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Col. Frank O. Lowden, Republican Candidate for the Nomination for Governor of Illinois, Who Seems to Be Far in the Lead of All of His Competitors, Will Not Mix Up in the Bitter Three Cornered Factional Fight in Cook County

HON. ANDREW RUSSEL STATE TREASURER OF ILLINOIS HAS LAUNCHED HIS BOOM FOR THE NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR AND IT IS SAID THAT GEORGE M. REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT OF THE CONTINENTAL-COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK J. E. OTIS AND MANY OF THE OTHER LEADING BANKERS IN THIS CITY AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE WILL ANTE IN FOUR OR FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FURTHER HIS CANDIDACY.

COL. FRANK L. SMITH THE CHIEF BANKER OF DWIGHT, ILL., STATE SENATOR LOGAN HAY, THE MILLIONAIRE BANKER AND REAL ESTATE OWNER OF SPRINGFIELD, ILL., MAY ALSO ENTER THE RACE FOR THE NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR AND IF HE DOES THERE WILL BE A GREAT DEAL OF WASHING OF DIRTY LINEN AMONG THE HIGH PRIESTS OF THE GRAND OLD PARTY THROUGHOUT ILLINOIS.

FOR HON. CHARLES S. DENEEN CLAIMS THAT HE WILL RIP THE LID RIGHT OFF THE TOP AND TURN THE ELECTRIC LIGHT ON THE PAST ACTIONS OR CROOKED TRANSACTIONS OF SOME OF THOSE WHO ARE OCCUPYING EXALTED POSITIONS IN THE BANKS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY—IN THIS STATE.

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE NOMINATED THEIR CANDIDATES FOR JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE JUDICIAL ELECTION THE FIRST PART OF JUNE.

Col. Frank O. Lowden who seems to be at the present time far in the lead over all of his rivals or competitors for the Republican nomination for Governor of Illinois, stated in his official announcement which appeared in these columns two weeks ago that he would not mix up nor join in any of the bitter factional fights now going on within the ranks of the Republican party; that he will not play any favorites in the three cornered rough and tumble fight in Cook County, and Hon. W. H. Stead and Mr. Joseph C. Mason who are the political managers for Col. Lowden with headquarters in the Lumber Exchange Building, this city, state that no kind of political deal was made nor combination formed at the late Peoria convention which will change the attitude of Col. Lowden one particle in that respect; that he is looking for votes at the September primaries and not bitter factional fights.

Hon. Andrew Russel, State Treasurer of Illinois who is one of the leading bankers of Jacksonville, this state, has launched his boom for the Republican nomination for Governor and he will wage the greatest or the strongest political fight of his life in order to run in ahead of his powerful rivals and it is said that Mr. George M. Reynolds, President of the Continental Commercial National Bank, this city, J. E. Otis and many of the other leading bankers in all parts of this state will chuck or ante in four or five hundred thousand dollars into one large jack pot for the purpose of aiding him

in his fight for nomination for Governor of Illinois.

Col. Frank L. Smith, the biggest banker of Dwight, Illinois, has been in the running for the nomination for Governor for the past year and he and his friends look upon him as a winner. State Senator Logan Hay, the millionaire banker and real estate owner of Springfield, Illinois, expects to be ready to enter the race within a short time and if he does the chances are that there will be a large washing of very dirty political linen among the high priests of the Grand Old Party throughout the state of Illinois.

Everything seems to indicate that mighty hot times are ahead for the present leaders of the Republican party in this state for the Hon. Charles S. Deneen has lately proclaimed it aloud from the house tops that he will rip the lid right off the top and turn the electric lights on some of the dishonest or crooked transactions of some of those who are now occupying exalted positions in the ranks of the Republican party in the state.

The Democratic Judicial convention held forth at the Sherman House last Monday and without one dissenting vote or voice nominated the following Judicial ticket to be voted for at the June Judicial election.

Judge William E. Dever, Judge Charles A. McDonald, Judge William Fennimore Cooper, Judge Martin M. Gridley, Judge Richard E. Burke, Municipal Court Judge John J. Sullivan and Joseph B. David, to succeed Judge Henry V. Freeman, resigned.

THE APPEAL SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA IS STILL BOASTING THE REV. HON. ARCHIBALD JAMES CAREY, PH. D. D., FOR BISHOP OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH.

