

Photo copyright by Harris & Ewing. JAMES SCHOOLCRAFT SHERMAN, Late Vice President of The United States Who Passed Away at His Home, Utica, New York, Wednesday Evening. He Was Much Beloved by His Fellow Citizens Throughout This Country and His Death is a Great Loss to This Nation.

Miss Bettie Fortson, the dashing and talented teacher in "Tallaboo" was the only colored girl who availed herself of the opportunity to participate in the tag day collection in the loop on Founder's Day for the Progressives. She was stationed at State and Madison streets, and her winsome manners won for her party quite a creditable sum. The colored women who covered the south side wards under the capable leadership of Mrs. Lindsay Davis made very glowing reports on their collections.

Mrs. Martha B. Anderson, 6450 Champlain avenue, the soprano soloist, returned home Friday morning from Indianapolis, Ind., where she filled a singing engagement on Wednesday evening, at Bethel A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Senate Avenue Presbyterian Church. The seating capacity of this church, being insufficient to hold all the people, who were anxiously waiting and longing to listen to her vocal recital and they felt well paid and greatly charmed with her musical attainments. Mrs. Anderson, felt well paid with her trip to the Hoosier State.



JOSEPH S. LABUY. High Class Lawyer and Democratic Candidate for Judge of the Municipal Court. Joseph S. LaBuy, democratic nominee for Judge of the Municipal Court, is of French descent, which nationality has always been friendly to the colored people. He was born in the French settlement of Wisconsin known as Beaver Dam in the year 1876. Mr. LaBuy has always been friendly to the colored people and has a large clientele and friends among them. Mr. LaBuy's uncle, a former Judge M. A. LaBuy, was a Past Commander of the Mulligan Post No. 308, serving with credit and distinction throughout the civil war. His father was an abolitionist and assisted many a slave to escape to the North prior to the breaking out of the war. Mr. LaBuy is a prominent lawyer and is fully capable and qualified to fill the office of Judge of the Municipal Court, to which he aspires. Be sure to cast a vote for him on election day.—Ad.

FREDERICK W. BLOCKI Democratic Candidate for Member of the Board of Review.

Frederick W. Blocki, Vice-President of the Miami Coal Company, and Democratic candidate for member of the Board of Review of Cook County, is a Chicagoan, through and through to the back bone, being born in this city, November 2, 1868, receiving his early and advanced education in its schools.

In time he took a special course in engineering at the Lewis Institute, which stood him in good hand and became one of his very valuable assets, later on in life.

Shortly after arriving to manhood, he became united in marriage to Miss Louise Woltersdorf, daughter of Louis Woltersdorf, one of the German-American pioneers, retail druggists of this city. So far two children have blessed their happy union, Frederick and Ruth and grace their comfortable home 717 Ashland Blvd., where they have resided for a number of years.

His father before him, being a noted chemist, John Blocki, the subject of this sketch followed in his footsteps and became thoroughly familiar in all the details as a manufacturer of fine perfumes, and the firm of John Blocki and Son is known not only to all the wholesale and retail druggists throughout the country, but also favorably known to millions of people, who have for many years, used their exquisite perfumes and other toilet articles and for a long time Mr. Blocki, has been the guiding spirit or hand in actively managing the affairs of John Blocki and Son. He is also at the head of the Brennan Construction Company, general contractors, No. 8 N. La Salle street, and as mentioned before, he is vice-president of the Miami Coal Company with offices on the 18th floor of the McCormick Building, showing that he is engaged in various lines of profitable business and that he is not dependent upon politics for a living.

Aside from his business interests, Mr. Blocki, has always taken a lively interest in politics, however, in April, 1899, he was appointed by Mayor Carter H. Harrison, superintendent of the map department, of the city of Chicago, creditably serving the city in that capacity until the latter part of the same year. He was then advanced and promoted to deputy commissioner of public works and a little less than two years from that time, still greater honors were in store for him and he was selected by Mayor Harrison as commissioner of public works, being re-appointed in 1903 to the same responsible position, for two years longer.

During his administration of this office he supervised some of Chicago's

great public improvements, such as building some of the first bascule bridges, which did away with center piers, among them being the North Western Avenue and Clybourn Place Bridges. These bridges were designed in the Department of Public Works, thus saving to the City the heavy royalty of about \$20,000 usually paid for plans and supervision.

