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TWO DELEGATIONS MEET COOLIDGE

COLORED VOTERS' LEAGUE HOLDS IMPORTANT LINCOLN DAY MEETING TO HEAR POLITICAL CANDIDATES

Attorney Tom Sullivan Is Foremost Speaker on Program Held at Memorial Baptist Church Tuesday Evening—Commissioners Wenzel and Clancy Present.

The Colored Voters' League of St. Paul held a Lincoln Memorial at Memorial Baptist Church, Rice and Fuller streets, Tuesday evening to one of the most enthusiastic audiences ever assembled for a like purpose.

Some of the best known labor men in the state were invited to be present and showed their interest by attending in a body.

Program Enveloped.

Mr. Geo. Shannon, president of the Voters' League, made a splendid talk as to the purpose of the organization before introducing the speakers.

The main speaker of the program was Tom Sullivan, who gave vent to his feeling on the present form of municipal government, the lynch law, economic conditions and specifically stated that the battles of the Negro must be in common with those of the working man.

Resolutions Passed.

At this time Attorney Orlando Smith, secretary of the Voters' League, was introduced and read a resolution to be submitted to Senators Shipstead and Johnson concerning their supporting the Dyer Bill.

LESLIE LAWRENCE POST ELECTS YEAR'S OFFICERS

Leslie Lawrence Auxiliary held their election of officers Wednesday evening at the Legion Hall, 355 Robert street, and the following were elected: Miss Jessie Oden, president;

Leslie Lawrence Post election of officers are as follows: Geo. W. Hamilton, commander; A. Saunders, 1st vice com.; Lawrence McCoy, 2nd vice com.; Allen Rufus, adjt.; Geo. D. Howard, sergt. at arms; Geo. W. Manning, finance officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Howard, 767 Rondo street, are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter, born Sunday, February 10.

Mrs. Owen Howell, 941 Rondo street, is gradually recovering from her recent attack of illness.

Director of Branches of N. A. A. C. P. Will Be Guest of Local Branch

Mr. Robert W. Bagnall, director of branches for the N. A. A. C. P., will be in the city on the following dates, and has sent this schedule of meetings to be held during his stay:

Wednesday, March 19—Executive committee meeting. Thursday, March 20—Dinner conference. Friday, March 21—Interviews.

Return Trip. Sunday, March 23—Mass meeting at once of the churches, place to be announced later. Monday, March 24—Women's conference at Little Pilgrim, 2:30 P. M. The dinner mentioned above will be held at Hotel Howell at 6 P. M. Covers will be laid for fifty, at \$1.00 each.



R. NATHANIEL DETT

NATHANIEL DETT TO APPEAR HERE MONDAY EVENING

Famous Composer-Pianist Will Give Recital at Peoples Church.

R. Nathaniel Dett, renowned Composer-Pianist, will appear Monday evening, February 18, at Peoples church in one of the best musical treats ever witnessed in the Twin Cities.

In every city where Mr. Dett has appeared his renditions have been of such that critics, if even biased, were forced to acknowledge him an artist of note.

To Give Masterpieces.

Mr. Dett will render some of the masterpieces that have made him famous in his Monday night appearance in St. Paul. "Juba" is a rare treat in itself and after viewing the program numbers, one scarcely knows how to estimate the value of his presentation to the lovers of music.

In speaking of Mr. Dett, when it became known that he had accepted the musical directorship at Hampton Institute, Mr. Frederick H. Marten said in the Musical Monitor:

"It might be said that the coming of R. Nathaniel Dett to Hampton as director of music at that institution has marked a new epoch in its musical development."

THE HONOR OF HIS RACE

The following poem was inspired by the Press reports of the thoughts of John Trice, the Negro football star of Iowa State College, on the day of the game in which he lost his life, taken from "His Creed."

No loftier or braver creed has ever been propounded, Than when this football star from Ames, his thoughts of life compounded,

For what he thought about the game, His whole life would express, His love for family, and race, his few words do confess.

He was an Honor to his race, an Honor to mankind, And lofty thought like he expressed, will races closer bind,

He threw his body, and his soul, in reckless bravery, To gain the Honor for his State, his College's Victory,

And so if he had lived we think, the same thoughts would prevail, An Honor to his State, and Race, he'd have been without fail.

—H. F. Rosing.

Public Is Urged to Take Time to Register; then Use the Ballot Rightly

What have you done about registering? With the increased political activities it is highly necessary that every loyal citizen exercise the power of the ballot and such cannot be done unless we register now and vote when the time comes.

Battle Royal is Staged Sunday

Willie Weeks, Charles Spille and a Mr. Williams, who is better known as "Turkey Breast," were participants in a Grand Battle Royal at Sixth and Lyndale avenue north Sunday.

Candidates For Mayor Number Three Increase

Mayor Nelson Still Holding Three to One Lead Over Opposition for Office.

A great impetus was given the mayoralty race with the official announcement Tuesday that George L. Seigel would enter as a candidate on the labor ticket.

