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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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## Louis B. Anderson, Assistant Corporation Counsel of Chicago, Selected by the Second Ward Republican Organization to Succeed Alderman Oscar DePriest in the City Council from That Ward. William Randolph Cowan Has Also Entered the Aldermanic Contest

**THE FIGHT BETWEEN MESSRS. COWAN AND ANDERSON PROMISES TO BE RED-HOT IN EVERY DETAIL AND AT THIS TIME IT IS EXCEEDINGLY HARD TO TELL WHICH ONE WILL WIN OUT AT THE PRIMARIES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.**

**TWO BIG MEETINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD IN THE INTEREST OF MR. COWAN. REV. J. F. THOMAS, THE VENERABLE PASTOR OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH; ATTORNEY EDWARD H. MORRIS, DAN M. JACKSON, DR. GEORGE C. HALL, DR. LEONARD W. LEWIS, GEORGE H. JACKSON, ATTORNEY A. L. WILLIAMS, GEORGE W. HOLT AND MANY OTHER PROMINENT CITIZENS ARE WHEELING IN LINE FOR MR. COWAN.**

**THE LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE SECOND WARD ADMIT THAT THEY HAVE NO CHANCE WHATEVER TO ELECT A WHITE DEMOCRATIC ALDERMAN AND IF THEY POSSESS THE LEAST BIT OF HORSE SENSE THEY WOULD ENDORSE OR SELECT S. A. T. WATKINS TO MAKE THE RACE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL FOR HE COULD DRAW MANY MORE VOTERS UNTO HIM AND COULD MAKE A FAR BETTER SHOWING IN THAT DIRECTION THAN ANY OTHER DEMOCRATIC ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE IN THE SECOND WARD.**

**EX-ASSISTANT STATES ATTORNEY F. L. BARNETT FEELS THAT AS HE WILL BE AMONG THE LAST TO ENTER THE RACE FOR ALDERMANIC HONORS IN THE SECOND WARD HE WILL OUTRUN EX-ATTORNEY WILLIAM G. ANDERSON AND ALL OF THE OTHER CANDIDATES AND WIN THE NOMINATION.**

**HENRY (TEENAN) JONES, THE HEAD CHIEF OF THE ELITE NO. 2, 3445 SOUTH STATE STREET, IS SLIGHTLY DISFIGURED BUT STILL IN THE RING AND HE ADVISES ALL THE BOYS ON THE STROLL TO REFRAIN FROM BEING SEARCHED AND NOT TO TAKE ANY EASY MONEY.**

The Honorable State's Attorney of Cook county has raised so much need among the Colored Republican politicians on the south side until many of them are unable to tell whether they are afoot or riding ten or twelve fast political horses in opposite directions at the same time and because of that fact the many warm political friends and advisers of Alderman Oscar DePriest felt that at this time it would be for the best for him and all parties concerned if he would draw back out of the lime light for the present and not attempt to make the race for re-election to the City Council, from the Second Ward and after carefully considering the matter he decided that that was the very best thing to do under all the circumstances, and on last Saturday evening the Second Ward Republican organization met at its headquarters, located on 35th street near Wabash avenue, and after it had gotten down to business and the old machine had been well oiled or greased up, Louis B. Anderson, assistant corporation counsel of Chicago, who also served as assistant county attorney for a long time and Hon. A. H. Roberts were placed in nomination and in the final round up Mr. Anderson was the choice of the Second Ward Republican organization to succeed Alderman Oscar DePriest in the City Council from that ward.

It seems that Alderman DePriest was in favor of permitting his mantle to fall on the broad shoulders of Col. James H. Johnson but for some cause or other his name was not mentioned in that connection even after he had been called up on the phone on Friday and early on Saturday morning by some of the high priests of the Republicans residing in that ward both White and Colored as they wanted to know for sure if Col. Johnson would stand for the nomination and make the race. At all times it is claimed by the wise ones that he was ready and willing to do so but the aldermanic lightning failed to strike him.