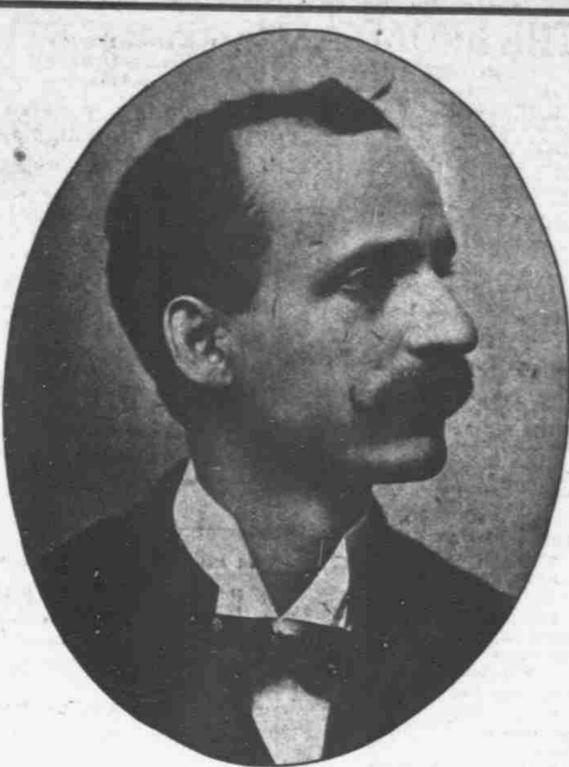
The great intercepting sewer along Lake Michigan from 39th street to 71st street, was also built under his supervision, and was successfully completed. This was the first great improvement undertaken by the City by direct or day labor, and at its completion had not only saved the City thousands of dollars under the lowest bidder, but there were no law suits or claims for extras.

In April, 1905, before the expiration of his second term, as commissioner of public works, he was elected city treasurer of Chicago, by a large majority, running on the same ticket, with former Mayor Edward F. Dunne, and the honest and splendid record he made in that office as city treasurer, will stand to his everlasting credit, as long as Chicago stands.

When he became City Treasurer, the city was receiving only 1 1/2 per cent interest, but before the expiration of his term he had advanced the rate to 3 per cent, which was a greater rate of interest than the City has ever received. During the period that he was City Treasurer, the Police, Fire and other Departments were always paid promptly, and on one occasion it was necessary for him to personally borrow about \$800,000.00 from the banks to pay the Police and Firemen before Christmas, as there was no money in the City Treasury available for that purpose.

At the end of his term, he turned over to the City of Chicago \$234,110.39 net, as interest after all office expenses and his own compensation had been deducted, thus earning for the citizens of Chicago over \$100,000.00 more than had ever been earned during the term of a former City Treasurer.

Mr. Blocki has also served as treasurer of the Cook County Democratic Committee and knowing thousands and thousands of people in all parts of this city and county and being ever ready to extend the glad hand to all comers, and being perfectly familiar with all the hardships and the conditions which have for years confronted the small tax payer, this class of property holders will have a good friend at court when he is elected a member of the Board of Review, Tuesday, November 5.—Adv't.



ATTORNEY W. G. ANDERSON. Attorney W. G. Anderson, who is recognized as being the leading "habes corpus" lawyer of Chicago, who was recently sent to Virginia by the "Chicago Examiner" to plead for the life of Virginia Christian, the half-witted colored girl who was electrocuted. Mr. Anderson has just added another laurel to his record by obtaining the discharge of Harry Frank, convicted of pandering and given one year and \$1,000.00 fine, which would have kept him in the Bridewell for 4 1/2 years. Mr. Anderson won this case strictly on the law, the point involved being a new one, novel and very intricate.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Elmer Nutting of Cambridge, Mass., is said to have the largest collection of postcards in the world. It numbers more than 30,000 specimens.

Mrs. Chang, widow of a Chinese official, is the editor in chief of the Peking woman's paper, which is devoted entirely to subjects interesting to her sex.

