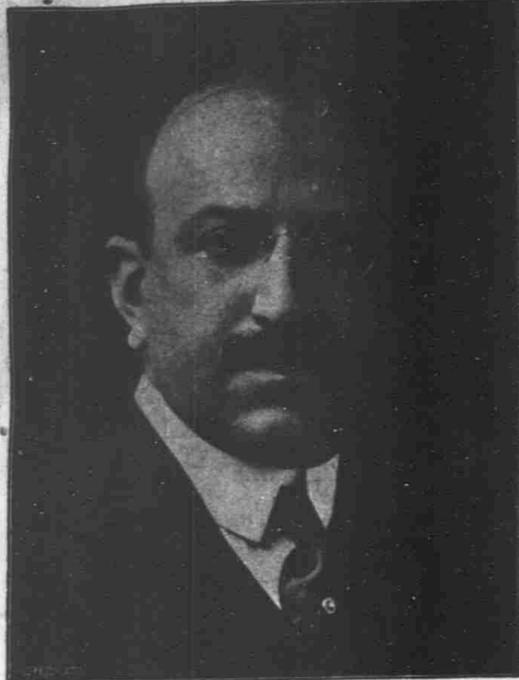


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HON. HENRY HORNER.

The honorable and popular Judge of the Probate Court of Cook County who is one of the best and most polished public officials within its confines, who is highly delighted to wish his army of friends a happy New Year.

## Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Binga Delightfully Entertained in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole of Detroit, Mich.

The prettiest reception and dance that has been given by the four hundred of Chicago was given by Banker and Mrs. Jesse Binga, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole of Detroit, Mich. It was held in the spacious ball room of the Hotel Vincennes, 36th st., and Vincennes ave., on Christmas night and the happy Xmas spirit took full possession of every guest on entering the door, if he had not the forethought to bring it with him. Seated on the left side of the ball room was an orchestra all our own hidden behind the palms making the music float out in the dreamy soulful way that causes even the old to forget their age and the youthful to become more gay, if possible. In the receiving line at the right were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Binga, Mr. and Mrs. James Cole, Mr. Cole, Jr., and Mrs. Cecelia Moser, Mr. Julius Avedorph as master of ceremonies has no equal and seeing him, in its self, is quite a sufficient guarantee that it will be a perfect evening. It was truly a lovely gathering in one of the most beautiful

in the hearts of their friends for it is large hearted, Broad-minded people that hold this old world of ours on a level and keep us feeling that it is not such a bad place to be after all. A few of the prominent people who were present were Dr. and Mrs. Dailey, Dr. and Mrs. Barnes, Prof. and Mrs. Emanuel, Dr. and Mrs. Jas. White, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Bousfield, Dr. Chapman, formerly of Kansas City, Mrs. Geo. C. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Dickerson, Dr. Reginald Smith, Prof. and Mrs. Samuel I. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mead, Dr. and Mrs. Lawson, Mr. Anthony Overton, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Abbott, Mrs. A. B. George, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Cummins and daughter Mrs. Stella Davis and daughter, Misses Ida Taylor, Edna Dodge, Rena Branham, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Cook and daughter Mr. Virgil Cook, Miss Ruth Jackson, Miss Sweeney McGooden, Mr. and Mrs. Bings Diamond, Mrs. T. Arnold Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Braham, Mr. Charles Jackson, Mrs. Fenton Johnson, Richard Hill, Miss Estella Bonds, and many others. The sweet strains of Home Sweet Home would have reminded us of the hour

## Mr. Isador Levin, the Best and the Most Popular Jewish-American Newspaper Man in Chicago.

There are very few newspaper men better known around the City Hall or the City Council Committee rooms than Mr. Isador Levin, who very ably represents many of the foreign language newspapers. He stands ace high in the estimation of all the big and small fry politicians who frequent the City Hall. Mr. Levin resides in the 18th ward and within the past year he has been able to secure good positions for eight or ten colored men residing in that ward, which is self evident that he is friendly to colored people. It is a pleasure to state that every day during the recent serious illness of our good wife, Mrs. Taylor, and right down to this time Mr. Levin has inquired in relation as to her past and present condition and always expressed the hope that she soon will be restored to good health. It can be further stated with much pleasure namely that Mr. Levin is a warm friend of Judge George B. Holmes and will greatly assist to re-land him on the Municipal bench in 1920.



