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THE LEWIS NIGHT

The Assistant Attorney General Honored

A MOST NOTABLE GATHERING

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEWIS HONORED.

One of the Most Notable and Most Successful Banquets Ever Given in Washington. Splendid Harmony and High Appreciation Characterized the Red Lettered Affair.

The banquet given, Monday evening last, in honor of Mr. Wm. H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney General was in all respects one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever given to honor the appointment of a distinguished colored man. The committee of arrangements spared neither pains nor expense to make the affair a complete success, and great credit is due them. Never before in Washington was an affair of this nature characterized by such splendid spirit, such marked harmony, and such a congenial mixing of all the elements. The banquet showed that on at least one proposition there is perfect harmony—the desire to honor a most worthy man. And many were the praises bestowed upon President Taft by all the speakers, and the guest of honor, for the bestowal of this high honor upon the race. Two hundred colored men, anxious to honor Mr. Lewis, and anxious to publicly thank the president for the honor given, sat down to the banquet. The tables were beautifully decorated, the music during the serving of the repast infectious, and the service all that could be asked, assisted to make the affair reach the high water mark of banquets in Washington. The committee of arrangements, consisting of L. M. Hershaw, Chas. J. Pickett, J. R. Wright, Chas. E. Hall and Thos.



Prof. L. M. Hershaw, Toastmaster

H. R. Clark had their efforts crowned with success. Mr. Hershaw who acted as toastmaster, was particularly pleasing, and his introduction of the speakers appreciate, couched in delicate language and high tribute, and punctuated with an enjoyable bit of wit, his remarks were fine. His introduction of Mr. Lewis was exceptionally fine, and testified to the reality that Hershaw possesses. Prof. Kelly Miller, always good, always charming in his choice of language and compliments, sat the speaking ball to rolling, and following him in quick succession, came a regular fusillade of brilliant happy scintillating responses, many of which were tipped with wit that aided to good digestion by arousing hearty applause and uncontrollable laughter that was infectious. Mr. Lewis, the guest of honor, to use the old, but in this case perfectly truthful expression, was never better. Passing from humor to paths, from seriousness to gaiety he held his friends enraptured. Handing out enjoyable bon mots of wit and cornucopias of wisdom, and through all his remarks running a plea for harmony, and a getting together, his address, or rather response to the splendid and enthusiastic reception tendered him, set a new record for Washington. Letters of regrets were read from President Taft, Attorney General Wickerham, Dr. Booker T. Washington, Mr. Henry Lincoln Johnson, and a few others who were unable to be present. The letters from the White House, from the Attorney General, and from Dr. Washington were particularly inspiring and encouraging, and each paid a very high tribute to Mr. Lewis. During the reception hour, from eight till nine. The following gentlemen served as members of Reception Committee: W. L. Board, W. Calvin Chase, John C. Dancy, W. T. S. Jackson, Daniel Murray, R. W. Thompson, Roscoe C. Bruce, Dr. E. D. Williston, James A. Cobb, Henry W. Freeman, Henry L. Johnson, F. H. M. Murray, Jos. H. Stewart, R. W. Tyler, Dr. Geo. Guinness, Dr. A. M. Curtis, Judge Hewlett, Prof. Kelly Miller, J. C. Napier, Judge R. H. Terrell, Prof. E. C. Williams, Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, and W. L. Houston. Those who responded to toasts were: Prof. Kelly Miller, J. C. Napier, W. L. Houston, Judge Terrell, Prof. Roscoe C. Bruce, Ralph W. Tyler, Whitfield McKinlay, Prof. E. N. Weatherless, James A. Cobb, Dr. S. G. Elbert of Wilmington, and Lieut. T. H. R. Clarke.

As a toastmaster L. M. Hershaw was a shining light.

