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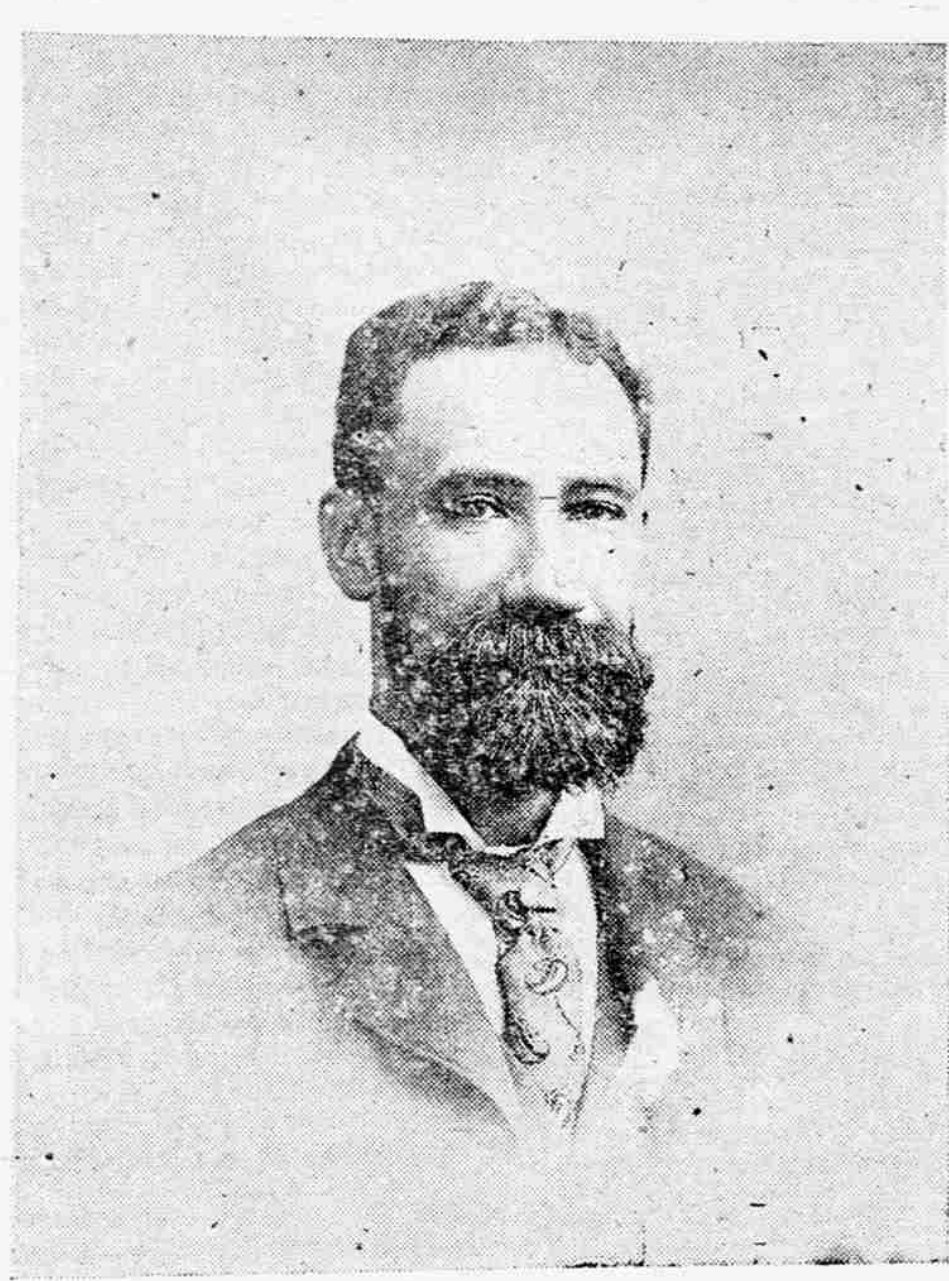
### A MODERN CINCINNATUS.

Mr. Jas. T. Bradford Baltimore's Veteran Leader and Business Man—A Pen Picture of his Career.

James T. Bradford, Esq., of Baltimore, Md., was born in that city which has been his home and the field of his successes in life, and is a stirring example to all young men, to show the height attainable by earnest work, absolute integrity and indomitable energy and pluck. Starting out in life under circumstances more adverse by far than those which obtain to-day, surrounded by actual physical bondage he had won a high place in the business and intellectual world before emancipation came to the slave. At an age when our boys of this day and time are not out of the graded schools, young Bradford was selling fruit in the B. & O. depot at Camden street, and even at that early day he always made it a point to have the best fruit obtainable, and that has been the central idea in all of his business relations since—to keep the best of everything in his line.

