

Echoes and Re-Echoes of the Late Non-Partisan Judicial Election

Many Thousands of Colored People, Residing in All Parts of This City and Cook County, Broke Away from Their Colored Political Iron Masters, Asserted Their Political Independence and Voted Against the Thompson Judicial Ticket

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 5TH, MAYOR WILLIAM HALE THOMPSON HELD A BIG MEETING AT THE EIGHTH REGIMENT ARMORY AND HON. EDWARD H. WRIGHT AND THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BIG FIVE ASSURED MAYOR THOMPSON THAT THEY WOULD CARRY THE SECOND WARD FOR HIM BY EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY THOUSAND MAJORITY; BUT THEY CARRIED IT BY LESS THAN TWELVE THOUSAND, WITH MAJORITIES RANGING FROM EIGHT TO NINE THOUSAND AS AGAINST OVER THREE THOUSAND VOTES FOR THE HIGHEST CANDIDATE ON THE NON-PARTISAN TICKET.

THE THIRD WARD WITH ITS LARGE COLORED VOTE; THE THIRTIETH; THE THIRTY-FIRST AND THE FOURTEENTH WARDS ALL REPUDIATED THEIR COLORED POLITICAL MASTERS AND HIT OUT AT COL. WM. A. BITHER, DOC WILLIAM H. REID AND COL. ALEXANDER A. TODD, COMMITTEEMEN, RESPECTFULLY OF THE THIRD, THIRTY-FIRST AND FOURTEENTH WARDS.

THE COALITION FORCES MAY CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER AND NOMINATE AND ELECT THE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES IN JUNE, 1922, AND THE CANDIDATES FOR THE VARIOUS COUNTY OFFICES IN THE FALL OF 1922, AND THE MAYOR OF CHICAGO IN 1923.

THE BROAD AX CUT A WIDE SWATH IN THIS CITY IN THE JUDICIAL CONTEST AND OUT OF IT, FOR THREE HUNDRED COPIES OF JUNE 4 WAS SENT TO JUSTICE FLOYD E. THOMPSON, OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS AT ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, AND HE WAS RE-ELECTED TO THE SUPREME COURT BENCH BY MORE THAN TWELVE THOUSAND MAJORITY.

The Tuesday morning after the late nonpartisan judicial election in this city and county the five big colored political leaders or the iron masters of the one hundred and fifty thousand colored people residing in this city felt as though they had been kicked on the tops of their heads by some vicious mules, for they all felt cocksure all day on Monday, June 6, and prior to the judicial election that there was nothing to it but the shouting.

They, the big five colored political bosses, endeavored to bulldoze and frighten the colored people away from the nonpartisan judicial candidates by branding the colored people as Democrats if they failed or refused to vote for all the Thompson judicial ticket, but thousands of colored men and women had the moral courage to stand up and look their white and colored political iron masters or bosses right in their eyes and plainly inform them that slavery came to an end in this country almost sixty years ago and that they intended to vote to suit themselves; that they were not abject and cringing slaves, that no man nor no set of men, white or black, could dictate to them how or for whom they must vote.

Firmly did thousands of the colored people adhere to their position in that respect as it was plainly indicated after the judicial election. On the Sunday afternoon prior to the judicial election Mayor William Hale Thompson and his colored political bosses in the Second Ward held a big meeting at the Eighth Regiment Armory and Hon. Edward H. Wright, Republican committeeman of that ward, Hon. Oscar DePriest and the other big colored honorables assured Mayor Thompson that they would vote for all the colored people around in their hip pockets, or words to the same effect, and that on Monday, June 6, that the Thompson judicial ticket would receive between eighteen and twenty thousand ma-

iority in the Second ward; but on the following day thousands of colored people faded away and about eight or nine thousand of them residing in the Second Ward absolutely refused to rally to the support of Hon. Edward H. Wright, Hon. Louis B. Anderson, Hon. Oscar DePriest, Hon. Robert R. Jackson and Hon. James A. Scott and Mayor William Hale Thompson, and instead of carrying the Second Ward by twenty thousand majority, the highest candidate on the Thompson judicial ticket received a fraction over eleven thousand votes and the leading candidate on the nonpartisan ticket received more than three thousand votes, whereas it was contended right along by the colored political bosses in that ward that the nonpartisan judicial candidates would not receive over four or five hundred votes. Now those same wise political prophets claim that there are more than three thousand white voters residing in the Second Ward and that all the whites voted for the Democratic judicial candidates and that all the colored people either voted the Thompson Republican judicial ticket straight or remained at home.