The outside parties are devising every possible means of defeating the present mayor in his campaign for re-election. However, the mayor seems to encounter no difficulty in maintaining his lead established by splendid executive work during his regime.

Two proposed candidates for mayor passed the fifty mark in nominating petitions Wednesday at the office of the city clerk.

Signers for Carr were recruited from the office of Sheriff Wagener, other county offices and friends scattered over the city.

George E. W. Nelson, reported mayoralty candidate, proved Wednesday that he is really a candidate for the council when thirty-seven signers appeared to file his name for the council while his total in the mayoralty race remained at five.

Many labor men appeared at the city clerk's office Wednesday to sign petitions for all of labor's candidates for city officer.

Mr. O. H. Locke, Kansas City, Kan., has been the guest of Mrs. O. C. Locke, 864 St. Anthony avenue.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT PLEA OF HOUSTON MARTYRS TO PRES. COOLIDGE; CLEMENCY IS ASKED

James Weldon Johnson and William Monroe Trotter Present Petitions From N. A. A. C. P. and Equal Rights League Bearing Over 120,000 Names.

Washington, D. C.—Stirring developments followed closely upon the joint race soldiers' pardon hearing conducted before President Coolidge by the N. A. A. C. P. and the National Equal Rights League with their respective delegations, J. Weldon Johnson, secretary, making the statement for the former delegation of fifteen and Wm. Monroe Trotter, secretary, the statement for the league delegation.

At the audience President Coolidge stated that he favored clemency and would order an investigation made to ascertain whether the facts would permit of his pardoning all or part of the men. He said he always gave a colored person the benefit of the doubt and hoped the facts would warrant his granting pardons, though realizing the affair was a terrible affair.

Friday it was announced the President has directed the Secretary of War to re-investigate the Houston riot of 1917 to see whether clemency should be extended. Also it was announced that Secretary Weeks has made it plain that the attitude of the War Department is that the convicted soldiers should be granted clemency. This removes the only possible block to at least partial pardons.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of 120,000 signatures. With him were S. S. Booker of Md., N. D. Brasher of Ill., A. P. Randolph of N. Y., A. H. Grimke of D. C., Mrs. G. Pelham of D. C., J. E. Mitchell of Mo., Robert S. Abbott of Ill., Rev. C. H. Tobias of N. Y., Robert L. Vann of Pa., Carl Murphy of Md., C. V. Briggs of N. Y., M. J. Chisum of Md., Rev. W. M. Norman for Rev. L. K. Williams of Ill., Dr. M. O. Dumas of D. C., H. Sellman of N. Y., S. J. Davidson of D. C. Mr. Johnson asked pardons because of excellent records in army, local provocation, heavy punishment meted out, exemplary conduct as prisoners.

Mr. Trotter presented petitions and resolutions adopted by the league and branches and by other race bodies from Mass. to California, letters from congressmen to the President, acknowledgments from the White House and War Secretary, and a set of petitions by elected officials of Mass., federal and national, headed by Senator Lodge, U. S. Senate leader, by 5 Mass. Congressmen, members of Governor's Council, and of Mass. Senate and House, signed "On representation men had never been found guilty of disloyalty, cowardice, treason, or breach of prison rules." With him for the Equal Rights League were Dr. Julia H. Coleman, vice-president; J. L. Neill, recording secretary; M. W. Spencer, treasurer, all of Washington, and Wm. H. Fields of Mo., representing Pres. T. J. Moppins.

Last Friday the Equal Rights League sent President Coolidge a letter of thanks for his sympathy with the pardon pleas and his prompt starting of a re-investigation of the cases, enclosing resolutions from the Peoples Baptist Church of Boston and a letter from the Attorney General of Mass.

Other officers and members of the board are: Vice-president, Attorney J. H. Love of Montgomery, W. Va.; secretary, J. A. Thompson, Charleston, W. Va.; treasurer, J. E. Clark, Charleston, W. Va.; legal adviser, Attorney J. M. Ellis, Oak Hill, W. Va.; H. B. Hunley, Mt. Hope, W. Va.; B. B. Waynesboro, Beards Fork, W. Va.; Christopher Campbell, Charleston, W. Va., and Rev. Smoot of Williamson, W. Va.

This is the first insurance company promoted by race men ever incorporated and qualified under the rigid insurance laws of West Virginia, and ought to do a fine business among the 100,000 Negroes in this state. The company has written over 1,000 policies since it received license from the insurance commissioner on Jan. 3 and the outlook is exceedingly bright.

CHURCH ITEMS Border M. E. By Rev. Robert Cheers

There will be a grand entertainment given under the auspices of the Willing Workers' Club and the Ladies' Aid at Border M. E. Church on February 21 and 22.

It will comprise a trip around the world, including an opeusum supper and a musical program by Miss Mary H. Mosley, the accomplished dramatic teacher of our city.

Admission 15 cents. You cannot afford to miss it. Time and space will not permit us to publish the details. Come and see for yourself, because the half cannot be told.

