well received.

Wolford & Bogart sang and danced into much favor. Mr. O. Shay sang some nice ballads. Motion photo plays closed this fine program.

MONOGRAM.

Lottie Grady was held over three other acts comprised the bill.

GRAND.

Miller & Lyle, the three Johnsons, and the balance of the bill were well received.

NOTES.

Aida Overton Walker passed through here en route to Kansas city where she opened at the Orpheum on Sunday the act is a head liner on all her Western time. Tim Brymn is now the musical director having replaced Mr. J. Reese, Europe. Hazel Thompson, Maggie Davis, Daisy Mitchell, all well known to Chicago Theatre goers are with Miss Walker.

Perrin, Crossby & Saparo have been such a pronounced hit on the Gus Sun time, that last week while playing at Springfield, Ohio, at Mr. Sun's theatre. Mr. Sun after seeing the act immediately gave them contracts over his circuit up to May. This is the largest consecutive number of weeks ever tendered to any act by Mr. Sun. Now what will the knockers say.

Mr. Claude Winfrey, the popular comedian has returned from Indianapolis, Ind., where he was topping the bill at the Crown Garden. He has been re-engaged as principle comedian for the Crown Stock Co., which Manager Tim Owsley is now organizing.

Quite a big dramatic production will be given at the Pekin Theatre on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25th. The play was written by Madam Minnie Adams, dramatic critic of the Defender, the madam is well experienced and has chosen for its title, "Retribution." Mr. Jerry Mills, the well known stage manager has been busy rehearsing the company and "Retribution" will be staged and mounted under his personal direction.

Miller & Lyle, cancelled Eastern dates to enable Mr. Lyle to return home to see his sick mother.

Washington and Philadelphia Colored Theatres want Western acts, but don't want to pay the price or give contracts.

Miss Carita Day is rapidly coming to the front as the best single act in vaudeville being booked by the W. V. A., she will soon reach the top.

Fannie Wise, is playing some of the Dourtick houses and going good.

The Will J. O'Hearn Co., now playing the Pekin goes to the National Theatre week of the 19th being booked on the Doyle time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis well known as Davis & Walker, are home on a visit.

The Black Promoter, a musical comedy by Mr. Geo. Price may have its initial appearance at the Pekin under the direction of Mr. Jerry Mills, the Promoter has never been staged, it was billed and rehearsed for to open at the Howard Theatre of Washington, D. C., a year ago, but on account of Messrs. Rosenthal & Benedict closing the stock Co. and theatre, it was never produced.

Under the management of Mr. Tom Motts, the Pekin is offering some high class vaudeville, and it is being appreciated by the large houses that go nightly.

Mr. Jas. A. Ross, of Buffalo, N. Y., is here. It is said he will become

financially interested with S. F. Moseley's enterprises.

Nothing has been heard from Nashville, Tenn., concerning the theatre that was to be opened by A. N. Johnson.

Among local acts that are doing Miller & Green, Five Spades, Garry & Davis, Lizzie Walker, Thomas Congo Company, Coleman, Minor, Jerome & Lewis, and Ed Brown.

At the American Theatre, New York City, last week Brown & Navarro were mentioned as the bill.

Naming the theatre that is being built in New York is attracting much attention from all over the country. The New York Age published last week the names that are being put in. Last week's issue mentioned that Mr. Sid Perrin had suggested the name, "Problem." The Stroller sent his suggestion, which will appear this week. "Equality" is the name.

The Crown Garden, Indianapolis, has changed managers and owners. It will be entirely remodeled and decorated into a first-class family theatre.

Acts on Big Time.

Orpheum, Duluth, Minn.—Casper & Robinson.

Liberty, New York City—Casper & Stevens.

Majestic, Elmira, New York—Moss & Frye.

Pantagas, Pueblo, Colo.—J. J. Whitman and Pinks.

Kansas City, Mo.—Aida Overton Walker.

Worcester, Mass.—Sambo Goto.

Detroit, Mich.—Perrin, Crossby & Saparo.

Boston, Keiths—Meredith Storer.

ZION'S SONS UP FOR PROMOTION

Many Worthies In the Field For Important Positions.

CLAIMS OF DR. BLACKWELL

Pastor of Old Ship Church in Montgomery, Ala., in the Lead For Editor of the Star of Zion—Is Well Qualified for Education and Experience For the Position.

Montgomery, Ala.—The approaching general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, which will be held in Charlotte, N. C., in May, opens up some interesting questions with reference to the elevation of prominent men to the bishopric and to other high positions in the church. To be sure, he that desireth the office of a bishop desireth a good thing, but from the point of influence and in the matter of gaining a place in the affections of the people no position is quite so desirable as the office of editor of one of the church organs.

In the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church the publication that wields the greatest influence and whose appearance is looked forward to weekly with a great manifestation of interest is the Star of Zion, published in Charlotte, N. C., which has been so long and so ably edited by Dr. G. C. Williams, a prospective bishop.

Out of the large number of aspirants in the field for the editorship there are a number of men who with special fitness for this particular post, Dr. W. A. Blackwell, now pastor of the celebrated Old Ship A. M. E. Zion church in this city, seems to lead. Dr. Blackwell has held a number of important places in the church and has been signally successful because of his fitness, ability and sterling qualities of honesty and integrity. He is every inch a Christian gentleman, a scholar, and has done considerable newspaper work of the class that stamps him as the possessor of the keenest kind of newspaper instinct.

While pastor at Little Rock he edited the Western Alarm and at Montgomery the Old Ship Visitor. He has served as a widely read correspondent for the Star of Zion, for the Boston Advocate, and has done considerable reportorial work on the Elevator as well as served

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