Charley Pickett was in his element making a success of things. Ex-Grandmaster Houston, of the Old Fellows, showed that he is some more orator. He hit the high places. J. C. Napier, as usual, was the same polished gentleman in speech as in demeanor. Judge Terrell, as a "clean-up" man made good by emptying the bases, and drawing vociferous applause from the bleacherites. Dr. Elbert's tribute to Mr. Lewis was a modest, though graceful tribute from one true friend to another. Prof. Kelly Miller tossed out some bunches of wit that were grabbed up and enjoyed by all present. The professor is all alone in his class. George W. Cook was there and enjoyed it, but he touched not nor tasted not that sparkling water. Prof. Bruce was there with another installment of those choice talks of his. Roscoe is a bird for oratory. Robert Harlan appeared as the prodigal son, and although it was his first appearance in such company for years, he really enjoyed the "return to the fold."

Judge Terrell sat all evening making an x-ray investigation of the banquet elixir that filled the glasses. He was satisfied with just seeing the others run the entire gamut of the menu, but never again for him. James Cobb took an excursion into the hoary past and dragged forth all the old patriarchs, but when he reached Mr. Lewis he pictured him as the best of live ones.

James Johnson, U. S. Consul to Nicaragua, was there smiling with satisfaction, and saying: "I am glad to be here." It was civilization to Jim. Capt. Loving was the synoures of all eyes in his full dress regiments, and the Captain certainly enjoyed it from start to finish.

Charley Hall was as happy as a boy with his first pair of red-top boots. He was witnessing the crowning of his efforts with success. Tom Clarke, looking like one of Napoleon's grenadiers, was never in a better mood. The cards had run right for him—"his" banquet for Lewis was a howling success, hence his cheerfulness.

When Whitfield McKinlay began with a reference to a note, everybody nervous. But his "note" was simply a note of approval of the guest of honor, and the affair.

Billie Clifford, who never misses a banquet nor a gathering of good fellows, was there with his appetite, his good humor and his appreciation of the guest of honor.

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The assembling of all the different elements under one roof, on the same night, and around the same festal board, and with good humor and good fellowship fairly running riot was a task the accomplishment of which puts the committee of arrangements in the harmony manufacturers' class.

And the ladies, in goodly numbers, beamed down from the balcony upon the banquets with smiles of approval, and their presence, doubtless inspired the speakers to "deliver the goods" in their responses. As Mr. Napier said, "God bless them, they are the salt of the earth."

Even F. H. M. Murray, literally crossing The Guardian line, felt perfectly at home and perfectly comfortable. And he was at home—everybody was at home, for the affair was the beginning of a new era—the era of "all for each, and each for all." And don't anybody stop it.

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The audience sat in wrapt attention while Mr. Manning traced the origin of the new constitutions adopted by various Southern States for the ostensible purpose of disfranchising the Negro. Laying bare the machinations of the oligarchy, Mr. Manning showed how the common herd of Southern white men had been hoodwinked into forging chains about their own liberties, without even realizing what they were doing. Sham, subterfuge, and chicanery befogged the real issues at all times, so that the true design of the favored few self-seekers was never disclosed.



HON. W. LEWIS, Assistant United States Attorney General, Banqueted Monday Night at Odd Fellow's Hall

The only remedy, Mr. Manning said, was an aroused public sentiment which should react on Congress, forcing that body to do its plain duty. White men of his type in the South and the colored people there could do very little to remedy these evil conditions, he said, but much could be done by the colored voters of the North. Pointing out that in some of the border States the Negro holds the balance of power, while in nearly all the Northern States his vote has become an appreciable quantity, Mr. Manning declared that the Negro voters of these States should band themselves together into an impenetrable political solidarity whose members should see to it that no man, no matter who he might be nor what his party affiliations, should have the support of the colored voters to send him to Congress or elect him to any other office, unless the candidate set forth in unmistakable terms his attitude toward these questions of such vital concern to the colored people and pledged himself to exert his best efforts toward setting Congress to pass the necessary measures of relief.

A spirited discussion followed the ovation which was accorded Mr. Manning as he took his seat. Among those who spoke were W. D. Johnson, special agent of the Department of Agriculture, Judge E. M. Hewlett, James C. Waters, Jr., Hon. J. C. Napier, Register of the Treasury, and others.

