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GAVE WORLD NEW DEFINITION OF NEGRO

Founder's Day Speaker at Tuskegee Declares That This Was One of Booker T. Washington's Greatest Contributions to Humanity. Famous Educator Defined It in Terms of Supreme Accomplishment Demonstrating Ability To Compete With World Leaders.

INSPIRING MESSAGE FOR YOUTH OF OUR RACE

Early Conception of Negro, Which in a Large Degree Continues To The Present Was That He Was a Creature Incapable of Development Beyond a Very Narrow Limit.—Deadly Indictment Against Slavery, Crime, Against Free Personality.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Aug. 4.—On the Fifth Anniversary of Founder's Day which was observed with fitting exercises here a few weeks ago, Dr. M. Ashby Jones, pastor of Ponce de Leon Baptist church of Atlanta, Ga., delivered an eloquent address on the life and influence of Dr. Washington, which should prove an inspiration to the youth of our race throughout the land. Dr. Jones spoke in part as follows:

"Today has been with me a day of deep, and high, and broad emotions. As I have walked over this beautiful campus; glimpsed the horizon of your fertile fields; looked at your modern workshops; walked through your academic halls, and now stand upon this platform, facing this splendid audience of young life, I have had before me a picture. It is the picture of a ragged Negro boy walking, and working, his way to Hampton, and then in after years standing upon the commencement platform of Harvard University receiving from President Elliott his Master's Degree with the words, 'Teacher, wise helper of his race, good servant of God and Country.'

"The astronomers count distance by light years, the number of years it takes a ray of light rushing at an unbelievable speed from star to star, to finish its course. But the distance which that young slave boy accomplished from the coal mines of West Virginia to the commencement platform of Harvard, is greater than the distance that any ray of light ever accomplished in its radiant rush from planet to planet. It is with that accomplishment this afternoon, that I would challenge your thoughts.

Early Conception of Negro.
"In 1872, even among the friends of the Negro, the question was yet unanswered: 'Is the Negro capable of development into independence and efficiency?' Are there in the Negro personality, those faculties and forces sleeping within his spirit which may be summoned into expression so that he may attain a self-sufficient manhood. Remember that up to that date every definition that had been made for the Negro had been in terms of slavery. As I have said elsewhere I say today, that the damning sin of slavery cannot be stated in the fact that one man owns another man; it cannot be told in any terms of physical cruelty. Granted the most benevolent paternalism that ever held a people in slavery, and I still say that the deadly indictment against the system is that the child of a slave, even before it is born, has already had the definition of its personality predetermined for it, and the metes and bounds of its accomplishments fixed. No greater crime can be committed against a personality than to rob him of the right to make the definition of his own manhood and to determine the pathway of his own destiny.

"Up to this time, except a few impractical theorists who believed that a government proclamation could undo the work of generations, the world was saying, 'A Negro is a slave kind of personality, incapable of development beyond a certain point, and he can only do that which he is told to do.'

Booker Washington Contributes New Definition.
"I do not believe that we can ever understand the significance of the coming of Booker T. Washington into the world's life until we understand that his really supreme contribution to his race, and to America, was that for the first time, with striking and compelling force, he made for your race and for the world, a new definition of Negro. And he made that definition in terms of supreme accomplishment, worthy to be compared with the leaders of any race in the world. I am anxious that you should get the significance of this achievement. Hitherto, men were saying, 'A Negro is one incapable of self-development.' And then came Booker T. Washington, and so lived that his life said, 'to be a Negro is no barrier to any accomplish-

ment'; so lived that today he stands out silhouetted against the background of the past, saying by his very personality, 'A Negro can be a Booker Washington, and to be a Booker Washington is to demand that the world give the Negro a definition in terms of manhood unbiased by limitations of race.' To Be a Negro is No Barrier to Achievement.

"Youth of Tuskegee, I do not want to be misunderstood. Booker Washington's life does not prove that every man can do what you cannot make it real. There is not a prophecy of your soul so splendid that it cannot be fulfilled. There is no ambition of your heart that is inspired by the God of your creation, too high or too holy for you to dare to accomplish. Since Booker Washington lived, the best is possible for the Negro race.