In 1861, he left his station at the depot, to enter as a clerk in the provision store kept by John P. Jones at Charles and Centre streets, in the heart of the residence district, under the shadow of the Washington monument and which was patronized by the bluest bloods of Maryland. Here he remained until 1865, gaining a thorough insight and mastery of the business in all its details. In that year, the failing health of Mr. Jones compelled him to retire from business, selling out to Mr. Burwell Banks, and Mr. Bradford accepted an offer of a partnership with Mr. Osborne Burley, whose establishment immediately adjoined that of Mr. Jones, and who antedated Mr. Jones in the business.

At the end of the first year this partnership was dissolved by mutual consent to enable Mr. Bradford to go into partnership with Mr. Banks, the successor of Mr. Jones, and they continued harmoniously together six years. When the building of the St. James hotel forced all the sub tenants to seek other quarters Mr. Banks concluded to move higher up town and nearer to his home. Mr. Bradford bought the building at the corner of Center and St. Paul sts. one square east of the old place and opened up for himself, and there holds forth today, as sole owner and proprietor, having now the assistance of his two sons, James T., jr., and Gray B. Bradford, in carrying on the business.



MR. JAMES T. BRADFORD,  
The Leading Afro-American Business Man of Baltimore, and a Strong Factor in the Politics of the State of Maryland.

Next year will bring about the fortieth anniversary of the day when the boy clerk started in to work for John P. Jones, and the thirtieth year of his independent business at the present location. While never neglectful in the slightest degree of his business duties, Mr. Bradford has always found the time, and strength to be a strong factor in church, in literature and in society. Connected from his earliest childhood with the Bethel Sabbath-school, he filled in succession all of its offices and was for many years its superintendent, during which time it was by far the largest in the city. Connecting himself with King Solomon Lyceum, he at once took front rank among its close debaters and interesting writers, serving here also as its president.

When the war of the Rebellion was on, he was secretary of the Baltimore branch of the Sanitary Commission, and rendered splendid assistance to the boys in blue who served in the field. He is now president of Provident Hos-

pital on Biddle street, a director on the Board of the Home for Friendless Children, Courtland street. He is also a member of the Board of Trade in Washington, D. C. Socially there is no better known man in the county. From East, West, North and South, the names of those who have enjoyed his generous hospitality during the past thirty years truly may be called legion.

Though always a staunch republican and a liberal contributor to the party treasury, it is only within a few years past that Mr. Bradford has taken any active part in the party work; but here also he has taken front rank. He was a strong candidate for Register of the Treasury at the beginning of the McKinley administration, or Register of Deeds, made a splendid run and was only beaten by party exigencies to which he yielded in good spirit and did not "sulk in his tent." Last year he entered the field against the "Regulars" in

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### IN THE GREAT WEST.

Prominent Afro-Americans Active in the Campaign. Everything Republican. Interviews and a Mirror of the Social World.

Chicago, Ills., Special—Probably the most prosperous manufacturing business carried on by a colored man in Chicago is that of Mr. A. C. Howard, who has spent many years experimenting in shoe polish, and today there is no polish in the market more satisfactory than Howard's. His foreign export business has reached as far as Scotland and Ireland and one order was filled in Germany last week. An excellent trade is carried on in Mexico and all parts of the United States. He has only been in business four years and is assisted in every duty pertaining to his success by his amiable wife, who is a good business woman. Howard's Shoe Polish has a space at the Paris Exposition and it is said will be sure to receive highest awards.

Mr. John Davis and wife of Louisiana are in the city the guest of Mr. B. French and wife.

Miss Marie Madison of Parkersburg, W. Va. is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Jones of Chicago.

Mr. J. C. Craig of Grand Rapids, Michigan, spent a few days in Chicago last week en route to Cleveland.

The Quinn Chapel Kindergarten, Mrs. J. W. E. Thomas president, had its formal opening last Monday, October 15th.

Miss Daisy Robinson, the pianist of the Clayton Concert Company left for the East Friday week to be gone an indefinite period.

Bishops Arnett, Turner, Grant and Derrick are expected in the next week to attend the formal opening of the Institutional church.

Rev. Moses Jackson, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, has been appointed by the Presbytery to attend the Synod at Decatur, Illinois.

Rev. S. T. Tice of Boston, Mass., pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church, preached at the Institutional church, Sunday night to a large audience.

Commissioner E. H. Wright has been recently elected president of the County Board which is the highest honor afforded by that department.

Mrs. Dr. Bryant arrived in the city last week from Baltimore, Md. to spend a few days with her husband,

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