It is also said that the Honorable Martin B. Madden was in favor of nominating Hon. A. H. Roberts, but

the good Lord with the aid of the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D. D. willed it otherwise and Mr. Anderson hot-footed it and ran clear away from his opponent and he and his many friends feel that he will be forced to come out in the open and do some hard fighting, but in the end, without much trouble, he will land in the City Council.

William Randolph Cowan, who is very popular and has a strong following among all classes of his fellow citizens in the Second Ward has also become an active candidate for aldermanic honors and it is freely admitted on all sides that the real fight will be between him and Mr. Anderson, and it promises to be red-hot from start to finish and at this writing it is very hard to tell just how the old political cat will jump between them on Tuesday February 27.

In 1914 Mr. Cowan was one of the Republican candidates for alderman from that ward and he came within one ace in defeating Alderman Hugh Norris from breaking back into the City Council.

The many steadfast friends of Mr. Cowan have already held two big meetings in his interest at 3249 South State street and they make no bones in declaring that he is a very live candidate and that he will come out far ahead of all his rivals primary day.

Rev. J. F. Thomas, the able and venerable pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church; Attorney Edward H. Morris, Dan M. Jackson, Dr. Leonard W. Lewis, George H. Jackson, Lawyer A. L. Williams, Dr. George C. Hall, T. Webster Brown, George W. Holt, Joseph A. Brent, Dr. Bert Garnett, L. Watkins, George H. Walker, A. F. Sims, Henry S. Goins, Chas. S. Jackson, Dr. M. R. Bibb, Dr. J. H. Plummer, Dr. James Lawson, Robert H. Hardin and B. J. Ellenon are among the many prominent or the leading citizens who are loyally supporting Mr. Cowan and many ladies in all parts of the Second Ward are also wheeling in line for him. For many years Mr. Cowan has been the Chicago manager of the estate of E. H. Shirk with offices in the Imperial

Building, 312 South Clark street and in managing the more than one million dollar estate he collects in as rents many thousand dollars each month proving far beyond a doubt that he is a first class business man and that he would make a dandy alderman.

It is maintained by the leaders of the Democratic party in the Second Ward that there is no hope of electing a White Democrat to the City Council from that ward and as long as that is true it would seem that the Democrats who claim to be all wise and all powerful would learn a little horse sense and just for once get behind S. A. T. Watkins and let him try his luck in running for the City Council for he would receive many votes that could not be polled by any other Democrat residing in the Second Ward.

Former assistant state's attorney, F. L. Barnett, will be among the last to enter the aldermanic race in the Second Ward and he and his friends feel that he will have no trouble in running away from ex-attorney William G. Anderson, Harry M. Baskin and all the other aldermanic candidates in that Ward.

For the past three weeks Henry (Teenan) Jones, the grand high chief of the Elite Cafe, 3445 South State street has been hitting the high places pretty strong, and as a result he is slightly disfigured, at the same time he is still in the ring and doing business at the same old stand and his advice to the boys is not to be "searched and refrain from taking any easy money."

**DEATH OF WILLIAM T. SCOTT AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, WHO RAN FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1904. HE WAS THE FIRST AND ONLY COLORED MAN IN THIS COUNTRY TO SEEK THAT HIGH OFFICE.**

**He was Nominated in a Convention Held in St. Louis, Missouri, which was Attended by Four Hundred and Seventy-five Delegates.**

Last Tuesday evening William T. Scott, editor and publisher of The Leader, Springfield, Ill., closed his eyes in death at his home in that city. He was the oldest of all the Colored newspaper men throughout the State of Illinois.

He was well known locally and nationally among both democratic and republican politicians. His remains were transported to Cairo, Ill., for interment, where he had formerly resided for many years and where his wife died and was buried.

It was in the early 80's that Mr. Scott first engaged in the newspaper business, publishing the Gazette at Cairo, which he later on transformed into a daily paper, being the first of its kind in the United States. He supported Grover Cleveland through its columns for president of the United States in 1884.

