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## Chicago May Elect Race Congressman

Rapidly Growing and Progressive Race Population, Recognizing Political Strength, Grooming Candidate for House of Representatives.

### TWO SERVING AS ALDERMEN

Edward H. Morris, Prominent and Popular Attorney and National Grand Master of Odd Fellows, Is Mentioned as Congressman Madden's Opponent for Lower House.

CHICAGO.—Chicago is the only city in the country that boasts of having two Colored members of its Board of Aldermen. The men are Louis B. Anderson and Major Robert R. Jackson, both representing the old Second ward.

Ten years ago Colored republican leaders were insisting that some Colored man be nominated for the Board of Aldermen. White republican leaders opposed them. Former County Commissioner Oscar DePriest, the first Colored alderman elected, is said to have then agreed with the whites. Colored voters defeated a white republican candidate when the bosses refused to name some Colored man. Oscar DePriest was nominated and elected when the next election came off. He is said to have been one in a compact made between white and Colored republicans that the Second ward should have one white and one Colored alderman.

Things were getting along swimmingly until DePriest was indicted for alleged connection with graft and the running of gambling houses. He announced two years ago, following his indictment, that he would not seek reelection. Assistant Corporation Attorney Louis B. Anderson was nominated and elected. DePriest was tried and acquitted on what many consider one of the weakest counts in the indictment. He will be tried in a week or two on other counts.

At the recent aldermanic election he ran as an independent republican candidate against Major Jackson, who is a former member of the state legislature. The fur flew thick and fast between the rival candidates, but Jackson won out with a substantial majority in a three-cornered contest, one of the losers being a democrat. DePriest received a flattering vote, the vote in the "black belt" having been largely increased by people moving from the South within the past three years. He appealed to the newcomers on a sort of vindication platform.

Congressman Madden, who has defended the Negro in season and out, came on to urge the Jackson candidacy. The story is now going the rounds that DePriest and some of his followers are now boosting Edward H. Morris, national grand master of the Odd Fellows, for the republican nomination for congress in place of Congressman Madden. This does not please some of the Colored leaders who were with DePriest before his indictment, however. They claim that it would be bad politics to turn down a real friend of the race because he is white and send a man to congress just because he is Colored. Morris is an able lawyer and has served as a member of the state legislature. The indications are that should Morris decide to run against Madden that the DePriest followers will be able to line up a goodly number of the recent additions to the electorate, the newcomers not being very well informed as to actual political conditions here.

### HOME FOR EX-SLAVES STARTED IN ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga.—Numbers of donations to provide a home for ex-slaves on four lots in Meadow Brook, near Decatur, recently donated for this purpose by E. R. Craighead, secretary and manager of the Meadow Brook Land company, have been sent to the committee. April 24 was designated as "tag day," when the Negroes of Atlanta were asked to contribute liberally to this fund. Work on the first building has begun.

### MEMBERSHIP NEARING 1,400

Washington, D. C.—Great enthusiasm marked the close of the campaign of the Twelfth street branch, Washington Y. M. C. A., in which the goal was 1,000 new members. The teamwork went far above that mark by bringing the total up to 1,365 new members, the first Colored organization in the city to get so many members in five days.

## Black Race May Save Human Liberty

Prophetic Words of Abraham Lincoln Are Recalled by Emmett J. Scott, Special Assistant to Secretary of War, in Recent Notable Address.

### DEMOCRACY MUST BE INCLUSIVE

Impossible to Exclude the Colored Race in the United States from Sharing in Whatever Advantages May Come to Humanity by the Downfall of Autocracy.

ST. LOUIS.—Emmett J. Scott, special assistant to the secretary of war, spent a busy day here May 8 from the time of his arrival at 7:30 a. m. until 11:30 p. m., when he left for Indianapolis. He made a most favorable impression and won the hearts of his thousands of hearers. All who heard him were impressed with the fact that he is no apologist for the wrongs which the race keenly feels, but is wisely and patiently helping to work out the problems confronting the nation.

His principal speech was delivered in the evening at Central Baptist church, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The edifice was crowded to the limit. His subject was, "The Negro in the War." Mr. Scott spoke in part as follows:

"I know of no auspices under which I would rather come to your city than that of the Y. M. C. A. There is not a single camp in this country or across the seas where the Y. M. C. A. is not represented. It is the Y. M. C. A. that welcomes the soldier boy and tells him that he has a friend.

