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# **DEMOCRATS SEEM** TO BE TROUBLING POLITICAL POOL

Strategy of Tammany and Chicago Bosses Who Are Recognizing the Potential Value of Race Vote.

#### EFFECT THE REPUBLICANS

Astute Politicians of Major Parties Will Have Important Result.

Chicago, July 3 .- (By the Associated Negro Press.)-Did you ever run stinct with a vengeance, set to pro- would be valedictorian of the class.

footed boy who is scampering over secretary of student government, secon the inside?"

Republicans regard colored Amer- art club. ica as their rightful heritage. It is the "always certain and dependable" colored vote was well on the road to trend of events. Newspapers from manship." one end of the country to the other, called the G. O. P., as conducted, bittide of opposition.

elected him. The late Tammany lead- ation, and I received 117." er, Murphy, talked with the present in Chicago, and got away with it. Patterson, Grey, Dickerson and others were given outstanding positions in

the city government. Now comes Brennon, waiting until the psychological moment in New Congress from the First District- Church to not only educate the Negro. withdrawn on account of his health, Penn, one of the secretaries of the and that Attorney Earl Dickerson board of education, announces the sist sudden attack. Loopholed shutters announcement means that Congress- thew S. Davage to the presidency of man Martin B. Madden will have the Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., at a bitterest fight of his entire career in recent meeting of the executive comorder to hold his seat as a member mittee on Negro schools and colleges. non is playing the "cleverest game signed. The committee selected Dr. of his life". Dickerson is an unusual- Davage not because he is a Negro, ly high class, intelligent, popular and but on his record as an educator in sonal appeal. Party appeal will mean those who have proven their worth nothing to the majority voters in Chi- by actual results as presidents, princago, when it comes to voting for a cipals and professors in the system. be the darnedest irony of fate if the The board has anthorized the inferable, a Negro democrat or a Ku time to time.

nationally, under Chairman William tional democrats during the Cleveland M. Butler and Secretary Roy O. West, campaign in 1884, and again during with their grand galaxy of associates, the Wilson first campaign of 1912, ner of the frame, reads like a chapter are facing the issue seriously. They made a strong bid for colored votes, are not scoffing at either advice or and got them, to a considerable exsuggestions. They are listening to the tent. Those, too, were the days of words of the most humble citizens on party fealty. It took nerve, then, to the way to bring back the straying be a democrat, even white in the sheep to the fold. They are not start- North, but conditions have changed ing with the hand wave of indiffer- materially. Republicans have learned ence, no, no. They are accepting the wisely and well that "Sure, I must situation just as it is-the hardest fight if I would reign; increase my fight in the history of American courage, Lord "

Klux republican? Indiana will give

the answer to that little question.

STRIKERS ARE BACKING NEGRO VALEDICTORIAN

Darby, Pa., July 4 .- (By the Associated Negro Press.)-The Darby chool board, and not Hilda Bolden, manager of the famous Hilldale bali team, appointed as valedictorian, is the object of the threatened "strike" by more than half the members of the Darby high school graduating class.

Seniors admit that Hilda Bolden attained the highest scholastic standing but charged the board failed to take the students into their confidence in changing the standard on which ap-Believed That Bid for Race Vote by pointment of a valedictorian is based. Heretofore, according to the insurgent group, the board took into consideration the activity of the eligible students along extra-curriculum lines, in addition to scholastic attainment.

Early during the school year now into a hornet's nest? The experience, ended, it is said, the board voted to to say the least, is invigorating, and name as valedictorian of the class, not soon to be forgotten. One may the student who had attained the be basking in the sunshine of sweet highest grades. This action was not memories and delightful anticipations, made known to the students until a only to be rudely awakened by the month ago, and was followed shortly mad dart of the fiery hornet, by in- by announcement that Hilda Bolden

The dissatisfied 'element of the Democratic strategy has awakened senior class and student body claims republican indifference, and the col- the honor should have gone to Polly ored voters are in the position of the Baccini, a white girl, who, in addition proverbial hornet's nest-being the to earning high marks in her studies, said nest-with the republicans the was for three years a member, and hornet, and the democrats, the bare- this year, captain of the hockey team, the farm, and with the poke of a retary of the athletic association, edilong stock, seeks to discover "What's tor of the White Bulletin, the studen publication, and president of the

Polly, who was named salutarian, like a man having so much of every- said she herself expects to attend the thing that he feels it unnecessary to commencement exercises, and claims bother, and then some day he awak- the attitude of many of her supportens to the fact that what he is sup- ers is indicative of "poor sportmanposed to have has slipped away. ship," "I do not," she says, "and am Thanks to eight years of Woodrow sure most of the others who are pro-Wilson and an attempted lily white testing do not, begrude Hilda Bolden policy of the early Harding regime, the honor, because her grades were really highest.