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On behalf of my mother, my sisters and my brothers, no less than for myself, I thank you for your appreciative tribute to my father and your sympathy for us.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN MAYNARD HARLAN.
DR. WASHINGTON CARRIES
NEW ENGLAND.

Addresses Crowded Meetings in and About Boston—Enthusiastically Received by Harvard Students.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 29.—During the past week, Dr. Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, has been in and about Boston and New England, busily engaged in delivering a series of addresses, and bringing to thousands a message of hope and optimism regarding the future of the Negro in America.

The leaders of thought and opinion in this section have been thrilled by the eloquence and saneness of his utterances, and every where he has been enthusiastically received.

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The success with which this proposition is meeting from the point of view of its reception by the men of the city who have been approached, is indeed most encouraging. The young men are working earnestly and effectively in its behalf, and this form of activity is surely indicative of loyalty and honest concern. Besides, they have stated almost to a man, their readiness to lend the necessary financial aid.

But in addition to the encouragement that has been accorded this endeavor by the older men also has been more than gratifying. Those with whom the society has been discussed have almost unanimously manifested unusual interest and commended the move as one worthy of the unwavering support of all. They also have in some instances made plain their intention to lend the financial helping hand.

Right at this juncture a brief treatment of the specific aims of the society might be in good taste.

At the very outset the organization purposes to have a home—at first a rented one. What is needed is a place of the elevated club type, where the men of this city may be constantly coming in contact with each other.

Comfortable, cozy and attractive headquarters are necessary in order to realize this and for this reason the body is taking such a satnd.

This is the material side. And now to a brief consideration of the lines of growth to be fostered in this brick and mortar temple of heart to heart association.

First of all, everything is to be done to produce intellectual growth and development. To induce culture, to promote thought, to broaden the interests of all members, is to be one of the club's slogans.

Again, stimulus to higher moral level must unquestionably be spontaneously generated where a large group of purposeful men are coming into constant contact with one another. The society is also anticipating this.

And then, another and worthy one of our aims is to cultivate and give room under proper conditions for the play of the social or gregarious instinct common to all human beings. Furthermore, right in this connection the fraternal idea in its largest sense is to be included and cultivated.

The society is to be composed of three classes of members: regular members, honorary members and non-resident members.

This is in short a statement concerning a movement that hopes to be socially efficient and to realize what has long been desired and needed in Washington.

What the St. Lukes Are Doing. Miles Memorial Church, Rev. L. E. B. Rosser, pastor, was crowded last Tuesday evening with members of the Independent Order of St. Luke, to greet Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, secretary treasurer of the order. It was a public meeting and the audience showed great appreciation of her visit to Washington.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor of the church assisted by Rev. E. B. Gordon of the Walker Memorial Church. Rev. J. H. Naylor, pastor of Allein Chapel, Garfield, D. C., and Rev. S. M. Brown, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church. Mrs. Bessie B. Anderson, the district deputy of the order here requested Rev. A. C. Garner, associate deputy, to conduct the exercises in her stead. After Mr. H. N. Barnett and Mrs. Julia M. Layton had made introductory remarks in the way of greetings to Mrs. Walker, Rev. A. C. Garner, in a beautiful verbal tribute, introduces her to the assemblage. She was welcomed with long and hearty applause. Her speech was a sincere, plain and practical exposition of the work the order of St. Luke is doing. She showed that during the past twelve years, 77,000 people had joined the order, and that \$230,000 have been paid out in death benefits alone, and that every claim against the order has been paid up to date.

Mrs. Walker is a woman of fine presence and an able speaker. She neither wastes nor minces words and is quite convincing in her discourse. Referring to the failure of the True Reformers, she said other organizations of a similar nature would profit by the experience of that organization. She will return to this city on December 15, when she will assist in the Union initiation at which she was promised five hundred candidates.

\$10,000 for Tuskegee. The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, of which Booker T. Washington is principal, has just received a legacy of \$10,000 from the estate of the late Maria Blanchard of Philadelphia, Pa.