"Your country and my country has joined hands to make this world safe for democracy. We are face to face with the flag. The national emergency and great need is, the country is expecting every man, woman and child to do his bit. We are engaged in the greatest war of all ages and the country is faced with the greatest crisis of all its history. If we must accomplish our purpose, the north and south, east and west, must give up their sectional feelings. A man's creed nor color of his skin should not be counted.

"I should regard it an honor to come to St. Louis at any time, but especially at this time, when civilization is tottering to its doom. The Colored people, who have come up under adverse conditions, are better prepared to fight for democracy than any other race. I am not here to review the period of the reconstruction days, when injustices and all forms of atrocities were committed. I have but one thought, and that is, may our country live forever.

### Negroes Not a Liability.

"There are twelve million and more of us in this country. We are an asset and we are not a liability. Opportunities go hand in hand and not behind. We have been seeking in every part of this country to prove our fitness to civilization. Now we must fight for it and heed the advice of Booker Washington, who said, 'Freedom is not a bequest, but a conquest.' United States Counting on the Negro.

"I say advisedly the war department is counting on our race as never before. They know the Negroes are eager and willing to be used in defense of this country, and it is the purpose of the war department to see to it that a square deal is given every man who is willing to shed his blood for his country. I know that is the spirit of the war department and I know that is the spirit of the president of the United States. Never before have 1,000 Colored men been asked to serve as officers and represent the United States army. There is to be a battalion of signal corps men, which has never been before. Colored men are being trained in Washington and Virginia for that service. There will be a Colored chaplain in the army for every 1,200 men. Beginning May 15 three artillery regiments will go in training at Camp Meade, Maryland, and of twelve technical schools each is to receive \$6,000 for the training of telegraphers and radio men for service.

### Black Race May Save the Jewel of Human Liberty.

"This war is calling for scientific training and our schools are responding, so that our boys won't be found wanting. I am confident that wherever they go they will quit themselves like men. They will remember that they are on trial. Thank God, they are on trial as far as their race is concerned. It can be said of us that there (Continued on sixth page.)



MRS. FLORENTINE FRANCES PINKSTON  
The Talented Pianist Who Appears in Recital Tuesday Night, at the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium.

## The Children of the Sun

By George Wells Parker

A black man was the author of the oldest known book in the world. This book, the precepts of Ptah Hotep, was written about 3700 B. C., and became greatly treasured by the Egyptian people. It is a collection of maxims and wise sayings intended to guide one's daily life and, excepting a few minute instances, is as valuable today as it was the day it was written. Here are a few gathered at random:

"To throw obstacles in the way of the laws is to open the way before violence."

"Do not lose the daily opportunity of increasing that which thy house possesses. Activity produces riches and riches do not endure when it slackens."

"Compose thy face even in trouble; these are the people who succeed in what they desire."

"Be not arrogant because of that which thou knowest; deal with the ignorant as with the learned; for the barriers of art are not closed, no artist being in possession of the perfection to which he should aspire."

Art, literature and science, are the measure by which men judge the worth of a civilization and by such measure Egypt is entitled to a very high place. I shall treat of her art in the next article; of her literature and science in this. Her literature is indeed voluminous and hardly a year passes but what some scholar translates for us some new papyrus that gives us a deeper insight into the great culture of that dark race that once ruled beside the Nile. Thousands of mummies have been recovered and in the fine linen which wrapped many of them we discover rolls upon rolls of papyrus, but as soon as one touches them they crumble into dust. Yet enough have been preserved to prove that the ancient Egyptians were a literature loving people and that much of what we find compares favorably with the greatest which the world has produced.

Of course you know that the Egyptians wrote in hieroglyphics, that is, in pictures and signs. For many years their works were enigmas which none could decipher, but about a half century ago a stone known as the Rosetta was discovered and engraved upon this stone were the Egyptian hieroglyphics with their Greek equivalents. Immediately scholars delved in Egyptian lore and from out the mass collected has come

forth a fine literature. One of the most renowned writings is the Book of the Dead, a book which we might call the Egyptian Bible. It represents the beliefs belonging to the various periods of the long life of the Egyptian nation, and the opinions held by several schools of thought in Egypt, the object of them all being to help the departed spirit on to perpetual peace. The Judgment scene is especially interesting since it gives the many many questions asked the soul by the judges, before it is allowed to pass to the other side. We discover in these questions the same moral standard that guides men today and those things which were necessary to an honorable and righteous life among the Egyptians are the same as are necessary to us today.

