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THE SENTIMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

In another column will be found a few of the very many newspaper comments upon the appointment of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury. In the main these comments have the unmistakable sound of solid indorsement and high appreciation.

We heartily congratulate the people on their splendid indorsement, and the President on the wisdom of his selection.

THE AUTHORITY OF A JUDGE.

In the Police Court on last Wednesday morning, when the jury in the case of saloon keeper Thomas E. Banon, reported to the court that they could not agree, thereupon the court got very indignant and inferred that some one had violated his oath as a juror.

After the jury had reported and received such a chastisement from the court a certain negro juror hesitated to the prosecuting officer and informed him how the jury stood. Not being satisfied with this he followed him to his office and asked him whether he was to blame, or rather placed himself in a humiliating position, as if to court his favor, or to give him to understand that he, the juror, was alright.

BRUCE--THE NATION'S CHOICE.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY STRUCK THE KEY NOTE.

THE AMERICAN PRESS UNANIMOUS.

WHAT THE LEADING EDITORS AND CORRESPONDENTS SAY.

[From the Commercial, Louisville, Ky.]

Newspapers of all shades of politics agree that in the appointment of ex-Senator Bruce to be Register of the Treasury, President McKinley has made an admirable selection.



HON. B. K. BRUCE.

[From the Mobile (Ala.) Weekly Press.]

The appointment of ex-Senator Bruce is one of the best made yet by President McKinley and will meet with universal commendation.

[From Southern Age, Atlanta, Ga.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce was appointed Register of the Treasury by President McKinley last week. There were several candidates, among them our distinguished educator, Prof. Wright who but for the fact the President desired to place Mr. Bruce for his past honorable service to his country, would have been appointed.

Mr. Bruce has been known to the writer for a quarter of a century and has been known all the time as a true race representative. He has in and out of season served his people in all the avenues of life and especially here in the Departments (Washington). We have known him all along as one spending his money and time for the race, the sayings of malcontents to the contrary notwithstanding.

The appointment gives the administration the strongest man among Negro leaders.

[From the By-Stander, Des Moines, Iowa.]

Ex-United States Senator B. K. Bruce, formerly from Mississippi, was appointed last week Register of the United States Treasury by President McKinley. No better appointment could have been made and will no doubt meet the general approval of our race.

[From the Record-Times, Wilkes Barre, Pa.]

President McKinley has appointed Mr. Bruce again to the office of Register of the Treasury. It can be said of Mr. Bruce that he has filled every office to which he has been called with conspicuous ability and unquestioned fidelity.

[From Paris (Ohio) Daily Beacon.]

Another worthy recognition of the colored Republicans is the appointment of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, to be Register of the Treasury, to succeed J. F. Tillman, of Tennessee. Senator Bruce once delivered a lecture in this city and will be remembered as a brilliant orator and a man of exceptional polish and intellectual power.

[From the Herald, Rochester, N. Y.]

Blanche K. Bruce, the new Register of the Treasury, is of African descent, but the name on a greenback is not to be sneezed at.

[From the Press, Paterson, N. J.]

In appointing Blanche K. Bruce to the office of Register of the Treasury, a post which he filled with great credit during two former administrations, President McKinley has honored the colored race, one of its ablest members, and himself. Born a slave, and securing his education under the greatest difficulties, Mr. Bruce is a marvel in an intellectual way.

[From the Vickburg (Miss.) Herald.]

The friends of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce are rejoiced over his appointment to his old position of Treasury Register. Unlike certain other ap-

pointments in this and other Southern States this one is above criticism; in all respects creditable to the Administration. The appointee has been long in public life, and his record throughout is clean and manly.

[From the Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Miss.]

President McKinley to day appointed Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi, to be Register of the Treasury. He held this office under the Garfield-Arthur administration, and for several months under the Cleveland administration until relieved by the appointment of General W. S. Rosecrans.

Mr. Bruce is one of the most distinguished colored men in the country. He represented Mississippi in the United States Senate during the reconstruction period, until succeeded by General J. Z. George on March 4, 1881. He has been a regular attendant at every National Republican Convention held since the war. He was a warm supporter of President McKinley at the St. Louis Convention and contributed largely to his nomination.

[From the Republican Vindicator, Columbus, O.]

