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## The Birthday Anniversaries of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass Have Been Celebrated This Week by the People in General in All Parts of This Country. The Sage of Anacosta Stood High in the Estimation of Presidents Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Arthur and Cleveland

FREDERICK DOUGLASS FOR MANY YEARS SWAYED OR EXERTED MORE INFLUENCE OVER THE AFFAIRS OF THIS COUNTRY THAN THE GREAT MAJORITY OF MEN WHO WERE BORN WITH SILVER SPOONS IN THEIR MOUTHS. HE ADVANCED FROM THE AUCTION BLOCK; THE LITTLE LOG CABIN WITH ITS DIRT FLOOR TO THE EDITOR'S CHAIR; MINISTER TO SANTO DOMINGO AND ON UP TO RECORDER OF DEEDS AND UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

HE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING THE FIRST COLORED MAN TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE TO THE "NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW" IN 1864. HE HAD THE FURTHER DISTINGUISHED HONOR TO BE THE FIRST COLORED MAN IN THIS COUNTRY TO BE INVITED TO ATTEND A DIPLOMATIC DINNER AND RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND IN 1886.

THE TRUE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY CAN NEVER BE WRITTEN WITHOUT LINKING THE NAMES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS TOGETHER, FOR IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD THEY WERE TRULY BROTHERS. SHORTLY AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR, MRS. LINCOLN PRESENTED HIS GOLD-HEADED CANE TO FREDERICK DOUGLASS, STATING AT THE TIME THAT AS HE WAS ONE OF HER HUSBAND'S BEST FRIENDS, THAT SHE FELT SURE THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY APPRECIATE IT TO THE END OF TIME.

IT IS WELL INDEED THAT THE PEOPLE IN ALL PARTS OF THIS COUNTRY, THOSE WHO DEARLY LOVE LIBERTY AND JUSTICE, ARE GRADUALLY LEARNING TO REVERENCE AND COMMEMORATE THE NAMES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

It is not our intention at this time to give an extended review of the very remarkable career of Frederick Douglass which even after the passing away of many years reads like unto a fairy tale or romance, it seems that the hand of fate or some unseen power call it God or what not, decreed it from the beginning of time to bring Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass upon these fleeting shores almost at the same time for one was born in abject poverty or misery and was forced to struggle under a heavy load of pain and sorrow the greater portion of his sad life in order to come into the possession of the bare rudiments of an education and despite that fact and in spite of himself he was shoved or pushed by that same hand of fate or by that same unseen power along the highway or the roadway of life which was strewn with thorns and thistles until he was elected to the most exalted or distinguished position within the bountiful gift of the American people and when his labors were suddenly ended here below the whole world stood with bowed heads and bitterly wept by the side of his grave.

The other was born in slavery and debauchery of the worst and the lowest kind. He first saw the light of day in 1817, being born in a little log cabin with its dirt floor, in the state of Maryland, his covering and bed at night consisted of a few rags tossed together in one corner of the cabin on the soft dirt floor. What little education fell to his lot was received in the midst of curses and blows for it meant a heavy fine and a long term in prison for anyone caught in the act of learning him how to read and write. Finally in 1838, after several failures, he succeeded in making his escape from slavery, wending his way on to New York City where he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Murray, whom he had known in his slavery days back in Maryland. From that city he pressed on to New Bedford, Mass., and after working hard for three years, it was discovered that he was capable of becoming one of the most eloquent and most fiery orators that the world had ever produced and in spite of himself, like Abraham Lincoln, he was forced or pushed forward as the foremost or the greatest leader of the Anti-Slavery movement in this country and in the old world, for he lectured over there and was as well known across the deep blue sea as he was here in America.

In 1847 he started his newspaper at Rochester, N. Y., in which city a massive monument has been erected to his memory and for seventeen long years he conducted his paper, the North Star, with great ability and he mortgaged his home in order to keep it running so that he would be in a better position to fight the great battle of his struggling and down-trodden race.

As time advanced with great credit to himself and with undying honor to his race and to all the people in this country, he very successfully served as assistant secretary of Santo Domingo, as United States marshal for the District of Columbia; Recorder of Deeds for the same district and minister to Haiti and he served with distinction as the commissioner of that country to the world's fair which was held in Chicago in 1893.

It must be said to the everlasting credit of Frederick Douglass that he stood high in the estimation of Presidents Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Arthur and Cleveland and at all times he possessed their fullest confidence in every way and continued right up to the day of his death, February 20, 1895, to sway a most wonderful influence over public affairs and the most prominent statesmen in this country.

