

THE BROAD AX

Hon. Joseph E. Lindquist, One of the Vice Presidents of the Central Trust Company of Illinois; At Which Bank the Colored People Have Thousands of Dollars On Deposit; J. W. Dowd, Of the Newton Dowd Dairy Co., 4326 So. Wabash Avenue, Which Concern Supplies Thousands of Colored People With Their Milk and Cream; Martin Isaacs, Master-In-Chancery of the Superior Court, For Judge Joseph Sabath, and L. M. Smith, President of the Chicago Real Estate Board, Are the Guiding Spirits of the Grand Boulevard District Property Owners' Ass'n

THE COLORED PEOPLE RESIDING ON THE SOUTH SIDE SHOULD ASSEMBLE TOGETHER IN A GREAT CONVENTION AND SELECT TWO HUNDRED MEN AND WOMEN TO FORM A DELEGATION AND LET IT MARCH OR CALL ON L. M. SMITH, PRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO REAL ESTATE BOARD, AND THE OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE GRAND BOULEVARD DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, AND PLAINLY INFORM THEM, THAT UNLESS THEY REFRAIN FROM ATTEMPTING TO BOYCOTT OR BLACK LIST THEM, THAT THEY WILL ENDEAVOR TO LAND THEM BEHIND THE PRISON BARS AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS, FOR CONSPIRACY.

READ THE THREE LETTERS WHICH APPEAR IN THESE COLUMNS AS THEY CLEARLY PROVE THAT THE HEAD OFFICIALS OF THE GRAND BOULEVARD DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ARE DEAD SET AGAINST PERMITTING COLORED PEOPLE TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AND PEACEFULLY RESIDE IN IT IN THAT SECTION OF THE SOUTHSIDE.

Our first article appeared in these columns against the bombing of the homes of highly respectable and law abiding colored people, April 30, and shortly after the death dealing bomb was hurled at the building at 3818 Grand Blvd., the first floor of which was used as the living quarters for the nurses connected with the Fort Dearborn hospital, at which time four or five of the colored lady nurses were severely injured from the effects of the explosion of the bomb. It came to our ears that on the night of the explosion or at no time thereafter, did either of the big five political leaders of the colored people residing in this city, take the trouble to call up anyone connected with the Fort Dearborn hospital to ascertain just how bad the nurses were injured, showing that the big five are cold-blooded, selfish, and that they are absolutely indifferent as to the fate of those who are less fortunate than themselves.

Not knowing what the fates had in store for us at that time, whether it meant instant death to us or not, for writing against the bombers, nevertheless, we had placed our hands on the handles of the plow, and we highly resolved not to look to the right nor to the left, but straight ahead and continue to press or move forward, though the heavens fall, and the sun refuses to illuminate the earth and the high heavens with its fulgence or brilliant rays.

The actual result of our fight so far has been that the high city officials, after talking along upon the bombing business, have finally woken up, for during their long sleeping or silent spell, they, with the rest of the citizens residing in this city, entertained the idea that something was radically wrong if they were unable to read every morning on the front page of the daily newspapers that the home of another colored person had been bombed, and that no outward effort on the part of the police had been made to apprehend anyone for tossing the bombs, for the city officials regard that act as a matter of fact and several high up whites and colored city officials have severely condemned us for continuing our fight in that direction.

Notwithstanding all of these things, with our pen dipped in burning fire, all the head chiefs of the powers that be, were at last forced to sit up and take notice, and in the end Alderman Louis B. Anderson was ordered or commanded to introduce a resolution into the city council setting aside twenty-five thousand dollars to be expended in hunting down the bombers, but it must be remembered that three weeks had passed away before we could wake him up and make the slightest move in that direction.

Many sharp or pointed headed so-called leaders of the colored race, including one or two newspaper men who always fall fast asleep whenever anything big is to be pulled off in the interest of the colored people endeavored to steal our thunder but they were all loudly barking up the wrong tree all the time, and they were unaware of the fact that we had in our coat pocket the original letters which are still in our possession at the very time when they rushed over us and sneaked in to see Mayor William Hale Thompson. If the members of that delegation would have had the letters referred to they would have been in a far better position to

force Mayor Thompson to show his hand and take a bold stand against the bombings of homes of colored people. This statement may be very distasteful to many persons, and especially to those who are on the city hall payroll, namely, that so far Mayor Thompson has not uttered one loud word which would ring around the world in condemnation of the bombers.

The letters which we have had under lock and key for the past four or five weeks which appear in another column of this paper and after they are carefully read by Mayor Thompson and by Hon. Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney of Cook County, they should call on the gentlemen whose names appear on the face of the three letters and request them to do some tall explaining why they should not be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law under the conspiracy act of the great state of Illinois.