Booker Washington's Contribution More Significant Than That of Abraham Lincoln.

"I say no government can give freedom. Freedom is the unhampered expression of life and the impulse must come from within. And for this reason, I dare say that Booker Washington, when the last of the story is told, made a more significant contribution to the freedom of your race than even Abraham Lincoln. He did what no other man could do. In his own life—all too short—he so lived that he absolutely reversed the verdict of the world in regard to the Negro people. He so lived that he removed one of the supreme barriers from the pathway of the progress of his people.

"The psychologists tell us that life itself is after all only the reaction to the stimuli of the life about us. I will put that in more homely phrase, and I think it profoundly true—the latent faculties and forces of a man's life that which he can be, only respond to the invitations of the world outside. What can baby boy be? A mother is hovering over him with eyes all expectant. The radiant glory of her faith and ambition is the first light that pours itself in beauty into his spirit. And she is calling, calling to him with her soul, 'Come! come! come out, oh wondrous man, come out into the light!' And this call is the inalienable right of every baby.

"Here was the tragedy of the sixties and early seventies. A child race was born into freedom, and the world all around was saying, 'You can't, you can't, you must not! you are not men!'

Types of Leaders.
We have reached another critical hour in the relationship of our races. I speak not as an alarmist. Crises recur ever and anon where folks move forward. So we have reached another crisis in this supreme task of democracy. And now is the critical question of the right of leadership.

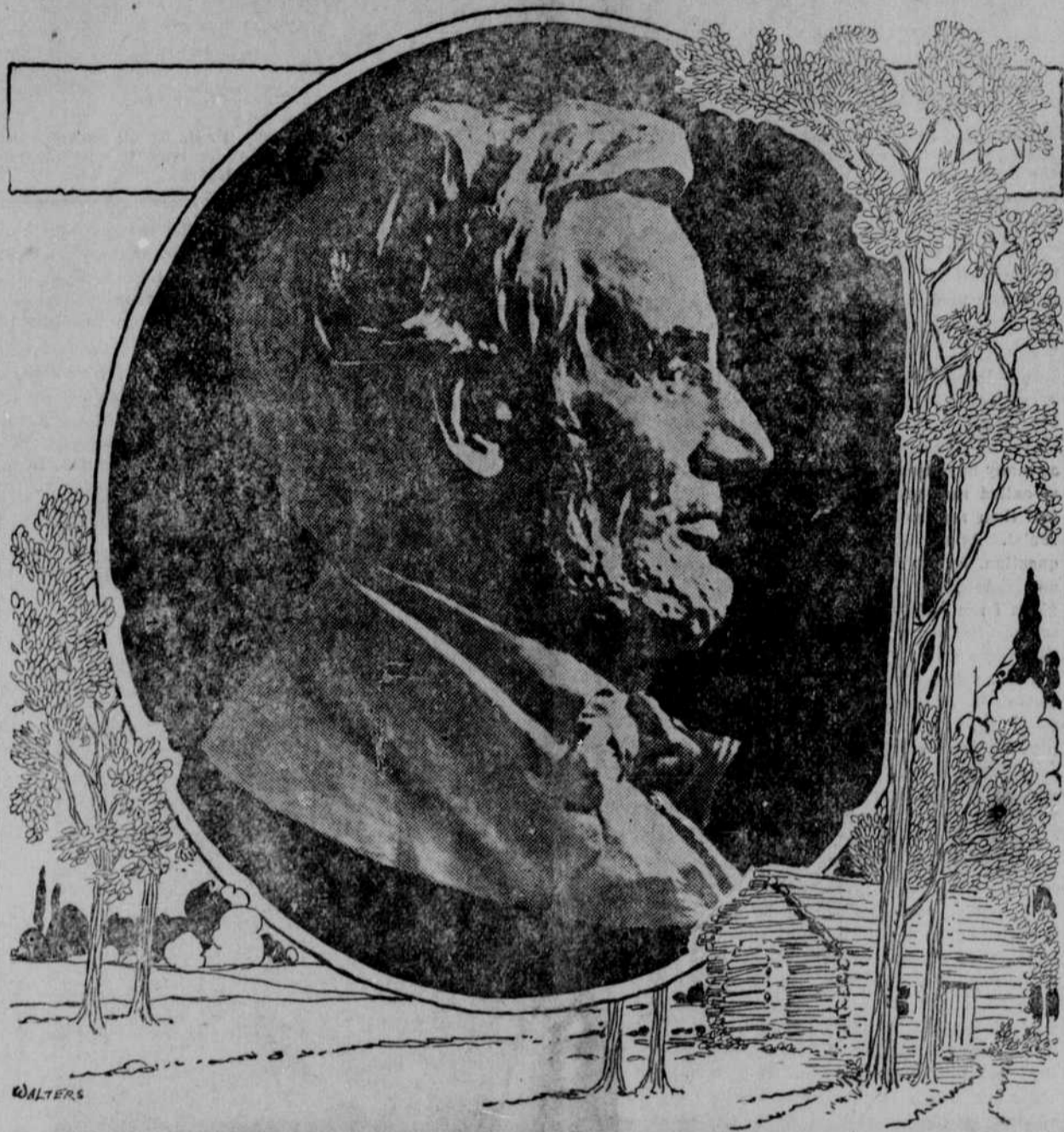
There are two types of men offering for leadership of the two races in America today. One is the man with no faith. When he is white he is ever pointing to the menace of the massed ignorance of your backward people. He never tires of telling of the long list of crimes of the idle and degraded members of your race. He is doing his best once again to pull the world back to its old definition of a Negro.

