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Hon. James A. Scott Was Slaughtered or Butchered Up in the House of His So-Called Friends in the Second Ward

IN HIS RACE FOR THE NOMINATION FOR JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT, HE WAS SMOTHERED UP OR HID AWAY IN THE DARK BY THE COLORED LEADERS IN THAT WARD WHO HAD CHARGE OF HIS CAMPAIGN.

At the Great Meeting held at the Eighth Regiment Armory, in the interest of the Thompson Ticket, which was attended by almost Eight-Thousand People; It was Addressed by all the Candidates Present except Mr. Scott, whose mouth was Muzzled and he was only permitted to stand up, Bow and Bend and Sit Down Again.

The Bitter Enemy, Existing Between the Precinct Captains of that ward, Commanded by Hon. Edward H. Wright and those Bossed or Ruled over by Col. Oscar De Priest, Greatly Assisted to contribute, to the defeat of Mr. Scott, which caused him to fall more than Three-Thousand Votes Behind Hon. Len Small; Hon. Robert E. Crowe and Frank S. Rigeheimer, who was Practically unknown to the Colored People in the Second Ward.

Mr. Scott, being the only Candidate on the Thompson Ticket from that ward, he should have lead all the rest of the Candidates in it and the more than Three-Thousand Votes which he failed to receive through stupidity, would have given Him the Nomination for Judge of the Municipal Court.

Mr. Scott Carried Twenty-Two Wards out of Thirty-Five He Lost the Twentieth and Thirty-Third Wards, which are strongly Republican and in both of them the Leaders for Mayor Thompson utterly Failed to do their Duty and they can not be Regarded as True Blue Republicans.

Mayor William Hale Thompson, was Absolutely on the Square and he honestly Desired to See Mr. Scott Nominated for Municipal Judge but more than Three-Thousand Colored Men and Women Voters in the Second Ward Through Short-sightedness, Jealousy, Prejudice or Ignorance, failed Mayor Thompson in that respect.

The Colored People in all Parts of this City Should for once in their Lives become United and Raise enough of money, to have the ballot boxes re-opened and have each ballot Re-counted and long before the last ballot was pulled out of the box, Everything would indicate that Mr. Scott received the Nomination for Judge of the Municipal Court.

Hon. John G. Oglesby; Hon. Frank O. Lowden; The Chicago Tribune and The Daily News; have all taken a long sail up Salt Creek and Hon. Len Small and Mayor William Hale Thompson, Licked Them All, to a Dead Stand Still in the Final Show Down.

Three times within the past 14 years three colored lawyers seeking the nominations for Judges of the Municipal Court have in some way or other been beaten or defrauded out of the coveted prize after they had successfully brushed by the primaries in 1906, both the Democrats and the Lily White Republicans joined hands in a scheme or dark plot to count Hon. F. L. Barnett out after it was freely admitted that he had been honestly and squarely nominated in 1918 in order to prove that he had great faith in the legal ability of some of the colored lawyers Mayor Thompson brought about the nomination of the late George W. Ellis for Judge of the Municipal Court, Mr. Ellis successfully passed the primaries and on the morning after the November election of that year according to the police returns he was elected with a healthy majority at his back but after a great deal of figuring had been done in which everything had been figured out in favor of the nearest white candidate to him, Mr. Ellis was finally figured out and the white candidate was figured in. Firmly are we of the opinion that if the colored people residing in all part of this city would brush their so-called leaders aside and unite as if one man and raise a sufficient sum of money which would enable them to demand that all the ballot boxes be opened and that all the ballots cast in this city in late primaries be laid on the table and counted one for one face upwards that long before the last ballot was removed from the box it would be clearly evident that Hon. James A. Scott had in spite of all obstacles which have been thrown in his way by his so-called friends and by his unseen enemies who hate to see a colored man rise above a janitorship, has been fairly nominated for Municipal Court Judge.

Mr. Scott received his death or worst body blow in the 2nd Ward where he was shamefully slaughtered and butchered up right in the house of his so-called friends, it seems that the first two weeks of the campaign he received cards to address meetings in the various parts of the city in common with the other candidates on the Thompson ticket, then later on he failed to receive any more cards to address any meetings outside of the 2nd Ward except a few colored meetings and he was commanded to lay low and to keep out of sight as much as possible and to make a still or a gun-shot hunt for the nomination.

