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THE STORY OF WENDELL PHILLIPS.

By Charles Edward Russell.

When, before the War, Wendell Phillips denounced chattel slavery, he was assailed by the slaveholding interests of the South; when, after the war, he rejected all profers of high political office and threatened wage-slavery, he was assailed by the manufacturing interests of the North. In both instances he threatened somebody's profits. That was all, and for this reason Southern freeters offered a price for his head.

Yet, in his long life of ceaseless activities, he debated for no crown, argued for no fees, strove for no reward, sought no place nor any fame, cared for no achievements for its own sake, and used his unequalled gifts only for some cause of justice or freedom in which he could earn nothing but obloquy, hatred and isolation.

No man ever gave up more for the sake of his faith. All his brilliant career was wrecked in an instant. His friends and family deserted him. Some of his relatives declared that he was insane and planned to have him confined in an asylum. The press covered him with ridicule and abuse.

For more than twenty years he lived in daily danger of his life, with a price on his head.

When a cause was won, as in the case of the abolition of slavery in the South, and in the natural revulsion of popular feeling men sought to make him its hero, he put aside their tributes and demanded their attention to the next unpopular reform.

Compared with such a career, the stories of the men that on the grounds of material triumph have won place in the world's regard, seem poor indeed. They toiled for themselves, or for the glory of achievements.

This man's single and unselfish purpose was to win better conditions for the unfortunate, wherever they might be, to strive against injustice, to further brotherhood, to spread liberty.

As ardently as other men sought wealth and power, he sought the Common Good.

The above is an outline of the story of Wendell Phillips by Charles Edward Russell who is a magazine and newspaper writer with a world wide reputation and we only wish that it was possible for every Colored man throughout the United States to read this wonderful little book—which consists of 185 pages, including many glowing passages from the brilliant orations of Mr. Phillips which is in neat, strong cloth binding and retails at the small sum of 50 cents postpaid, it is published by Charles H. Kerr and Company 118 West Kinzie Street, Chicago.

For if the Colored men would do so it would cause them to become bold and fearless and they would naturally feel like renewing the fight in behalf of Justice, Liberty and a new freedom.

After reading this new story of the life of Wendell Phillips and what he was forced to endure during his long and great struggle for the cause of Justice for all mankind, it would gradually dawn upon the minds of the Colored men—those who are not cowardly slaves, that liberty or freedom never descended from the starry heavens above to this earth, arrayed in her native purity for the special benefit of any one race of people—that all races of mankind must raise themselves up to liberty or the new freedom, if it needs be through anarchy and bloody revolution.

Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson, who own a nice two flat building at 3511 Federal Street; are both warm supporters of Hon. Oscar De Priest for the nomination for Alderman of the second ward.

GRIFFIN'S POLITICAL MASS MEETING AT PERIN THEATER MONDAY EVENING A GRAND SUCCESS.

By Bettieja Forston.

The hand bills that were distributed throughout the second ward for the Chas. A. Griffin meeting drew a very large crowd. The crowd was very much surprised to find that the first part of the entertainment was moving pictures. But those people who at this particular crisis are most interested in the issues which concern us as a race, grow impatient and shouted, "Start the speaking; take the movies off," and to follow the whim of the crowd the chairs were carried to the stage and many of our prominent leaders took their seats. As Dr. Harlan began to speak, the manager of the theater told the door man that the house was full to overflowing and no one else was to be admitted. Attorney J. S. Simms followed the chairman's speech, but owing to illness was not able to speak very long. Mr. Parker followed with an original poem dedicated to Mr. Griffin, and it was well received. Mr. Wm. R. Cowan caused an uproar when he told the audience that Mr. Oscar De Priest was wrong when he said that the former had no time for the women of our race. Mrs. McKinley, the organizer of a Griffin woman's club, was introduced. Mrs. Manly followed with a few remarks. Mr. Wallace made a pointed speech. Then Mrs. Phoebe Whitley and Mrs. Brown rendered a duet, "telling Oscar De Priest what a slim chance he had." The song was a big success. Rev. Callis of Zion A. M. E. church was the next speaker. Among the things he said, one was about the women selling their principles for a few dollars, and that he would get his congregation to take up a collection for them.

