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MAJOR ROBERT R. JACKSON, AFTER A LONG AND BITTER FIGHT AND MUCH MUD SLINGING ON THE PART OF SOME OF THE CAMP FOLLOWERS OF BOTH CANDIDATES, TRIUMPHED OVER FORMER ALDERMAN OSCAR DE PRIEST FOR THE NOMINATION FOR ALDERMAN OF THE SECOND WARD, HIS OFFICIAL MAJORITY BEING 498.

THE CHICAGO EVENING AMERICAN OF FEBRUARY 25, AND THE OTHER EVENING DAILY NEWSPAPERS, GATHERED IN ALL THE MONEY THEY COULD FROM EX-ALDERMAN DE PRIEST AND RAN HIS CUT IN OBSCURE CORNERS OF THEIR PUBLICATIONS. THEN THOSE SAME PAPERS ENDORSED, OR RECOMMENDED, MAJOR ROBERT R. JACKSON FOR THE NOMINATION FOR ALDERMAN OF THE SECOND WARD.

HON. GUY GUERNSEY DEFEATED WILLIAM F. MULVIHILL IN THE SEVENTH WARD BY OVER TWO THOUSAND MAJORITY AND MR. GUERNSEY MAY BE BROUGHT FORWARD BY HIS FRIENDS FOR JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT THIS COMING FALL.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH HIGGINS SMITH RAN OVER BENJAMIN M. MITCHELL IN THE FOURTEENTH WARD WITH ALMOST TWO THOUSAND MAJORITY AT HIS BACK.

M. F. KAVANAGH, WHO SEEMS TO BE A HIGH-CLASS AND POPULAR CITIZEN ON THE WEST SIDE, DEFEATED ATTORNEY MARTIN WALSH FOR THE NOMINATION FOR ALDERMAN OF THE EIGHT-EVENTH WARD, RUNNING AHEAD OF HIM TO THE TUNE OF 1,600 MAJORITY.

The long drawnout primary contest in some of the wards throughout the city came to an end on Tuesday evening and many aldermanic candidates, who labored under the false impression that they toted all the voters residing in their respective wards around in their hip pockets, received a very severe jolt in their necks when the polls closed and the final result of the vote was announced. In no ward in this city was there near as much real dark mud slinging as there was in the second ward, where two eminent and prominent colored gentlemen were running against each other in the persons of Major Robert R. Jackson and former Alderman Oscar DePriest; their camp followers and would-be three-by-five statemen, retainers and loud mouthed, noisy shouters slung so much decayed mud at each of the opposing candidates, branding both of them with committing almost all the crimes known to man; that it will require the labor of all the street cleaners residing in that ward and a thousand wagons to cart away all of the ill-smelling mud which was slung around with so much force by some of the cracked or the rattled-brained orators of the two contending factions.

Never in the history of the second ward has it passed through such a rip-roaring time on the part of the colored statemen and the colored people in general as it did on Tuesday, Feb. 26, and when it was all over and after many of their followers had threatened to end the lives of some of those who were opposed to their candidate and many of them had become rank enemies to the end of time, Major Robert R. Jackson easily triumphed over Mr. DePriest, the fighting and the gallant major winning out with a majority of 498, according to the official count which ended on Thursday afternoon by the election commissioners.

The Chicago American and most of the other daily newspapers on Monday afternoon, Feb. 25th, gathered in all the money they possibly could from Mr. DePriest for a display advertisement and after securing his good money, which could have been expended more effectively in other directions, they ran his cut in obscure corners of their publications and in the final round up they endorsed and highly recommended Major Robert R. Jackson for the nomination for alderman of the second ward, thereby greatly assisting Mr. DePriest to fall on the outside of the breast works.

The aldermanic contest in the seventh ward was indeed more than pleasing to the many friends and followers of Hon. Guy Guernsey, who very easily defeated the city hall candidate, William F. Mulvihill, by more than two thousand majority and many of the strong friends of Mr. Guernsey may

force him to the front for Judge of the County Court this coming fall.

Alderman Joseph Higgins Smith has made such a splendid record in the City Council in the past four years that he ran all over Benjamin M. Mitchell, knocking him out with more than two thousand majority at his beck—the voters of the 14th ward have further and higher political honors in store for Alderman Smith.

Mr. F. Kavanagh, who had the united support of Mr. F. Sullivan, first assistant State's Attorney, ran far away from Attorney Martin Walsh in the 18th ward, and Mr. Kavanagh's majority is more than 1,600 and he and his friends are greatly pleased over the outcome of the stiff and game fight which they put up against the very Hon. Barney Grogan.

The following were the successful candidates who won out in their respective wards on primary day:

Republicans.