President Lincoln always referred to him (as my friend Frederick Douglass. Mr. Douglass had the honor of being the first colored man to contribute an article to the "North American Review," in 1864; in June, 1866, President Grover Cleveland, the greatest of all of the great statesmen in this country and an old school Democrat, gave a diplomatic dinner and reception at the White House in honor of his new bride and on invitation of President Cleveland Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Douglass attended the affair which was one of the greatest and most brilliant social functions ever held in the White House. President and Mrs. Cleveland were both very gracious in their conduct toward Mr. and Mrs. Douglass and made them feel welcome and at home.

As further proof that Mr. Douglass was regarded as one of the closest and warmest friends of the great emancipator, for at his sudden death, Mrs. Lincoln presented his gold-headed cane to Mr. Douglass and she felt sure that he would always highly prize it and retain it to the end of time. The cane is still within the walls of the late home of Frederick Douglass, Washington, D. C.

On many occasions in the past it has

been stated in these columns that no one can ever attempt to write a true history of this country without linking the names of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln together, for both of them represented the highest or the loftiest ideals in human existence.

In conclusion, the language always used by Mr. Douglass, was as chaste and as pure as the beautiful white snow as it gently falls from the high heavens. He always entertained the highest consideration for the rights of the lowest of his fellow creatures, regardless of their color and it would be well indeed for all people everywhere, to follow in his footsteps.

### HOYNE QUASHES INDICTMENT OF W. H. LUTHARDT.

### Former Aid to Healey May Recover Job and Pay.

State's Attorney Hoyne's office has so far pressed the true bill against William H. Luthardt, who was indicted nearly a year ago with former Chief of Police Charles C. Healey and Charles Essig of the Sportsmen's club for alleged conspiracy in connection with the operation of gambling machines.

Judge Joseph Sabath was asked by Walter F. Stanton, an assistant state's attorney, for permission to have the Luthardt indictment stricken from the call with leave to reinstate. No action was taken on the indictment against Healey and Essig.

### Luthardt Suspended.

When the indictments were returned Luthardt, who was secretary to the chief of police, refused to take a leave of absence pending a trial on the indictment. He was suspended for this and charges filed against him with the civil service commission.

Circuit Court Judge Charles M. Walker recently ruled against the city in mandamus proceedings brought by Luthardt to compel the city to reinstate him. The city appealed from this ruling to the Appellate court.

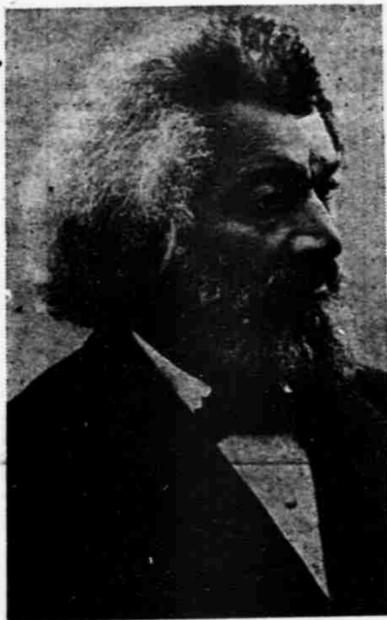
"All indictments probably will be dismissed," said Mr. Hoyne, "except the ones on which Healey is now facing trial. The gambling machine cases were not nearly as strong as the case we tried Healey on and lost. If we could not obtain a conviction against Healey on the first case, it does not look as if we could be successful on the gambling machine matter."

### City's Course in Doubt.

Corporation Counsel Ettelson said he could not discuss the city's future course in view of the nolle prosequendo of the Luthardt indictment. It was learned, however, that the city is liable to waive its appeal and carry out the reinstatement order of Judge Walker. This would restore Luthardt to his former position and give him his pay for the year he was suspended.

If Luthardt is restored to duty he likely will be transferred from the position of secretary to the police chief to secretary of the boards of examining plumbers and engineers.

So it appears that the Hon. State's Attorney has again been engaged in wildly barking up the wrong tree. Some of his close friends told him off to one side and gently inform him that he is making a fool of himself, that he is fast becoming the laughing stock of all sane persons residing in this city and throughout Cook County and it is high time for him to stop indicting honorable citizens at the expense of the small taxpayers, simply to furnish amusement for him and the daily newspapers.—Editor.



THE IMMORTAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

The colored people all over this country, and throughout the civilized world for that matter, have fittingly celebrated the 101st anniversary of his birth, for he was one of the greatest characters in every way that has been cast upon the shores of time.