Mr. Ed. H. Wright was the next speaker and he promised to give the facts as they were and leave them for the people to judge which of the three men was capable of being alderman. Of Mr. Anderson he said that "any school boy reading law for six months could fill the position of assistant county attorney, which the latter boasts of holding for seventeen long years. Mr. L. W. Washington caused a riot by speaking of "Segregation, the Cause and Effects." The address was so well received that he was interrupted time and time again by the deafening applause, which prolonged his speech considerably.

Mr. Griffin was then introduced and an ovation which lasted for six minutes was given him. He defended his ability from the attacks of the other candidates, and when finished the audience was well aware of the fact that his research work and business ability would make him the best man for alderman of the second ward.

ENERGY OF MRS. S. W. GREEN.

Wife of Chief Pythian Official Handles Important Details With Ability.

In most all movements having for their aim the advancement of the race women play an important part. History records the testimony of many great men, some living and others dead, who attribute the source of their success to the kind advice or assistance and encouragement of a mother, wife, sister or some woman friend. Mrs. S. W. Green of New Orleans, La., wife of Supreme Chancellor Green of the Knights of Pythias, has played and is playing an important part in many movements for the good of the race.

For a quarter of a century Mrs. Green has gone side by side with her husband in the affairs of life and has contributed much to his success. She possesses rare business ability and tactful qualities which make her a valuable assistant in the affairs of Mr. Green. She has both natural and acquired ability as well as practical experience in business.

For ten years she served as clerk, bookkeeper, cashier and purchasing agent for Mr. S. W. Green in Lake Providence, La., while he was engaged in business in that town. She was also a partner in the business being the wife of the young merchant. She was interested in him and assisted him long before he became grand chancellor of the Pythians of Louisiana. It was Mrs. Green's zealous work and good advice which greatly assisted Chancellor Green in his upward climb.

Since 1900 Mrs. Green has devoted her time and talent in helping to build up the Pythian order in the state. She is private secretary to the supreme chancellor, because most of the time he is away from the city visiting lodges and looking into details throughout the country, and she is in charge of the office. She is well posted on the condition of the order.

Every morning when it is time to open the office she is there and remains until closing time. She gives attention to every detail. She is the banker and makes all remittances from the office, so that when business claiming the attention of the supreme or grand chancellor is to be looked after and he is out of the city Mrs. Green looks after it promptly. The Pythians and members of the Court of Calanthe are proud of her and the service she is rendering to the order.



Hon. A. J. SABATH

Friend of the Afro-American race who will speak on Abraham Lincoln at Bethel Church Sunday afternoon February 14

MRS. ELIZABETH McDONALD HAS GREATLY ENJOYED HER VISIT TO HANNIBAL AND ST. LOUIS MISSOURI.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, 6130 Ada Street; superintendent of the Louise Training School, for Colored boys; has spent her vacation trip the past three weeks at Hannibal and St. Louis Mo., and she has greatly enjoyed her visit to those two cities.

On Monday evening January 31, she spoke at Rev. G. M. Tillman's Church and on Monday evening February 1, she delivered a lecture on "Rescue work" before the Woman's Mite Missionary Society. On that same evening, Mrs. Carrie Wing, of Hannibal, entertained the Allen Chapel Choir, in honor of Mrs. McDonald. On Tuesday evening February 2, she was the guest of honor at the Literary and Art Club, at the residence of Mrs. H. B. Bohon, 2027 Broadway.

She was also the guest of honor, at a very pretty social affair given by her hostess, Mrs. G. M. Tillman 1254 Lynn Street, on her arrival in that city Tuesday, January 26th, complimentary to the Ladies' Literary and Art Club.

