A HINT FOR HOUSEWIVES.

Now that the spring season is here and every housewife in Chicago has the housecleaning fever—which by the way is a very desirable disease to have—the Department of Health will like to offer a few suggestions.

Of course, along with housecleaning comes generally new decorations, which involve painting woodwork and putting new paper on the wall. Now, if the paper hanger has taken possession of your flat, keep your eye on him. Don't waste your energy finding fault with the cook because you are dining in the kitchen. Watch that paper hanger and see that the old paper is removed from the walls before the new paper goes on. There is an ordinance, prohibiting putting new paper on over old in tenement houses. But because it costs a little more to take off the old paper, sometimes both tenants and paper hangers are willing to overlook this ordinance requirement and go ahead in the old way.

There is a decided advantage from the standpoint of cleanliness and sanitation to have all old paper removed first before re-papering. By doing this fewer harboring places are left for vermin of various kinds that are apt to infest tenements. Removing the old paper and "sizing" the walls and ceilings insures clean walls. It also insures you against any undesirable legacies that might have been left by former tenants.

So, if the paper hanger tells you that the landlord said it would be all right to put the new paper on over the old, assure him that it will not be all right and that you want the old paper removed. Stand for your rights under the ordinance. Appeal to the Health Department, if necessary, and we will try to help you all we can to have your apartments made as clean and safe as it is possible to make them.

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Again we say spring is here. With it comes the robins, the bluebirds, the budding trees and plants. With it also has come the clean up feeling.

Now is the time then, to begin the work of renovating your entire premises. Epecially, should careful attention be given to the winter's accumulation of ashes, rubbish and the many kinds of cast off material and refuse that are allowed to accumulate during the winter months. It is a good plan also to clean up that basement while you are at it. It is amazing how much rubbish will accumulate during the winter that should be given to the rubbish collector to be hauled away. Of course, this does not include material, rich in heat units, that may be burned in the furnace or grate and put to good use; but most basements are badly cluttered up with material that should be removed.

And then, after this ridding out process has been carefully performed, why not try a coat of whitewash to the basement walls and ceilings? In addition to being excellent from a sanitary standpoint making your basement clean and sweet, it also makes it lighter, brighter and a better basement than it was before. Lime is cheap, water is still cheaper, so that it costs almost nothing to apply whitewash to alley fences, basement walls and ceilings and other places where needed.

Why not take your exercise with a rake and hoe and the whitewash brush? You will find it will be just as beneficial as lugging a bag of iron clubs over the golf links.

DENEEN THREATS LAND HIM THREE JUDICIAL PLACES.

"Harmony" Conference Gives Former Governor Best End of Slatemaking.

Threats of Deneen men to play the heavy villain role and reveal the "shady past" of Illinois Republican leaders are bearing fruit for Mr. Deneen. At a conference of faction leaders Thursday he was accorded the right of naming three of the seven Republican judicial candidates.

In addition the gossip was that the new county chairman will be satisfactory to him, inasmuch, it was asserted, as some of the Brundage men are now talking of tieing up with him instead of Mayor Thompson.

In Interest of Harmony.

The decision to give Mr. Deneen a little more than his proportionate say in naming judicial candidates was in the interest of party harmony and a united landslide in November, it was formally explained. But it was asserted that the "harmony" program "for the present" applied only to the judicial slate.

Meantime disquieting rumors that the mayor will refuse to be a party to the slatemaking. The fear was expressed that he will wait until they get their slate all arranged and then issue an address to the people lambasting "bosses" who assemble in gold rooms and red rooms of the hotels to "nullify the primary law."

How They Are Allotted.

Judge Turney, whose term expires, is to be slated by all factions, provided the mayor goes along. He was a Deneen man a year ago. Besides Judge Turney Deneen gets the privilege of naming two of the other five candidates for the long term. The Thompson folk are offered the privilege of naming two for the long term and Mr. Brundage is to name the other two, one of whom will run for the short term.

When the slate makers had agreed to this division they proceeded to the red room at the Hotel La Salle, where the county convention was called to order and then adjourned until Monday, when the slate will be taken up.

Probable Selections.

If the Thompson people do go along with the slatemaking it is understood former Judge Adelor J. Petit and William A. Bither will be the city hall selections for the slate.