"This is a school which all races "Nevermore" in the republican party. are free to attend and where they Unselfish leaders-not always politic- should receive equal treatment. To al-came out boldly denouncing the embarass Hilda Bolden is poor sports-

Hilda doesn't blame Polly for the split in the ranks of the graduating ter names, and on and on rose the class. "It is a most unfortunate occurrence," she said, "but I hope that Democrats in big centers took ad- by the time commencement is held the vantage of this disaffection. Tam- class will be reunited in spirit. The many, under Ferdinand Q. Morton and board found, after figuring it out, his associates in New York, made a that I had the highest number of credpractical appeal to the racial voters, its and received 'E's' all through the and got away with it. They nom- four years in all except three subjects, inated a man for the legislature, and Eighty credits are needed for gradu-

Chicago leader, Brennon, and told him of the Darby schools, said so far as the fun he was having appealing to he knows, the board will stand by its the colored vote. Brennon sat up and ruling and the matter is a "closed in-"took notice", with the results that cident". "I announced the change in the democratic party went after the the board's rule for choice of a valecolored vote in the mayorality cam- dictorian," said Conrad T. Wadlio, paign, as it had never done before principal of the high school, "and that rule apparently stands." '

### DAVAGE ELECTED PRESI-

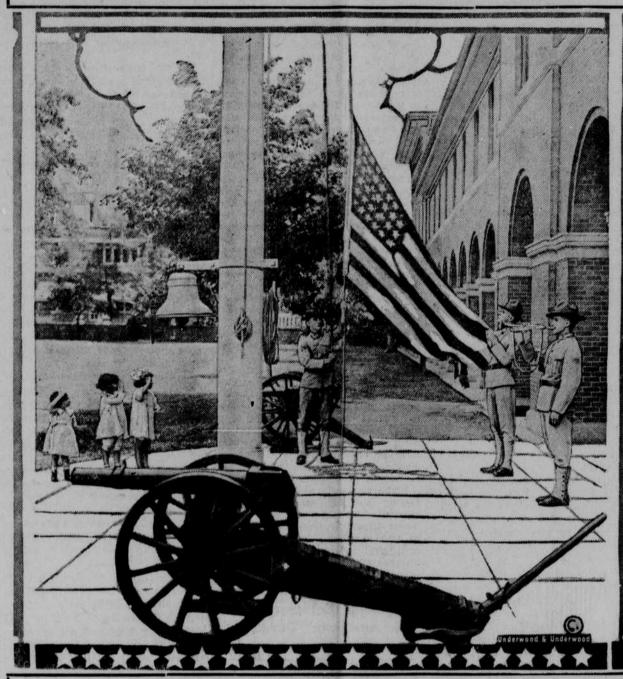
DENT CLARK UNIVERSITY

York during the democratic national Cincinnati, Ohio, July 3 .- (By the convention, and announces that the Associated Negro Press.)-As an regular white democratic nominee for evidence of the Methodist Episcopal which is four to one colored-has but to also use him, Dr. I. Garland will be named to take his place. That unanimous election of President Matof the United States Congress. All Dr. Davage is a Negro and succeeds political observers declare that Bren- Dr. J. W. Simmons, white, who resuccessful man. He has that which the system and in conformity with promises to elect Calvin Coolidge, per- the policy of the board in advancing

man like Dickerson. Congressman President-elect Davage has been Madden and his co-workers will have president at various times of fair into dig down in the library of politics stitutions of the system being promotand bring out some new leads. This ed now to Clark from Rust College, will be done, but the hornet's nest Holly Springs. As an administrator, has been stirred up. It would, indeed, Dr. Davage is held in high esteem. next colored Congressman, since the auguration of a law school at Clark passing of the late George H. White, so that this experienced educator of of North Carolina, in 1901, should be the race enters upon the presidency a colored democrat from Chicago. of Clark at the period of largest re-Taggart, of Indiana, while the Ku sponsibility as well as largest oppor-Klux republicans failed to nominate a tunity. There are other great adcolored man for the legislature in vances being made in the system fol-Indianapolis, has placed one on the lowing the last General Conference democratic ticket in Indiana. The which will be announced through the question is on which is the more pre- Associated Negro Press service from

In the mean time, the republicans, politics. That's the fact. The na-

# Children of Washington Salute the National Colors



A Picturesque Sight Is the Salute to the Flag-the Daily Custom of the Children Who Live at the Marine Barracks in Washington-and as the Flag is Lowered Each Evening and the Bugle Is Blown, These Tiny Children Have Learned to Salute the Stars and Stripes With the Spirit of Soldiers.