HON. GEORGE M. MAYPOLE.

Member of the city council from the Fourteenth Ward; chairman of the Track Elevation Committee of that body, who is the right city father in the right place, who would make a cracker-jack candidate for president of the Sanitary District of Chicago in 1920.

## STEEL DISTRICT WELCOMES JUDGE FAMED AS A HUMANITARIAN



HON. GEORGE B. HOLMES.

Humanitarian methods of Municipal Judge George B. Holmes in dealing with unfortunates brought before him resulted in a demonstration being given him when he took his seat for the first time in the South Chicago court yesterday. Several hundred residents of the steel district crowded into the courtroom to bid welcome to the judge. His fame in dealing with difficult problems in the Maxwell street court, in the heart of the ghetto, had preceded him to South Chicago where he was assigned by Chief Justice Harry Olson because he is a humane judge and one who appears to sympathize with the underdog and the unfortunate. Judge Holmes was born December 12,

1867, at Fairlee, Vermont, on the banks of the Connecticut river. His father died when he was two years old. His forefathers served in the war of the revolution and the son inherited their fighting qualities. Judge Holmes' father fought in the civil war, serving four years. Judge Holmes came to Chicago in 1885. He was admitted to the bar in 1890 and was elected judge of the Municipal court in April of this year. From April 26, 1898, to November 17, 1898 Judge Holmes was in the trenches at the siege and capture of Santiago de Cuba, with the First Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He also took part in the Mexican troubles and was on the staff of the adjutant general.

Judge Holmes is a member of the South End Business Men's Association, Society Santiago de Cuba, Society For our Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, 32nd degree Mason, Fernwood Lodge, I. O. O. F., Council 313, National Union, and Sons of Veterans, of which he is past division commander of Illinois.—From the Women's Press, Chicago, December 20, 1919. It must be said to the everlasting credit of Judge Holmes, that he is one of the best and fairest Judges now sitting on the Municipal bench and as long as that court stands the voters residing in all parts of this city will continue to honor themselves by electing judges like unto Judge Holmes to preside over them.—Editor.

### COLORED WIFE GETS FORTUNE.

Wealthy Savannah, Ga., Citizen Leaves Fortune to Colored Common-Law Wife Who Is Made Administratrix Sans Bond.

"The First Out of a Gentleman" in Old Days Was to Lead a Dual Life—Many Similar Cases Believed to Exist in the Southland.

The Savannah (Ga.) Hawkeye (white) in printing the story of the death of a wealthy and influential citizen, brings to light one of the thousands of similar cases in the South. It says: "Dying as he had lived, with the colored woman next to his heart, Mr. F. H. Chaplin, the wealthy Savannahian left his entire estate to Bessie Lee, the Negro woman who had lived with him as his wife for thirty-seven years! A son, thirty-five years old, with a bunch of children, also survive Chaplin. His children pass as colored in the community. Bessie Lee, his colored wife—as she was—is made the administratrix without bond, and she will take charge of his estate and proceed to enjoy the fruits of her life with the man who couldn't be her legal husband because she was a colored woman and he a white man. That hundreds of other cases exist here is the belief of the old-timers, who know what the habits of certain rich men are. In the old days to have a Negro wife was considered the first cut of a gentleman."

### COLORED GIRL RANKS HIGHEST.

White Students Refuse to Graduate With Colored Class-mate Who Ranks Highest in Her Class—High School a "Storm Center."

Wins Highest Honors in Class of One Hundred and Five Members—Superintendent Says, "Send Girls Back to Grades to Learn American Citizenship."