Many colored men and women absolutely refused to vote to further uphold the arms of Mayor Thompson for the sole reason that he has permitted Hon. Edward H. Wright to pull in thirty thousand dollars in less than one year as one of the lawyers of the traction commission, and Hon. Oscar DePriest to rake in ten thousand dollars per year in dead easy money as one of the city real estate experts, while on the other hand thousands of colored people are out of work and many of them are on the verge of starvation and hundreds of them are forced to work very hard early and late in order to earn enough money to pay the extra heavy taxes which have been imposed on their homes which they are endeavoring to pay for, for the thrifty and thoughtful colored people are beginning to learn that every time that a heavy raid is made on the public

funds by the city officials that someone has got to pay for it and as the big millionaires will not pay their share of the extra expense in conducting the affairs of the city and that was one reason why so many colored people turned their backs on Mayor Thompson and his two million dollar real estate experts.

The colored people revolted in the Third ward against the leadership of Col. William A. Bither, whom many of them hate with all of their being and the colored voters in that ward and the colored voters in that strong Republican ward transferred it over into the non-partisan column. The same thing was done in the Thirtieth ward, for the colored people in that ward in the past had worshiped Mayor Thompson like unto a god, but on Monday, June 6, hundreds of them residing in that ward turned his judicial candidates down cold.

In the Thirty-first ward the colored people were just waiting in order to get a whack at Little Judge Anton T. Zeman and Dr. William H. Reid, who was foolish enough to believe that he would be elected secretary of state in 1920, and from now on the bread and butter brigade will be forced to fight mighty hard to swing the Thirty-first ward back into the Thompson column.

Col. Alexander A. Todd, who is always as cold as an iceberg is the head boss of the colored people living in the Fourteenth ward and under his iron rule the colored voters refused to be bossed by him and they marched to the polls on Monday, June 6, and greatly assisted to slaughter the Thompson judicial ticket in the Fourteenth ward.

There are still mighty hot times ahead for the boss politicians in this city and county, for the coalition forces will attempt to hang together in an effort to head Mayor Thompson off at the superior court judges' election in June, 1922, and at the county election in the fall of that same year and at the election for mayor of Chicago in 1923.

MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED WHITE AND COLORED MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED IN THE BLOODY OR HORRIBLE RACE RIOTS AT TULSA, OKLA.

Investigator for National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Returns from Oklahoma to New York

After F. White, Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, has returned after a personal investigation of the recent race riot in Tulsa, Oklahoma, saying that between 150 and 200 Negroes were killed in the riots and at least 50 white persons. Mr. White declared that the riot was largely due to a misuse of the word "attack" and "assault," the impression being given that a colored man had attempted rape upon a white girl, whereas he had merely stumbled in an elevator and in attempting to recover his balance stepped upon her foot.

"Having been sworn in as a deputy sheriff and having been on patrol as such during the Tulsa riot," said Mr. White, "I am able to state that the Tulsa riot in sheer brutality and willful destruction of life and property stands without a parallel in America.

"Abuse and misuse of the word 'assault' caused the entire conflagration. A white girl operating an elevator in a public building, declared that a colored boy had attempted to assault her. Without stopping to inquire, and without considering the utter impossibility of criminal assault being perpetrated in broad open daylight in the public elevator of a public building, on a principal street of a town of 100,000, a senseless mob set out to 'avenge the honor of white womanhood.'

"As a result, between 200 and 250 white and colored citizens are known to have been killed, an unknown number of colored men and women and children were burned alive, 44 square blocks of business and residential property valued at a million and one-half dollars were destroyed, and everlasting damage done to the

name of Tulsa and of Oklahoma.

"In justice to Tulsa it must be said that a large percentage of the white inhabitants condemned in unmeasured terms the outrage which has been perpetrated. The Salvation Army, the Red Cross, local relief agencies and churches have done commendable work in providing food, clothing and shelter for the destitute victims of the riot.

"Tulsa's experience is exceedingly important in that conditions which led to its night of terror exist in many other cities North and South and unless unusual efforts are used the gravest consequences are to be feared. Some of the white citizens of Tulsa are attempting to blame the riot on Negro 'radicalism.' When I questioned them regarding the nature of this radicalism I found invariably that it consisted of demands by Negroes that the federal Constitution be enforced and that lynching, peonage, disfranchisement and Jim Crowism be abolished.

"There will be a state investigation of the riot but in the opinion of the citizens of Tulsa it will amount to nothing. The Tulsa riot has con-



HON. THOMAS H. SAMUELS

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois and its Jurisdiction, who will succeed himself at the Grand Communication in October at Evanston, Illinois.

WHAT YOUNG COLLEGE MEN THINK.

