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NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

To be held in Chicago—Delegates from Nearly Every State in the Union to be Present—Local Chicago Committees at Work.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the National Negro Business League will be held in Chicago, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 21, 22 and 23, 1922. The Local Negro Business League of Chicago has secured the Seventh Regiment Armory for the sessions.

Delegates intending to be present should, as early as practicable, notify W. D. Neighbors, Secretary Chicago Negro Business League, 2728 Wabash Ave., Chicago, of such intention, so that proper accommodations may be reserved.

Last year, nearly every state in the Union was represented at the annual meeting held in Little Rock. Officers of the organization are now earnestly at work to secure Chicago an even larger gathering. The Little Rock meeting set a high standard in point of attendance, attractiveness of program, and hospitality of its citizens, but the Chicago League is striving to have the coming meeting surpass all previous ones. The Chicago Chamber of Commerce joined with the Local Negro Business League in inviting the National Organization to meet in Chicago, and is co-operating to welcome and entertain those who may attend.

Very low reduced rates will be offered from all parts of the country, and especially from the South for the meeting. Local Leagues are urged to elect delegates at once. Experience has shown that the railroad authorities in every section of the country are willing to arrange for Special Pullman or Tourist Car parties. It is earnestly desired that plans for such parties be arranged for as early as practicable.

Some of the strongest men and women of the Negro race will be present and speak at the coming meeting. These gatherings annually bring together a group of hopeful, energetic, aspiring and successful men and women who are doing their part of the world's work. Sessions of the following affiliated organizations will be held at the same time: the National Negro Bankers' Association; the National Negro Funeral Directors' Association; the National Negro Press Association, and the National Negro Bar Association—a group of the strongest organizations in the country among the Negro people.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, President.

EMMETT J. SCOTT, Corresponding Secretary.
J. C. NAPIER, Chairman, Executive Committee.

CHAUTAQUA ASSOCIATION BABY CONTEST.

The Colored staff of the American Life Insurance Company of Illinois, 72 West Adams Street, will conduct a "Most Popular Baby" contest at the second annual meeting of the Mount Glenwood Association at Mount Glenwood Park beginning July 31 and closing August 4.

Any child of six years is eligible to the contest. The committee in charge of the affair desires a picture of the contestant to accompany the letter of nomination, if possible, as many of the photographs will be published in the program which the Chautauqua Association are getting ready to issue.

A gold watch will be given to the baby receiving the most votes. Many smaller prizes will be awarded the babies next in rank of popularity, as decided by the votes.

Send your name and age to the editor of this paper before July first, with the request to enter the contest.

THE HYDE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROTECTIVE CLUB.

Last Friday evening the above mentioned Club held a meeting at Grand Boulevard Hall, and the following letter was sent to one of our Colored friends, its officers thinking that he was a White gentleman:

Chicago, June 12, 1912.

Dear Sir:—The Board of Directors cordially invite you and especially your lady friends to attend a meeting of the Club and other citizens in Grand Boulevard Hall, Northwest Corner Grand Boulevard and 47th Street, next Friday evening, June 14, 1912, at 8:00 o'clock.

For the Purpose:

- 1st. To hear reports of various committees;
- 2nd. To hear Hon. Si Mayer, Alderman 3rd Ward;
- 3rd. To hear Hon. T. K. Long, Alderman 6th Ward;
- 4th. To hear Hon. W. O. Nance, Alderman 6th Ward;
- 5th. To hear Hon. John H. Helwig, Alderman 7th Ward;

who have been invited to speak on any subject so as to encourage improvements in Hyde Park.

Other speakers will address the meeting in favor of separate schools for Negro children.

Also some other gentlemen will tell you about how some Negroes have bought houses or flat buildings in good residence blocks and with a great deal of arrogance telling their White neighbors if they did not like their presence they could buy them out.

The Club wants your assistance to help check such unfair, unjust, extortion and thereby help protect the value of your home and property.

Therefore be sure and attend meeting, bring your friends and ladies too. Sincerely yours,
Hyde Park Improvement Protective Club.

P. N. Schmit, Secretary.

The following gentlemen are officers and directors of the Hyde Park Improvement Protective Club:

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HEALTH NOTES.