It will be recalled that a great meeting was held at the Eighth Regiment Armory which was addressed by Mayor William Hale Thompson and by all the leading candidates on his ticket, between seven and eight thousand people attended the meeting and the writer observed Hon. James A. Scott sitting in a dark corner on the platform and before the great meeting wound up he was permitted to stand up and bow but the people were warned before hand that he would not do any talking and the final result was that Mr. Scott was forced to walk up one side of the street and down the other to distribute his own cards and let the people know that he was a candidate for the nomination for Judge of the Municipal Court.

One of the greatest stumbling blocks in his way aside from those already mentioned was that there is a very bitter enmity existing between the precinct captains controlled by Hon. Edward H. Wright and those bossed or ruled over by Col. Oscar De Priest, who draws four or five thousand dollars per year in easy money as one of the city real estate experts who prior to the September primaries was thinking about running for one of the Trustees

of the Sanitary District of Chicago who may become one of the election commissioners in case Frank S. Rigeheimer is elected County Judge, and who may decide to knock Alderman Louis B. Anderson out of the City Council in 1921, and as a result of the bitter fighting of the precinct captains belonging body and soul to Messrs. Wright and DePriest Mr. Scott was politically murdered right in his own ward, running far behind Hon. Len Small, Hon. Robert E. Crowe and F. S. Rigeheimer, who was practically unknown to the colored people, for Hon. Len Small received over thirteen thousand majority and Mr. Scott only polled nine thousand six hundred and eighty-six votes, which was over three thousand votes less than recorded in favor of Mr. Small and the other high candidates on the Thompson ticket, whereas Mr. Scott through race pride and otherwise should have easily lead all the candidates in his own ward, for he was the only candidate running on the Thompson ticket in the 2nd Ward and by running far behind in it through the indifference or stupidity on the part of many thousand colored voters and with the loss of the 20th and 33rd Wards, both strongly Republican, he fell on the outside of the breast works in the final count, although he carried twenty-two wards throughout the city and it was his own ward on the part of its jealous, would be colored leaders that put him out of the running and at last snatched the crown of glory from his judicial head and deprived one hundred and fifty thousand colored people residing in this city from having the great honor of having a colored man to honorably serve as one of the Municipal Judges of Chicago.

In all fairness we honestly believe that Mayor William Hale Thompson was on the dead level in his loyal support of Mr. Scott for the nomination for Judge of the Municipal Court, at each meeting of his trusted high leaders in the various wards, before the primaries he would urge upon them to stand by Mr. Scott that the colored people had made him whatever he amounts to in politics, that he did not have Mr. Scott put on the ticket just to catch the colored vote, and then slaughter him at the polls on primary day, that he wanted him nominated along with all of the other candidates on the Thompson ticket most of the Thompson leaders made good at the primaries and cheerfully supported Mr. Scott, but the Thompson leaders in the 2nd Ward and thousands of colored men and women failed Mayor Thompson at the most critical moment and through short sightedness, jealousy, prejudice or ignorance, or indifference, or race pride, they permitted Mr. Scott to march on to defeat in his splendid race for the nomination for Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago.



HON. JAMES H. LAWLEY,
Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Sanitary District of Chicago and one of its best Trustees who is ever watchful of the best interest of all the people residing in this city.

WOMEN ORGANIZE G. O. P. CLUBS FOR NATIONAL TICKET.

Mrs. Lethia Fleming Will Be Leader of Campaign to Form Committees. Speakers to Carry Message.

Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming, of Cleveland, Ohio, noted politician and settlement worker, member of the State Advisory Committee and member of the County Executive Committee, has been designated by the Republican National Committee as national director to organize the colored women of the United States for Harding and Coolidge. Mrs. Fleming has entered upon her directorate with offices in the central headquarters of the committee in the Auditorium Hotel, this city. She will be assisted by Mrs. Victoria Clay Halsey, who, for many years was leader of the suffrage work in Missouri. Mrs. Halsey was also chairman of the Council of Defense of Missouri during the world war. She will have the direction of central and western activities. Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the wife of Judge Robert Terrell, of Washington, D. C., is assigned to the eastern work with headquarters in New York.