Walter R. Douthett, superintendent De Voe House Has Shelteres Famous Figures of the Early Days.

> Now Occupied by Granddaughter of Patriot Who Rendered Valuable Services to the Country.

Long before the days when Times square had acquired the dignity of a pasture a sturdy white house was erected on the slope of a hill near the Harlem river at a point now known as Highbridge district, the New York Herald-Tribune says. It was a simple structure, with patriarchal porch and massive paneled doors fashloned to rewere hung ready for emergency, the chimney was constructed of brick brought from England and to the handful of neighbors it was regarded as the last word in modern dwellings. They referred to it with civic pride when entertaining visitors from the seaport metropolis of New York.

Today the same house rests amid blocks of towering apartments. Few passersby are aware that it is the home of a granddaughter of the Revolution or realize the important part it had in the making of this nation. The floors creaked often under the stately tread of Washington, the courtly La fayette danced the minuet there, while the bluff Rochambeau, soldier fashion, toasted success to war from many a flagon while seated in its dining room. Memories of Lafayette.

"I can well remember the stories my grandfather told of Lafayette. So gentle, so merry, yet so brave, the marquis was the favored one of all," sald Mrs. Emma C. De Voe, granddaughter of the Revolution, who dwells in this house of glorious memories. Mrs. De Voe is eighty-four years old. Her grandfather was Andrew Corsa, who died about the middle of the last century. He was the last of the Westchester guides, that troop of hardy men who braved death by the noose to circumvent the enemy and swore by the steel to ask no quarter in battle. They were the eyes and ears of the Continental army in this section.

The story of Andrew Corsa, whose picture hangs in the front room, with an ivory card of invitation to Washington's inauguration thrust in a corage of sixteen he was rendering important services to scouting parties that approached the British lines. A few years later he was riding at the right hand of the leader of the Colo nial forces, a trusted adviser during the campaign before New York in 1781. toward the close of the Revolution,

Son of Stanch Tory. the records which Mrs. De Voe

services were of prime importance. back, giving counsel to Washington,

for speed, but which never before came all family considerations. had been under fire. When the allies, turned tail and galloped for safety which she had at hand. other officers riding calmly along, as though nothing unusual was occurring. He forced his mount to return and re-The officers, with good-natured laugh-

ter, welcomed him back, "At the termination of the engagement Washington was loud in his praise of this boy, whose knowledge of the country had been of so great assistance. This is shown by the official letters that grandfather received.

"Every member of the Westchester guides was a personal friend of his. He himself was the youngest member of the company."

### Washington Frequent Visitor.

Even in the busy years which marked the real formation of the republic Washington did not forget the hospitality of the De Voe house, and several times he was a guest there while making tours of the old campaign ground. One of the chairs now standing at rigid attention against the wall, was a prime favorite with the general, and a scar on one of the arms is said to have been made by his sword hilt. The old clock by which he measured the length of his visits stands in the hall with folded hands. A wooden pin in its once busy mechanism has gone awry, so the ancient timepiece silently faces the door which has opened to the touch of so many

house had a fascination which extended into the days of his old age. He had learned to look upon it as a haven wherein to cast aside the cares in war. So many thrilling facts associated with the birth of the nation are clustered about the little white house and the family which has occupied it from one generation to another until the present it would need a volume to chronicle all of them. The Do Voes, who helped to carve history with their swords, have been in this country since 1677. The first to make his home in the New world was Frederick De Voe, or, as the name then was spelled, De Veaux. His lands extended over many acres.

To the Marquis de Lafavette the

Now the homestead, with its bit of land, shelters only the granddaughter of the Revolution and her son, Chauncey De Voe. To her son Mrs. De Voe is the "most remarkable mother in the universe." As he bends to say good night, while she places her hand upon his silvering hair, it seems as if the days of Lafayette himself had returned to the house on the Harlem

exact knowledge of the country his possesses show, when the Revolutionary troubles began Capt. Isaac Corsa, For hours he was constantly on horse- father of Andrew, held a commission under the crown and remained a Rochambeau, Lanzun and other gen- stanch Tory to the end of the conflict. erals while they passed through the His estate comprised the land now ocfields of Morrisania, Fordham and cupled by St. John's college, a short distance from the scenes of his son's "Now we come to an incident which | romance. He was unbending in his I always liked to hear grandfather de- belief that the king could do no wrong. scribe, for, young as I was, it appeared | From the early days of the struggle for highly humorous and he had such a independence young Andrew looked droll way of telling it. Grandfather askance at his father's scarlet coat, was mounted on a spirited horse, noted and his zeal for American liberty over-