Mme. de Ronsard, a heroine who nursed British soldiers with Florence Nightingale in the Crimean war, is now, at the age of eighty-four, living in an obscure quarter of Cairo, Egypt, in sickness and want, it is said.

The Duchess of Fyfe, who recently attained her twenty-first birthday, is owner of one of the largest estates in north Britain, comprising nearly 250,000 acres of cultivated land, mountain, moor and forest. She inherited the vast estates and great riches of her father. The duchess is fond of outdoor sport.

Mrs. Lydia R. Kemper, a scientist of note, has received unusual recognition in Germany, the emperor having recently conferred on her the title of "professor." Though born in Russia, she has lived practically all of her life in the United States and has occupied a chair at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kemper is now in Berlin pursuing scientific investigations.

Sporting Notes.

Danny Murphy, captain of the Athletics, owing to the injury to his leg probably never will be able to play baseball again, but he will retain his connection with the Athletics in the capacity of a scout.

First Baseman Myers of the Spokane club of the Northwestern league has established a new league base stealing record, stealing 118 bases. The former record of 105 bases was held by Zimmerman of the Chicago Nationals.

Ted Meredith, the champion runner, will not be on the Pennsylvania freshman football team this season. Meredith wanted to play, but after writing to Trainer Mike Murphy he learned that he would take on flesh if he played football and this might interfere with his running.

Current Comment.

Scientists are still trying to produce life artificially while moralists are lamenting that life is too artificial.—Brooklyn Standard Union.

All the country has spent on its schools does not appear to have gone far toward educating the basing practice out of being.—Denver Republican.

Once more the time honored question arises, this time in Paris: What sort of a man understands women? The man who never boasts about it.—Detroit Free Press.

A speaker at the national congress of hygiene says the United States leads the world in deaths. The professor might have stated the fact more pleasantly by saying we lead the world in everything.—New York Telegram.

One Idea of Heaven. According to the ancient astronomer, heaven was seven or eight solid spheres, with a planet for the center of each. Some even ran the number up to seventy.

The Huns. The first mention of the Huns in history is in China B. C. 210. They conquered that country and were afterward driven out by the Celestials and marched clear across Asia, penetrating the country now known as Hungary in 378 A. D. For a time they threatened to overrun the whole of the continent, but were defeated in the heart of France and driven back to the banks of the Danube.

CONGRESSMAN MARTIN B. MADDEN.

It should be to the best interest of the majority of the Afro-Americans residing in the 1st congressional district to loyally stand by Congressman Martin B. Madden, on the day of the election and assist to return him to the halls of congress, for at all times in season and out of season he has in a manly way stood by the colored race.

Every time any member of that body attempts to introduce any law or act which has no other object than to strike at the civil and the political rights of the Negro, he has the courage to stand up and fight against it to the bitter end.

And for that and many other reasons the Afro-Americans, residing in his district should rally to his support on Tuesday, November 5.

The Negro Fellowship League, Ida B. Wells, President, will at their rooms 2830 State street, at 4 P. M. Sunday afternoon, November 10, tender a complimentary dinner, to Maj. and ex-Congressman John R. Lynch. Plates \$1.00. No doubt this will be a most notable affair and many citizens will have the pleasure of meeting Maj. Lynch.

Britain's Oldest Office. The oldest office under the crown is that of lord high steward, which was in existence before the time of Edward the Confessor—indeed, some authorities say that it was instituted by Offa in 757. For a long period this official was second only to the king, and the office was for some time hereditary in certain noble families.

The Nightshade. The deadly nightshade in Italy and Spain is the emblem of falsehood. It is probable that the poisonous character of the plant had something to do with the symbol.

Perfume of Flowers. It is claimed that the perfume of flowers disappears as soon as the starch in the petals is exhausted, and it may, it is said, be restored by placing the flowers in a solution of sugar, when the formation of starch and the emission of fragrance will be at once resumed.

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© by Harris & Ewing. JAMES SCHOOLCRAFT SHERMAN.

"There," sighed the widow, pointing to a cottage, "is where my sweet romance ended."

"Ah, dear, and did your husband die there?"

"Dear me, no! That's where we were married."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The saddest words Right off the bat Are just these three: "I'm getting fat."—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

"Timper is a quiet man." "Yes, indeed. Timper makes about as much noise as the letter 'g' in 'imbroglio.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Mutual.

