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LANGSTON DEAD.

Hon. John Mercer Langston has been called to his last account. Perhaps there has not been a man of the race whose experience in public life has been more varied or honorable. From slavery to school, thence through law practice, exalted diplomatic position, Congressional honor and responsibility. Prof. Langston has evinced the possibilities of the negro whose character is grounded in a love of humanity, of race and country, when aided by strong intellectual powers, moral courage and an unconquerable will. As a man, whether among young men, wise counselors, astute politicians or educators he ever remained the same dignified, manly and impressive character. In his domestic relations he was the bright orb, around which rolled in sweet harmony the dear but lesser lights, to brighten, to strengthen and to foster filial love and happiness. He was especially fond of the association of young men who loved him and emulated his example because of the unselfishness he always displayed and the wise course he administered. The race will miss him and for those who for years have clustered around his magnificent personality at the home circle, the loss will be irreparable. Who can fill his place is not now known, but he who doeth all things well, will we trust raise up a character for us at least as good and great as that of John Mercer Langston.

It is quite early in the senatorial canvass for the enemies of Senator Hanna to be prophesying his defeat. Senator Hanna is not to be scared off by the wild and fiendish demonstrations of the opposition. He has earned re-election upon an unequivocal arrangement in which the party pledged its honor in open convention and long before the snow shall have melted on the dome of the Capitol at Columbus. Mark Hanna will be warming his seat and taking a warm interest and active part in the legislation of the country. It will be a "hot time in old town" when the legislature meets and Mark Hanna will be strickly in it.

A FULL JAIL.

It is hardly necessary for the people to ask why a new judge in the Police Court is necessary. All they have to do is to visit the jail and workhouse and ask some of the inmates who sent them there.

JUDGE SCOTT.

The remarks of Judge Scott at the memorial meeting held in the Police Court on last Monday, were full of pathos, honesty and sincerity. They were the words of an honest man, who has the manhood to recognize merit. Judge Scott has endeared himself to the people since he has been on the bench.

Trustee Bruce wants it distinctly understood that he is no wise connected with the committee having charge of the musical directorship. Superintendent Cook, is also out of it. The musical committee alone will have to bear the burden of this examination.

LEFT-HANDED ECONOMY.

Extension and improvement are urgently needed in every department of our school system. In the academic as well as in the industrial departments we are in need of new teachers and more of the improved appliances to facilitate instruction and insure proper education. Every year an increased appropriation is asked for, yet, while in the management of the white schools every available cent is used up, those in charge of our colored schools can return to the treasury every year a large sum in the shape of unexpended balance. And this, too, while we are asking for more money. It seems to us that the foolish practice of withholding moneys which should be applied to needed reforms and improvements of the system, partakes more of parsimony than of economy. It is hoped that our trustees will find a place for all the money which Congress appropriates and that the Superintendent will make such suggestions in the line of extension and improvement as will make the expenditure of the entire school fund necessary. By this means we can consistently ask for more money.

That fearless and patriotic negro journal, The Vindicator, published at Columbus, Ohio, and edited by Ralph W. Tyler, one of the most pungent writers in the country, utters a simple truth when it says that the colored people of the United States ask and expect the appointment of Hon. B. K. Bruce, as Register of the Treasury. Recognizing Mr. Bruce as the greatest living negro, it feels that this appointment would be in an important sense a recognition of the growth and advancement of the race. Editor Tyler enjoys and deserves the confidence of the republican party of the State of Ohio and what he says is entitled to great weight and consideration. The BEE fully shows the opinion of its distinguished contemporary.

The Leavenworth Herald, which is generally correct in its statements relative to race matters is slightly in error when it names Col. Youngblood, third auditor of the treasury as a colored man. Col. Youngblood is an unadulterated white man and a member of the national committee from Alabama.

OUR NORMAL SCH. OL.

In an article published in these columns two weeks ago we ventured to suggest a means of obviating unfavorable comment upon the management of the Normal School. The suggestion bearing upon the constitution of a committee to select questions and conduct the examinations we think practicable and highly necessary as a means of stimulating competition and inspiring confidence. We would also suggest that the pupils of the Normal School be required to practice in the various schools throughout the city, thus enabling them to meet the various shades of intellect and temperament and thus to adequately prepare them for duty. To connect their observation and training to one school and one set of children is, in our opinion, manifestly injudicious and hurtful.