Evidently the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. must be spending some of the easy money which he draws down each month from the small taxpayers residing in this city, as a member of Mayor William Hale Thompson's kitchen cabinet, to boom himself for one of the Bishops of the A. M. E. Church, for brother J. Q. Adams, the able editor of the Appeal St. Paul, Minn., has been running not for nothing, the cut of the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. the past month on the front page of his paper, boosting him for bishop; but brother Adams is very careful not to state one thing about his famous and long to be remembered trip to Milwaukee, Wis., at the time he was discovered stumbling around its streets so they say, without any hat on the top or on the side of his then befuddled

or wet holy ghost or soft brained watery head, and some contend that at the time he was attending the Sunday school re-union that he toted a big gun around in his hip pocket; if the delegates who will attend the A. M. E. Conference at Philadelphia, Pa., feel that they want and must elect the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. as one of their bishops they will be welcome to him but they must remember that many times when he is in conversation with the Whites he brazenly boasts of the fact that he is almost White and that no one would take him to be a Negro or a Colored man, and if the Colored people of Chicago are perfectly willing to permit the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. and a big empty headed Colored man who is on the city pay roll for a large sum of money who greatly likes to spend his time in playing stud poker, to pose at all times and on occasions as their two most eminent and distinguished leaders, they the Colored people residing in this city are more than welcome to them, as far as we are concerned.

THE KNIGHT TEMPLARS GRAND STREET PARADE AND EASTER SERMON AT QUINN CHAPEL.

Sunday afternoon, the Knights Templars, gave their annual grand street parade and listened to their annual Easter sermon at Quinn Chapel, which was very eloquently preached by Rev. J. C. Anderson.

Sir F. B. Cranshaw, was the grand marshal of the parade. The parade wended its way north in State street from Masonic Hall, 40th and State streets, to 38th street, east on 38th street to Wabash avenue and north on Wabash to Quinn Chapel.

The parade was composed of four commanderies, consisting of St. George, St. Godfrey, Hugh De Payne and Corinthian. Five hundred Knight Templars were in the line of march with two brass bands and with their bright uniforms, white plumes and gloves and other finery they dazzled the eyes of the public.

Charles E. Morrison, special messenger to Mayor William Hale Thompson, who is known as Sir Knight Morrison, was one of the privates in the ranks of the parade.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the singing was simply fine. Sir Knight Butler of New York City, delivered a short address, at the conclusion of which he was presented with a large bunch of American Beauty Roses. Sir Butler was given a dinner by Mr. W. B. Dodge at his residence, 3160 Federal street, Monday evening.

THE AMATEUR MINSTREL CLUB SHOW AND DANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OLD FOLKS HOME WAS A GRAND SUCCESS BETWEEN TWO AND THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTENDED IT.

The Ever Witty and Comical Joe Shoecraft Cracked Several Jokes at the Expense of Julius F. Taylor.

Monday evening the Amateur Minstrel Club gave its twentieth annual show and dance at the Eight Regiment Armory 35th street and Forest avenue for the benefit of the Old Folks Home, 510 W. Garfield Boulevard. Between two and three thousand people attended the affair and a large sum of money, much larger than any previous year was gathered in for the Old Folks.

Society was out in full force arrayed in all of its Easter finery. On the whole the Minstrel show was very good but it seemed that the great majority of those present were not interested in it and all they wanted to do was to talk or chatter so loud that it was utterly impossible to hear or understand anything that was going on, on the stage; they were hoping and praying that the show would be cut off short so that they could get their 50 cents worth of dancing and "rubber necking."

The ever witty and popular Joe Shoecraft, cracked several jokes during his monologue, "Its all wrong" at the expense of the writer; but owing to the noise and confusion to catch the points and enjoy the laughing.

LOWDEN IS ELECTED HEAD OF HAWKEYE CLUB.

Col. Frank O. Lowden, Republican candidate for governor of Illinois, was elected president of the Hawkeye Club on Wednesday, at a meeting of the trustees at the Palmer House. Other officers chosen were: John G. Schafer, vice president; Henry Meyer, treasurer, and Horace G. Loxier, secretary. An inauguration banquet was given last evening at the Auditorium Hotel.



HON. DIXON C. WILLIAMS.

President of the Nipple Manufacturing Company, an up-to-date and thorough business man—the new or the next Postmaster of Chicago.