There are plenty of babies born in this country each year. The trouble is too many are permitted to die.

Race suicide is not nearly so grave a problem as that of the needless deaths of the babies that are brought into the world.

What does it profit a man if he gain wealth and lose his health? A healthy man without a dollar is far better off than is the moribund millionaire with his wealth minus his health.

It is said that there are in the United States 3,000,000 of people constantly sick and needing medical care. Then there are 1,500,000 persons who die each year; and of this vast number 40 per cent or 600,000 die from the preventable diseases.

The money loss to the country from all this needless, because preventable, sickness, suffering and death is tremendous. Consumption alone is costing the nation \$1,000,000,000 annually, and typhoid fever, a fifth disease, costs over \$300,000,000. So much for only two of the preventable diseases.

So then, the things we do that make for community health and safety are of far greater value than we think. Are you interested in this kind of work and are you helping it along?

The money cost of the two diseases cited serves to give an idea of the value of work that tends to conserve the public health; that is, work that helps people to keep well. Especially is this true when we remember that the economic value of the nation's lives is

Attorney Beauregard F. Moseley Highly Entertained at the Appomattox Club

IN HONOR OF HENRY LINCOLN JOHNSON, RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

THE CLUB ROOMS WERE CROWDED TO THEIR FULLEST CAPACITY BY ITS MEMBERS AND DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

A LARGE SIZED PICTURE OF FORMER PRESIDENT MOSELEY WAS PRESENTED TO THE CLUB.

This famous Club was the scene of one of the most brilliant and interesting functions it ever held, on Saturday night last, when Hon. Beauregard F. Moseley, Chicago's most successful lawyer and citizen, entertained the members and their friends in honor of Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds of Washington, D. C. Owing to the exigencies which political necessity sometimes imposes, Col. Johnson was unable to appear, having been recalled to his native State, Georgia, the day before, too late for the function to be called off and the program arranged was carried out to the delight and pleasure of the most magnificent gathering ever assembled there. Mr. L. B. Anderson, Chicago's premier entertaining talker and short story teller, was introduced by W. B. Cowan, the President of the Club, as the Master of Ceremonies and from that moment until the last word was uttered by Col. Moseley, the big audience was held spellbound by the logic and oratory of the speakers; foremost among which were the responses of S. Laing Williams, to the sentiment "the attitude of the public towards our Lawyers," Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, "the Medical Profession," Rev. R. C. Ransom, "the Church as a character Builder," S. A. T. Watkins, "Legal Battles," W. R. Cowan, "Appomattox," and last but not least, Beauregard F. Moseley, "Our guest." All of these talks were clean, clear cut and learned, and were most agreeably received. The presentation by Mr. An-

son of a large life size picture of Mr. Moseley, the Host, was received by the Club, through Mr. Cowan, the President, in a happy reminiscent view, showing the great service Mr. Moseley had been to the Club, while acting as its President in purchasing the beautiful home the Club now occupies; aside from the clever remarks of the Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Ransom's talk was much commented upon, and the parting shot of the Host, Mr. Moseley, to his "guest," was easily the best advice given and especially to the large number of delegates to the National Convention, who were present, and were advised to forget Roosevelt and Taft and stand for the redress of the wrongs perpetrated upon the Race by not voting for any candidate until a plank was inserted in the platform promising relief and if not granted to vote for him, Moseley, for President, rather than anyone else, which would be the more manly thing to do, if they couldn't secure their rights as they, the 66 Negroes, held the balance of Power. This was loudly applauded. Mr. Hugh Buchanan sang, luncheon was served and the guests, among whom were J. Madison Vance, Walter Cohen, J. Prescott and J. I. Rogers, of Louisiana, Hon. J. C. Daney, of North Carolina, Hon. Judson Lyons, of Augusta, Ga., Dr. J. H. Levy, of South Carolina, Col. John R. Marshall, Charlie Williams, of the Dixie Jubilee, B. S. Abbott and Julius Taylor, of the Press Bureau, and many other leading lights, who dispersed reluctantly at 2 a. m.

WALTERS A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, Cor 38th & Dearborn Sts.