"But if this would-be leader is black, then he is searching for every example of cruelty and injustice which is done to the Negro, and God knows they are too easy to find. He spends his time gathering statistics to prove the prejudice and hatred of the white people for the Negro. He knows no glad news, but is seeking to pour bitterness into your souls. He would blind your hearts, take away all vision of accomplishment, and throw your world into shadow.

"Then, there is the Booker Washington type, who with unclouded vision, sees all the wrongs and never ceases to try to right them, but who refuses to allow the bad to rob his vision of the good. One who believes

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1809 ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1865



THE VOICE OF DESTINY.

(By Lyman Whitney Allen)

The hour was come, and in that hour he stood Responsive to the sacred voice that spake From heaven and earth and sea, He heard the dusky tolling multitude Plaintively pleading that his hand should break Their bonds and set them free.

He heard the voice of God from shining height, Who, for the reason of the Nation's sin, Had held her armies back In failure and defeat, till she should right The wrongs herself and sanctioned, and should win Justice unto her track;

When, girded with the strength of righteousness, God for her, with descending seraphim, Above the battle's tide, She then would march to triumph, and possess A land united to the farthest rim, Through sorrow purified.

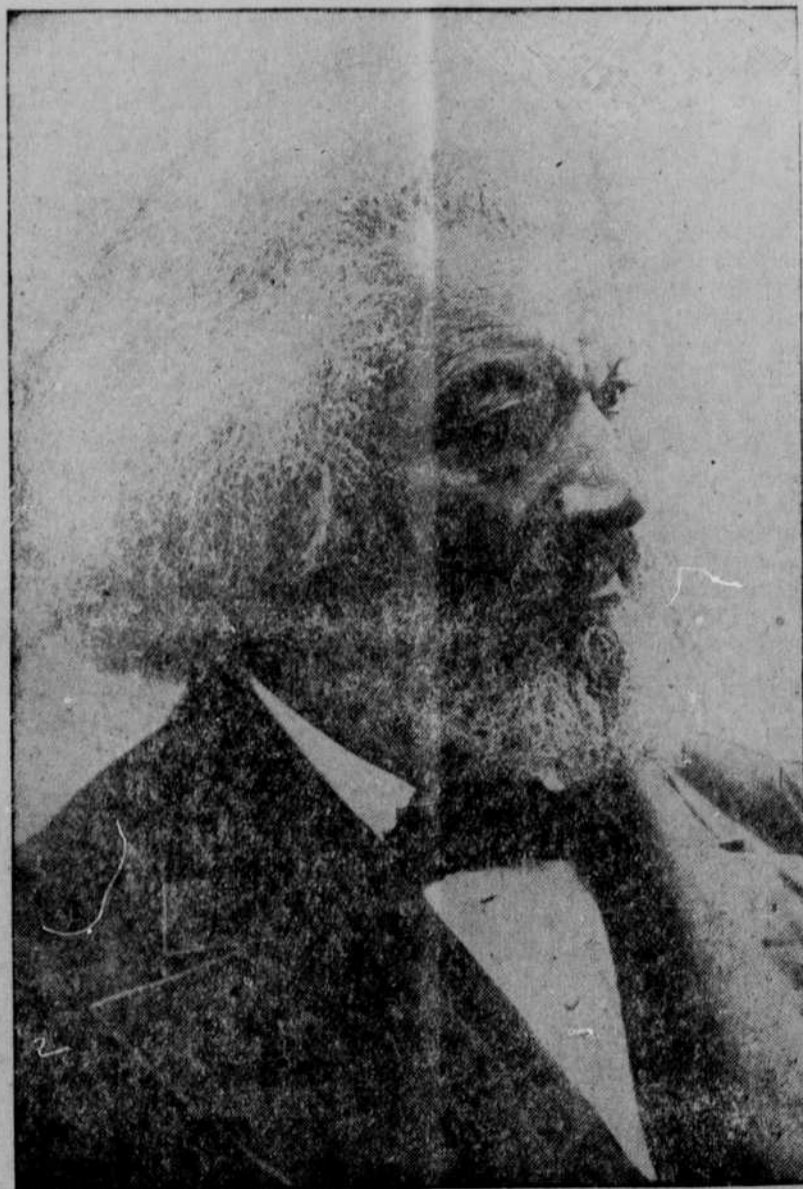
THE STROKE OF JUSTICE.

(By Lyman Whitney Allen)

The hour was come, the Nation's crucial hour; A crisis of the world, a turn of time; The ages' hope and dream, And one undaunted soul, sinewed with power, Freedom's anointed, rose to height sublime, Imperial and supreme;

And, lifting high o'er groaning multitude His sovereign sceptre, smote with such a stroke The chains of centuries, That earth was shaken to its farthest rood; That millioned manacles asunder broke, And myriad properties

Became, in one immortal moment,—men; Free with the free in all the rounded earth; Redeemed by martyr blood; To stand with faces to the light again, Attaining through their resurrection birth, To human brotherhood.