Bernard Barasa probably will be given the short term nomination by the Brundage faction, provided he can secure the consent of David Clark, city hall committeeman in the Thirteenth ward.

Other possible selections are C. Arch Williams, Third ward; George A. Dupuy, Twenty-sixth; Thomas J. Graydon, Twenty-first; Municipal Judge Gemmill, Seventh; Robert E. Crowe, Thirteenth, and Charles E. Pope, Evanston.

T. R. QUARTERS TO OPEN AT ONCE FOR VOTE HUNT.

Siman and Sergel to Manage Chicago Campaign to Corral Delegates.

The favorite son courtesy is not going to stop the Roosevelt people, even in Illinois, from going out after delegates wherever they can get them. A raid on Sherman delegates in this state, as well as in every state where native pride has stood behind the state candidate, is considered a development in the Republican national fight within a week, it was ascertained this week.

Following Col. Roosevelt's visit to Chicago headquarters are to be opened in the Congress hotel and will be manned by Republicans, not Progressives. The plan will be to sign up delegates to vote for Roosevelt as soon as favorite sons begin to drop out in the convention.

Sergel and Siman in Charge.

City Treasurer Charles H. Sergel and City Clerk John Siman, who smashed the Sherman slate in Illinois, are to direct the headquarters work. The Sergel-Siman announcement was understood to bear close relation to the visit of George W. Perkins, who departed for New York during the day after conferring with local Moose leaders.

"We will open Roosevelt headquarters at the hotel at once," said Mr. Sergel. "All other candidates have headquarters and it is only proper that we Progressive party men who have rejoined the Republican party should have a headquarters in which we can work for the nomination of Col. Roosevelt. We expect to wage a campaign for delegates and will be duly appreciative of any additions to our ranks."

Busy Day for Colonel.

Colonel Roosevelt who comes as the guest of the Illinois Bar Association, will arrive on the Twentieth Century limited at 5 o'clock this morning. He will be met at the train by Nathan William MacChesney, president of the bar association, and escorted to the Hotel La Salle, where an informal reception will be held. The colonel will go to the University club for luncheon.

The big doings are scheduled for the evening at the Hotel La Salle, where Col. Roosevelt will speak on "National Duty and International Ideals."

BENJAMIN BANNEKER WAS A PEACE ADVOCATE.

Washington, Special.—When the Columbia Historical Association met in the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, last Thursday, a paper by the president, Allen C. Clark, shed new light on the character of Benjamin Banneker. Banneker has been famed as a mathematician and an astronomer, but according to President Clark, this friend of Washington and Jefferson, offered in his almanac for 1793 "A Plan of Peace Office for the United States," for promoting and securing perpetual peace. "This article was concise and well written, and contains most of the ideas set forth today by advocates of peace. Banneker took a 'crack' at European military ideas, and advocated the abolishment in the United States of military dress and titles and militia laws. He laid down laws for the construction of a good temple of peace, in which hymns were to be sung each day."

Added to the name of mathematician, astronomer, and compiler of almanacs comes now this final copstone of peace advocate for Maryland's great son.

PLEASANT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Margaret and Dorothy Nelson entertained fifteen of their little girl friends, in honor of their eleventh and seventh birthdays at their home 5127 S. Wabash Ave., one afternoon last week. Musical selections, recitations and games were indulged in until late in the afternoon, when they all merrily went into the dining room where they feasted upon the dainties of the season, after which all went home thinking of the happy time they had spent.

Charles E. Stump on His Tour Through the Southern States, Visits South Carolina, the Rotten State Which Belongs to the United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman

Charleston, S. C.—I am in the land of Senator Ben Tillman, and I am gratified to note the wonderful progress being made by our people as I pass through the state, and read about the wonderful things being done, and then I can see some of them for myself, and say "Behold the race."

I was in Florida when I wrote the last letter, and you will see that I am away now, but I saw so many good things in Florida until I am going back to spend a few more days and will then go to Georgia to see what I can see there and how I can see it and you will just look and listen until I am through and you will be on the borders of a wise man or a wise woman or boy or girl if you are reading after me.

I spent a good time in Florida and was present when they had the Founders' Day exercises at the Florida Baptist College, in Jacksonville, and it was to me a source of pleasure to have been there and noted what was going on. This school started about 24 years ago in the Bethel Baptist Institutional church, of which the Rev. John E. Ford, D. D., is now its pastor, but he was not there when the churches was started, but it is another church now with other people taking charge of it, and I don't mind telling you about this. It is one of the leading churches in the country. But now let us see about the school. It has increased just like the church. The school soon got too big for the church and they were forced to go out and purchase some other property, and they are going to get out from where they are soon.

