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Julius F. Taylor Does Not Entertain Any Personal Ill Feeling, Nor the Slightest Particle of Malice Against Governor Edward F. Dunne, As Has Been Stated By the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann, Secretary of the Illinois State Commission

ON THE CONTRARY THE WRITER HAS ALWAYS DISPLAYED A FRIENDLY FEELING OR SPIRIT TOWARDS THE PRESENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ILLINOIS THROUGH THE COLUMNS OF THE BROAD AX—IN 1905 IT RECOMMENDED HIS RE-ELECTION FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

IN 1905 IT LOYALLY SUPPORTED HIM IN HIS CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO—IT DISTRIBUTED TEN THOUSAND EXTRA COPIES OF THE BROAD AX AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE AT THAT TIME TO FURTHER HIS ELECTION OVER JOHN M. HARLAN, WHO WAS WARMLY SUPPORTED BY THE REV. HON. ARCHIBALD JAMES CAREY, Ph.D., D.D., WHO REGARDED MAYOR DUNNE AS AN ARCH ENEMY OF THE COLORED RACE, CLASSING HIM WITH JAMES K. VARDAMAN, HOKE SMITH AND THE OTHER SOUTHERN NEGRO-HATING DEMOCRATS.

IN 1906 IT PUBLISHED ALL OF THE TELEGRAMS MAYOR DUNNE RECEIVED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRATULATING HIM FOR REFUSING TO PRESIDE AT THE BENJAMIN B. TILLMAN MEETING AT ORCHESTRA HALL, TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 27, 1906—IT WAS THE ONLY NEWSPAPER IN CHICAGO TO HONOR HIM TO THAT EXTENT.

IN 1907 IT AGAIN LOYALLY SUPPORTED HIM FOR RE-ELECTION AS MAYOR OF CHICAGO, ONCE MORE DISTRIBUTING TEN THOUSAND EXTRA COPIES OF THE BROAD AX AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE—AND IT WENT DOWN TO DEFEAT WITH HIM, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND THE REV. HON. ARCHIBALD JAMES CAREY, Ph.D., D.D., MARCHED ON TO VICTORY WITH THE LATE MAYOR FRED A. BUSSE.

DURING THE CONTEST AT THE PRIMARIES IN 1911 FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO BETWEEN CARTE H. HARRISON, ANDREW J. GRAHAM AND EX-MAYOR DUNNE, THE LAST NAMED GENTLEMAN WAS ACCORDED AN EVEN BREAK ALONG WITH THEM, AND RECEIVED A LITTLE MORE FREE ADVERTISING IN THE COLUMNS OF THIS PAPER THAN EITHER ONE OF THEM—ADVERTISING WHICH WAS FRIENDLY TO HIS NOMINATION FOR MAYOR OF THIS CITY.

JANUARY 20, 1912, THE ADDRESS OR MANIFESTO OF EX-MAYOR DUNNE TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS THROUGHOUT ILLINOIS ANNOUNCING HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE WAS PUBLISHED IN FULL, FREE OF COST, IN THIS PAPER—IT OCCUPIED TWO COLUMNS AND A HALF ON THE FRONT PAGE, AND IF ANY CHARGES HAD BEEN MADE A BILL WOULD HAVE BEEN RENDERED TO HIM FOR \$150—AND IF COL. SWANN FEELS LIKE STANDING BY HIS GOVERNOR TO THAT EXTENT, A RECEIPT WILL BE FORWARDED TO HIM DULY SIGNED, IF HE DESIRES TO PAY THE BILL.

AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTION IN 1912 THIS PAPER WAS LOYAL IN ITS FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PRESENT GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE AND GAVE HIM MORE THAN AN EVEN BREAK AT THE PRIMARIES AND AT THE ELECTION REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED YEAR.

IT WAS NOT THE WRITER WHO DESERTED GOVERNOR DUNNE AFTER HE ASSUMED HIS DUTIES AT SPRINGFIELD, BUT HE PARTED COMPANY WITH US, TURNING HIS BACK, ON US AND SELECTED MESSRS. SWANN AND CAREY TO BOSS OR MANAGE THE ILLINOIS STATE COMMISSION, AGAINST OUR SOLEMN PROTEST.

For several months past the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann, whom we would not trust any farther than we could carry a red-hot stove, and his followers have been busy night and day in circulating a small booklet or circular letter which contains or sets forth the reasons "why Julius F. Taylor, the man who prints The Broad Ax, is bitterly opposed to the Hon. Edward F. Dunne," but the reasons set out in the circular letter why the writer has parted company with Gov. Dunne are as far from the everlasting truth as the bright shining sun is from the earth. This statement or assertion can be easily proven if any one will take the trouble to run through the files of The Broad Ax for the past twelve or fifteen years; in fact, its editor has been and was engaged in loudly sounding the praises of the Hon. Edward F. Dunne through its columns years ago or at the very same time that the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann was, so they say, darting and hiding to keep out of the clutches of the law away down east.