The industrial departments of the school system need reforms, and that badly. It remains to be seen whether we are to squander money on a side show or to unite to make the various departments productive of good results.

Col. S. A. Perkins, the genial and able assistant secretary of the National Committee, deserves well of the party. Through his influence and untiring energy many voters in the various states were induced to go home to help swell the republican majorities. The part he played in the recent campaign indicates that he is an astute politician, who promises to reach an exalted position in the councils of the party leaders. The state of Washington may yet call into requisition the splendid capabilities of the young secretary, by honoring him with their votes for a representative office. At least we hope so.

THE PROPER MAN.

Hon. James E. Boyd, of North Carolina, assistant attorney general, is favorably mentioned as a successor to Attorney General McKenna, who is slated to go on the Supreme bench, vice Justice Field, who is to be retired in December. Hon. J. E. Boyd is well equipped to fill the position as attorney general, and the southern republicans are a unit for him.

President McKinley would give additional recognition and encouragement to the national republican party in the south by acceding to the wishes and just claims of the party in the south, which is solidly in favor of Mr. Boyd's appointment as attorney general.

Some of our contemporaries seem a little confused as to the reasons which moved Dr. Elbert to decline a consulship tendered him by the administration. It is all very simple, Dr. Elbert, unfortunately, failed to pass the examination required of applicants for consulship.

MRS. TERRELL SUED.

The suit brought against Mrs. Mary Church-Terrell is to be regretted. THE BEE is more inclined to believe that the lady trustee has been imposed upon, and misled to do things that will cause her great embarrassment.

The charge she made against Mr. Cook was unnecessary. If Mrs. Terrell had a candidate for musical director she could have supported him without a brass band procession. There is but one thing for the Commissioners to do, and that is retire Mrs. Terrell from the board of school trustees.

A lady, who was admitted by all, at one time, has by her own acts caused herself to become unpopular among the masses. THE BEE would advise the lady, if she will accept THE BEE'S advice, to compromise this suit.

THE EXAMINATION NOT PRACTICAL.

From what THE BEE could ascertain about the recent examination for musical director it was not at all a practical one. Notwithstanding it is presumed that Prof. Layton stood a higher examination than Mrs. Alice Strange-Davis and, if what is reported be true, some one will be called upon to explain.

There was too much interest manifested by some one in authority in one of the candidates. It was also prevalent that suggestions made to others were not in good faith.

It is quite evident that explanations will be in order, and the charge that young Cook has made will cause greater explanations if, what is attempted, is carried into effect.

NOT SATISFIED.

There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction as to the methods that were adopted in the recent examination for musical director. Mr. Morsell one of the committee knows nothing about school music and while Mr. Xander is a fine gentleman, it is the opinion of many that some of his questions might have been left unasked. As to Miss Wilson, THE BEE will not say at this time, all it knows as to her interest in one of the candidates. There will undoubtedly be a big howl after the committee reports. The examination was far from being practical.

DEMANDING JUDGE KIMBALL'S REMOVAL.

There is a popular demand for the removal of Judge Kimball of the Police Court. The BEE still maintains that the removal of Judge Kimball from the Police Court is an absolute necessity from a judicial standpoint and it is hoped that the President will see the importance of it.

The District democrats are being well cared for under the District government.

LANGSTON IS DEAD.

THE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT AND STATESMAN PASSES AWAY—JUSTICES BINGHAM AND SCOTT MAKE EULOGISTIC SPEECHES—THE COURT ADJOURNS IN HIS HONOR—THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR PAY HIM TRIBUTE.

Ex-Congressman John Mercer Langston, the Statesman and lawyer, died at his residence, 225 Fourth Street northwest, at 8:30 o'clock Monday night. He was surrounded by his entire family in his last hours, his four children having been summoned to his bedside.