Rev. H. J. Callis, D. D. Pastor.
The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of this conference year was held last Sunday, it was a great day in Zion. A large audience listened to the pastor at the 11 o'clock service, his discourse on "Hope" was well received and enthusiastically enjoyed.

The sacramental sermon preached by Dr. Stewart of Wayman Chapel was one of the best we have heard this year, the sacramental service entire was of great profit, a large number communed and every body seemed greatly moved by the spirit of the meeting.

We were favored with the presence of Dr. J. S. Jackson, the Financial Secretary and Treasurer of the General Church, he preached for us at the evening service. Dr. Jackson is an earnest gospel preacher, the audience was moved to many hearty Amen's. The collections for this quarterly occasion \$87.50

The trustees have decided to renovate our church from top to bottom and the decorators will begin their work Monday morning, they expect to have the building in prime order for the annual conference which will convene on the 3rd of July.

We were glad to have with us on last Sunday Dr. J. B. Colbert of Louisville, Ky., who assisted in the sacramental service also Rev. Scott of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church; Hon. John C. Dancy was present at the evening service and spoke a few words in relation to the Church Extension Society of which he is now corresponding secretary.

Sunday services will be as usual, the pastor will preach morning and evening.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

5251 Dearborn St.

Rev. Jas. Higgins, Pastor.

Services 10:45—7:45.
S. S. 2:00 o'clock.
C. E. 6:45.

We had a glorious meeting last Sunday, one united with the church.

The C. E. will render a program Sunday evening.

Monday June 24 The Musical and Baby Carnival under auspices of Pastor's Aid Society.

Judge Alton B. Parker, who so ably fought the case for the Colored Knights of Pythias before the United States Supreme Court recently, has been chosen for the temporary chairman of the Democratic National Convention, which meets in Baltimore next Tuesday. Col. William J. Bryan was opposed to his selection but he was united upon just the same.

Mrs. S. H. Fitzbutler, of Louisville, Ky., announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Prima Augusta Fitzbutler, to Mr. Champion J. Waring, of this city. The wedding will take place in that city at 8 p. m. Tuesday evening, June 25, at St. John's Episcopal Church. Reception from 8:30 to 11 p. m. at 1027 West Green street. The writer has received an invitation to attend the wedding ceremony. In the near future Mr. and Mrs. Waring will be at home to their friends at Crawford this city.

Mrs. A. M. Curtis, of Washington, D. C., arrived in the city Tuesday evening and was in evidence at the reception and Eighth Regiment ball. She was accorded a warm greeting by her many old time friends. She is stopping for only a short time at the Blackstone Hotel. Mrs. Curtis is looking exceedingly well, and she does not appear to be one day older than when she was one of the leading social and shining lights of this city.

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HOWARD'S NEXT PRESIDENT.

Many Men of Prominence Mentioned For Coveted Position.

The selection of a new president for Howard university in Washington will not be an easy matter. There is no dearth of candidates, but to discover from the array of material the man of intellectual breadth, moral strength, winning personality, constructive genius and executive ability, such as Dr. Thirkield is and what his successor must be, will tax the wisdom of the board of trustees, to which body this duty will fall.

It is evident that there will be no undue haste in filling the vacancy, and the fitness of every candidate will be fully tested before a choice is decided upon. Since the financial future of the university is practically secure because of the federal appropriations that will come year after year the argument that a white man must head the school in order to influence congressional favor becomes less forceful. There is a general feeling that the time is ripe for the election of a competent colored man for a school that is essentially a Negro institution, though not officially styled as such. Many of the white members of the board and of congress have expressed themselves in sympathy with this idea and will lend their support to the right colored man brought forward for the position. Friends of the school are raking the country with a fine tooth comb in their effort to pick out a Negro educator who is likely to fill the bill.

Some of those mentioned in this connection are Kelly Miller, George W. Cook, Lewis B. Moore, W. V. Tunnell and E. L. Parks, all deans of departments or members of the present faculty of the university; Roscoe Conkling Bruce, assistant superintendent of the Washington schools; Judge Robert H. Terrell of the municipal court; W. E. B. DuBois, H. T. Kealing and others of equal prominence.

Minister is Sent to Bermuda.