The appointment of Mr. B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury was foreshadowed in the issue of the "Vindicator" of November 27. We knew at that time that his appointment would be made before the assembling of Congress. In this appointment "The Vindicator" feels somewhat flattered in that its espousal of Mr. Bruce's cause proved a very potent factor in bringing about the desired result.

Mr. Bruce is one of the foremost men of our race and his appointment is a recognition of his worth and ability.

Mr. Bruce is no stranger to this office, having acceptably filled it with credit to himself and the race under President Harrison.

Mr. Bruce enters upon the duties of his office with the best wishes of the race and the entire country.

[From the Savannah (Ga.) Tribune.]

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[From the Item, Forth Worth, Tex.]

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[From the New York Tribune.]

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There is every reason why Mr. Bruce's appointment should be a popular one. Mr. Bruce was an especial admirer of General Grant and they were warm friends. When General Grant made his famous trip around the world, they happened to meet in Paris, and, stopping at nearby hotels, were much together, and tramped about Paris in each other's society.

[From the Indianapolis Freeman.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce has been appointed Register of the Treasury by the President. The fitness of Mr. Bruce has long been understood. He stands as one of the very eminent men of the race of to-day. We feel that if Mr. Bruce desired the position it should have gone to him without much ado.

[From the New York Age.]

The appointment of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, by the President, to be Register of the Treasury, on Thursday of last week will meet with general favor. There were four competitors for the position and the President considered Mr. Bruce as the most competent and acceptable of them.

Mr. Bruce has held many high and honorable positions and made an honorable and satisfactory record in all of them. It is gratifying from every point of view that the race is capable of producing men of such capacity, ability and dignity as Mr. Bruce possesses.

[From the Democrat-Chronicle, Rochester, N. Y.]

The Rochester Union and advertiser says that Blanche K. Bruce, just appointed by President McKinley Register of the Treasury, is a Negro and that "he is appointed simply and solely as a Negro, representative of the colored race."

If our contemporary is correct the "Union's" frequent complaint that the Republican party and those who represent it do not treat the Negro fairly is not well grounded. But the statement quoted above is not entirely true. Mr. Bruce is a man of fine ability and accomplishments. He is better qualified for public station than a large percentage of white men who get offices.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, is one of the most fastidious men in public life, but his opinion of Mr. Bruce was so favorable a few years ago that as

president of a national Republican convention he called that gentleman to the chair to preside during the Senator's temporary absence. There seems to be no reason why he should not be made Register of the Treasury except the fact that he happens to have Negro blood in his veins. Our contemporary does not say that in its opinion that is a disqualification, but the statement we have quoted has a bearing in that direction.

[From the American Baptist, Louisville, Ky.]

The President has ended the spirited contest for Register of the Treasury by appointing the Hon. B. K. Bruce to that position. There will be some disappointment at his nomination and some objection, but none will question his fitness and competency to fill the position. The most prominent candidates for this position in addition to Mr. Bruce were Messrs. R. R. Wright of Georgia; J. C. Napier of Tennessee, and W. A. Gaines of Kentucky. The appointment is received with favor and is generally approved.

[From the People Recorder, Columbia, S. C.]

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While Mr. Bruce counts among his friends all the Republican leaders of the last quarter of the century, Senator Conkling was his warmest friend, and he had for the New York politician a great admiration, which was reciprocated by Conkling, who, to Bruce, never showed any of that arrogance which he was accused of possessing.

Mr. Bruce's only child, a bright boy, now a student at Exeter, from which preparatory school he goes to Harvard, was named for the picturesque Senator from New York, and his father wishes nothing more than he shall model his character after that of his illustrious namesake.

[From the Aberdeen (Miss.) Examiner.]

The appointment of ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, of Bolivar County, Mississippi, as Register of the Treasury to succeed J. F. Tillman, of Tennessee, will give great satisfaction to Mississippians generally, who regard him as a splendid representative of his race, and one whose private life and public career have been distinguished by efforts to a cure and cement kindly relations between the two peoples whose interests and happiness have been providentially blended in this commonwealth.

Coming to our State after the war, he became engaged in planting interests which have claimed his attention ever since. His official life has embraced the positions of sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate, member of the levee board, sheriff of Bolivar County, county superintendent of education, United States Senator, and a term under President Garfield in the office to which he has again been appointed, and while out of office he devoted his time to the lecture platform with great success.