Mr. Langston came home from a professional visit to Maryland last week, where he had been engaged upon some lawsuits. He was broken down physically and in great need of rest, which he expected to obtain at his home. He was also slightly affected with malaria, and while in that condition was seized last Thursday with an attack of acute indigestion. His condition at once became alarming. He grew unconscious, and the attending physician could offer no immediate assurances to his family, and it was then that telegrams were sent to the two sons and daughter. On Saturday, when his two sons, Arthur D. Langston, principal of the Dumas colored school of St. Louis, and Ralph Langston, a resident of New York, arrived at the old home, they found their father greatly improved and were given hopes by the attending physician, who regarded his recovery as a matter only of such time as would be required to again build up his broken down system. On Sunday, Mrs. Nettie Napier, the daughter, arrived from Nashville, Tenn., finding her father in about the same condition as he was on Saturday.

About 10 o'clock Monday morning he suddenly took a turn for the worse, and his condition was at once regarded as dangerous. The attending physicians announced a few hours later that the last attack would undoubtedly prove fatal and all the hopes of his recovery were abandoned. He sank gradually, and at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening breathed his last.

BEGAN LIFE A SLAVE.

Mr. Langston was one of the foremost men in the country, having been often honored with high positions locally and nationally. He was born a slave in 1829 in Louisa County, Virginia. When about six years of age he was emancipated, and his owner, who died about that time, provided quite liberally for him as well. He was later sent to Ohio, where his education was entrusted to W. D. Gooch, a neighbor of Mr. Langston's owner, who had also liberated his slaves and gone to Ohio to live.

When Mr. Langston was about ten years of age Mr. Gooch started for Missouri, taking Langston with him, but suit was brought against Gooch, charging him with abduction, the late Allen G. Thurman, then a rising young lawyer, prosecuting. The trial resulted in prohibiting the removal of young Langston from the State. He was sent to school in Cincinnati, and in 1848 entered Oberlin College, passing through the preparatory, collegiate, and theological departments, graduating from the last named in 1852. He had no intention of entering the clerical profession, but studied theology to increase his range of knowledge and better prepare himself for the bar. Not being able to gain admission to a regular law school, he pursued his studies in the office of Mr. Philemon Bliss, of Elvira, in which town he was first admitted to practice. Mr. Langston had the honor of being the first of his race to be admitted to the bar in the West, and the first to be elected to office on a popular vote in this country, the office being that of clerk of the townships of Brownhelm and Russia, which he held from 1852 to 1855. He practiced law successfully for twelve years in Ohio and was for eleven years a member of the Board of Education of Oberlin.

PROMINENT AS AN EDUCATOR.

He left Oberlin and went to Washington to accept the office of General Inspector of Education under the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, in which capacity he served for over three years, visiting all the principal points in the South, addressing, wherever he stopped, large assemblies of white and colored people. In 1868, he accepted the professorship of the law department of Howard University, was afterward elected Vice President and acting President, and had conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He served for nearly seven years as a member of and attorney for the Board of Health of the District of Columbia, and from 1877 to 1885 was Minister and Consul General to Haiti. On his return to this country in 1885, he became President of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute at Petersburg, Va., where he remained for three years, when he was elected to the Fifty-first Congress.

Since his career in Congress, Mr. Langston had been engaged in the practice of law in this city. He was foremost in the advocacy of the rights of his race and was ever ready to protect the helpless against injustice and oppression. He was a staunch republican, and wielded a powerful influence among his people. He took part in national and State politics and was an eloquent and forceful speaker.

IN COURT.

The death of the late John M. Langston was formally called to the attention of Judge Scott Tuesday morning in the Police Court, by W. Calvin Chase. A few days ago, said Mr. Chase, the members of the bar were called upon to take action on the death of Judge Miller. Today the speaker had to call attention to the demise of a friend and benefactor, and a most distinguished American citizen.