Sacramento Cal.—A young colored woman is the storm center around which the board of trustees, the teachers and the pupils of the Calceico Imperial County High School are revolving, according to a letter received by Will C. Wood, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The colored pupil ranks highest in educational attainments among the 105 students, and the white girl scholars have refused absolutely to sit on the same platform with her at the coming graduation exercises, according to information received by Mr. Wood. Job Wood, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, sent a letter to the Calceico trustees telling them: "If those white girls refuse to graduate with the girl with whom they have attended school through all of these years, they should go back into the public schools and have a real training for American citizenship." He also says that if there are any exercises, the colored girl must be on the platform.



HON. THOMAS B. CONROY.

President of the Conroy Tank and Boiler Co., one of the many successful and high class business men of this city, who would make a popular and a splendid candidate for one of the Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago in 1920.

spots that could have been selected in this city. Everyone felt perfectly at home for all his friends were there, some they had not seen since the last Yuletide. We think every one who was so fortunate as to have received an invitation responded in person, knowing that an evening spent with Mr. and Mrs. Binga is always delightful. The gowns worn by the ladies were all that could be desired and entirely beyond description. The younger set enjoyed the pretty new dances and their graceful ways of doing them was a pleasure to the onlookers, not many however could remain such as the music always lured them back to their partners. The delicious repast was served in the pretty little tea room. The decorations were elegant, and the menu and service were superb. Too much cannot be said of this pretty Xmas party and Mr. and Mrs. Binga will long live

had not the taxicab drivers done so. The entire drive was blocked with them awaiting the happy throng and as each one passed out left a pleasant word with the host and hostess thanking them for this enjoyable evening which will long be remembered by all and wishing them many more happy and prosperous new years.—From the lady on the corner.

### PULLMAN PORTER STOLE KISS WOMAN ASKS \$10,000.

Portland, Ore.—Because a Negro Pullman porter stole a kiss from her, Mrs. Pannie Handhurst is suing Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, for \$10,000 damage.

### The Old Freeman of Indianapolis, Ind., Has Engaged in the Stealing Business.

On Saturday, December 13, this paper contained a short front page article on the convening of the National Republican convention in this city, June 8, 1920, and Saturday, December 20, the Old Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind., dashed it up in its so-called Christmas Issue, word for word and line for line as original matter and it had the nerve or the brass to run our article right on its front page as a special telegram from Chicago; thus it will be seen that the Old Freeman has gone in the stealing business.



HON. KICKHAM SCANLAN.

One of the eminent and most honorable judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County, who is held in the highest esteem by all classes of his fellow citizens, who takes much pleasure in extending the compliments of the remainder of the holiday season to his hosts of warm friends.

### SOUNDS THE PRAISE OF THE BROAD AX.

The following letter speaks for itself: Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. December 19, 1919.

Mr. J. F. Taylor, Editor, The Broad Ax, Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Taylor:

I have the honor to thank you on behalf of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance and especially on behalf of the Colored Soldiers and Sailors Unit of that Bureau for the very conspicuous manner in which you gave publicity to our releases concerning the Discharged Colored Soldier and Sailor and War Risk Insurance. I took great pleasure in calling the attention of Mr. R. W. Emerson, the Assistant Director, in charge of the publicity work in the Bureau to your paper. Needless to say he was as much pleased as I with the great amount of interest which you through your paper displayed toward

the welfare of our discharged colored soldiers and sailors.

It fills me with great pride whenever I can show in such a substantial manner the great amount of race consciousness and co-operation which exists among the leaders of my race.

With heartiest thanks for your splendid interest, it is my pleasure to remain,

Very sincerely yours,  
J. WILLIAMS CLIFFORD,  
Special Representative  
Colored Soldiers and Sailors  
War Risk Bureau, Wash., D. C.

Mr. Charles B. Travis, the more than successful real estate dealer at 3333 South State street has had a rushing business the past year and he expects to double up his business this coming year and Mr. Travis wishes to extend the compliments of the holiday season to his many patrons and friends.