[From the Kansas City (Mo.) Rising Sun.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce knocked the persimmon for which he had been reaching and we congratulate him on his ability to walk away with one of the best positions yet given the Negro.

Mr. Bruce was not our choice, but that has nothing to do with our admiration for the man who has been able to keep himself in a good fat job, whenever his party is in power, ever since he began his career as a politician.

Mr. Bruce has always been an able, efficient representative of the Negro in all the positions to which he has aspired but he lacked that aggressiveness we feel should characterize the acts of a public man, and especially a leader of the Negroes, but perhaps his very conservatism will do more for his race than the quality we so much admire.

Who can tell? Of one thing we can always feel assured, that an office held by ex-Senator Bruce will be dignified by his presence and carefully and wisely managed.

[The Star, Hous'on, Mo.]

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[From the Philadelphia Bulletin.]

Ex-Senator Bruce was made sergeant-at-arms of the United States Senate in 1872, and in 1874 the colored Republicans in the Legislature of Mississippi elected him to the United States Senate, the first Negro to sit in that body. President Garfield appointed him Register of the Treasury, the office now given him again by President McKinley. A friend and admirer says that he is the most influential and possibly the ablest colored citizen in the United States. As such he was conspicuous in the Republican Convention of 1884, and his fine presence, large and dignified, gave him, there, as elsewhere, additional distinction. His complexion is a clear yellow, not as dark as that of some West Indians of the Caucasian race; his hair is fine and wavy, and growing thin at the top; his features are better cut than those of most colored persons. His eyes are black and expressive of his love of fun, and his countenance wears a look of happiness and content. His manners are refined, his dress perfect, and his voice sweet and melodious.

When ex-Senator Bruce, the new Register of the Treasury, assumed the duties of the registership he found his office a bower of flowers and his desk covered with floral offerings sent by admiring and congratulatory friends. Mr. Tillman introduced Mr. Bruce to the employes of the office and Mr. Bruce was warmly welcomed by them, especially those who had served under him when he was Register during the Garfield-Arthur administration.

[The Times, Washington, D. C.]

The nomination of Hon. B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury was a commendable act on the part of President William McKinley. It will be received with satisfaction by our people throughout the country. Mr. Bruce is one of the most polished gentlemen at the capital of the nation. He has grown steadily in popularity and shines with added lustre since the demise of the lamented Douglass and the idolized Langston. Time has dealt lightly with this distinguished statesman and he stands prominently forth as the leader of the oppressed millions.

[From the Leavenworth Herald.]

"B. K. Bruce," says the President of the United States "must be Register of the Treasury for the ensuing four years."

We have known the result of this contest for weeks, and are not surprised. Our illustrious uncle never lost a battle; truly he knows no Waterloo.

[From the Times, Washington, D. C.]

The appointment of Hon. B. K. Bruce, former United States Senator from Mississippi, to be Register of the Treasury, which was made yesterday afternoon by the President, was not much of a surprise to politicians. It was understood all the time that the place was for a colored man, and public opinion had it consistently that Mr. Bruce would be the representative office holder. He has had an unblemished record, and one that extends all over the country. It was the general reputation of Mr. Bruce, in fact, as well as his services to the national party and his well known ability that secured for him his position.

The most recent service of Mr. Bruce to the Republican party was in the Ohio campaign. He is familiar with Ohio people and politics, having been educated in that state and been there in nearly every Presidential election.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher at one time urged him to study theology and become a Congregationalist preacher, which studies he began, but did not pursue them long, as he felt the profession was not his living. He is now engaged in cotton planting in the State of Mississippi, and suffered very severely by the March floods, which inundated the entire section of country in which he was operating.

He is a professional lecturer, and during the two terms of President Cleveland's administration he was on the lecture platform and traveled from ocean to ocean. He is a very popular campaign operator, and has taken an active part in every national campaign since the war.

[From the Negro Solicitor, Oskaloosa, Iowa.]

At last McKinley has disposed of Hon. B. K. Bruce by appointing him Register of the United States Treasury his old position. We're extremely glad of it for the negro press can now speak of something beside the "Hon. B. K. Bruce."