Ward 1, Walker E. Whitney; 2, Robert R. Jackson; 3, Felix A. Norden; 4, John F. Broucek; 5, John P. Norton; 6, Ald. Willis O. Nance; 7, Guy Guernsey; 8, Ald. Ernest M. Cross; 9, Oscar R. Hillstrom; 10, Joseph Celovsky; 11, John C. Kruse; 12, William P. Holden; 13, William F. Kramer; 14, W. J. H. Schultz; 15, Oscar H. Olsen; 16, Peter Stravinski; 17, Stanley J. Wolski; 18, John J. Gorman; 19, Louis Solitka; 20, Joseph Bucher; 21, Ald. Earl J. Walker; 22, Henry C. Jacobsen; 23, Ald. W. P. Steffen; 24, Alexander J. Reas; 25, Ald. Frank J. Link; 26, Ald. George Pretzel; 27, Ald. O. L. Watson; 28, Adolph A. C. Mayer; 29, Richard Farrell; 30, Otto H. Teschner; 31, Charles A. Nicholls; 32, John H. Lyle; 33, A. O. Anderson; 34, Joseph J. Merensky; 35, Harry R. Jackson.

Democratic.

Ward 1, Ald. J. Coughlin; 2, Clem Kushe; 3, Ald. U. S. Schwartz; 4, Ald. John A. Richert; 5, Robert J. Mulcahy; 6, No Candidate; 7, George B. McCabe; 8, Martin S. Furman; 9, Sheldon W. Govier; 10, Ald. James McNichols; 11, Ald. Herman Krundick; 12, Ald. Jos. I. Novak; 13, Ald. John G. Horne; 14, Ald. Jos. H. Smith; 15, C. L. Wroblewski; 16, John A. Piotrowski; 17, Ald. S. S. Walkowiak; 18, M. F. Kavanagh; 19, Ald. Jas. B. Bowler; 20, Ald. Matt Fraas; 21, William Beardon; 22, Ald. John H. Bauer; 23, No Candidate; 24, Ald. John Haderlein; 25, Joseph Hopp; 26, William H. Pentow; 27, James L. Doherty; 28, Ald. M. Adamowski; 29, Ald. Theo. F. Byrne; 30, Ald. W. E. O'Toole; 31, Terrence F. Moran; 32, E. J. Tobis; 33, Christian Hode; 34, Ald. John Toman; 35, Ald. T. J. Lynch.

Socialists.

Ward 1, P. H. Gelsk; 2, Arthur F. Talm; 3, Joseph H. Groer; 4, Adolph Pe-

trotis; 5, P. G. Wellman; 6, Leo B. Shire; 7, C. W. Shaw; 8, G. W. Kohler; 9, Zephire Pepin; 10, Stefan Gillis; 11, Wm. van Bodegraven; 12, C. H. Beranek; 13, Charles H. Hair; 14, H. W. Harris; 15, W. E. Rodriguez; 16, P. A. Marion Wiley; 17, F. A. Pellegrino; 20, E. H. Wisman; 21, G. C. Schmidt; 22, Andrew Laff; 23, C. Krambein; 24, A. W. Harrack; 25, G. E. Collins; 26, J. Marshall; 27, C. D. Thompson; 28, F. Shifersmith; 29, J. A. Ambroz; 30, Aaron Henry; 31, C. F. Woerner; 32, J. W. Morris; 33, Walter Huggins; 34, Daniel A. Uretz; 35, Albert C. Kalk.

NUMBER ONE

By Alton L. Holsey

Fundamentally, the National Negro Business League concerns itself with the "bread and butter" problems of the race. Those men of rare vision and foresight who founded the organization realized that efficiency in business, commercial and industrial endeavors, would increase the individual earning capacity of members of the race and insure for them prosperity, independence and better life. To accomplish these ends, they undertook, as an immediate object, to encourage the establishment of more business enterprises and the combination of Negro brains and capital, because these things more than any other agency promote race unity and provide opportunities for the educated, ambitious and trained young men and women of the race.

A race that is deep-rooted into the business and commercial fabric of a country becomes indispensable to that country's progress. Such a foundation for the Negro race was regarded by Dr. Washington and his associates as necessary for the race's progress and security.

With unswerving devotion to the ideals of its founder, Hon. J. C. Napier has assumed the mantle so richly honored by Dr. Washington, and he, with Mr. Emmett J. Scott, the secretary; Dr. Robert R. Moton, chairman of the Executive Committee, and the other able officials, is pledged to carry forward the work of the League in the spirit of true service to the race and to humanity.

Great economic changes are taking place today and the business life of our people cannot go through the turmoil untouched and unaffected. We believe that the Business League is going to be a most potent factor in the adjustment of business conditions among the colored people by stimulating greater interest in business opportunities. The slogan of the Business League, "More Co-operation and Greater Efficiency," should become the battle cry of every community.

(To be continued next week.)

PLEASANT MEETING OF THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY.