For many years Mr. Scott was a prominent member of the National Colored Democratic League. In 1904 a vast army of Colored men were elected as delegates to the American Liberty Convention, which was held in St. Louis, Mo., and four hundred and seventy-five delegates which attended that convention nominated Mr. Scott to make the race for president of the United States on the American Liberty ticket, and Alexander Payne, of West Virginia for vice-president, and at the election in November, 1904, Mr. Scott

and Mr. Payne received more than six hundred thousand votes, and from that day to this no other Colored man has had the distinguished honor of running for president of the United States.

On our recent visit to Springfield we called on Mr. Scott and found him feeling quite ill, but he was anxious to talk and to dwell at length on his past political experiences. He declared that he knew every white man of any prominence throughout the country within the last sixty years who was friendly or unfriendly to the best interest of the Colored people and he regarded the late President Grover Cleveland as the best and the greatest friend that the Colored people have ever had in this country.

Before bidding Mr. Scott a long and last farewell, we promised him that we would use our influence to get him into the forthcoming moving picture, the "Birth of a Race."

**EVE SHOWN NOT TO BE ADAM'S FIRST WIFE, SAYS MISS GLEN- NIE E. HAYS, OF NEW YORK.**

As told in last week's Amsterdam News, Miss Glennie E. Hays read a well prepared paper on "The Woman Who Was Adam's First Wife," facts she had discovered after careful researches. The young woman based her contention on the fact that science holds that there were people on earth 125,000 years ago, while the creation of Adam and Eve dates back only ten thousand years or less. Also upon the first and second chapters of the book of Genesis. The first chapter relates distinctly how God created both male and female, and the

second chapter speaks of the creation of "Eve from the thirteenth rib of Adam's right side" after he had called upon God about the unfaithfulness of his first wife, Lillith, "a blonde with hair like ropes of gold."

**"THERE IS NO JUSTICE."**  
Assessed \$25.00 in Hair Pulling Contest.

"There ain't no justice in courts," affirmed Della Nelson, Colored, of 2320 East Denny way, when fined \$25 and costs by Justice Brinker yesterday for assault in the third degree. The complaining witness was Mayme Petway, wife of Pitcher Petway, famous baseball player of the Chicago Colored Giants. According to the testimony of the complaining witness she shed large quantities of hair in a physical encounter with the defendant. — The Searchlight, Seattle, Washington, Jan. 27, 1917.

The above story reminds us of the story which Lawyer or Col. B. F. Moseley has been peddling around this big town for forty years or more, or whenever he is not trying some big law suit and it runs thusly:

One day, some years ago, while he was engaged in walking the streets of Richmond, Va., he beheld a Colored lady sitting on the Court House steps who was rather good looking and no one would feel like passing her up or by and she was crying and taking on to beat the band and friend Moseley who is always very bashful when the sweet or the charming ladies are

around, walked up to her and he softly exclaimed, "my good lady what's the trouble with you, you seem to be in great pain, tell me your troubles and possibly I may be able to assist you," and the lady refrained from crying for a few moments and after looking him straight in the eye she finally said, "Mister there is no Justice in this town," and brother Moseley very gently reminded her that it was wrong for her to talk that way while she was sitting within the very shadow of the Court House and that Judge Brown who presided in it was the embodiment of justice. At the mention of his name she threw up both hands and cried out, stop Mister, stop! Judge Brown is not right for this very morning he divorced my husband Mose Jackson from me and allowed that he was entitled to have or control all three of our children as he was their father at the same time God in heaven knows that "Mose" is not the father of nary one of the children.

It is high time to ring down the curtain.—Editor.

**A COURAGEOUS EDITOR.**

Victor Robinson, editor of the Medical Review of Reviews, regarded by many physicians as the leading medical journal published in the United States, boldly asserts in an article on "The Negro," that the sexual crimes of the black race against the white race are nothing when compared to the sexual crimes of the white race against the black race.



WILLIAM RANDOLPH COWAN.

Ex-President of the Appomattox Club, first class business man, Republican candidate for the nomination for Alderman of the Second Ward to be voted for at the primaries, Tuesday, February 27.