### MORTGAGE ON FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOME IS PAID

Boston, Mass.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, president of the National Association of Colored Women announces that the Frederick Douglass Home at Anacosta, Washington, D. C., has been redeemed, that every dollar has been paid on the mortgage, as well as all incidental debts and that records of the realty transfer has been made in the District of Columbia.

The movement to raise a fund to free the Douglass home of debt was started by the women of the country about a year ago. It was conducted by the N. A. C. W. under the leadership of Mrs. Talbert.

The mortgage was paid off last month. It will be recalled that for several years before his death the late Booker T. Washington labored very hard to induce the colored men throughout the country to contribute the money and redeem the home of Frederick Douglass, so that it would always stand as a monument to the race, but the colored men being devoid of race pride went fast to sleep on the job and it remained for the colored women to snatch that honor away from them and after the home is put in first-class shape it will become the permanent headquarters of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and everything pertaining to the history of the colored race in this country will be gathered there.

Mrs. Talbert and her associates deserve to be highly praised for the hard task or work which they accomplished in that direction.—Editor.

Mrs. J. H. Patton, wife of Capt. John H. Patton, of the 370th U. S. Infantry, has arrived home from Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., and she was forced to "Jim Crow" it almost all of the way.

Mr. T. Arnold Hill has returned to the city from New York, and Richmond, Virginia, and is again on duty at the Chicago Urban League headquarters, 3303 State street.

### REV. W. S. BRADDAN, CHAPLAIN OF THE 370TH UNITED STATES INFANTRY, WILL DEPART FOR CAMP LOGAN, HOUSTON, TEX., SUNDAY EVENING.

Rev. W. S. Braddan, the eloquent pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, 52nd and Dearborn streets, and chaplain of the 370th U. S. Infantry, who arrived home last week on a fifteen days' furlough, will depart for Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., Sunday evening, and be present at roll call on Tuesday morning.

He preached in his church at both the morning and evening services last Sunday and he will hold forth this coming Sunday, February 17th, at both services. While in the city Rev. Braddan ordered two pictures of the staff, field and line officers of the old Eighth Regiment, which appeared in the columns of this paper October 20, 1917. One will be left in his home here in this city and the other one will be framed and hung up in his quarters at Camp Logan and when he accompanies the 370th U. S. Infantry to Paris, France, he will take the picture with him.

Hundreds of friends of Rev. Braddan called on him to pay their most profound respects to him and wish him all the luck in the world while serving his country as the chaplain of the 370th U. S. Infantry.

### SLAUGHTER-JOHNSON WEDDING

The first part of last week, Miss Aubrey Mayetta Slaughter, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Slaughter, 4314 Langley avenue, was united in marriage to Mr. Elijah H. Johnson, Rev. W. D. Cook, pastor of Bethel Church, performing the wedding ceremony at the home of the parents of the charming bride. Only the close relatives of the contracting parties were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who are receiving the hearty congratulations of their many friends, are at home at 3026 Vernon avenue.

### CAPT. JAMES S. NELSON, FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS IN CHARGE OF THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT OF THE EIGHTH REGIMENT, ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD, NOW THE 370TH UNITED STATES INFANTRY, HAS RESIGNED AND WILL SOON RETURN TO CHICAGO.

The news has been flashed to this city from Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., to the effect that Capt. James S. Nelson, one of the fathers and founders of the old Eighth Regiment, Illinois National Guard, now the 370th U. S. Infantry, who faithfully served it for more than twenty years as captain and quartermaster and always kept his accounts as such with the State of Illinois and the United States as straight as a tightly-drawn string, has resigned and will soon return to his home in Chicago.

It is also reported that many other important changes will take place in the old Eighth Regiment; that before it departs for the trenches in France that many of its high officers will be placed on the retired list or assigned to some other occupation in connection with the war; that colored men will not rank much higher than majors and captains in any of the units composed of colored soldiers.

Hon. R. M. Potts, who so honorably served for four years as insurance superintendent of the State of Illinois under Governor Edward F. Dunne, has resumed the practice of law and his main office will be in the National Life Building, 29 S. LaSalle street, phone Randolph 6816. Judge Potts will also maintain an office in the Reisch Building, Springfield, Ill., and as he is a polished gentleman and a high-class lawyer, he is bound to get his share of the law business.

Mr. George Nichols, of Seattle, Wash., spent Sunday and Monday in the city visiting relatives. He was the guest of Attorney and Mrs. H. B. Gaines.