On Tuesday, this week; Mrs. McDonald, departed from Hannibal, for St. Louis Mo., where she will spend two weeks.

"THE SILVER CHORD" POEMS BY ADOLPHUS JOHNSON THE NEW POET OF THE EAST.

The latest literary production by an Afro-American; is a new book of poems by Adolphus Johnson, poet and playwright, 718 S. Nineteenth street, Philadelphia Pa., entitled "The Silver Chord" poems.

The little book, consisting of 48 pages, is very attractively gotten up and it sells for \$1.00. It is printed on fine Aberdeen book paper, highly glazed. It is handsomely bound in olive green cloth, with large gold letters ornamenting the front page "The Silver Chord Poems."

Several of the poems in our humble opinion, possess considerable merit and any one could spend some time in reading the poems it contains with much

profit. If its author could see his way clear to sell the book for 50 or 65 cents a wide demand would soon be created for it.

ST. MARK CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. John W. Robinson, pastor of St. Mark M. E. church, 50th street and Wabash avenue, has proven himself a man of exceptional character; first of all, a minister of great ability; second, a profound leader and one capable of doing great things. Note the progress the church has made since his return here. Surely God hath chosen him to do a great work. The benefit of his splendid sermons preached each Sunday is told by the fact of the growth the church is making. Selecting his text from "The Acts" Sunday evening, 6-8, "And Stephen full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles," the pastor preached seemingly as never before.

The dramatic recital last Tuesday night was splendidly given under the auspices of Ladies Aid No. 2. The cut glass bowl was awarded to Mrs. J. T. Russell.

ALPHA SUFFRAGE CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Alpha Suffrage Club was held on last Wednesday evening at the club room, 3005 State street. The club had planned to decide on which aldermanic candidate to support in the coming primary, but were unable to come to any agreement. It therefore decided to have a primary of its own at the next meeting, February 10th, at which time the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be the one it will support on February 23rd.

ST. MARK LYCEUM.

The City Federation of Women's Clubs will hold Douglas Day at St. Mark, February 14th, Sunday afternoon. Opening hour, 3:30 p. m. All are cordially invited. Principal speakers will be Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Rev. John W. Robinson.

We are sorry to learn that the following ladies are on the sick list: Miss Lucille Beatrice Robinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, Mrs. Minnie King, Mrs. Nona Williams.



MR. ERNEST HEILMEL

Strong and influential German-American, first-class business man and democratic candidate for city clerk of Chicago, to be voted for at the primaries, Tuesday, February 23rd.

Contestants Heed. Just Two More Weeks! John Whitson, J. N. Blackshear Are the Last Two to Enter the Contest. No More New Candidates Are Allowed to Enter, to Compete for the Prizes. You Win or Lose In Two Weeks!!!

In two weeks you will know the results of your work. In two weeks your anxious friends will know that you have a good race and a strong race right up to the last minute, or that you have failed to hold the pace required of the winners in The Broad Ax's \$2,500.00 gift campaign.

A Great Finish

is certain because every candidate is "on the job" early and late, combing the city for subscriptions and getting the subscribers.

Choose Your Judge.

Select some interested friend to represent you in counting and checking the votes. This work will be done by a committee which the contestants will select. Select the person you want to appear as judge of the contest and we will draw three names from the list sent in, and appoint them as judges. Or have the names drawn by a responsible party, to assure satisfaction to all. Send in the names of the judges you

select before Wednesday, February 17, 1915. The names of the judges and the closing rules will appear in the next issue of The Broad Ax.

The Two New Candidates

promise to make a strong fight for the machine. They entered the contest with that "vim and energy" that threatens to carry all before them. With the end of the contest drawing near, the fight is becoming hot; the contestants are realizing that the prizes offered by The Broad Ax to the popular people are not things of "dreams and air," but real. And with the realization that the contest will positively close on March 1st, and that we will give away the gifts advertised in The Broad Ax, the contestants have finally lost their indifference and have become very energetic; in fact, so much so that the finish promises to be a hard fight for the first prize.

