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Hon. John E. Traeger, the Best City Comptroller Chicago Has Ever Had, Bought \$5.00 Worth of Tickets

FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT TO BE GIVEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOUISE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED BOYS.

HON. MERRITT W. PINCKNEY, JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT; COL. A. D. GASH, PRESIDENT OF THE GOOD ROADS COMMISSION OF ILLINOIS; HON. MILES J. DEVINE, EX-CITY ATTORNEY OF CHICAGO, AND WILFRED REYNOLDS, HEAD OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND AID SOCIETY,

WILL BE THE SPEAKERS OF THE AFFAIR, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 61st STREET AND LOOMIS BOULEVARD, FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 29.

On Friday evening, May 29th, an entertainment will be given at the Hope Presbyterian church, 61st street and Loomis boulevard, for the benefit of the Louise Training School for Colored Boys.

Judge Merritt W. Pinckney of the Juvenile Court; Col. A. D. Gash, president of the good roads commission of Illinois; Hon. Miles J. Devine, ex-city attorney of Chicago; and Wilfred Reynolds, head of Children's Home and Aid Society, will be the speakers on that occasion. The program of the affair will be published in full in the next issue of this paper.

Being deeply interested in the Louise Training School for Colored Boys, which is located at 6130 Ada street, we pledged our word and honor to Mrs. McDonald, superintendent of the school, to aid her to the extent of selling from 50 to 100 tickets in order to help to make the entertainment a financial success, and on Monday afternoon while the storm was raging over Chicago, we called on the Hon. John E. Traeger, the best city comptroller that Chicago has ever had, who has a heart in him as big as an elephant, and who has been a regular subscriber to The Broad Ax since September 1, 1899, down to the present time, and as briefly as possible we stated the object of our errand. He listened very attentively until we had finished talking, then he pulled out his pocketbook, opened it and fished out a \$5.00 bill and smilingly said, "Mr. Taylor, you are representing a good cause and I have unbounded faith in your honesty and straight-forward course in all business transactions and you can shell me out \$5.00 worth of tickets."

Mr. Traeger came near causing us to lose our breath, and it was really hard work to find it for a few moments.

Hon. Frank W. Koraleski, secretary and member of the Board of Assessors of Cook county; Dr. Howard S. Taylor, election commissioner; George A. Schilling, president of the local Board of Improvements; William H. Clark, F. A. Rawlins, A. L. Harris, Attorney F. L. Barnett, Hon. Frank J. Ryan, J. R. Buster, Attorney C. J. Waring, Mrs. Nellie Phelps, Col. Franklin A. Denison, Dr. M. J. Brown, William D. Neighbors, Attorney William G. Anderson, Hon. Edward D. Green, Mr. Jesse Binga the banker, John J. Dunn Coal Co., Charles E. Morrison, Attorney Walter M. Farmer, Mrs. J. S. Tandy, Samuel Alston, Hon. Adam Wolf, member of the Board of Assessors of Cook county, and General Stuart D. Fowler are among some of the many admirers of this paper who have purchased tickets to aid the boys' home.

As stated before, that we would like to assist to raise \$50 to \$100 for the school, and if any of the many readers of this paper feel that they want to contribute to a worthy cause, without coming in personal contact with the writer, they can send their contributions or donations to us by mail, making their checks payable to Will T. Davies, president of the Louise Training School for Colored Boys, and they will be turned over to him by us. All we want is the credit for getting the money in. Address all letters to Julius F. Taylor, 5027 Federal street; phone Drexel 4590.

If any one desires us to call for money or checks, all they have to do is to so indicate by letter or phone.

The violin solos by Mr. Carroll K. Dickerson were very pleasing to the ear.

On the whole, the musical festival reflected much credit on the musical ability of the Colored people, and once each year an event of this character should be looked forward to with great interest by those who admire the musical productions of Afro-American composers.

The following program was rendered:

Tanahouser Overture (Wagner), Mr. Walter Gossette, organist; The Lord Hath Done Great Things for Us (Mundy), The Coleridge-Taylor Club; Plantation Song Cycle: (a) A-Dreamin', (b) Rose, (c) Bye, Bye, Bab'um (N. Clark Smith), Mr. W. A. Hahn; Rain Song (Will Marion Cook), Messrs. Ross, Borden, Reid, Moragne, Jones, White, Mrs. Lily Nelson and Coleridge-Taylor Club; O Lovely Night (Offenbach), Y. M. C. A. Boys' Glee Club; Ethiopia (Mundy), Coleridge-Taylor Club, Capt. N. Clark Smith, conductor; Mazurka de Concert (Ovide Musin), Mr. Carroll K. Dickerson; By the Waters of Babylon (Coleridge-Taylor), Coleridge-Taylor Club; I Hear a Spirit Flower at Eve (Cadman), Mrs. Willa Sloan; Sons of Freedom (Mundy), Coleridge-Taylor Club.