The Virginia Society, with headquarters at 3638 State St., has largely increased its membership. They held their reception last Wednesday evening, at the residence of Miss Juanita Leftridge, 3928 Prairie Ave., at which time the new officers were installed, as follows: Rollin L. Ferguson, president; J. W. Moore, secretary; M. T. Bailey, corresponding secretary. The next meeting will be Wednesday evening, March 20, at which time all Virginians are requested to be present.

Miss Julia Knox is the guest at the parsonage. She is from Covington, Ky.



MAJOR ROBERT R. JACKSON

After a hard fought battle was nominated to make the race for Alderman of the Second Ward and on Tuesday, April 2, he will be elected with both hands down and his many friends freely predict that he will be as useful and as brilliant in the City Council as he was in the Legislature at Springfield, Illinois.

PROUD FATHER OF THIRTY-FIVE

This Patriotic Colored Citizen Has Fourteen Brave, Bravely Sons in Service of Uncle Sam—Beats Rooseveltian Ideal—Who Dares Deny That John Borden Is Doing His Bit to Defeat the Kaiser?

Goldsboro, N. C.—During the progress of a divorce case in the superior court, which is engaged in the trial of civil actions, on Wednesday of last week, in which John Borden, a well known colored farmer of this county, was a witness for the plaintiff, a startling revelation of facts was brought out which elicited the attention of the court and amused the spectators and caused the attorneys to "sit up and take notice."

In the course of the cross-examination, while Borden was on the witness stand, Judge Wheelbee, in a spirit of fun, asked him if he wanted to marry the woman after she got a divorce, or, in other words, was he trying to help her to get divorce in order that he might marry her?

This question, which Borden answered in the negative, gave the old man an opening and he didn't fail to take advantage of the opportunity, and for a few minutes he held the undivided attention of his audience, while the judge recorded his remarkable story, which we give below.

Borden, in answer to the judge's question, as noted above, said that he had been married three times, his third wife being still living; that he was the father of thirty-five children, fifteen by his first wife, twelve by his second wife and eight by his present wife; that his first wife gave birth to four boys each time for three times, making a total of twelve, and at one time his second wife presented him with three boys and one girl.

Concluding he said that twenty-seven of his children were still living, the youngest being only 23 months old, and

that he had fourteen sons in Uncle Sam's army. He said that he was 62 years of age.

If this old man hasn't "done his bit" toward raising Uncle Sam an army then we'll give it up.—Editor.

MR. AND MRS. JEREMIAH B. O'CONNELL CELEBRATED THEIR EIGHTEENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah B. O'Connell and their family very quietly and pleasantly celebrated their eighteenth wedding anniversary at their lovely home, 5344 Wayne avenue, Edgewater.

A few of their warm friends and neighbors joining them in the homelike celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell are the proud and happy parents of three children, namely, Philip, Miss Geraldine and Miss Helen O'Connell.

For many years Mr. O'Connell has successfully ranked among the most honorable and eminent lawyers in this city, and being one of our warmest friends; the writer hopes that he and Mrs. O'Connell will live to celebrate many more wedding anniversaries.

WILSON GRANTS RESPITE TO CONDEMNED NEGROES.

Washington, D. C.—Special—An indefinite respite has been granted five Negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth infantry, sentenced by court-martial to be hanged for participation in the Houston riots. The number and character of appeals for clemency reaching the president from clergymen and Negro organizations caused the respite. Thirteen of the rioters already have been hanged and a large number are serving heavy prison terms.

Mrs. N. K. McGill has returned to her home in Athens, Ga., on account of her health.

NEGRO SOLDIERS RIOT; 26 FACE COURT MARTIAL.

Little Rock, Ark.—Special—Twenty-six Negro soldiers of the Five Hundred and Twelfth engineer service battalion are in the guard house at Camp Pike, awaiting court martial as a result of a riot in a mess hall. A white noncommissioned officer received a painful but not serious scalp wound.

According to the official report at division headquarters the trouble started when a Negro refused to obey the order of a white sergeant to return to his place in line while breakfast was being issued.

The Negro, flourishing a razor, climbed over the counter after the sergeant. White corporals and sergeants went to the rescue and a free for all fight followed with the air filled with dishes.

A flying wedge of noncommissioned officers dragged the Negro leaders out of the building and ended an affair that was fast assuming serious proportions.

CITY FEDERATION TO MEET.

The City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs will be the guest of the Northside Women's Clubs, Monday, March 4, at St. Matthews M. E. Church, northside. Take No. 2 Westworth Ave. car to Clybourne and Cleveland Aves. Meeting opens at 10 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. A. N. Musgrove has the distinction of being the only Afro-American woman in the downtown district to be engaged in the theatrical costumers' business. She makes new costumes, alters and repairs the same at reasonable prices. Her place of business is 130 W. Washington street and her customers are numbered among the leading theatrical people in this city.

Mrs. A. T. Owen, 3152 Prairie avenue, is almost herself again after pulling through a severe spell of illness.