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As A General Rule, the Vast Majority of Republican and Democratic Politicians Are Thoroughly Honest, and It Is Very Seldom That Any of Them Ever Attempt To Evade Paying Their Advertising Bills to Newspaper Men



MRS. BERTHA MONTGOMERY

President of the Women's Cook County Permanent Republican Club, Vice-President and One of the Directors of the Real Estate Mortgage and Bond Corporation, Vice-President of the Mayflower Club, President of the John R. Tanner Auxiliary of the Volunteer Veterans of the Spanish-American War.

Mrs. Bertha Montgomery is one of the best and most favorably known colored women in this city and county. She is deeply interested in everything for the advancement or the upbuilding of the colored race.

Within the last three or four years she has succeeded in placing quite a number of colored women in responsible positions in the various departments in the city and county government.

For more than three years Mrs. Montgomery has efficiently served as one of the clerks in the offices of the

Board of Assessors of Cook County and she is a great admirer and a strong follower of Hon. Charles Krutchoff, and at all times, she has his fullest confidence, and by her agreeable and pleasant manner, she has won the respect of all the clerks, both men and women, connected with the Board of Assessors.

She is a heavy stockholder in the Public Life Insurance Company, and her husband, Mr. W. H. Montgomery, is superintendent of the South Side branch of that company, with headquarters at 39th and State streets.

She is also a stockholder and one of the officers of the Knox Beauty College.

As stated above, Mrs. Montgomery is prominently connected with the Real Estate Mortgage and Bond Corporation. Aside from being vice president of the May Flower Club, she is prominently identified with the Easter Lily Club, which has more than three thousand members and which is one of the greatest organizations among colored women in the United States.

As president of the Women's Cook County Permanent Republican Club, Mrs. Montgomery is working very hard for the success of all the candidates on the Crowe ticket, except one or two, at the primaries Tuesday, April 11.

BROKER KRIEBEL NABBED ON "CON GAME" CHARGES

Customer of Defunct Firm Causes Arrest

Fred L. Kriebel, head of the brokerage firm of Kriebel & Co., which failed March 7 with liabilities of \$4,000,000 was arrested Tuesday and for a short time detained at the detective bureau. He was charged with operating a confidence game.

The arrest was made by Detective Sergeants Birmingham and McGinnis of the bureau. The warrant was sworn out by Gus D. Golding, 3411 Ogden avenue, a roofing contractor. Kriebel gave his age as 43 and Winnetka as his home. Bond was furnished by Leonard H. Roach, a Winnetka real estate dealer.

Charges "Con" Game

Attorney Sidney Baumburger, appearing for Golding, charged Kriebel had been guilty of a confidence game in taking \$1,236 from Golding and failing to fulfill promises made at the time.

Kriebel was summoned before Referee in Bankruptcy Wean Tuesday afternoon to testify in the bankruptcy proceedings against the firm. According to W. W. Wheelock, receiver assets are few and hard to find.

Edward Tilden, investment banker, and son of William A. Tilden, also was called to testify. It is said that Kriebel conducted many transactions through Mr. Tilden's firm.

Hints of concealed assets were heard at the hearing and the rumors will be investigated.

Used Other Firm's Name

Thomas W. Luebker, secretary and treasurer of the firm, was called to Mr. Wean's offices as a witness. He stated that Kriebel & Co. carried accounts with other firms under the name of T. W. Luebker & Co.

"Why that name?" he was asked. "Because Kriebel & Co. did not have a good name among some of the other firms," he answered.

Postal inspectors began a thorough investigation of the firm. They had been informed there is a possibility it used the mails to defraud, they said.

Stock Not Purchased

Patrons say that they bought stock on the part payment plan, paying 20 per cent, and following with monthly payments. They received dividends, but investigators say that Kriebel & Co. did not really purchase the stock ordered. According to the government authorities, this constitutes a fraud. It is further charged that the firm knew it was insolvent six months before bankruptcy proceedings were instituted, but continued to receive payments from its patrons through the mails.

Thousands of Investors

It is estimated there are thousands of cases where people invested their savings with Kriebel & Co., and Receiver W. W. Wheelock can find no stock in the assets of the firm.

Mr. Franklin V. Babb was the leading colored man representing Kriebel & Co. on the South Side. He never advertised to the extent of one penny in the columns of this newspaper but on the other hand he placed all of his advertising in the columns of the greatest weekly newspaper in the world which enabled Kriebel & Co. to skin the short-sighted colored people out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.—Editor.

JUDGE SHERIDAN E. FRY, PRESIDING OVER THE SMALL CLAIMS BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF CHICAGO; IN 1914 ENTERED UP JUDGMENT FOR TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND COST IN FAVOR OF JULIUS F. TAYLOR, AND AGAINST FORMER ALDERMAN JOSEPH A. SWIFT, WHO WAS DEFEATED FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE 30TH WARD AT THE ALDERMANIC ELECTION IN 1914.

It can be truthfully stated that in our long experience in coming in contact with politicians, extending over a period of more than twenty years, that we can cheerfully testify that we have always found the vast majority of them to be honest in their statements in reference to paying their newspaper bills for advertising. Sometimes some of them may be slow in settling up their indebtedness but they generally get it done just the same and frequently a few of them have been unable to square up everything until six months or one year after they were either elected or defeated. But those who are honest, who desire to deal fairly with their fellow men will in the end come up with the right thing for they regard newspaper advertising as a commercial proposition or transaction and no one can successfully play at the game of politics nor succeed in the business world very long unless they half way play the game square.