FREDERICK DOUGLAS

Born February 14, 1817; Died February 20, 1895

The man whose voice and pen help liberate the slaves after he had himself escaped from slavery.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS SHOWN AT CAPITOL

Washington Correspondent Contributes Interesting Facts Concerning Important Personages, Events And Institutions Within The Shadow Of The Golden Dome of the National Seat of Government Which Indicate Substantial Advancement During the Last Half Century.

JUDGE TERRELL IS THE OUTSTANDING FIGURE

Has Presided For Nineteen Consecutive Years With Wisdom And Dignity Over Municipal Court of District Winning Esteem And Approval From Members of Bar.—Many Others Prominent As Men of Affairs—Freedman's Hospital, the Industrial Savings Bank And the Whitelaw Hotel Mark Progress.

(Special To The Monitor by Walter J. Singleton.)

Washington D. C., July 26, 1921—

The Capital City of Washington has a population of, approximately, four hundred and twenty-five thousand of which one hundred and twenty-five thousand are of the colored race. This high ratio of almost thirty per centum is the result of a continuous progress during the past fifty years and which is still in progress of growth. The race has acquired a greater degree of recognition than, probably, has existed at any time since the short period of affluence immediately following the close of the Civil War. This public recognition, as it exists at present, takes on a national character by placing race men in federal positions of responsibility. Every field of endeavor, talent and education is covered, and the names of those occupying positions of trust and distinction are fortunately too numerous to be recorded here. A few may be mentioned (though it is difficult to do so without omitting scores of others equally entitled to mention) as follows: Attorney William L. Houston, member of the Board of Education; Philip Brown, of the Department of Labor; Henry Lincoln Johnson, nominated for Recorder of Deeds; Prof. L. M. Hershaw, examiner, General Land Office; Dr. Edward D. Williston, professor of Howard University; and Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard University.

