

Suffrage For All

SPEAKS FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE

First Branch of the League to Be Formed by Women of the Colored Race—Mrs. Villard Talks of Her Father—The Ballot the Best Hope For Reform.

(New York City.)

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont crossed the color line in her fight for political equality. Her carriage drew up under the elevated railroad in West Fifty-third street and Mrs. Belmont entered the Mount Olivet Baptist Church to get the Negroes into the equality line and form the first colored branch of the organization. There was a large attendance at the meeting, including a considerable number of men. Pastor Gilbert of the Mount Olivet Church in opening the meeting and turning the church over to the women said that he was very glad to do so, as he firmly believed in the subject for which Mrs. Belmont and her associates were working, and moreover, because this was, he said, the first time in the history of the Negro race in this country that such a meeting had been held in a Negro church.

Mrs. I. L. Moorman, president of the Negro Women's Business League who had arranged the meeting with Mrs. Belmont, said that when she was making the arrangements she did not realize that she was engaged in a work which was to go down into history, but she beamed her pleasure at this ennobling prospect.

"Mrs. Belmont invites us to join her Political Equality Association," said Mrs. Moorman. "If politics are dirty it's the men who have made them dirty and it is for us now to clean them up."

Mrs. Belmont, who was seated on the platform with Mrs. Henry, Villard, Mrs. Ella Hawley Crossett, president of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association; Mrs. M. C. Lawton of Brooklyn, Mrs. F. R. Keyser, president of the New York State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Moorman, said:

"Already, although you may not know it, you are perhaps feeling the call to the great work before us. Unless this call means freedom and equality for all it is a failure. The women of the country are still slaves in the twentieth century. We need earnest workers in the woman suffrage cause. I earnestly invited you all to join, and the smallest contributions are gratefully received."

Mrs. Moorman, before treating the audience to a solo, said that the audience was disappointed only in the brevity of Mrs. Belmont's address.

Mrs. Villard, who was introduced as the daughter of William Lloyd Garrison, said: "I need not assure this audience that I have a deep interest in the people of the Negro race."

She said that it was always to her a great privilege to be permitted to talk of her father, which she did. Then she spoke of the days when it was hard for women to get a chance to hold meetings in churches when women who were against Negro slavery had difficulty in finding places in which to hold their meetings. And she told of her father's taking a seat in the gallery beside the women delegates to a great international anti-slavery conference in London because the managers had not permitted the women delegates to have seats on the floor of the house.

"My father," said she, "said that he was not a woman's rights man, but a human rights man. I feel that philanthropy cannot be well done until women have a voice in the municipal housekeeping. The ballot is the great thing that is needed to uplift the unfortunates who without it must stay as they are and not only imperil themselves but imperil the whole community. We should all stand together, and I hope that the colored women will see eye to eye. The freedom of the body was a good thing. Freedom of the mind is a much greater thing."

Read The Bee.

ARCHITECT PITTMAN

Mr. W. Sidney Pittman, the well-known architect of this city, who has just returned from Durham, N. C., was successful in closing contracts for plans for a large church and a dormitory for the National Religious



Training School, of which Dr. J. E. Shepard is president. Mr. Pittman's reputation as an architect is unsurpassed. He is daily winning the confidence of the American people for first-class work.

Cleveland's New Mayor

RECOGNIZING COLORED AMERICANS

Cleveland, Ohio—No other city in the United States can boast of the recognition such as has now been given to the race by Mayor Herman C. Baehr. Last November Herman C. Baehr, Republican, was elected as mayor of this city, defeating Tom L. Johnson, Democrat, who was a candidate for the fifth term, being elected four times as mayor.

Mr. Baehr took office on January 1, and during his first month in office twenty-three colored men have been appointed to positions through the efforts of Councilman Thomas W. Fleming, who was the first colored man ever elected to the council in this city, together with Hon. H. T. Eubanks, member of the Ohio Legislature, Deputy Sheriff Samuel F. Woods, Major John C. Fulton, Mr. A. D. Boyd and Mr. Nahum D. Brascher, editor of The Cleveland Journal. Every county office, with the exception of the prosecutor's and Clerks' Office, has a representative of the race employed. The latter office is controlled by Democrats. More than 100,000 a year is paid in wages to our race by the city and county administrations. Following are the appointments:

William H. Smith, district inspector, Department of Buildings; Robert I. Drake, sanitary patrolman; Nahum D. Brascher, city storekeeper, Auditor's Office; J. Clarence Brown, chief inspector, Garbage Collection Department; Dan R. Fairfax, clerk, Water Works Department; Walter Patterson, park police; W. O. Thornhill, notice clerk, Sidewalk Department; William Brown, inspector of brick and cement, Engineer's Office; Samuel Kyle, barn man, Collection Department; Edgar B. Moore, messenger, Director Public Service Office; Abraham Stevens and Jacob Cummings, janitors, City Hall; Charles Hayes and Jersey Gordon, night watchman, City Hall; John Clifford, Janitor, Central Market House; William Shaffer, barn man, Central Police Station; J. A. Johnson, janitor, Pumping Station; Frank Griffin and Ernest Burke, meter readers; George Turner, bridge guard, and James Johnson, policeman, East 9th street bridge. Seventy-five colored men are employed at the Garbage Collection Department as drivers of garbage wagons at \$2.00 per day, and about twenty are working on the streets as white wings. Twelve men have teams working for the city.