By Dr. M. A. Majors

The race has begun to think about money and its uses. We used to think more about education because that was the one thing to reduce our inequality, but having gotten along fairly in education, we are turning our thoughts to money and what it does for any people. Of the man or woman who is in easy circumstances we speak volubly. We have a dignified respect for them and we are proud when we hear their names called because they are ours. Can't you see, reader, that we are going some? The old Uncle Tom idea of forty acres and a mule is being supplanted by the young men of the race just out of college, and they have their minds turned in the direction of wealth. What does this mean? It means that soon we will be looking to the race for everything in the business and professional life that we need. The old notion of inferiority racket about differences in color is nearly dead, and the sooner it is dead the better it will be for all Negroes.

What is your line of business? is becoming quite pertinent and uppermost. People are not asking how much religion has he got? They want to know if he stands for anything, and what are his objects in life, and how much he is worth. What does he manufacture? Does he carry insurance? Does he deposit his money in a colored bank? What Negro business is he identified with? We all know that we are going to die dead as a door nail some day, but they want to have something more than merely a strong hope for Heaven, they want to fasten on to something tangible here and per-adventure leave a comfortable legacy to the wife and the kiddies. It is all very well to sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb, and to learn to become better as we journey through this vale of tears, but if we get busy doing the real useful dignified things while living we will have the ability to dry many tears, and there won't be any waste howling wilderness.

Life is all that we make it and it is left wholly in our hands as to what that life shall be. Heaven helps those who help themselves, and there is not a single back door to it for any whiners and beggars. If you want to go in at the front door you had better accept the door that other races are making so much fuss about. Faith and humble prayer may be

vinced me that the only hope of averting repetitions of it lies in federal interference."

all right, but the more you get of this world's goods the better you can exercise that faith, and all the more reason there is for praying. Being thankful has a meaning to it that very few of us can define. If you have got something to be thankful for besides the hope of a future reward you are in line for a future reward.

A good name in a community is not enough. Doing good deeds and helping others to lighten their burdens is a pretty safe game to play, but a man ought to be a taxpayer, a good husband, a valuable citizen, and he ought to be able to write a good size check, too. This is along the line of operatives and activities of the young Negroes that are coming out of the schools. His mind is operating along the safe road to usefulness and to greatness.

The Negro has sung enough, prayed enough, shouted enough, and given enough, built enough churches, supported enough preachers, paid off enough church debts to save all of us and our unborn children for a thousand years to come. Let us continue in that way, only let us diversify our talents and engage in making some Heaven here where we live just as the other folk. Then will come that joy in our professed hopes a prosperous people only can understand.

TENNESSEE WILL PENSION NEGRO CONFEDERATES

Nashville, Tenn.—Every Negro who served in any way his master in the Confederate Army is to receive a pension, according to the action of the Tennessee Legislature that closed here recently, when both House and Senate passed the Senate Bill No. 1342 and when this bill received the signature of His Excellency, Governor AH Taylor. The real text of the bill provides "A Bill to Pension Negro Cooks and Servants." It is estimated that there will be thousands of dollars given to disabled members of the race who saw service with the Gray and who were loyal to their masters throughout their career. The introducing and passing of this bill is regarded in this city as the first forward move throughout the South to give recognition to those loyal members of the Race who stood by their slave owners.

Mrs. Franklin A. Denison, 3132 Calumet avenue, and all the younger Denisons left last Friday morning for Benton Harbor, Mich., where they will pass the summer in their pleasant country home.

DEDICATE GROUND FOR THE NEW PRINCE HALL MASONIC TEMPLE—MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER THOMAS H. SAMUELS ENGINEERED THE AFFAIR.

SEVERAL THOUSAND MASONS, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS WERE PRESENT ON THAT MEMORABLE OCCASION.

THE BUILDING WILL COST \$750,000—IT WILL BE FIVE STORIES HIGH, INCLUDING A ROOF GARDEN—IT WILL CONTAIN MANY OFFICES, A BANK AND CLUB ROOMS.

By GENEVIEVE M. REUBEN

The Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons on the south side of Chicago are to have a new Prince Hall Masonic Temple, which will cost between \$600,000 and \$750,000. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Thomas H. Samuels, and a Provisional Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Illinois and Jurisdiction, held a dedicatory service at the site, 56th and South State Street, Sunday afternoon, June 12th at 2 P. M. The Grand Master was in full charge of the program.

The plans for the building have been drawn for the Temple Association by Architect Frank L. Fry. The building will cover the entire space of the lot 100x161 and rise five stories above the ground. There will be a roof garden, five spacious halls, a large auditorium with a seating capacity of several thousand, a billiard hall, library, reading room, rest room, tea rooms, and other comforts of a metropolitan club. There will be nine stores and a bank on the first floor and thirty-two offices in the building.

Among the principal speakers on the program were Hon. Edward H. Wright, who represented Mayor Wm. H. Thompson and also officiated as master of ceremonies; Hon. Oscar DePriest, Dr. W. B. Beatty, R. W. G. Treas, Cairo, Ill.; Dr. M. H. Bibb, M. D.; J. F. Taylor, Mrs. Sylvia Mills, O. E. S., Miss Hope Dunmore, H. of L. J. W. Moore, P. G. M.; R. G. Bell, W. G. P.; J. B. Hart, W. G. J., and Rev. W. S. Bradlan.