At the head of this school is Prof. N. W. Collier, and he is some educator, and one of the finest young men I have ever met since I have been in the world. He is just a real big man and I don't mind letting you know this for yourself. Miss S. A. Blocker was in the organization of the school and she is found there right now. She is just a fine woman, and has given her life for our girls. We need such women as this and don't mind reaching them when we can. So many girls out in the world are making good because they touched Miss Blocker.

Now let me see about the program. It was just fine. Rev. C. Brewer an interesting and noble character was right on hand and he took pleasure in reading the scripture lesson. I listened to him read, and then there was others who had something to do. Charles Stewart, of Chicago was on hand and made one of the leading speeches. Stewart was not well, but he made a good talk, and he was followed by a White man, the Rev. Dr. Rogers, secretary of the Board of Missions for the Baptist State convention. That White man told what he was struggling to have the Baptists of the state do to help the Negro to rise in this world. It was a wonderful address, and I certainly did enjoy hearing it.

From Jacksonville, I spent a few hours at Savannah, Ga., and then jumped right into South Carolina, stopping at Denmark. At this place is one of the great institutions of learning. It was there I found the school which was started some few years ago by Miss Elizabeth Wright a young graduate from Tuskegee, and she spent her life in getting the school on foot, and then died. It is a monument and one that will never decay and fall down. When she died there was one of her friends, Prof. Martin A. Menafee who was the treasurer. He took up the work and has kept it going. He is active in the work and is doing some real good work. They have over 200 acres of land, and some fine buildings that count for something, buildings that are worth while. I was glad to look at them and to note progress.

After spending two days in the school looking at the educational progress, then it was my lot to turn attention to going to Orangeburg to visit the state school and to have a talk with Prof. R. S. Wilkinson the president. This is one of the largest schools in the south and is under one of the greatest educators. Of course it has the whole state behind it, and it means something to graduate from a school of this kind. He and his teachers were busy. You see a few weeks ago the building occupied by the girls was destroyed by fire and forty girls were injured including some of the teachers. They are all getting well and some of them have returned to their work and are at their post either as students or teachers. I was proud to see this.

I spent all day Sunday there and spoke with them 6 times on Sunday, and then left for Charleston, S. C. I have not been here since I have been in the cause, and it was a source of pleasure to come to town to see this wonderful place and to meet some of of these wonderful people and getting just a little education here. This seems to be a good place to go to college, so I just came right along, and entered Avery Institute. I got to the school about noon time, and the first thing to claim my attention was the line going in. I met one of the teachers, Miss Harriette McClennan, who was looking after the line. I walked up to her and said:

"Lady I want to get some education—that is to say I wants to get a ploma from this school so I can be a real fessor."

She told me that it would cost me $1.50 a month for up stairs grades, but I did not want that but wanted my education right there and then so she referred me to the boss teacher.

Prof. Benj. F. Cox, is principal, and he was busy, but I had the pleasure of meeting his wife, Mrs. Cox, who is some educated woman herself and she knows something about how to look after business. She just shook my lily black hand and told me that she would show me the way to see her husband. Well, before she had me to walk up stairs she carried me in the eating room and gave me something to eat. Looking into her face and trying to impress her that I was educated, I just said "Eatibus goodibus, thankibus strongibus." She looked at me, as if she wanted to know what I was saying. I tell you it is a nice thing to make them educated people sit up and take notice. I used some words that she had never heard of, although she has studied Latin.

Next found me up in the chapel, where I found about 128 young people in a chorus getting ready for commencement. They were just singing something which sounded to me like "Hallie you-jar" or something like that. Perhaps I have spelled the world word wrong and if I have forgive me. You may know something about music. I met President Cox, who shook my hand like I was some college president myself, and I just felt good all over myself, and I though I would greet him in Greek, so I said to him:

"Inkerukillo, Schulikum profesitum Komilkerdumick." I don't believe he knows what that means, for I don't know myself, but I was trying to tell him that I was delighted to see his school. and to see the good work he is doing for my people. You see for years, this school has been under White folks, and they have been doing the best they could, and this has at times been real good. But about two years ago the American Missionary Association decided that it was going to try one of our men, and they selected one of the best men in the system, Prof. Benj. F. Cox. Now that young man took hold of the work, and he has made wonderful improvements. All the teachers belong to us. I would mention in addition to Prof. and Mrs. Cox, I met Misses Hattie E. Green, Serena Hamilton, Althea Hill, Florence Clyde, Edna Morrison, Harriet McClennan, Esther Spencer, Mrs. A. L. Demond, and Prof. A. W. Murrell. Now these people are just like one family, and they are working together for good.