MPLS. CIVIC CLUB TO HOLD MEETING

The Thirteenth Ward Civic Club will hold a get-together meeting at the assembly room of the library at Fourth avenue south and 36th street, Minneapolis, Monday, February 18, at 8:30 P. M.

The program will consist of addresses by prominent speakers and music by male quartette. The speakers of the evening will be Alderman W. C. Robb of the Thirteenth Ward, Dr. R. S. Brown, Rev. F. C. Parsons, Atty. H. Cannon, Atty. G. G. DeVaughn, L. C. Valler, J. P. Durden and others. Ladies are cordially invited. Committee on arrangements, Carl Wade, chairman, M. W. Judy, Jas. Hughes, B. M. McDew, Talmage Carey, master of ceremonies.

Mrs. J. T. Haskell is recuperating from serious illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Amanda Bond, 245 Front street.

WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATION MID-WINTER SESSION

Pioneer Hall Is Scene of Mid-winter Session of Federated Clubs.

The parlors of Pioneer Hall, 588 Rondo street, were filled with prominent club women and friends who gathered to observe the nineteenth anniversary and Mid-winter session of the Minnesota State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Friday morning, February 8. Convening at 11 o'clock, business of importance was transacted by the executive board, presided over by the state president, Mrs. Susan B. Evans of Duluth.

After luncheon nearly one hundred women representatives from the twenty-three federated clubs were seated in the spacious parlors when the president called the meeting to order. Mrs. Jessie L. Williams of Duluth, chairman of press and publicity committee, led the devotionals with Mrs. Gladys Harris at the piano.

Extending a hearty welcome to the assemblage, Mrs. Evans began as follows: We extend to all present on this our nineteenth anniversary our heartiest greetings, yet while we meet to celebrate the founding of our beloved organization and pay a tribute of honor and love to the able foresighted women who knew that in our union there is strength, we are ever mindful of the fact that we have a splendid opportunity to serve humanity, therefore we take advantage once a year to come together in counsel gathering renewed inspiration from the exchange of ideas and reports of delegates. Our foundation is not for today nor tomorrow, but for the ages and the late Mrs. Ione Gibbs and Mrs. Lyles, who were the founders, have not labored in vain. Let us resolve to do greater things. Learning the great value of co-operation and uniting our forces together to attain the objectives are the two ideals of the progressive women's clubs of today. If we expect to give knowledge we must first have it. If we expect to lead, let us live clean, upright lives. Defend our federation whenever assailed and emphasize the fact that we are part of a great movement to uplift humanity. These strong sentiments were deeply impressed on her listeners. The redemption of the Frederick Douglass Home inaugurated by the late Mary (Continued on page 4)

Hudson is Freed Of Crime Charge

The trials and tribulations attendant with being charged with highway robbery that temporarily erased the seemingly perpetual smiles of Lloyd Hudson, 3020 20th avenue south, who is more commonly known as "Dick," have ended. Hudson was recently arrested and tried for robbery of three taxi cab drivers. Friends attempted to have him released on bond and his bail was boosted from \$20,000 to \$60,000, hence Dick had to stay behind the bars. Attorney Robert Cowling defended Hudson so vigorously at the trial that he was acquitted of one of the charges and the other indictments against him were dropped.

So "Dick" Hudson is smiling again for more than one reason. Jack Dunn, manager of the Marine professional football team, sent him his contract for 1924 season and Dick intends to play baseball with the Indianapolis A. B. C's.

Elderly Mother Of Post Office Clerk Dies Here

Mrs. Harriet Murphy, beloved mother of James Murphy and Mrs. Louise Reed, was called home to rest from all earthly labor Monday, January 28, at 11:15 P. M. Although 93 years of age, she was very active and possessed of all her faculties. Just before her last illness she recalled the time when railroads, electricity and telephone were unknown. Mrs. Murphy was born near Glasgow, Ky., May 31, 1831, and was the daughter of Reuben and Nancy Wallace. Her parents had obtained their freedom shortly before her birth, therefore she was termed free-born.

Settled in Illinois. At the age of 15, deceased was married to Richard Murphy, who had also been freed by his master. Deciding to establish a home, they journeyed North, where conditions were different and traveled by the "prairie schooner" to Warren County, Illinois, five miles southeast of Monmouth. They immediately purchased and paid for ninety acres of land upon which they lived over fifty years. To this union were born sixteen children, seven of whom are living.

Burial in Monmouth. Brief services were held over the remains at Simpson and Willis Chapel where a number of friends paid their last respects. Rev. L. W. Harris of Pilgrim Baptist church officiated. Handsome floral offerings surrounded the casket. Her son James accompanied the body to Monmouth, Ill., where interment took place in the family plot Thursday, January 31. Mrs. Murphy was a great Christian character and acquired a large circle of friends during her residence in St. Paul. Five sons and daughters mourn the passing. Rev. Murphy, Denver, Colo.; Augustus Murphy, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Richard Murphy, Canada; Warren Murphy, Monmouth, Ill.; James Murphy, St. Paul; Mrs. Nancy Hayes, Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Louise Reed of St. Paul. Five generations also survive.