A NEW SELECT SOCIAL CLUB. Well Known Young Men Its Members—Sixty Members Its Limit. About forty young men met in True Reformers' Hall last Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing a select social club. Among those who re-

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happenings of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTEREST

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

The State Superintendent of Banking in Mobile, Ala., has closed the Safety Banking and Realty Co., operated by colored people there on account of lack of patronage on their part.

Mrs. W. F. Truslow of Clarkburg, W. Va., has in her possession an old New York newspaper, published in 1817. This is probably of considerable value to a collector of antiquities and at any rate is of interest to any one who can read.

Col. John R. Marshall's statement in the New York Age relative to the colored regiment in New York being top heavy, Adjutant Jaxon replies saying: "The charge that the regiment is top heavy with officers is false, figures are given showing 510 men are enlisted and as yet only 22 commissioned officers are named.

At the meeting of the trustees of Fisk University, held in New York in November, it was reported by the treasurer that \$122,000 had been subscribed to the \$300,000 fund for improvements and endowment purposes. The General Education Board has promised \$60,000.

A bronze tablet in memory of John Marshall, first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States was unveiled in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals last Saturday. The tablet was erected by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

According to the Oriental Review, "Japanese men of wealth at home and abroad, number only 1,018 who possess \$250,000 or more. But some are rapidly getting rich, for ten years ago there were only 441 in the \$250,000 or more class."

A course of matrimony has been included in the curriculum of the Gardens Agricultural High School, in Los Angeles, Cal. The subjects taught are advantage of instruction in courtship, matrimony, the care of babies, mothercraft and domestic science.

Recent statistics show there are 332 centenarians at present alive in Bulgaria, of whom 188 are women. Ten peasants are over 125; 88 between 120 and 125 and 234 more than 110 years old.

Miles Grennon, a friend of Abraham Lincoln and a pallbearer at his funeral died in Marengo, Ill. He was 77 years of age.

The New York Press says: "Six million persons make their living under ground working in mines and quarries. These six million workers dig \$4,000,000,000 of wealth a year out of the bowels of the earth."

It is said in South Carolina Negro school children outnumber the whites; the cost of the respective school system is however, as follows: whites, \$1,684,976; Negroes, \$368,802.

The people of this country used more whiskey, more beer, more tobacco than in any former year. The production of distilled spirits was 175,402,395 gallons, an increase of nearly 7,000,000 gallons over the previous year.

The Literary Digest contains a picture of Cole L. Blease, under which are these words: "South Carolina's Governor, who publicly asserted that rather than use the power of his office to stop the lynching of a Negro, he would have resigned his office and come to Honea Path and led the mob."

The report of the Census Bureau of the cotton ginned to date, shows 11,269,986 bales. Last year but 8,780,433 bales had been ginned and the total crop was 11,568,334.

Hans Ellger, a representative of the German Government has been to this country to study reformatory methods. He spent several days at the Juvenile Court.

A writer to the Times Mail Bag of the Washington Times, and who signs his name "Southerner" thinks too much has been made over the Negro Race. He says further "Their place is in some distant island in the Pacific and not among the civilized races of the world, and it is up to Congress to allot an island for their habitation."

Thirty-five years ago, Japan had only one newspaper. Now it has three thousand.

The Commissioners decided to permit in the District motion pictures depicting the alleged kidnapping of the McNamara brothers. The Central Labor Union is desirous of introducing the pictures for the purpose of increasing fund for the defense of the alleged dynamiters, who are on trial in Los Angeles.

Transfusion of blood for prolonging life commenced to be practiced in 1483.

The largest organ in the world is in Convention Hall, Kansas City, Mo. It was built by the Murray M. Harris Company of Los Angeles, Cal for the St. Louis exposition. The contract price was \$67,000.

In Texas alone, the Negro Baptist have raised for their educational institution \$17,000, during the last year.

Charity Reception. Tickets for the Charity Reception may be purchased from Miss G. B. Maxfield, at The Bee office, and all drug stores.