The student body is very large, and the work is telling for itself. I had the pleasure of looking in the faces of the students in the school and saying a few words to them. They could see just how excited I was and they looked at me. Although I was splitting verbs, yet they listened to all I had to say and when I concluded I wish you could have seen them young people clap their hands, for joy. I have been invited to return and may do so another time. I have been so impressed with Charleston and the people. I took in the city. Visited the widow of the late Bishop Salter, talked with her, and then went to a meeting of women. It was the hospital committee. I don't think it is called a committee, but the Lucy Brown hospital Auxiliary. Presiding over this meeting was Mrs. Demond, and in it were some of the best women in Charleston. The hospital will have to have my attention another time, and I will tell you about the women and what they are doing.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett was chaperon for the House Party given by the Beta Pi for the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois from Friday to Monday.

Mrs. Barnett accompanied by Miss Bertha Moseley, and Miss Melba Perry were the Chicago representatives. Misses Odessa Wright and Hazel Alexandra, Miss Hattie Leonard of St. Louis schools, Miss Edna Richardson of Springfield were the other young lady guests.

The Beta Pi of which her son is a member is composed of twelve young gentlemen who run a fraternity house managed by Mrs. Wm. Hunt, a charming hostess who makes a pleasant home for these young men.

The visitors left for their homes after four days of royal good time. They reported that the young men left nothing undone to make their stay most pleasant. The Chicago party were augmented by Mr. Phillip Jones of the Chicago Defender, and Mr. Chas. Aked Barnett.

THE NEGRO FELLOWSHIP READING ROOM ANNIVERSARY.

Sunday, April 30th will be the anniversary of the sixth year of the opening of the Reading Room and Social Center of the Negro Fellowship League. Invitations are extended to all old and new members as well as representatives of clubs to assist in celebrating this anniversary. All are cordially invited. Meeting to be held at the Reading Room, 3005 State St.

Last Sunday, Easter exercises were directed by Mr. John E. Hughes, secretary, and Mr. S. W. Whalen, chaplain. The Negro Fellowship League in honor of Shakespeare's three hundredth birthday had quotations from Shakespeare from each of those present.

The Negro Fellowship League has a splendid home for a fourteen year old girl. Any one desiring this place apply to Mrs. Barnett, 3005 State St.

JOHN E. HUGHES,
Secretary.

1916 FUTURE EVENTS FORECAST THEIR SHADOWS.

Republican national convention at Chicago on June 7th.

National Negro Business League at Kansas City, Mo., August 20.

National Negro Press Association at Kansas City, Mo., August 19.

National Teachers' Association.

National Bankers' Association at Kansas City, Mo., August 20.

International Conference of Grand Master and P. G. M. and Grand Secretary at Chicago on August 21.

Knights Templar Conference and Imperial Council and Supreme Grand Chapter of R. A. and Supreme at Chicago, August 22.

Grand Chapter of O. E. S. at Chicago on August 21.

General Conference of A. M. E. church at Philadelphia on May 4.

THE TREBLE CLEF CLUB WILL RENDER HENRY SMART'S KING RENE'S DAUGHTER.

Monday evening May 1, at 8 P. M., the Treble Clef Club will render Henry Smart's "King Rene's Daughter," at Bethel church, 30th and Dearborn street. Forty superb and well trained lady voices under the direction of Martha Broadus-Anderson. Soloists: Florence Cole-Talbert, Lilly Nelson, Bertha Dickerson-Tyree, Della Ridgeway-Young, Irene White, Lou Vene Brooks. Accompanists: Estella Bonds-Majors, Cordelia Rucker-Yarbrough. Admission 25 cents.

MEETING OF THE SOCIAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY OF CHICAGO.