WHO IS THE MOST POPULAR PERSON?

SCALE OF VOTES.

\$ 2.00	One Year	1,000 votes
4.00	Two Years	3,000 votes
6.00	Three Years	6,000 votes
8.00	Four Years	10,000 votes
10.00	Five Years	15,000 votes

NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.

Mme. E. M. Scott, 3611 S. State St.	124,500 votes
John Whitson, 3130 Wabash Ave.	109,500 votes
J. N. Blackshear, 3815 Vernon Ave.	105,000 votes
Miss B. Forston, 2962 Wabash Ave., Flat 6	76,000 votes
Rev. J. W. Robinson, 4925 Wabash Ave., Pastor St. Mark's Ch.	71,940 votes
Rev. W. S. Braddan (chaplain 8th Reg.), 5008 Fifth Ave.	47,050 votes
Miss Hattie Winslow, 3535 South Wabash Ave.	45,020 votes
Miss Pauline D. Owens, Mounds, Ill.	43,790 votes
Miss Nellie Callaway, 3300 Rhodes Ave.	21,000 votes
Alma G. Rowens, 3228 Calumet Ave.	8,000 votes
Miss Stella E. McCoy, 6155 Wentworth Ave.	5,000 votes

THE HYDE PARK NEWS

By L. W. Washington.

We are indeed sorry to hear of so much sickness and suffering we are having in Hyde Park at this time Mrs. Piggott of 5337 Kimbark Ave. is very sick and has been for quite a while.

Mrs. Mattie Brooks of 5037 Lake Park Ave. is still very low.

Mrs. Eva Raymore of 5606 Lake Park Ave. is just about the same.

Hard times and sickness is making severe inroads upon this people. May the change soon come for the better.

The drama given by the St. Solomon's Club was very good, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not so large, although financially it was a success. It was given for the benefit of the Hyde Park A. M. E. Church, W. H. Griffin, Pastor, Mrs. Annie L. Shelby, Pres.

Mrs. Wilson the sister of Chas. A. Griffin is on the sick list.

Mrs. Mary Blair of 5338 Kenwood Ave. is very sick in the Post Graduate Hospital. After undergoing two operations, she is resting easy at this writing; we hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mary Madison of 1546 East 53rd St. is on the sick list.

Mrs. Flanagan of 5221 Lake Park Ave. who has been sick for quite a while is now convalescing.

Quarterly meeting will be observed at the Hyde Park A. M. E. Church February 14th at 3 P. M. The church would be pleased to have as many to attend as possible, W. H. Griffin, pastor.

L. W. Washington, ORATOR and LECTURER will address the Star Liter

ary Society at 4 P. M. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Subject, "True and False Leadership". A fine musical program will be rendered.

PHYLLIS WHEATLEY NOTES.

The Phyllis Wheatley Woman's Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. A. E. Hunter, 808 E. 41st street, Wednesday, February 17th, at 2 p. m. Musical and literary program. Visitors are welcome.

Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, President.
 Jessie Taylor Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer.

DR. H. REGINALD SMITH, AFTER HIS SOJOURN IN EUROPE, IS AGAIN READY TO LOOK AFTER HIS MANY PATIENTS.

Several weeks ago it was announced in these columns that Dr. H. Reginald Smith had returned home from London, England, where for nine months he attended the London University, drinking in many special studies in advanced medicine and surgery, and Dr. Smith announces with pleasure that he is again ready to administer to the wants of his many old patients, as well as new ones; that he will impart to them the best medical skill which he acquired abroad.

CHIPS

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Linkscale have removed from 5839 S. Wabash avenue to 5652 S. State street.

Saturday evening, February 13th, a luncheon will be given at the Appomattox Club in honor of Dr. Henry R. Smith and Mr. Julian Lewis, of the University of Chicago.