Those holding positions in the county offices are as follows:

Major John C. Fulton, clerk in Treasurer's Office; Jeriman Hudson, clerk in Auditor's Office; Samuel E. Woods, deputy in Sheriff's Office; Leroy D. Fowler, rodman, Surveyor's Office; John W. Redd, night



ABRAHAM LINCOLN
THE EMANCIPATION

The National Training School women and girls will have a Lincoln tag day today in honor of Lincoln's birthday. Every Lincoln button sold will be for the benefit of the school. Every citizen who believes in true womanhood should not fail to purchase a Lincoln button.

Government Misquoted

EUCALYPTUS

The Department of Agriculture has recently been informed that certain of its publications dealing with eucalyptus have been misquoted by several companies specially interested in selling lands. For instance, Circular 97, of the Forest Service, has been misrepresented as saying that California will in a few years be the only source of hardwood supply in the United States. Such a statement has never been made in any of the Forest Service publications and is not considered a fact.

The Department experts believe that there is promise of considerable success in the cultivation of eucalyptus trees in many parts of California but estimates of profit and of growth have been attributed to the Department which are unauthorized. There are many uncertainties connected with eucalyptus culture, the government experts say, which the investor should take into account.

In some cases statements falsely attributed to the Forest Service in advertising matter have been corrected when attention was called to the facts, but before the misstatements had been widely circulated. Secretary Wilson says he does not intend to allow the name of his Department to be used as a means of victimizing the public, and that in the future any concern which attributes to the Forest Service unauthorized statements may expect the statements to be publicly disavowed.

HOW TO SUCCEED!

Abuse your friends and hug your enemies.

Save your enemies if they are drowning and allow your friends to sink.

If your friends are hard up, ignore them and help your enemies.

Always disappoint your friends and be on time for those who dislike you.

Great men will shelter their enemies and drive their friends out doors.

If you have a full dinner table always invite your enemies to eat because they appreciate a good meal at times.

watchman, Court House; William Burton, janitor, Court House; Mrs. Emma Green, copyist, County Recorder's Office.

He Beats All

THE CAREER OF A WELL KNOWN COLORED ATHLETIC PROMOTER.

Back in the early nineties out in a little village called "Douglas" I had a friend (young) named Merriam Hayson. Hayson was an odd in his many peculiarities as was his name. I remember the time, when we would rise as early as four or five o'clock in the morning just in order that some of the many reed birds on the Eastern Branch might be bagged before breakfast was fairly over. And say nothing of walks consisting of from ten to twelve miles on Sunday afternoons. We formed a club, under the name of the "Olympic Athletic Club of Douglas," we bought gymnasium apparatus such as trapez, rings, dumbbells, etc. And we held meets, not like the meets of today, for we were too poor to entertain the public with such.

Its Origin

There was the Beming Race Track not far in the distance, and at the time was considered second to best in the country. We all stood in with the jockeys and trainers and thereby gained admission to the enclosure. We had fairly come to conclusion after much reading and observation that it would be a good scheme to have a track of our own on a small scale. So inside of a week were running, jumping and summersaulting on a real track. But that lasted only as long as the races was here, and was smashed into a thousand pieces at the closing day of the season at Benning.

The Club Breaks

But some how or another it didn't develop just right. For some of the boys moved away to different sections of the country, and others lost interest. This was the time "Old Hayson" came out, and by "Hercules" he came out in a blaze of glory. He had worked very hard all summer in order that a little exhibition, given in his barn might prove a success. He even went so far as to interest his mother who was such a lovely sympathizing person to the ambitious young boy. Well, when the night for the affair came and every one had congregated, to witness this great exhibition as it was quite an affair for the neighborhood. Hayson, blossomed out in a pair of bloomers, an athletic shirt and a pair of rubber bottoms. And the stunts done upon, the horizontal

bars, trapez, rings, tumbling mats and punching bag were worth noticing. Spins were made upon the bars, twists in the rings, summersaults on the mats and even pieces were played with the punching bag. After the exhibition every one repaired to the house for refreshments and a friendly chat. So concluded that famous day and exhibition.

Attends School

Later on in years, Hayson entered the sixth grade from a private teacher and for his first time attended a public school. Most naturally after becoming naturalized to the new surroundings, he startled both pupil and teacher with his stunts done upon the school lawn at recesses. Later on admission to the high school was gained by diligent work done in his books, and so started the noble work (athletic) now ringing in the ears of every young colored person. After a little intercourse with the director of athletics. It was decided wise and expedient to make use of his talent, by a public exhibition given at one of the halls. And fortunately for young Hayson he was exceptionally popular with both the young and the old, and found very little trouble in showing the public the necessity of an athletic education. I believe the first affair was pulled off somewhere in the early part of the month of February, '06, under very encouraging circumstances, as the house was filled, and every one enjoyed the entertainment to the utmost.