He was trying to make an impression on a pretty nursemaid who had a little boy out in the park.

"I wish you were my governess," he stammered.

"So do I," said the girl.

"What would you do?"

"I'd take those cigarettes away from you and get your hair cut."

Then he passed on.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Wash Day.

When Eve held forth in Paradise She found much pleasure in it. For when she did her Monday wash It only took a minute.

—Milwaukee Sentinel.

And when the washing blew away Eve didn't fret or whimper.

She merely sauntered forth and picked New garments from the vine.

—Springfield Union.

Insult and Injury.

"She's the most insulting woman I ever met."

"I never liked her myself."

"Just think! The last time she visited us she didn't wipe her feet when she came in, but she did wipe them when she went out!"—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The Day of Days.

Every dog may have his day. As the ancient saying is. But it does him little good. No dog ever understood Which day happened to be his.

Yet why blame the foolish dog For his failures to perceive? If each man might know his day When it dawned how many, pray, Would have any cause to grieve?

—Chicago Record-Herald.

Just Wait a Little.

Irate Householder—Why can't you answer this bell sooner? The fire's out again. Where have you been?

Maid of all work (resigned and leaving)—I've been packin' up my things. I can't stop to do that. It'll light itself soon. The 'ouse is afire!—Punch.

Or Hit by Falling Brick.

Now, going up in an aeroplane Or going down in a submarine Seems dangerous and scarcely sane.

'Twere better to keep to the golden mean. 'Twere better to plod the solid earth Than to sink or soar till the senses reel. Still, the walker's lot is of little worth If he's run down by an automobile!

—Chicago News.

Not in Them.

"What are they rehearsing for, papa?"

"For some pantomimes, my dear."

"Is mamma to be in 'em?"

"No, my dear; no one does any talking in pantomimes."—Yonkers Statesman.

Oh, Fudge!

A wild man who flourished a knife Was busily chasing his wife.

Said he, "I'm a nut, But I'm going to cut The ties that have bound us for kiffa!"

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"How much are these puppies, little boy?"

"All a quarter, 'cept that one, and he's 35 cents. He swallowed a dime yesterday."—Puck.

The lightning bug is brilliant.

But he hasn't any mind; He travels through the darkness With his headlight on behind.

—Cornell Widow.

"I don't know what to do with my son. He's so irresponsible."

"Get him on the weather bureau!"—Washington Herald.

Arctic Snow.

Arctic travelers have noted the curious action of snow at low temperature. It dries garments and absorbs moisture.

Edible Seaweed.

Within recent years seaweeds have been introduced into the English kitchen. The edible species, served with roast meats, have been found to be very palatable. Devonshire and Japanese seaweeds are employed largely in the London industry.

Women Barred.

The Asiatic town of Maiwacht, on the borders of Russia, is peopled by men only. Women are forbidden entrance there.

The Theater of Dionysus.

What was probably one of the earliest theaters built was the theater of Dionysus, which was begun five centuries before Christ. The seating capacity of this remarkable building is said to have been 30,000. The theater of Dionysus was erected when Greek art and literature were in their prime. Here were presented to appreciative spectators the wonderful works of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides.

Our Men and Women.

The average height of men in the United States and Canada is five feet eight and a half inches; that of women five feet four and a quarter inches.

Positivism.

"Positivism" is the term applied to a form of religion invented or founded in France during the latter part of the eighteenth century. The members of the sect believed in only those things of which they had positive knowledge; hence the term.

Bank of England Clerks.

The patronage of the Bank of England belongs entirely to the directors, a clerk being appointed by each director in rotation until the vacancies are filled, with the exception of one clerkship in every seven, which is given to a son of one of the clerks of the establishment who has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the directors.

Vegetables.

When wishing to keep vegetables—such as greens, lettuce, parsley, etc.—until the following day place, with the roots or where they have been cut, in a vessel containing water, exactly as you would a bunch of cut flowers, and they will be as fresh as if newly cut.



A. N. FIELDS. Chief of the Facilities Department of the Colored Western National Progressive Bureau Hotel La Salle.