As an evidence of our friendship for the Hon. Edward F. Dunne, that we do not entertain any personal ill-feeling nor the slightest particle of malice against him, nor never have, on the contrary as before stated we have always displayed a most friendly spirit towards the present chief executive of Illinois, for in 1905, one short year after he had set in judgment in a law case in which the writer was interested in, he was highly recommended for re-election as one of

the judges of the circuit court of Cook county through the columns of The Broad Ax.

The following circuit court judges and candidates were through the columns of this paper commended to the voters of this city and county at the judicial election Monday, June 1, 1903: Judge Murray F. Tuley, Judge Frank Baker, Judge Edward F. Dunne, Chas. M. Walker, Edward Osgood Brown, William H. Barnum, Lockwood Honore, Jesse A. Baldwin, Capt. William P. Black, Frederick A. Smith, Judge Richard S. Tutthill, George Mills Rogers, Lorin C. Collins, Jr., Joseph A. O'Donnell, Andrew J. Hirsch, Judge Charles Neely, Judge Theodore Brentano, Howard O. Sprague and Judge Elbridge Haney.

Passing on to 1905, The Broad Ax loyally supported him in his campaign for mayor of Chicago. It distributed ten thousand extra copies of The Broad Ax among the colored voters at that time, in order to further his election over John M. Harlan, who is as cold as an icicle, who has never entertained much love for the colored people and who was warmly supported by the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph.D., D.D., who regarded Mayor Dunne as an arch enemy of the colored race, classing him with James K. Vardaman, Hoke Smith and the other Negro-hating southern democrats.

The Broad Ax being the first to lead in the terrific warfare against Benjamin B. Tillman, it willingly published all the telegrams Mayor Dunne re-

ceived from all parts of the United States congratulating him for refusing to preside at the Tillman meeting at Orchestra Hall, Tuesday evening, November 27, 1906. It was the only newspaper in this city to honor him to that extent.

In 1907 again The Broad Ax loyally supported him for re-election as mayor of Chicago and once more ten thousand extra copies of The Broad Ax were distributed among the colored people in this city, and it went down to defeat with him, while on the other hand the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph.D., D.D., marched on to victory with the late Fred A. Busse, the political bible pounder of the Institutional church absolutely refusing to raise his voice in behalf of Mayor Dunne even after he had refused to preside at the Tillman meeting.

During the contest at the primaries in 1911 for mayor of Chicago, between Carter H. Harrison, Andrew J. Graham and former Mayor Dunne, the last named gentleman was heartily accorded an even break along with the two first mentioned gentlemen, and he received a little more free advertising in the columns of this paper than either one of them—advertising which was more than favorable to his nomination for mayor of this city.

January 20, 1912, his address or manifesto to the democrats throughout the state of Illinois announcing his candidacy for the nomination for governor of this state was personally sent to us by him and it was published in full free of cost in this paper, it occupying two columns and a half on the front page, and if we had made up our mind to have charged him for the same we would have rendered him a bill for one hundred fifty dollars, and if Col. Swann and the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph.D., D.D., feel like standing by their governor to that extent we will send them a receipt for the full amount, duly signed, if they desire to pay the bill.

Prior to the November election in 1912, The Broad Ax was loyal in its friendship for the present governor of this state, and gave him a double even break at the primaries and at the main election that year.

It may not be out of place to state right here once more and for all time to come that it was not the writer who deserted Governor Dunne after he assumed his official duties at Springfield, Illinois, but he was the one to first lead the way in parting company with us, turning his back on us and selecting the Hon. Thomas Wallace Swann and the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph.D., D.D., to boss or manage the Illinois State Commission, against our solemn protest, for no one on the face of the broad, green earth nor beneath it can ever make us believe that they reflect the slightest credit on the Afro-American race.

THE CASE OF DR. A. W. WILLIAMS.

The case of the government against Dr. A. W. Williams will be called for hearing Tuesday, May 18th, before Commissioner Mason. Dr. Williams, with a number of other doctors and druggists, was arrested, it seems, on the theory that the Harrison act was being violated by doctors in prescribing certain drugs and by druggists in filling the prescriptions. Dr. Williams' standing is such that we feel justified in believing that he will be able to show that his conduct was perfectly honorable and in keeping with the ethics of his profession. Dr. Williams is represented by Attorney Walter M. Farmer.

Mr. W. A. Wallace, president of the Colored Political League of Cook county, will address the Standard Library Club, 27th and Dearborn streets, at the Olivet Baptist church Sunday at 4 p. m. Subject, "Going Forward."



MR. JUSTICE EDWARD OSGOOD BROWN
President of the Chicago branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who has always been a true friend of the Afro-American race, and in his race for re-election as one of the judges of the circuit court he should heartily receive the votes of all those regardless of their politics or nationality of liberty and justice.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEGRO'S FREEDOM.