Fraternal greetings were read by Secretary M. H. Jackson from Messrs. Julius Rosenwald, Hon. Samuel Ettelson, Corporation Counsel; Chas. A. Peace, Assistant Corporation Counsel; A. A. Martin, Cairo, Past Grand Master of Illinois; Hon. Fred A. Sterling, Springfield; Ad. Robt. R. Jackson and Mayor Wm. H. Thompson.

The entire fraternity including Masons of the 33rd degree, Western Consistory, J. D. Reynolds, Commander in Chief, Arabic Temple No. 44, A. E. O. N. M. S.; Steward C. Jefferson, Illustrious Potentate; Godfrey Commandery, K. T., James Hill, E. C.; Corinthian Commandery, K. T., H. Callaway, E. C.; St. George Commandery, K. T., A. A. Neal, E. C.; Hugh De Payne Commandery, K. T., Berry Stokes, E. C.; and each of the Blue Lodges in Chicago, assembled at Union Masonic Temple, 3956 South State Street, and marched to the site where they were greeted by several thousands who had gathered to witness the ceremonies.

Grand Lodge Escorts
The thirty-third degree masons, Western Consistory, Godfrey Commandery, Mt. Hebron Lodge No. 29, Oriental Lodge No. 68, Garden City Lodge No. 59 and Universal Lodge No. 65 were the immediate escorts of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge from the hall to the grounds.

Each of the blue lodges in the procession was headed by its Worshipful Master, viz.: North Star, No. 1, M. H. Jackson, W. M.; John Jones, No. 7, Wm. Woodward; Hi-ram, No. 14, Samuel Mathews; Mt. Hebron, No. 29, Alexander Webb; Western Light, No. 30, Thomas N. Sellers; Golden Gate, No. 43, L.

Smith; Prince Hall, No. 52, George Berryman; Garden City, No. 59, George R. Fort; Eureka, No. 64, Wm. C. Lee; Universal, No. 65, Robt. R. Gooch; Oriental, No. 68, R. W. Williams; Tyre, No. 70, Charles Sims; Boria, No. 77, Victor Thompson; Celestial, No. 80, Albert W. Ford; Harmony, No. 88, George A. Smith; Cornerstone, No. 91, Chas. C. Granberry; Olive Branch, No. 94, Robt. A. Jackson; Royal Eagle, No. 96, W. G. Anderson; East Gate, No. 98, Frank O. Finney; and King David, U. D., Bail S. Christman.

Three Masonic Bands Participate
Three bands of two hundred forty pieces composed exclusively of members of the fraternity, participated in the procession and on the program, rendering their services gratis as did every member of the various committees. The bands were Harmony Band of Harmony Lodge (Day Light Lodge) No. 88; Corner Stone Band, composed of members of Corner Stone Lodge, No. 91; and the Knights Templars' band with members of the Knights Templars degree only.

The line of march was south on State Street from the hall to Forty-first Street, east to Walsh Avenue, south to Fifty-sixth Street and west to the grounds. Bail S. Christman officiated as Provisional Grand Marshal and was ably assisted by Wallace Johnson of Eureka Lodge, No. 64, as Provisional Assistant Grand Marshal. Hon. Oscar DePriest, one of the speakers, and E. M. Stevenson, who served as Provisional Deputy Grand Master, are enthusiastic members of Oriental Lodge, No. 68. W. B. Lucky, director of the Knights Templar Band and H. B. Cooper are both members of Prince Hall Lodge, No. 52.

Prince Hall Masonic Temple Association

The officers of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple Association for the first year are: President, Samuel Mathews; first vice president, R. A. Jackson; treasurer, Wm. C. Lee; second vice president, Chas. C. Granberry; and secretary, M. H. Jackson. The building committee is as follows: Thomas N. Sellers, chairman; R. A. Jackson, William A. Woodward and Samuel Mathews.

The constitution and by-laws of the association provides that the members of the board and association is subject to change with the option of the individual lodges interested at the annual election of officers.

The adoptive Rites Auxiliary to the Association, composed of members of the various lady branches of the fraternity, was fully represented at the grounds, serving light refreshments and in every way lending enthusiasm and assistance to the project. The officers of the auxiliary are Mesdames Minnie Johnson, president; Anna Maxwell, vice president; Susie Turner, treasurer; Lottie A. Callaway, assistant secretary, and Miss Hope Dunmore, secretary.

Policy of the Administration
The policy of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, under the administration of the Most Worshipful Mr. Thomas H. Samuels, Grand (Continued on Page 3.)