The Social and Literary Society of Chicago held their last meeting on April 25, at Miss K. Jefferson. The discussion for the evening was "what is the greatest thing in the world," a lovely lunch was served afterwards. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. M. Hickey, on May 9.

Mrs. K. Jefferson, Pres.,
Mrs. M. Hickey, Vice-Pres.,
Mrs. E. Thomas, Sec.

THE EUREKA GLEE CLUB.

will have Thursday evening whist for ladies, the members will welcome them with refreshments, the business meeting will be held Sunday, April 30th at 3 o'clock, all members are requested to attend.

By Order of
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WHY NOT ELECT A BUSINESS MAN?

Candidate For President Should Have Commercial Training.

GOVERNMENT IS A BUSINESS

Set Back Professional Politicians, Horn Blowing Orators and Briefless Lawyers and Place at the Head of the Biggest Corporation In the World an Experienced Man.

WHY can't we have a business man in the Presidential chair next time, is the query of a prominent New York newspaper.

Government is a BUSINESS, and a BIG BUSINESS.

Seagoing and overland commerce, taxation, tariffs, rate regulation, monopoly regulation, the mails and parcels posts, conservation of resources, development and maintenance of waterways, the huge payrolls of Government employes, the courts of justice, the national revenue collectors and police, the army and navy—what are all these but pure business problems, demanding the same trained and capable business executive direction that any great business concern demands?

What board of directors would think of hiring a professor of Sanskrit to be president of a great railroad?

What huge shipbuilding or engineering concern would select a peripatetic stump orator or a lyceum lecturer to direct its activities?

Big Business Men Needed.

Big business concerns seek big business men with big business brains to be executive chiefs.

Now, here is this big business corporation in which every one of us, big and little, is a stockholder—the United States of America.

It is the BIGGEST BUSINESS CONCERN the world ever saw.

And what do we do every four years by way of selecting a head for this wonderful, gigantic business concern?

Why, we always select a man who has never shown enough business ability to run a one-horse draying concern.

In the fifty years that have elapsed since Abraham Lincoln died not one of the eleven Chief Executives of this colossal business corporation called the United States has had the SLIGHTEST BUSINESS TRAINING or any acquaintance with the complex, varied, ramifying and interrelated problems of finance, production, transportation and world exchange upon which depend the welfare and prosperity of the whole people and of each individual citizen.

Hindrance of Prosperity.

Is it any wonder that our national business is one long serial story of stupid HINDRANCE OF PROSPERITY, stupid depression of commerce and trade, stupid opposition to the forward impulses of business co-operation and consolidation and of wasteful and criminally extravagant expenditure of the people's money to the tune of thousands of millions?

Is it any wonder that we WASTE each year an amount of money that would fortify our coasts, stock our magazines with ammunition, equip our navy properly and SECURE BEYOND ANY POSSIBLE DANGER the safety of our country?

Suppose that just once, by way of experiment, we gently, but firmly and positively, set the whole lot of professional politicians, horn-blowing orators, briefless lawyers, pretty phrasemakers, theoretical schoolmasters and all that sort on a shelf in the back woodshed and put a BIG, BRAINY, CAPABLE, EXPERIENCED BUSINESS MAN, who has done big things well all his life, in the chair of the President of the United States?

What do you think about this, citizens?

For an Idea, Not an Individual.

The views expressed in the above editorial are exactly the views held by THOUSANDS OF INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS MEN throughout the country. As an outgrowth of this sentiment there has been formed an organization called the Business Men's Presidential League, which has for its object the exploitation of an idea instead of an individual. What it seeks to bring about is the nomination of a candidate for president WHO CAN BE ELECTED, also to prevent action next June at Chicago that would be party suicide.

An All Round Business Man.

To win next November the Republican party must DESERVE TO WIN. That means we must have a candidate who first of all merits and commands the confidence of the business men of the nation. Among the prominent men mentioned as candidates who would meet this demand is General Coleman du Pont, of Delaware. Du Pont is distinctly a business man. He has been everything, from a miner, working with a pick and shovel, to the director of one of our greatest industrial corporations. He has built and managed railroads and is a banker and a farmer. In every line his activities have been SIGNALLY SUCCESSFUL and no man has had a more varied experience to equip him for the Presidency. He is the kind of man who could save to the taxpayers of this country the three hundred million dollars that the late Senator Aldrich said were wasted annually in running the public business.