The Negro of the United States has been free just a little over fifty years. Into these few years he has crowded more of social progress and civilization than any other known people have done in a similar period in the whole history of the human race. And while there is still a growing evidence of race prejudice in many unexpected quarters, the Negro has, nevertheless, much to be thankful for, and has many reasons to ask his White fellow citizens to join with him in making the forthcoming celebration a success in order that he might fittingly commemorate the greatest triumph ever fostered in behalf of human freedom.

In a number of other states a similar effort has been attempted, and not without some appreciable degree of success. It has, however, fallen to the lot of Illinois, the home of Lincoln, and where now reposes the bones of that sainted emancipator, to call the attention of the people and the country to what the Negro has accomplished in art, literature, science, wealth, industry and thrift in his fifty years of freedom. In order that these facts might be properly established, and their success and achievements fittingly set forth, the State of Illinois proposes to aid the Negro in holding this fiftieth anniversary celebration of their freedom.

The commissioners appointed by his excellency to carry on this tremendous work, covering the vast variety and activity of Negro thought and endeavor, are making great efforts in order that this affair may eclipse any effort of like nature.

They have succeeded in bringing into their aid the best of thought of both the leading Negroes and White people of the country. In fact, all lovers of humanity, all lovers of race achievement and advancement of every race are blending every possible effort that such may attend this celebration, and that from it the race and nation itself may take new inspiration for the cause of truth and justice, and that it may result through this exhibition of the Negro's achievements a complete emancipation. The evidence of the people's independence and industry is to be found largely in their own effort in business en-

terprises. Chicago itself sets a fitting example, and is of itself an exhibition of their thrift and energy. Their business activities covering sixty-three lines of trade and endeavor, ably and well represented in all the lines of profession, with lawyers and physicians second to none in the country, it is therefore but fitting that Chicago is to be the place where the Negroes of the country should come to celebrate their freedom and this attended results.

No Negro who stands for race pride, advancement and achievement can afford to withhold his support from this effort to prove to the world how his time has been utilized in the past half century. This exposition is calculated to give to the Negro a standing in the achievements of his country which cannot be otherwise attained.

Much credit is due to Governor Dunne, through whose instrumentality aided by other interested parties, for the appropriation of the first twenty-five thousand dollars by the Illinois legislature for this celebration. It is, however, of infinite importance that those who are charged with the responsibility of this exposition be given aid by the governor at this time in order to secure the appropriation which they now seek, that their efforts might be successful in carrying out the plans now laid out by the commission for the successful termination of the same. It is hoped that every member of the legislature who believe in the struggle and ambition of the Negro as exemplified in his fifty years of freedom will come to the aid of this bill at this time and make possible the completion of his work.

Mr. Giles B. Jackson, president of the Historical Association, is one of the foremost civic characters of Richmond, Va., and has accomplished much in bringing to the attention of the nation the achievements of his race. To him belongs the credit of having tendered whatever exhibit may be required from the exposition to be held in Richmond, Va., during the month of July to the Illinois Commission to be used during the forthcoming exposition August 22 to September 17. President Jackson has evidenced a complete willingness to cooperate in whatever way possible with the Illinois Commission. His aid and assistance will lend much to the success of the project. The Illinois legis-

lature cannot afford to withhold this second appropriation if this movement is to be a success.—Adv.

ARVERNE, LONG ISLAND'S GREAT SUMMER HOSTELRY, OPENS FOR SEASON, MAY 15th—MANY DESIRABLE IMPROVEMENTS—ENTIRE CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT.

On Saturday, May 15th, the long established and far-famed Hotel Lincoln at Arverne, L. I., will open its doors for the colored public's invasion and patronage. This huge building, comprising twenty-six large, airy and magnificently appointed rooms, together with dining salons of extraordinary seating capacity, has been subjected to a thorough overhauling, renovation and re-decoration. Expense has been of secondary importance in beautifying the premises in keeping with the beauty of the great seashore resort.

The hotel will be operated under entirely new management this year. The experienced and much traveled Mrs. C. A. Breckenridge, having assumed the reins of guidance, states that it shall be her chief aim and desire to cater solely to the public's wishes and pleasures. To that end the new management has caused the addition of a large dance pavilion to be erected on one side of the hotel and is bending every effort to the securing of grounds in front of the premises for a lawn tennis court. The kitchen will be under the supervision of competent chefs who will provide breakfasts, lunches and dinners in tasteful and appetizing styles. Waitresses and upstairs servants have been engaged with care and discretion. Very moderate rates to guests will prevail throughout the season.

J. M. HIGGINBOTHAM, THE MASON AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR, WILL CONSTRUCT THE BERAN BAPTIST CHURCH. J. M. Higginbotham, 4519 Evans avenue, phone Kenwood 1688, who has met with great success as a mason and general contractor, has been selected to construct the new Beran Baptist church, which will be erected at the corner of 53d and Dearborn streets.