[From the Burlington, Iowa, Hawkeye]

In appointing Blanche K. Bruce to be Register of the Treasury, the President has given the colored section of the population conspicuous recognition and a capable man a place with honor. Mr. Bruce has to his credit an honorable record as a United States Senator from Mississippi during the reconstruction period. He served as administration of Garfield and Arthur and was Recorder of Deeds in Washington during Harrison's administration. In every public position he has filled he has discharged his duties with fidelity and ability, and his appointment as Register of the Treasury will be generally regarded by candid men of all parties as an entirely just selection.

[From the Boston Advertiser]

And still some of the colored brethren are not content with the appointment of Blanche K. Bruce to the honorable position of Register of the Treasury. They allow that he is of African descent, and that he is of a slave, but they insist that it is difficult to distinguish the hue of his skin from that of a plain, ordinary white man.—Boston Herald.

No, no, Bro. Editor when a man says that he can't tell B. K. Bruce from a white man he has doubtless never seen B. K. for he is way down in color below the Mulatto and any man who sees him would not call him white by any means.

[From the Gazette, Raleigh, N. C.]

While the other applicants for the Registership of the Treasury were doubtless staying around Washington, city watching the movements of the President and getting indorsements from people who visit the Capital of the Nation your uncle B. K. Bruce was out in Ohio "whooping it up" for Senator Hanna, and as a result on Thursday of last week, President McKinley appointed ex-Senator Bruce to his former position of Register of the Treasury. It is not only hard to down a working man, but also hard to down a live politician. While the younger fellows slept Bruce went away with the prize. Congratulations!

[From the Times, Walton, N. Y.]

The President has appointed Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi, Register of the Treasury. Bruce represented Mississippi in the Senate in reconstruction days and is the best known negro republican in the country. He was Register of the Treasury one before, and is a genial fellow.

[From the Morning Republican, West Chester, Pa.]

We are pleased to observe that the President, in selecting his Register of the Treasury, has reappointed to the place Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi. We do not approve of the custom, started by Andrew Johnson, of reserving certain positions for colored men, because we think every man, white or black, should be eligible to every position for which he is qualified, and to which his services to the party, or the country, permit him to aspire. So long, however, as the particular place, like that of Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, seems to have become a chattel of the aggregate colored vote, we are glad that Mr. Bruce was not passed by.

Of those who give to the lower mankind hope that the future of the colored man may be creditable to him and of benefit to the land of which he has become a part, Bruce is the one we contemplate with most satisfaction. He is a man of brains, and he has that gentlemanly bearing and tact that draw men to him and retain them. A self-respecting man, he is at the same time the type of a perfect gentleman. No doubt he feels, as every sensitive colored gentleman must feel, the humiliations which the worst of his race must bear because the Lord God chosen to give him a complexion darker than the Caucasian. But instead of resenting this in anger, at meeting prejudice with fierce protest, Mr. Bruce bears the burden of such discrimination with dignity and with abiding faith that time will efface prejudice, that the bearing of such a will disarm hostility, and that the advance of his race, year by year, in the gentler attributes of civilization, will compel fair treatment at the hands of christian men and women.

When we reflect that the new Register was born in bondage, that he is emphatically a self-made man, that he has acquired wealth by the exercise of the gifts the Lord vouchsafed him, we are astounded to behold what a brave man, a pure hearted man, a thoroughly honorable man, can make of himself under the most adverse circumstances. We believe we have heretofore spoken of the subject of this paragraph. During the Reconstruction period he represented the State of Mississippi in the Senate of the United States. Now, the men who at that time were sent to Congress from the lately conquered States did not always come with a clean bill of health. In fact, there was a certain general disposition among the other members to draw their skirts away from contact with the "carpet-baggers" and the few colored men whom the "carpet-baggers" had to whom the "carpet-baggers" had to recognize. Senator Bruce began his legislative career under these unpleasant surroundings. But he had not been there long before, in his own modest, yet self-respecting way, he had secured the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the senate Chamber. The friends he then made, he has held. Since he left the Senate, he has filled several prominent positions. In each of these he has shown his worth. In none of them has he failed to add to those who honor and admire him. And we are glad to perceive by his last appointment that his public career is not yet closed.

The future of the colored race in this country is not yet assured. They must, as a race, attain a greater height than they have so far reached. They must learn to respect themselves before a white man will respect them as a whole. They must cease to be conspicuous as the element who season upon a political canvass as a season when the harvest is to be gathered at the expense of the social scale that must so ascend in a bribe which they must approach them with a bribe that is a dangerous thing to do. When they

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