It will be recalled that L. M. Smith, 3947 Cottage Grove avenue, is the president of the Chicago Real Estate Board, that as such he is willing to go the limit in his mad or rattled-brained effort in endeavoring to prevent highly respectable colored people from acquiring homes in the Hyde Park district, for recently the Chicago Real Estate Board, with L. M. Smith as its president, passed the following resolution:

"Any real estate dealer who sells Negroes property in streets or avenues where there are only white owners will be expelled from the Chicago Real Estate Board. This is the edict issued at a meeting of its executive committee, and afterwards indorsed and adopted by the full board membership."

It may not be out of place to state that each and every person whose names appear on the top of the letters outside of those composing the old well known real estate firm of Chandler, Hildreth & Co., are rabid or rank Negro haters and many of them are criminals at heart, for any man is a violent criminal who attempts to ham string any race of people whose members have never cast one stone in their pathway.

Let us take the case of Martin J. Isaacs, one of the directors of the Grand Boulevard Property Owners Association. He is Master in Chancery of the Superior Court for Judge Joseph Sabath, and any colored lawyer would stand a slim chance in winning any law suit before him; one of its other prominent directors is J. W. Dowd of the Newton-Dowd Dairy Co., 4326 S. Wabash avenue, and that concern rakes in thousands of dollars from the colored people from the sale of milk and cream to them, and Mr. Dowd laughs real loud to himself on how he is able to fool the short sighted colored people all the time by pulling in their money for his milk and cream and then using their own money to forever bar them from residing in decent homes south of 39th street.

Then we have old uncle Pat B. Flanagan as one of the directors and so-called judges of the Municipal Court of Chicago and when he ran for re-election he ran around after the colored people and urged them to vote for him but at the present time he has a bad case of the Jim Jams every time he comes in contact with highly respectable colored people.

And then we have John E. Murphy, also one of the directors who sold his home to colored people at 48th and Champlain avenue, for ten thousand dollars and now he has become one of the most rabid Negro haters in Chicago; and then we have Hon. Joseph E. Lindquist, vice president of the Central Trust Company of Illinois; Adolph F. Kramer of Draper & Kramer, real estate dealers; L. M. Smith, I. O. Ackley, Mark Levy, Henry Newhouse and each and every one of the directors of the Grand Boulevard District Property Owners Association belong in the same class with Uncle Pat B. Flanagan, who in our humble opinion is a disgrace to the liberty-loving Irish-American race.

In conclusion, two hundred colored men and women should march or call on L. M. Smith, who is the ringleader in the movement to prevent the colored people from residing wherever they have enough money to secure themselves homes, and plainly inform him that the colored people pay taxes on between five and six million dollars worth of Chicago real estate, and that by the eternal gods if he does not refrain from continuing to hound them and cause them to feel all the time that they are aliens and criminals in a strange land, that they, the colored people, will honestly endeavor to land him and some of his associates behind the prison bars at Joliet, Illinois, under the conspiracy act or law of the great state of Illinois.

THE CONSPIRACY LAW OF ILLINOIS CLEARLY DEFINED

By Attorney Walter M. Farmer

Chicago, June 9, 1921.

Mr. Julius F. Taylor, Editor, The Broad Ax, Dear Sir:

Supplemental to our conversation a few days ago relative to the activity of certain persons and organizations directed toward the colored people of the city and especially that class desirous of purchasing real estate, I am calling your attention to the law of the State of Illinois in regard to conspiracy. This law was passed March 27, 1874, in force July 1, 1874, and amended in 1919, and reads as follows:

"If any two or more persons conspire or agree together, or the officers or executive committee of any society or organization or corporation, shall issue or utter any circular or edict, as the action of or instruction to its members, or any other persons, societies, organizations, or corporations, for the purpose of establishing a so-called boycott or black list, or shall post or distribute any written or printed notice in any place, with the fraudulent or malicious intent wrongfully and wickedly to injure the person, character, business or employment, or property of another, or to obtain money or other property by false pretenses, or to do any illegal act injurious to the public trade, health, morals, police or administration of public justice, or to prevent competition in the letting of any contract by the State, or the authorities of any county, city, town or village, or to induce any person not to enter into such competition, or to commit any felony, they shall be deemed guilty of conspiracy; and every such offender, whether as individuals or as the officers of any society or organization, and every person convicted of conspiracy at com-

mon law, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding five years, or fined not exceeding \$2,000, or both."

The Black List as used in the Statute, is defined as follows:

"Black List is a list of persons marked out for special avoidance, antagonism and enmity on the part of those preparing the list or those among whom it is intended to circulate."

Section 1977 of the Statutes of the United States provides that, "All persons within the jurisdiction of the United States shall have the same right in every state and territory, to make and enforce contracts and to the full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of persons and property as is enjoyed by white citizens."

Section 1987 provides as follows: "That all citizens of the United States shall have the same right in every state and territory as is enjoyed by white citizens thereof, to inherit, purchase, occupy, lease, sell, hold and convey real property."

The Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides as follows: "Section 1. All men are by nature free and independent, and have certain inherent and inalienable rights—among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights and the protection of property, governments are instituted among men, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed."