It is understood that the activities among the women will include the regular departmental divisions that have been in vogue among the men, the triangular divisions of organization, speakers and publicity, and an intensive campaign will be inaugurated among the colored women throughout the country, and particularly in pivotal States where close margins between the parties will constitute the battleground.

"Our organization is going after the colored women," said Mrs. Fleming in an interview. "It has been charged that there exists an apathy among the women concerning the serious matters that confront the country; that they have not realized their power recently acquired with their new estate. Whether this is true or not of colored women, that they are not alive to the great opportunities presented in this campaign, to be of worth to their race, it is our business to instill this realization into them. If Mahomet does not come to this vast mountain of opportunity, we are going to move the mountain to his front door."

"Colored women have done much with organization for good, independent of the suffrage. They have felt more keenly than the men the vast injustice that has been visited upon their race. They stood behind the American armies with sacrifices and prayers. Colored mothers gave 400,000 sons to the defense of the flag. To them the League of Nations is thoroughly understood. It means that their boys shall be sent to Armenia, or to any country that the League may direct, to fight for questions in which they have no concern. No American mother has made a

refuge than the colored American mother. She believes that mandates at home are eminently more necessary than mandates abroad. "Senator Harding has opened the door of hope by giving the assurance to the race that the wrongs that have been perpetrated against it by the Democratic party will cease with his election. The Republican party, standing as it does for the last word in freedom, began its existence upon the principle of liberty by abolishing slavery, and is living up to its traditions in being the prime mover and largest contributor to the greatest emancipation of the century—granting the suffrage to all womankind. "Realizing the fact that there are 2,913,000 colored women of voting age, we are urging the colored women to organize. She is in a position to make herself a power for good and to use her suffrage to the highest purpose. She can be of wonderful aid to her race in its struggles against the oppression that the Democratic party has visited upon it. We have a chance to aid in the redemption and we intend to take advantage of it."

FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS IS RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS ON THE FOLLOWING PLATFORM.

Hon. James Hamilton Lewis will run on the following short platform in his race for Governor of Illinois:

"The Public Utilities Commission must be so reformed as to be a body from which appeals can be taken at once.

"The Tax Commission must be abolished, and in its stead created a commission composed of one representative from each congressional district, and from whose decisions appeal may be taken and heard at once.

"The General Assembly must pass at once laws giving to every city jurisdiction over landlords and tenants, to prevent oppression either in rents or dispossession; to grant the city right to loan money to build homes for its worthy people; and pass laws giving tenants opportunity to become land owners.

Heavy taxation of our people must be reduced, and by increase of inheritance tax on large estates, the whole amount to go to the state and not to the federal government, raise the burden of taxation which now rests on the owner of a little home and the beneficiary of small incomes.

"Roads must be built—once to bring the farmer and his produce to the markets, and no longer should the money now held by the state be kept in the treasury to serve any special interests. "Immediate connection by waterway

REV. S. L. BIRT, WELL RECEIVED AT BOTH THE SUNDAY MORNING AND EVENING SERVICES AT BETHEL CHURCH. BETHEL'S NEW PASTOR HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING A MASTER CHURCH BUILDER.

He Constructed the New St. Paul Church at Des Moines, Iowa, Which Cost Sixty-five Thousand Dollars; It Has a Membership of Fourteen Hundred and Fifty-seven; It Pays Its Pastor Two Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars Per Year and Furnishes Him With a Fine Ten-Room Parsonage, It Is One of the Best and Most Modern Churches in the Chicago A. M. E. Conference.

Eight Or Ten New Members Joined Bethel Last Sunday Evening and Rev. Birt Made a Good Impression While Dishing up a Good Old Methodist Sermon.

Rev. Birt Has for a Long Time Been a Regular Subscriber to This Paper and His Good Wife, Mrs. Birt, States, "That The Broad Ax Is One of the Very Best Newspapers Published in the Interest of the Colored Race in the United States."