Note.—The selections rendered by the Coleridge-Taylor Club in the above group are by Colored composers, also the Plantation Cycle.

Hallelujah (Handel), Coleridge-Taylor



MAJ. ROBERT B. JACKSON
Head Chief of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias Throughout the World, who Has Succeeded, After a Hard Fought Battle, in Putting All of His Political Enemies to Flight.

Club; A Spirit Flower (Campbell-Tipton), Mrs. Willa Sloan; Quartette, "Rigoletto" (Verdi), Mrs. Lily Nelson, Mrs. Phyllis Woodward, Messrs. Edward Borden and John W. Jones; Toreador Song, "Carmen" (Bizet), Mr. W. A. Hahn; Seventh Concerto (Beriot), Mr. Carroll K. Dickerson; The Bells of St. Michael's Tower (Stewart), Coleridge-Taylor Club; The Lost Chord (A. Sullivan), Y. M. C. A. Boys' Glee Club; One Fine Day, "Madame Butterfly" (Puccini), Mrs. Willa Sloan; Waltz-Song, "Faust" (Gounod), Coleridge-Taylor Club.

A COLORED MAN FOR JUDGE.

Last Saturday, in Chief Justice Olson's chambers of the Municipal Court, the Bench and Bar held an installation and inducted into office as it were Mr. E. K. Jarecki, a Polish lawyer, appointed recently by Governor Edward F. Dunne as the successor to Judge Frederick L. Fake, resigned. The occasion was one upon which as is customary for the Bench and Bar to eulogize the merits of the person being inducted into office. Chief Justice Olson led off with the purposes of the Municipal Court. He was followed by other members of the Bench, including Judges Pam and Goodwin, and others of the Circuit and Superior Courts, and then the Bench having concluded, the Bar had its inning. Several eminent members of the Bar spoke of Mr. Jarecki and his qualifications to serve upon the Bench as judge.

It was left, however, to Mr. Tyrrell to refer to the members of the Colored race that were present and who had been unsuccessful in the past in placing a member of their race upon the Bench. At this juncture the Hon. Beauregard F. Moseley entered the court room, and was at once recognized by Chief Justice Olson, who called upon Mr. Moseley to respond to the installation and elevation of Mr. Jarecki to the Bench. Mr. Moseley said among other things, "that it was a pleasure as well as a surprise to be called upon by the Chief Justice to respond to a sentiment, elevating and promoting one from the ranks of the Bar to the heights of a seat upon the judiciary, but inasmuch as he was accustomed to surprises, he would endeavor to make good. That the pleasure of this surprise was in the fact that the Chief Justice had endeavored to make the Municipal Court representative of the people it served, or in other words, the people's tribune. In this, Governor

Dunne had aided in the appointment of Mr. Jarecki, a citizen of Polish descent, qualified in every respect to fulfill the duties of judge. The assistance of the Governor in the appointment was in the fact that Mr. Jarecki was a typical representative of a large number of Polish citizens who lived in Chicago and were served by the court. This was a great aid in making the court truly representative, but a greater and more complete service would be rendered the Chief Justice and the court made truly typical of that type of citizens served by it when I or one of my race shall call the Bench and Bar together to witness the inauguration or installation of a member of my race that have done so much for Chicago and the country in making it a place where all men are treated fair and impartial and that the profession of friendship for the race as voiced by Mr. Tyrrell and other speakers will be regarded as so much pleasantries until racial prejudice gives way for brains and fitness. When that is done, Mr. Jarecki and myself and perhaps the rest of the gentlemen will feel proud to assemble at the installation, and if I am the subject of consideration, none of you shall be fined for contempt for applauding, for you will have done much to cause applause by the American people who believe in justice and fair play and the recognition of merit and ability.

There were several members of the race present, including several lawyers. All witnessed the spontaneous applause given Mr. Moseley by Bench and Bar. Chief Justice Olson said in speaking of the affair afterwards that the Colored people as well as the Poles deserve a representative upon the Bench, and that Mr. Moseley would make an ideal judge.

P. W. UPSHAW.

THE ELKS NINTH ANNUAL BALL GIVEN BY GREAT LAKES LODGE No. 43 AT COLISEUM ANNEX WAS A SUCCESS, IT BEING WELL ATTENDED.

On Thursday evening the Elks composing the membership of Great Lakes Lodge No. 43 gave their annual ball at the Coliseum Annex, and from beginning to the end it was a very orderly and enjoyable affair. It was well attended by a large number of jolly and wide-awake men and women, and all of them seemed to have plenty of money to spend, they being out to have a good time.