The deceased was a friend of young men, Mr. Chase went on to say. He was a humanitarian, loved, and respected by all. In his death, said he, a friend and a distinguished member of the bar had passed away. Mr. Campbell Carrington next addressed the court. "A few days ago," he said, "the colored members of this bar gathered to pay a tribute of respect to a man of my race and their

friend, Judge Miller. I now desire to pay a tribute of respect to a man of their race and their friend. I had known Mr. Langston from childhood, and he was a true friend; brave, chivalrous and true. He was regarded as a great man, not only here, but throughout the country at large. And, withal, he was a Christian."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The resolutions set forth that in the death of Mr. Langston the country has lost an able and useful representative, the community a respected citizen, the bar an able and brilliant advocate, and his family a good and loving husband and father.

Condolence and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family were extended in the resolutions.



JOHN A. MOSS.

Attorney John Moss said he had known Mr. Langston since 1866. "He was the embodiment of all that was good," said Mr. Moss. "No man can be great unless he is good." His address was sympathetic and eloquent.

Assistant District Attorney, James L. Fugh, Jr., speaking as a representative of the District government and in his individual capacity, said that the deceased was indeed a representative man and faithful to every trust confided in him.

After attorney J. M. Ricks had addressed the court, briefly, speaking of Mr. Langston as the friend of all men, Attorney Thomas L. Jones, the law partner and intimate friend of the deceased, arose.

"John Mercer Langston, the greatest living colored American, has fallen," he began. "He was a father to me—" At this point Mr. Jones was so affected by emotion that he was unable to proceed. This was a sad and effective scene. It was fully ten minutes before Lawyer Jones regained himself. His remarks caused tears to flow from the eyes of many who filled the court room.

JUDGE SCOTT'S TRIBUTE.

From the bench Judge Scott said he considered it an honor to endorse the resolutions that had been offered.

"I was born and reared in Virginia," said Judge Scott, "and have been acquainted with Mr. Langston's people since infancy. I rejoice in the position taken in this country by the colored people. Mr. Langston had been my friend for thirty years, and I esteem him very highly. We have lost a great friend and a distinguished lawyer. His fame graces the universe. His is a name recorded as a friend of humanity wherever civilization has spread. His exemplary life was an inspiration to all men. His name will live in the hearts of the young men of the country as an everlasting inspiration." Judge Scott arose from his seat when he spoke and his remarks were clear and eloquent. He spoke of Mr. Langston as a man, scholar and an American citizen.

The court room was crowded with spectators of all classes and nationalities, and not an eye was dry in the court room.

In the Criminal Court No. 1 the death of Mr. Langston was announced by Mr. R. S. Smith, who moved that when the court adjourned it do so in respect to the memory of the deceased. That action was taken.

The executive committee of Virginia Republican Association decided Tuesday to call a meeting for that evening at their headquarters, for the purpose of taking suitable action relative to the death of Mr. Langston.

The funeral services were held in the Metropolitan church, Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Sterling N. Brown officiated, assisted by Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, of Shiloh Baptist church; Rev. F. J. Grimkie, of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church; Rev. Johnson, of the Metropolitan church; and Dr. J. E. Rankins, of Howard University. Ex-Senator H. W. Blair was introduced and spoke feelingly and eloquently of the deceased.

Prof. J. T. Layton, of the Metropolitan choir, furnished the music and sang a very pretty solo, also did Mr. Sumner Wormley. The choir rendered some very impressive music.

Col. M. M. Holland and Lawyer T. L. Jones managed the funeral. The casket was furnished by funeral director Wright, which was a handsome black.

The church was packed with many distinguished citizens, and even the little school children came to the house and church to pay honor to the distinguished dead.

After the services at the church the body was taken to Harmony cemetery and placed in the receiving vault. It is likely that Mrs. Langston, the widow will remove to Nashville, where she will live with her daughter, Mrs. Napier, and in that event it is understood her husband's body will be buried at Nashville.

The following served as pallbearers: Messrs. W. Calvin Chase, R. H. Terrell, J. M. Ricks, T. B. Warrick, R. S. Smith and Dr. H. W. Haskins.

The honorary pallbearers selected were: B. K. Bruce, John F. Cook, Recorder H. P. Cheatham, Charles R. Douglas, P. B. S. Pritchard, W. H. A. Wormley, Dr. Charles B. Purvis and John P. Green.

The public schools in the city were closed half day to enable the children to attend the funeral. Mr. Langston was respected by the entire American people.

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