It has been contended by those who attended the recent Chicago A. M. E. Conference which was held at Des Moines, Iowa, that it was the best and the greatest conference in the history of the church, the reports were far ahead of those in previous years.

Some changes were made at its close among the most important was the assigning of Rev. S. L. Birt, late pastor and builder of St. Paul Church, Des Moines, Iowa, to Bethel Church, this city, and Rev. W. D. Cook of Bethel Church to St. Paul, Des Moines, much bitterness and dissatisfaction has arisen over this appointment, so much so until Rev. W. D. Cook has abandoned Christian labors in behalf of his Lord and Master at Des Moines, Iowa, and Rev. Cook and many of his friends and followers have finally withdrawn from the A. M. E. connection and they have established an independent church and for the time being they will worship each Sunday morning and evening at the Wendell Phillips High School.

Many of the old time and the leading members of Bethel and the other A. M. E. Churches maintain that it is the right of any man or member of their church including its preachers to change. Assuming that that is true then it might be well for the public to know the facts in the case there was nothing irregular as far as a blind man can see in the change of Rev. Cook from Bethel Church, in accordance with the rule or the custom of that church, for he was assigned to a first-class church, one of the finest owned by the colored race in this country, with a seating capacity of 1600, with a membership of 1,475, paying a yearly salary to its pastor of two thousand and eight hundred dollars with some good pickings on the side and furnishing its preacher with an elegant ten-room parsonage.

Much has been said lately, both pro and con in reference to the action of Bishop L. J. Coppin in removing preachers from place to place, but if we mistake not the law of the A. M. E. Book of discipline invests every Bishop in the A. M. E. Church with the

undisputed right to remove any preacher without any cause at the expiration of one year and the outgoing pastor of Bethel had been assigned to this appointment five consecutive times and according to the A. M. E. Church law he could not be reappointed for the sixth year unless the presiding Bishop used his discretionary power which he has been clothed with by all the members of the A. M. E. Church through their delegates who are selected to attend the General Conference of the church every four years.

With these plain statements of facts before us it is no more than right that the members of the A. M. E. should read the A. M. E. Discipline and then they would be in a far better position to understand the facts in the case and than possibly they will refrain from censuring and damning any Bishop for removing any preacher at the end of the year for that is within the bounds of his rights which he has derived from all of the members of the A. M. E. Church.

It must be said to the credit of Rev. Birt, that when he assumed his duties as Pastor of St. Paul Church at Des Moines, Iowa, in September, 1915, he found its members holding services in an old frame structure, at that time it had four hundred and ninety members and Rev. Birt made up his mind that his congregation should or ought to have a new or better church and the final result was that after much hard work he erected the new St. Paul at a cost of sixty-five thousand dollars and it is one of the best and most modern church buildings in the A. M. E. connection, at the present time it has a full membership 1,133, and for this year it collected \$7,375.84, its indebtedness all told in round figures is \$22,000. Rev. and his good wife Mrs. Birt, are still held in the highest esteem by all the leading white and colored citizens of Des Moines, Iowa, as stated above Rev. Birt is a regular subscriber to The Broad Ax and Mrs. Birt, who greatly assists him in his church work, states that it is one of the best newspapers published in the interest of the colored race in the United States.

THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY CLUB.

Whoever it was that created the Phyllis Wheatley Club, and pardon our selfishness the writer, was interested and wrote about it, before it was done, fumed and fretted, flattered and flayed until it was done, well anyhow Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis put it on the map, and she is still sponsor. We were going to say "It's every bit our own because no white man or woman exercises a bit of authority over our greatest southern race attempt to save our girls. They owe \$3,700. Let every church and organization, club or association contribute liberally to help them pay off the debt.

By this you are helping girls of your own race, and may be of your own future offspring. You are not helping Mrs. Davis. You are helping the thing she is helping that is all.

The Ohio School of Mental Sciences, 5343 S. State street held its autumn opening Wednesday evening, at which time a delightful literary and musical program was rendered. A discussion followed "Why People Fail and How to Succeed."

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Birt and the rest of their family are stopping at the Vincennes Hotel, until they can move into the parsonage belonging to Bethel Church, at 3135 Calumet avenue.