With much pride it can be further honestly stated that we always endeavor to deal square with the politicians and if we give them our word and honor that we will do so and so or that we will not do so and so, as the case might be, we always manage to keep our word with them and that counts for a great deal in the long run.

Right at this point it might not be out of place to state that after doing business with Democrats and Republican politicians in this city during the period mentioned above only two of them have deliberately and in a cold blooded manner attempted to beat or skin us out of the money which they honestly owed us for advertising in the columns of The Broad Ax, namely the Hon. Anton J. Cermak, the would-be sheriff of Cook County and he has the great distinction of being the first person with the rotten ruling of Judge John R. Caverly to put it over on us in that respect. It was a good thing that the Hon. Anton J. Cermak owed us such a small sum of money for if it had been a larger amount we would have appealed the case to the appellate court and beat him and Judge Caverly to a dead stand still.

HON. MORRIS ELLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE CROWE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION, HAS SELECTED MRS. MARGARET GAINOR AS HIS SECRETARY

Wednesday, all the colored people frequenting the Crowe headquarters in the Briggs House were highly delighted when they learned that Hon. Morris Eller, one of the Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago, and the wise and farseeing chairman of the Crowe Committee on organization, had selected Mrs. Margaret Gainor as secretary of the committee.

It is the first time in the history of Cook County that any of the big Republican politicians have been broad or liberal minded enough to select a colored woman to such an important position.

Two weeks prior to the aldermanic primaries in the spring of 1914, our phone rang early one morning and the voice on the other end of the wire said this is "Attorney Walter T. Stanton, and I wish to inform you that Alderman Joseph A. Swift wants to see you at his place of business, South Halsted street and 54th place; call in to see him this morning," which we did and during our conversation with Alderman Swift he requested us to call on his lawyer, Mr. Walter T. Stanton, and he would give us his double column newspaper cut and an article in favor of his re-nomination for Alderman of the 30th Ward.

The article and cut of Alderman Swift appeared in the columns of this paper the Saturday before the primaries and the Alderman and Mr. Stanton liked it very much and thought it would do him a great deal of good among the colored people residing in the 30th Ward. That same Saturday evening before the primaries a citizens' meeting was held at St. Mary's A. M. E. Church, 53rd and South Dearborn streets and residing in the 30th Ward at that time we attended the meeting and Mr. Stanton insisted that we should preside over the meeting which we did and informed the colored people that it was only a local contest, that Alderman Swift had in the past been fair in his dealings with the colored people; that he had cheerfully done many favors for them, that he had endeavored to keep the streets and alleys clean, where the majority of the colored people resided and that he was morally entitled to receive at least some of the votes of the colored people on primary day.

Alderman Swift was unable to attend the meeting himself, for he did not arrive at the church until a few minutes after the last person had left the church but Mr. Stanton and former Alderman Michael McInerney informed him that we had presided over the meeting and had spoken very nicely in favor of his re-nomination and Alderman Swift heartily thanked us for doing so and at the same time he requested us to call in and see him Monday, Feb. 22, which was Washington's Birthday.

(To be continued next week)

ATTORNEY A. L. WILLIAMS HAS BECOME THE CROWE AND BRUNDAGE LEADER IN THE SECOND WARD IN THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Last Saturday, Attorney A. L. Williams was selected as the head boss or manager of the Crowe and Brundage forces of the Second Ward and opened campaign headquarters in the Roosevelt State Bank Building, 35th street and Grand boulevard.

Mr. Williams is holding big meetings nightly in every part of the district. The followers of Crowe and Brundage have united on Mr. Williams as their legislative candidate and they expect to land him in the legislature at Springfield, Illinois.



HON. MARTIN B. MADDEN

The Greatest Champion of the Civil and Political Rights of the Colored Race in America Today, Who Will Be Re-elected to Congress from the First Congressional District of Illinois.

ALDERMAN THOMAS O. WALLACE WILL MAKE A DANDY TRUSTEE OF THE SANITARY DISTRICT OF CHICAGO

Alderman Thomas O. Wallace, the Brundage Republican candidate for

Trustee of the Sanitary District of Chicago, is one of the best and most progressive members of the City Council and as he is always right on all things which will benefit the colored people it goes without saying that thousands of colored men and women will record their votes in favor of his nomination Tuesday, April 11.



HON. SHERIDAN E. FRY

One of the Former Able Judges of the Municipal Court of Chicago, Who Will Be Re-nominated at the Primaries Tuesday, April 11th, to Make the Race for One of the Judgeships of That Court. In 1914 He Entered Up Judgment for Twenty-Five Dollars and Cost in the Municipal Court Against Alderman Joseph A. Swift in Favor of Julius F. Taylor.



HON. MICHAEL ROSENBERG

Member of the Constitutional Convention of Illinois, Who Always Votes Right on All Questions Effecting the Political Status of the Colored People in This State, Who Employs All the Time More Than Two Hundred and Fifty Colored Men and Women; One of the Big Leaders of the Democratic Party on the Northwest Side Who is Bound to be Nominated As One of the Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago Tuesday, April 11th.