"Acquainted with all the passages marching east near the Bronx river, about Kingsbridge, Fordham and Morcame in sight of the enemy the fire risania, my grandfather's services which the British artillery opened upon were anxiously sought," continued Mrs. them was so terrible that the horse, De Voe, referring to a memorandum behind the old Morrisania mill. With mer of 1781, after the allied forces great difficulty grandfather managed had been encamped upon the heights to rein him in. Looking back, he saw of Greenburg for several weeks, Wash-Washington, Rochambeau and the ington and Rochambeau made ready for a formidable movement toward the ity or agency that seeks to array class lines of the enemy. Those were trying days indeed, I can well remember sumed his place in the order of march. hearing grandfather say when talking about the war. It seems like yesterday that he sat in his great chair sketching old battle plans on the ground with his cane. I was a very small girl at the time.

"Count Mathew Dumas and several other young officers belonging to the French staff who had been mapping the country hereabouts were ordered to set out at daylight and to push forward until they came within sight of the enemy's most advanced redoubts at the northern end of Manhattan island. The command was given to Count Dumas, while Cornelius Oakley of White Plains was selected to act as cousin, James Oakley, and by grand-

Drove in British Outposts. "Below Milesquare the reconnoitering party found a junction with a body of American light infantry. The allied detachments then attacked and dispersed a strong patrol of British regulars and soon afterward drove across Kingsbridge the chasseurs that occupled the Hessian outposts. "Because of Grandfather Corsa's

July 4, 1776 and 1924 Strong faith had answered doubt and silenced fear, And love of freedom, mothering resolve, Faced down the dangers which bold deeds involve When Right and Wrong on chal-

Tho' fingers trembled, courage gripped the pen, And names were writtennames of simple men Thus made immortal and for-

lenged front draw near,

And one road only seems to Duty

Undying words above undying From thee anew the living spirit flames In every soul that still loves liberty! O, flames, consume the false

gods of our day, Dispel the fog of error, light the way Where travels Truth, Who makes and keeps us free! 分分分

POLICE PROTECTION FOR NEGRO PRIZE SPEAKER

Alton, Ill., July 3 .- (By the Associated Negro Press)-Propaganda to the effect that you only need to be recognized just like any other American was given a setback here last week when at graduating exercises featuring a Negro as the principal speaker, police were called to guard the school because of threatening anonymous letters the school officials had received because of the colored boy's presence on the program.

The youth, Alexander Whitfield, 17, of highest scholastic record for the four years he attended the high school. Announcement of the award was duly

Since that time a great deal of disto hold the honor.

outside the building. The expected trouble failed to materialize, however, and Whitfield was allowed to deliver his address undisturbed.

The annual school outing, a boat ride on the Mississippi, was held re- est realization of its high purposes." cently and Whitfield was barred from company had a rule against Negroes being allowed on the boats.

The anonymous letters and adverse comment were said to have come from took occasion during his address of sources outside the school, and a last- welcome to deliver a vigorous denunminute attempt to have the male ciation of the Ku Klux Klan for members of the class refuse to ap- which he said there was no place in pear on the platform during the exer- America. cises also failed.

Ninety boys and girls, seven of per cent were Negroes.

WARNS TEACHERS ABOUT DISTINCTION

Prejudice, Racial or Religious, Says Famous Orator to

sands of delegates from every state A. A. C. P., Mr. Storey said: in the union arrived here for opening sessions of the National Education association's annual convention.

Payson Smith, state commissioner of education of Massachusetts, addressed the delegates from the capitol steps. He warned against discriminating distinctions, asserting that the public schools "must train the youth to understand that democracy cannot he served through any instrumentalagainst class, group against group, the people of one creed against the another."

In a speech Leon W. Goldrich of New York declared the public schools cannot teach different denominational rituals or creeds, and never should emphasize differences of race, color or religion. Teaching of "business morals" in schools was advocated by William B. Forbush, also of New York, who asserted that while the average school boy is not deliberately dishonest, "his motto is 'anything to get by'. He has adopted the political principal guide, accompanied by his rather than the business standard as his code."

Public schools should be transformed into character developing institutions, said Professor Edwin D. Starbuck of the University of Iowa.

#### \$25,000 FOR COSTUMES IN FLORENCE MILLS' SHOW

New York, July 3 .-- (By the Associated Negro Press.)-A. H. Woods has contracted with the Brooks Mahieu company to costume the new "Plantation Revue" in which Florence Mills will be featured. The cost will be \$25,000. This company has dressed 'Shuffle Along", "Runnin' Wild" and "In Bamville".