Mr. Dixon C. Williams, who will shortly succeed Hon. Daniel A. Campbell as Postmaster of Chicago, was born in Arkansas in 1859, his father, who was an able lawyer and state senator, passing away that same year; two years later on his beloved mother married her second husband and removed back to Lebanon, Tennessee where he was raised, receiving his education at the Cumberland University, after emerging from that well known educational institution he was employed as a clerk in Motley's Bank for the next two years, at the expiration of that time he assisted in the organization of the Peoples Bank now the American National Bank and was its first teller, at the early age of 17 years he became happily united in marriage to Miss Sallie McKnight the highly accomplished daughter of Col. M. W. McKnight of Woodbury, Tennessee and from that time to the present they have walked together through life, hand in hand without any domestic differences or complaints as Mrs. Williams would never permit herself to quarrel and consequently Mr. Williams could not; they are the proud parents of two children, Miss Mai Fair and J. Lester Williams and for many years Mr. and Mrs. Williams have resided at 910 Irving Park Boulevard.

Before coming to this city to reside in 1893, and while still engaged in the banking business at Lebanon, Tennessee, Mr. Williams became the owner and editor of the Register, the leading Democratic newspaper in that section of the country and he very successfully ran it for three years, at the same time becoming actively interested in the Y. M. C. A. movement and the health of Mrs. Williams becoming precarious he was compelled for the benefit of her health to remove to Waxahatchie, Texas, where he made his headquarters for the next three or four years.

Shortly after making that city his home he became quite prominent as a lecturer and for more than ten years he traveled all over the country lecturing, at the same time conducting his business, he carried a private secretary and stenographer with him all the

time, during that same time he secured the franchise for the street railway system in Anderson, Ind., and constructed the system; in the meantime his health failed him and he suffered great pain from hemorrhages of the throat, due to excessive public speaking, so his doctors advised him from thence forth to absolutely cease all of his efforts, at lecturing.

As stated before Mr. Williams, without any brass bands came to this great city to reside in 1893 and for the past 25 years he has been one of its most successful business men; he is engaged in the manufacturing business, he is still in business with the same gentleman, who was his first or original partner in this city 24 years ago.

For some time past Mr. Williams has been the president of the Chicago Nipple Manufacturing Co. with offices and factory at 900 West Lake street, and it is the largest independent manufacturers of nipples in America.

He is past president of the Southern Club of this city; he is an honored member of the Masons; Knights of Pythias; Odd Fellows; Iroquois Club; the Press Club, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

He is an elder and member of the Church of Providence, Presbyterian, for 20 years, the Church of Providence has now been amalgamated with the First Presbyterian Church of Lake View and he is still an elder in that church, and has faithfully served as one of the teachers of the Men's Bible Class for the past ten years.

Mr. Williams was one of the original Wilson men and served as a member of the finance committee for Illinois and rendered the very best service he possibly could during the campaign of 1912; and from start to finish he has been one of the loyal supporters of President Wilson.

He was also steadfast in his support of Hon. Robert M. Sweitzer for Mayor of Chicago in 1915, and contributed some of his money to aid him in his race or fight against Mayor William Hale Thompson.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week, the writer had a pleasant interview, with Mr. Williams, at his office, 900

W. Lake street, and to say the least, he is a highly cultured southern gentleman of the old school. He warmly and cordially greeted us and made us feel right at home from the very start and during our conversation with him, he referred to us either as editor Taylor or Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Williams went on to state; that "he had always been friendly disposed towards the Colored people; that he was born and raised among them in the southern states; that he has always been greatly interested in their progress or advancement; that George Bell, a Colored man, has been employed in his family for the past thirteen years; that he has the utmost confidence in his honesty and integrity and he feels that his family is safe and well guarded from danger during his absence, as long as George Bell, is on watch."

Mr. Williams desires to inform the Colored men who are connected with the Chicago Postoffice, through the columns of The Broad Ax; that as long as "they faithfully perform their several tasks honestly and endeavor to put their best foot forward at all times while in the employ of the Federal Government under his supervision; that they will be perfectly secure in their various positions and will receive fair treatment and as long as they prove efficient they will be promoted from time to time."

Mr. Williams also desires to state, for the benefit of the men in the Chicago Postoffice, that; "shortly after he assumes its duties as postmaster; that he will set aside one day or one-half day each week, for the purpose of listening to the complaints of any person Black or White who may feel that they have not been treated fair by their superiors in the different branches of the Chicago Postoffice."

Mr. Williams, being an up-to-date and thorough business man, accustomed to handling or conducting large affairs or enterprises, and unless we are sadly mistaken in him in that direction, we predict right now, that he will make one of the best and most progressive postmasters Chicago has ever had.