Judge Terrell.

Foremost among the personages ranking highest in official recognition and public esteem is Judge Robert H. Terrell of the District of Columbia Municipal Court. Judge Terrell has served five successive terms covering a period of some nineteen years. Originally appointed by the late Theodore Roosevelt, and re-appointed, in turn, by Presidents William H. Taft and Woodrow Wilson. His further re-appointment (at the expiration of the present term, a few months hence) by President Harding, is absolutely assured. Judge Terrell is intensely a race man, and always identified with every substantial movement tending toward the betterment of the race. Though a republican, he is not an active politician, especially as regards activities calculated to promote his own interests. He has never been known to engage in any public venture in his own behalf. His position is due, solely, to his own attainments—his thorough education, high intellectual endowments and his deep knowledge of the law, all of which have established him permanently in the respect and esteem of his superiors and in the confidence of the general public of all races. Officials of every political belief have acknowledged his ability and unhesitatingly supported him. He has the hearty endorsement of the great Bar Association of the District of Columbia, which embraces in its membership some of the leading jurists of the country. As dean of the District of Columbia Municipal Court Judges, and established no less in the confidence of the white race than in his own, Judge Terrell occupies a position as unique as it is honorable, for seldom, indeed, does a man enjoy the supreme confidence of both races at the same time.

Freedman's Hospital.

Washington may claim one of the finest hospitals in the country. Freedman's Hospital, the most modern equipped hospital in the city, covers an entire block. All classes of patients are accommodated. Every branch of medicine and surgery is practiced with the highest degree of scientific skill. Dr. William A. Warfield has served as Superintendent of this institution for nearly twenty years. Under his able and efficient administration it has grown and flourished to a state of excellence that is a great credit to the race. The Industrial Savings Bank incorporated in 1913, of which J. W. Lewis is president, carries resources estimated at more than half a million.



WALTER J. SINGLETON

The popular newspaper correspondent who keeps thousands in touch with affairs at the National Capital. While a native of Washington, Omaha is proud to claim him as one of her citizens.

and is an active banking institution enjoying well merited confidence and support. The Whitelaw Apartment Hotel, a handsome and imposing structure, fireproof in construction, beautifully furnished and well ordered in management, is a great monument of race industry and resource. This building, the first venture on so pretentious a scale, is a most convincing evidence of material progress.

Signs of Progress General.

Time and space unfortunately curtail this sketch and exclude numerous other enterprises equally worthy of mention. Industry, progress and well earned prosperity are well in evidence everywhere, and out of these have grown a social life second to none in the country. Social activities of every grade and rank keep the visitor in a state of constant movement, and make the hours fly on happy wings. The Mu-So-Lit Club, with its sumptuous quarters, is conspicuous among the leading social centers that enrich the happy recollections of people, from all over the country, who have visited Washington—the great national center where all Americans may read the history of this country in bronze and marble.

DIES IN CHAIR WITHOUT FEAR.

McALESTER, Okla., July 15.—Eli Thomas, was electrocuted shortly after midnight Thursday night at the state penitentiary for the murder of Selma Mayfield, a white boy, at a picnic near Calhoun, Okla., more than a year ago.

The condemned man walked to the death cell unaided and without the least trace of fear, and after a short speech to the spectators, in which he acknowledged his guilt, and warned young men against the same fate, and thanking the prison officials for their many acts of kindness, he took his seat in the chair that was so soon to snuff out the last vestige of life.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, today announced that the receipts to date of its fund for the relief and legal defense of the Tulsa riot victims amounted to \$2,248.87.

In connection with the announcement that funds were being distributed through a local committee of the Association in conjunction with the recognized Tulsa Colored Citizens Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People issued a warning to the public that frauds were being committed by people traveling over the country and soliciting funds, alleging that they were working for the relief of the Tulsa riot victims.