Birth of I. S. A. A.

Right here was the birth of the Inter Scholastic Athletic Association, for it was never thought of before. The following Decoration Day marked the first, "Colored Athletic Meet" held in this city. The next winter marked the first basket ball game played under the auspices of the well known I. S. A. A., etc.

Hayson Attends Harvard

Hayson attended the Harvard School Class of '06, and had great success as he was respected for his ability inside and out of the "gym." He came away with excellent marks and the people who came in contact with him were startled. As there never had been a colored boy who attended Harvard, so familiar with the apparatus of the gymnasium. The next season Old Harvard was again attended, but this year he was obliged to confine his course to the practice course only, as money was coming in very slowly. But that didn't effect his eagerness to become an instructor or promoter very much. For the next year he gained his one desire, and that was to connect himself with the playgrounds of Washington as an instructor, and has been connected every since.

Isn't it strange that all the years have elapsed and no one thought of public exhibitions of: gymnastics, basketball, running, jumping and throwing the hammer until my good friend Hayson, turned the key and let them out to and for the public.

MASONIC NEWS

Gethsemane Commandery No. 3, worked the red cross degree on the detachment of fourteen on Tuesday. A meeting of the officers of the Grand Commandery was held at the residence of Deputy G. C. J. P. Davis of 1623 4th street, n. w., at which time a pilgrimage club was formed by electing the following:

Sir Kt. John Turner, president.

J. P. Davis, vice president.

Brooks Burr, treasurer.

James Bampfield, secretary.

The next meeting for collection of dues will be held at Bro. Brooks Burr's residence, 324 G street, s. e., on Sunday Feb. 27th, at 4 p. m.

This club was formed for the purpose of attending the International Masonic Congress to be held at Detroit, Michigan in August.

The Imperial Council of the A. A. O. N. M. S. will also hold their session.

Bro. I. T. Taylor stands ready to lend assistance whenever required.

SPECIAL SERMON

Sunday, February 13th, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, by Bishop G. W. Blackwell, 18th street, between L and M, n. w., Rev. C. C. Alleyne, pastor.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Uncle John Ramsey, 119 years old, was said to have been the oldest person in Ohio, died at the County Infirmary last week. Ramsey was a slave, but escaped forty years before the Civil War, went to Oberlin later became historic, as he assisted many slaves through the underground railway system.

It is said North Carolina has not had a lynching for two years. Governor Kitchin is very much gratified. There is always room for improvement.

It is stated that more than 2,000 white and colored men and women have been held in a state of peonage on cotton plantations in Burleson, Texas, and have suffered the severest cruelties. Forty witnesses are prepared to give their testimony.

According to statements, 10,000 people turned out to greet Capt. Joseph F. Shipp, who had just been released from jail in this city where he had been serving a sentence for allowing the lynching of Ed Johnson in Tenn.

Dr. Gertrude E. Curtis, who graduated from the New York College of Dental and Oral Surgery in May 1909, has the distinction of being the first colored woman to get a license to practice dentistry in New York, also the first to be appointed in charge of a dental clinic in Bellevue Hospital.

The 101st birthday of Abraham Lincoln will be celebrated at the First Congregational Church. The meeting will be conducted by the G. A. R.

President Taft will make the welcoming address at the opening of the "World's Sunday School Congress" which convenes in this city May 19th, and will be in session until May 24th. This convention will be attended by thousands of men, women and children connected with church work throughout the civilized world. The meeting will be held in Convention Hall.

There is much interest in scientific circles in this city in the proposed partnership in a South pole expedition between the National Geographic Society and the Peary Arctic Club. Although no definite action has yet been taken by the board of managers of the Geographic Society.

It is said few books have aroused so bitter a controversy pro and con as "The Southerner," which has recently been published. There is a strong tendency on the part of the larger majority of its commentators to treat the book as a history instead of fiction.

The main building of the Delaware River Steel Company, formerly the Tidewater Steel Company has been destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, and the building containing the machine shop, blast furnace and dynamo room were all destroyed.

The funeral services of Mrs. Hattie E. Buell, who had been actively engaged in literary work, since early girlhood; her song composition "Child of the King" has been extensively used throughout the country at religious meetings, was buried this week, after a brief illness.

Joseph G. Waters, president of the Potomac Savings Bank of Georgetown left an estate valued at about \$350,000. The real estate is valued at \$24,000 and personal property valued at \$315,000.

Plans are being prepared to have a 90-mile subway in Chicago, so as to relieve the congested traffic systems. Rough estimates are that the subway will cost from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

The first meeting of the Interdenominational Evangelical Alliance of the colored clergy, of the District of Columbia, was held Monday evening. Among the speakers were, Capt. Oyster and Hon. R. A. Ballinger, secretary of the Department of Interior.

The African Miniug and Real Estate Company is offering an unusual opportunity to investors. You should look up their advertisement on page 5.