



**SECRET ORDERS**  
EDITORIAL SYNOPSIS.

In looking over the address made by Brother Chase, in my opinion, it is a very able document and strikes the mark. We can say this one thing, that THE BEE's great aim in life is to defend the oppressed and to show up corruption and dirt. In many cases if you want to make enemies you tell the truth and you will accomplish the object. I would suggest in the future that people follow one advice, viz: be careful how you monkey around the bee hive. The bee hive in this case is fortified with a special corps of bees, armed with sharp stingers. In conclusion, if you get stung, don't holler. THE BEE never laughs in your face and then the moment your back is turned, apply the knife. It believes in downing tyranny and protecting the weak. THE BEE will always act proper while working under this platform.

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**NECROLOGY.**

It is with much regret that we announce the departure of Sharif P. T. Simmons, 32° and K. T. to the Unseen Temple Schawall, 29 Higera, 1314, which answers to April 2, 1897. Deceased was formerly of Washington, D. C., and with his wife settled in Helena, Montana. He was a barber by trade and his wife a hair dresser. No children. He was under the domain of the Crescent and Acmet Mosque, Oasis, Helena, Montana.—Aleikum-es-Salaam.

Cyrus Crandall, of Jersey City, died recently. Deceased was said to be the oldest Mason in the United States. He was born in 1803 and entered the Order 21 years after.

March 29, at St. Louis, Mo., Lee Pou, Grand Secretary of Chinese Masons in this country, died. At the funeral over 15,000 people attended.

**GEMS FROM THE QUARRIES.**

[Washington Times, April 22, 1897.]

Crescent Consistory, Thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., Southern and Western Masonic jurisdiction of the United States, by unanimous vote last Tuesday, changed the name of the Consistory to that of D. F. Seville, in honor to D. F. Seville, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council. This Consistory is composed of the representative colored Masons of Kansas and located at Topeka.

[Washington Times, April 24, 1897.]

**MASONS INVITE THE PRESIDENT.**

WINCHESTER, Va., April 24.—At a recent communication of Hiram Lodge of Masons, of the city, a committee was appointed to make a visit to President McKinley and extend to him an invitation to visit the lodge at any time most convenient and agreeable to himself. This committee will go to Washington at an early date. President McKinley was invited, passed and raised to Hiram Lodge during the late war, and it is most likely that he will accept the invitation.

Suffolk Lodge, No. 60, F. A. M., (New York,) celebrated its Centennial last month.

The Odd Fellows of Tennessee, known as Gap Creek Lodge, No. 72, meet in a large cave. It is equipped with all the paraphernalia. The cave is eighteen by sixty-eight feet in height.

The Masonic National University at Beaver, Pa., is expected to be completed by July, 1898. It will accommodate 5,000 children—boys and girls.

**SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY.**

At the annual election of King David's Consistory, No. 3, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, held on Friday evening, March 19th, 1897, in the valley of New York, under the authority of the Supreme Grand Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, (Northern jurisdiction.) The following named officers were duly elected and appointed and regularly installed by Illustrious M. L. Hunter, 33°, Deputy of the Valley of New York: Illustrious James H. Lewis, 32°, Commander-in-Chief; Illustrious E. B. Dalton, 32°, First Lieutenant Commander; Illustrious James McCadden, 32°, Second Lieutenant Commander; Illustrious Levi Williams, 32°, Minister of State; Illustrious E. T. Matthews, 32°, Grand Chancellor; Illustrious William H. Henderson, 32°, Grand Treasurer; Illustrious Benjamin Myers, 32°, Grand Secretary; Illustrious James M. Reed, 32°, Grand Hospitalier; Illustrious M. A. Tazewell, 32°, Grand Organist; Illustrious D. T. Brown, 32°, Grand Captain of Guard; Illustrious Shadruck Harris, 32°, Grand Sentinel. Zerubabel Lodge Perfection: Illustrious John J. Jackson, 32°, T. P. Grand Master; Darius Council, Princess of Jerusalem: Illustrious William E. Hagerman, 32°, M. E. Sov. Grant Master; Mount Olive, Rose Croix Chapter; Illustrious Robert H. Huclers, 32°, Most Wise.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29th, 1894.

R. G. STILL, Sir: I desire to offer the enclosed charges against Henry Thompson and John C. Mack, republicans, asking that immediate consideration be given them, also desire to call your attention to the state of affairs now existing among negro democratic employees. Discontent and dissatisfaction is so ap-

**CYRUS V. GATES, ESQ.**

PROMINENTLY MENTIONED FOR THE RECORDERSHIP.

Mr. Gates has always been a staunch party man and attained considerable reputation in the last campaign as the President of the Sound Money Club of the District.

It was while serving in this capacity that he was chosen as second by Hon. Henry E. Davis, (the well-known Columbian Professor and Washington lawyer, recently nominated by the President for the office of District Attorney) in his debate with the Hon. Stilson Hutchins at Convention Hall. In this contest Mr. Gates earned himself much credit, and he was urged in consequence to make the fight for the Recorder of Deeds in the District. This is a most honorable office, well worthy of any man's best efforts. He has consented to make the fight, and will wage it merrily from now on.

He is a good republican and a young man worthy of consideration.

He has been strongly indorsed by the McKinley and Howart Interstate Club of this city, and would no doubt make a good official.

The Personal Liberty League, a strong colored organization has been making a good fight for Mr. Gates and seemed to be very much encouraged.

"The big colored man" and so called leader is more in evidence by what he says than what he does, for the practical upbuilding of his race.—Aiamo City Advance.



MAGNUS L. ROBINSON.

EDITOR, SECRETARY JOHN HAY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AND MEMBER OF THE CITY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

It is with pleasure that we present to our readers this week, the portrait of Virginia's oldest colored editor, Magnus L. Robinson, editor of *The Alexandria Leader*, which he has been editing for past seventeen years. Mr. Robinson is now a candidate for Collector of Port, at Alexandria, Va., and a better man could not be appointed. He will undoubtedly fill this position with credit to his race and party. He is a staunch republican and one that the present administration should, and will likely recognize.

Magnus L. Robinson spent his time and money battling for the moral, intellectual, industrial, and political improvement of his people in the 8th Virginia District. He is one of the most modest colored leaders in public life. He is foremost in everything that pertains to the elevation of his people in Virginia, and if justice is given to the workers of the colored republicans of Virginia, Magnus L. Robinson should be invited to take a prominent and lucrative position in State or National or Federal patronage. Editor Robinson has been a staunch supporter of President McKinley and Hon. Park Agnew, and the friends that he, will earn the gratitude of the Afro-American press and republicans in general to provide a lucrative position for Virginia's pioneer editor—Magnus L. Robinson.

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