Mrs. J. E. Wright has Permitted Herself to be Used as a Cat's-paw by Some Scheming, Sore-headed Politicians

THE MANY FALSE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN HER ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE COLUMNS OF ANOTHER NEWSPAPER LAST WEEK

ARE REFUTED BY MAJOR ROBERT B. JACKSON AND REV. J. C. ANDERSON, THE ELOQUENT PASTOR OF QUINN CHAPEL.

K. P. LODGE No. 2 PASS RESOLUTIONS UPHOLDING THE ARMS OF MAJOR JACKSON.

THE HEAD OFFICERS OF THE UNIFORM RANK, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, SOUND THE PRAISE OF MAJOR JACKSON.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

Julius F. Taylor, Editor The Broad Ax:

Kindly grant me space in the columns of your paper to answer the attack made on me by Mrs. J. E. Wright last week through the columns of another newspaper published in this city.

It is seldom, if ever, that I answer an article in a newspaper, but the article appearing in the paper in question last week, signed by the lady in question, is so false, so unjust, so untrue and unwarranted by the facts, that I offer this explanation in behalf of the organization which we all love so well and which honored General Wright even after he was dead. I need not defend myself and shall not attempt to do so. It will be necessary, however, to use the pronoun I in order to intelligently convey the facts in the case to a successful understanding.

General Wright was stricken with paralysis Monday, April 20th. I was notified and called at his home within an hour of the receipt of the notice. The General was unconscious and did not recognize me. I left his home and told his wife to let me know immediately if his condition grew worse. He died the same night and I was notified over the phone. Early Tuesday morning I called on his widow, offered my sympathy and she asked me to look after his funeral arrangements. I told her that "Ed" and myself had been friends and comrades for more than twenty-five years and that anything that I could do for her and for him, she had but to say so, and pay no attention to expense. Mrs. Wright said at once that she wanted a Sunday funeral, she wanted a band, she wanted the services held at Quinn Chapel church and Rev. A. J. Carey to preach the funeral. She wanted the choir to sing music of her selection, she wanted the band to play certain selections and in addition to certain numbers on the program she wanted the quartette that officiated at Major J. C. Buckner's funeral. I set out immediately to carry out her wishes. Getting in touch with Rev. Anderson of Quinn Chapel, he was reluctant to grant the use of the church for the Sunday funeral on account of morning services lasting until 12:30 and 1:00 o'clock, and it being quarterly meeting Sunday in the church which takes up the entire after-

noon, I promised Rev. Anderson that if he would let me use the church that we would go into the funeral services at 1:00 o'clock and would positively be out by half past two (2:30) o'clock. On this condition only did we secure the church and we tried to live up to our word. I then got in touch with Dr. Carey and he said he would preach the funeral sermon if it was agreeable to Rev. Anderson. I then consulted Rev. Anderson and he responded in the affirmative. Returning to Mrs. Wright, I informed her of the conditions and the agreement on the hours. She thanked me for my effort and accepted the hours as the very best we could do on account of the quarterly meeting services. Then in succession I arranged for the choir, the band, the music and selections to be played, the pall bearers (lodge, military and honorary), issued orders to the entire Uniform Rank Department of the order to attend the funeral in full dress uniform, notified the lodge officers of the General's death, and sent messages and telegrams to the general staff officers and called on Mrs. Wright each day to learn her further wishes and to carry them out.

I visited the lodge and had them to vote out of their treasury \$125 for funeral expenses while our departed General was lying dead. All who are members of fraternal organizations know this is an unusual proceeding, for the reason that few lodges pay their death benefits earlier than thirty days, and Mrs. Wright had her money in her hand in less than a week.

The Uniform Rank turned out to a man, more than 400 men. We arrived at the residence at 11:45 A. M. sharp and were to leave at 12:15 in order to be in the church at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Wright delayed matters here and we finally left the house at 12:45, thirty minutes late. We naturally arrived at the church thirty minutes late and lost a portion of our valuable time. The services in the church were beautiful and Rev. Carey preached one of the best funeral services I have ever listened to. Resolutions were read, your humble servant represented the lodge, the choir sang with feeling and sympathy, and the lodge performed their last service. We finished the program and services at exactly half past two and I announced to the public that owing to the fact that we had agreed with the pastor and the church to finish at that hour, that it would be impossible to view the remains. Mrs. Wright and the family then viewed the remains and we finally left the church at twenty minutes to three, and any one who has attended a large funeral can judge for themselves how long it would have taken for those 1,200 people to have passed in single file before the body. It was my agreement with the church, backed up with Mrs. Wright's request and consent, that we had a Sunday funeral and at and within the hours stipulated.

I will now state on behalf of the organization that we had the Sunday

church to-morrow afternoon.

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