The Supreme Court says in the case of *Ritchie vs. People*, 155 Ill. 98, "Liberty includes the right to acquire property, and that means and includes the right to make and enforce contracts. The right to use, buy and sell property and contract in respect thereto is protected by the Constitution of the State of Illinois."

"The right to acquire, possess and protect property includes the right to make reasonable contracts. And when an owner is deprived of one of the attributes of property, like the right to make contracts, he is deprived of his property within the meaning of the constitution of the State of Illinois."

In the case of *Graceville Coal Company vs. People*, 147 Ill. 302, the Supreme Court held that property in its broader sense is not the physical thing



HON. KICKHAM SCANLAN

RE-ELECTED TO THE CIRCUIT COURT BENCH FOR THE THIRD TIME.

Monday, June 6, was a great day in this city and throughout Cook county for on that day the great mass of people rose up as one man and they firmly decided for many years to come that the circuit court judges shall not be forced to wear the iron collar of any political party and be forced to take order how to decide lawsuits or points of law from their political masters, for the non-partisan judicial ticket won out from top to bottom and ten republicans and eleven democrats were elected to the circuit court bench which clearly indicates that it is non-partisan and it is safe to say that on the whole that this city and county has the best class of circuit court judges that it has had for many years.

The Thompson machine with Mayor William Hale Thompson and Col. Fred Lundin with a million dollars on hand to do business with some of the voters put up a game or a stiff fight but the two million dollar real estate experts were too much of a load for it, and after a great deal of groaning and puffing the old well oiled machine with Mayor Thompson and some of his trusty henchmen running the thing the machine which had won many hard fought political battles in the past came to a sudden stop and everything connected with it went down in a heap and nothing was left to mark the spot where it and its heavy load of statesmen or would-be statesmen disappeared below the political horizon.

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At Tulsa, as usual; the innocent pay: Black men, innocent, pay in life. White men, innocent, pay in money.

By rumor, out of fear and dislike, is produced that monstrous abortion, a race riot. Somebody starts the charge that a black man has assaulted a white woman. Somebody else sets going the statement that the black man is to be "rescued" by men of his color. Scores are killed, thousands made homeless. The homes destroyed the good citizens of Tulsa are taxing themselves to rebuild; for the lives lost no reparation is possible.

There is no use in blaming Tulsa or the South. Chicago, Omaha, East St. Louis are not southern cities, but the horrors of race-rioting disgraced them just the same. The white man uses the Negro, abuses him, treats him like a stepchild and worse. The black man, uneducated, unstabilized by a savage inheritance not balanced by a couple of generations of theoretical equality, sinks back into passion, flames up in resentment. The clash comes. The black man loses most in life and property; the white man most in character.

It is a bitter, tragic, humiliating business. The only way out of it is by honest publicity, honest discussion, honest education. An institution like Tuskegee is far more encouraging than a riot is discouraging; but the one is a long, slow process, the other an explosion.

It is indeed a very sad plight for the white race to yet emphasize the curse of Cain in the face of its thousands of years of civilization. Emphasizing a degradation in its outlawry, and running the entire gamut of crime to slake its thirst for innocent blood, puts to shame everything one only could expect from the meanest and lowest form of savagery, but not at all expected of the great white race.

The white man's religion and civilization is a sham. There isn't sufficient Christianity in the white race to carry it as far as you could throw an elephant. The whole blasted thing has been discarded and discredited. The Negro has found it out, and he has determined to shoot at some of the things that get in his way too. It is such a pity that human hate is directed against a fellow because he was born with a dark skin. It would be so much better if all of this tyrant-

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we think the only possible action lies in an effort to discover and punish individual participation in these crimes, in accepting personal responsibility, every one of us, in so far as we fail to advance a better understanding among American citizens, and in refraining from general reiteration. For that the situation has no room.

"RACE PURITY."

The Louisiana constitutional convention now in session at Baton Rouge, had a little tussle over a "race purity" ordinance a few days ago.

It read: "The legislature shall enact necessary legislation to guard and preserve race purity."

The women defeated the proposition by a large vote. The principal reason given by the female opposition was that it would be a bad advertisement for the state and make it appear to non-residents that it was a troublesome question and that it was difficult to prevent white women from marrying black men. There may have been other reasons which the ladies did not care to divulge—perhaps some of them were colored and knew it.

Louisiana is a state in which there "aint no sich animal" as race purity. Those who are familiar with the facts say that probably three-fourths of the native born so-called white people have more or less Negro blood in their veins. The mixing has been going on for more than 300 years, and it still continues in spite of laws to prevent it.

"On the day that the ordinance was considered by the constitutional convention a blood controversy case was being tried in one of the courts in New Orleans, and when the plaintiff demanded a "blood test" the sage judge suggested that it would be better to submit the matter to the ouija board."

—The Appeal. St. Paul, Minn., June 4, 1921.