Among the changes made by the A. M. E. general conference, just closed at Kansas City, are the following: The Rev. T. A. Smythe, for more than two years pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church in Indianapolis, has been appointed as an assistant to Bishop W. B. Derrick, who has charge of the West Indies, Canada, Nova Scotia and the Bermuda Islands. The Rev. Mr. Smythe has been assigned to the charge of the twelve A. M. E. churches in the Bermuda Islands. He was also elected to represent his district on the general missionary board, which meets annually in New York. The Rev. and Mrs. Smythe will sail for the Bermudas July 1. His headquarters will be at Hamilton. The Rev. Mr. Smythe's successor at Bethel church has not been selected. Bishop B. F. Lee will be in charge of the work of this episcopal district. He was also elected one of the general conference secretaries.

Friend of Great Men Dies.

Jackson Gordon, the sixty-two-year-old messenger in the office of the board of assessors, who is said to have known more "great men" than any other Negro in Chicago, died recently. He lived at 2435 South Wabash avenue and had held his position fourteen years. Among the acquaintances he claimed were James G. Blaine, Presidents Garfield, Hayes and Harrison and the late Carter Harrison. He at one time worked for Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone. He became acquainted with many notabilities as messengers or usher for large conventions.

Walter—Thank you very much, sir.
Old Gent—What the deuce do you mean? I haven't given you anything.
Walter—No, sir, but I bet No. 10 half a crown you wouldn't tip me.—London Opinion.

YOUNG WOMAN OF RARE TALENT

Concert and Stage Work of Miss Minnie Brown.

FEATURED RED ROSE BALLAD.

Brief Account of the Notable Career of a Western Girl Who Has Won a National Reputation as a Vocalist—Instructor in the Musical Settlement School.

New York.—One of the most accomplished and highly gifted singers of the race, who has made a national reputation in the art, is Miss Minnie Brown, the leading soprano soloist at St. Mark's M. E. church, in this city. Miss Brown has a remarkably clear and sweet voice of wonderful range and under perfect control. So wonderful is the sweetness and charm of her voice that she has earned the sobriquet of the human mocking bird.

Miss Brown has had a notable musical career. She has toured the country in concert work. For six years she was a member of the Williams & Walker company and for one year



MISS MINNIE BROWN.

was a member of the "Load of Coal" company, which was the first company put on the road by Bert Williams. During her long career in concert work and on the stage she made a national reputation as one of the most thoroughly accomplished singers of the race. Miss Brown hails from the west and was born in Spokane, Wash. Her parents were pioneers of the west and represented the sturdy type of western settlers of years ago.

At an early age she showed a leaning toward a musical career, and her parents encouraged every effort in that direction. She graduated from the Spokane high school. After graduation she took up the study of voice culture under Mrs. Ethel Child Watson.

Miss Brown attributes a great deal of her success in her musical career to the interest of her teacher. She began her career as a concert singer in her native home. Her tour through British Columbia and adjoining cities was very successful and opened up the way for the larger possibilities which awaited her. On coming east she joined the Williams & Walker company.

For six years she remained with the company and won a place among the foremost of the talented aggregation. It was while with Williams & Walker that Miss Brown won her national reputation in featuring the song the "Red Rose," then the most popular ballad of the day, which she sang with decided success.

Miss Brown will be remembered all over the country by the large number of patrons of this famous company. Her tour with "Load of Coal" ended her stage career. Since taking up her residence in New York Miss Brown has been a force in the musical life of the city.

She is one of the teachers in the Musical Settlement for colored children in New York. She stands high in the musical circles of the country and in New York is constantly in demand as a singer. Miss Brown is a young woman of remarkable strength of character and is a splendid example to the young women of the race.

With all of her culture and charm of personality Miss Brown remains the same modest and unassuming young woman which she was before winning her laurels in the musical world. She is ever ready to assist in any good movement for the advancement of the race. She has a large circle of friends in the religious, social and educational life of the city.

Olga Household's Annual Reception. Among the many interesting secret society events in Brooklyn the first week in June was the fourth annual reception of Olga Household of Ruth, No. 2264, held in Sumner hall. The affair was largely attended by members of the fraternity in Greater New York, and there were many guests from out of town.