### GOOD HOUSING AIM

Birmingham, Ala., July 3 .- (Special to the Associated Negro Press.)-One thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded by the Interracial commission of this city for construction of Negro homes and the improvement of Negro communities, the contest to run from June 1, 1924, to June 1, 1925. The prizes are announced as follows: A-For best group of Negro houses constructed by owners, contractors or real estate operators, but not industrial corporations. B-For best home built by a Negro himself. C-For greatest improvement in a Negro community made by the residents thereof. D-For best home in the winning community from the standpoint of health and sanitation.

## **MOOREFIELD STOREY CONGRESSMAN DYER** ADDRESS MEETING

National Advancement Association's Fifteenth Annual Conference Proves Most Notable Gathering.

#### HAYES SPINGARN MEDALIST

was awarded the honor on the basis Singer Who Has Achieved Distinction in United States and Europe Selected for Special

Philadelphia, July 3.-With delecussion has been occasioned by the gates in attendance from more than award, and the principal of the school, thirty states, including Georgia, Okla-William H. Wheeler, has received a homa, Colorado, Tennessee, South number of anonymous letters threat- Carolina, and most of the eastern ening to break up the graduating ex- states, the National Association for ercises should Whitfield be allowed the Advancement of Colored People opened its fifteenth annual conference The letters were disregarded, but in Philadelphia with a mass meeting a request was made graduation night in the First African Methodist church for police protection, and nine police at which the outstanding features officers, some in civilian clothes, were were addresses by Moorfield Storey, scattered about the auditorium and national president of the association, and Congressman L. C. Dyer. At this meeting, too, a greeting was read from President Coolidge expressing 'my good wishes to your splendid organization and my hopes for the full-

Welcome to the conference in bethe celebration. The reason given by half of the city of Philadelphia was school authorities was that the boat extended by Charles Hall, president of the city council, and by Isadore Martin, president of the Philadelphia branch of N. A. A. C. P. Mr. Hall

Bishop John Hurst, presiding officer at the opening mass meeting, charged whom were Negroes, were graduated that Southern sentiment was dominatfrom the school, and the exercises ing the nation despite Northern vicwere witnessed by approximately 300 tory in the Civil War, and asserted persons, of which number about five that the time had come for Negroes to stand together and make common cause for their rights.

Mr. Storey in his address, reviewed the growth of the N. A. A. C. P. OF CLASS AND RACE from a small committee to a membership of 100,000, and asserted that Youths Must Be Trained to Avoid it rested with colored people whether the campaign for their full citizenship rights was to be carried victoriusly onward by the N. A. A. C. P. Commenting upon President Cool-Washington, D. C., July 3.-Thou- idge's message of greeting to the N.

> "There is a very simple way of testing President Coolidge's wishes for the realization of our high aims. Let us test the President in the matter of segregation in the government departments in Washington. It began under President Wilson. It can end under Coolidge."

Representative Dyer in a fiery attack upon "the most cowardly republican senators who have ever been in office" urged colored voters to vote upon the basis of present issues, not people of another, or citizens of one by the action of a republican but through the efforts of a member of the Farmer-Labor party the case of Walter Cohen had been reconsidered and Mr. Cohen confirmed as customs collector at the port of New Orleans. He charged Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania with giving more attention to the world court than to his colored constituents and denounced the Ku Klux Klan. "I will not vote for or support," said Mr. Dyer, "for any office, anyone who is a member of or countenances the Ku Klux Klan. If I lived in Indiana, I would not vote for the republican candidate for governor because he owes his nomination to the Klan." Spingarn Medal to Roland Haves.

> The Spingarn medal, it was announced at the N. A. A. C. P. conference, goes this year to the greatest singer of his race, Roland Hayes, now triumphantly touring European cities. In Mr. Hayes' absence, it was arranged to have the medal presented by Provost Josiah H. Penniman of the University of Pennsylvania, to a representative of Mr. Hayes. The committee making the award consists of Bishop John Hurst, chairman; Dorothy Canfield Fisher, author of "The Bent Twig", etc.; James H. Dillard, director of the Jeanes and Slater funds; John Hope, president of Morehouse College; Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, and Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of The Crisis.

Roland Hayes, to whom the Spingarn medal goes, has achieved unique distinction, having been hailed by leading critics in Europe and America as one of the greatest of living artists of any race. Born June 3. 1887, at Curryville, Georgia, Hayes was working as a stove molder when his voice was discovered by Mr. Calhoun, a colored singer, who urged him to study and gave him his first instruction. Roland Hayes worked his way through Fiske University, coming North with the Fiske Jubilee ers and remained to study in Boston,

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