Among the many writings left us by the Egyptians which have been translated and which may be found in almost any well equipped library, I might mention the following:

Story of the Shipwrecked Sailor (2800 B. C.)

Story of Sanehat (2500 B. C.)

Song of the Hary (2000 B. C.)

Hymns to Amen-Ra (1700 B. C.)

Book of Mysteries (1700 B. C.)

Epic of Pentaur (1650 B. C.)

Chronology of Kings (1600 B. C.)

Maxims of Any (1500 B. C.)

Story of the Doomed Prince (1450 B. C.)

Tel-el Amarna Letters (1400 B. C.)

Story of the Two Brothers (1300 B. C.)

Story of Setna (1300 B. C.)

All of these are entertaining and among them one will find many instances that hint of the stories to be found in the Christian Bible. Indeed, many commentators claim that most of the old testament stories were borrowed from the Egyptians, especially do we find such an instance in the Story of the Two Brothers, it being almost identical with the story of Joseph. The Tel-el Amarna Letters consist of 320 bricks or tablets found south of Memphis in Egypt in 1871. They are state documents and are considered among the most valuable remains ever discovered. If you read these letters in translation you will be struck with the many instances of respect paid the Egyptians by all the great nations of that day. There are among them many recorded intermarriages, state marriages, between the princes and princesses of such states

as Persia, India, the Hittites, etc., which naturally leads one to believe that all these peoples were of kindred blood. As I mentioned in the last article, many of the Pharaohs of Egypt were scholars and writers, and it is recorded that Menepthah, the supposed Pharaoh of the oppression, founded the first library in Egypt. It must have been a very large one, because its fame spread as far as Greece.

The fame of Egypt as a land of mystery has persisted throughout all the ages and today, no less than five thousands years ago, the home of magic has been entered in the Land of the Sphinx and Pyramids. But the truth is that Egypt knew no more of mystery than we. What she did know was much of chemistry, geometry, mathematics and physics, and knowing these she was able to confound the many wise men who traveled from far to her shores. The Egyptians were great astrologers and astronomers. They were acquainted with many of the plants, could predict eclipses, conjunctions, and foretell storms on land and sea. Few of her contemporaries could do these things and that the Egyptians could do them was a source of endless wonder.

The Egyptians were also famed physicians. Some of their rulers were very learned in medicine and wrote works that became famous, especially works dealing with intestinal diseases and eye troubles. Their knowledge in this line greatly impressed the Greeks and it is claimed that Hippocrates, the patron saint of modern medicine, received his training in Egypt.

It is good for us to have some real knowledge of what Egypt has contributed to mankind. We cannot obtain this information in school or college. It is only in recent years that scholars are beginning to realize what a wonderful influence Egypt has exerted upon the birth and development of human civilization. We must go to our public libraries and look for the books that deal with Egypt alone. They are many and large and every one worth reading. They will give you an insight into life as the Egyptians lived it and you will be impressed with the happy and cheerful picture. As you close the book you cannot help from saying, "Yes, the Egyptians were Africans. No other people could have enjoyed existence as they enjoyed it and laughed away the years as though they were all Maydays vouchsafed them by their great god Osiris.

## Judge Terrell Is Again Sworn In

Noted Jurist Is Highly Honored by Members of the Washington Bar as He Enters Upon His Fifth Term as Judge of the Municipal Court.

### TANEY'S DECISION RECALLED

Timothy Thomas Fortune Calls Attention to the Fact That the Race Has Traveled Far Since 1856, When It Had No Legal Status.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—

This day will long be memorial in the annals of the Afro-American people, as it marks a distinct advance of the race in a department of the government in which it has not had much opportunity to serve and to distinguish itself. It is a far cry from the opinion of Chief Justice Roger B. Taney in Dred Scott vs. Sanford, in 1856, that "it is held to be good law and precedent that a black man has no rights that a white man is bound to respect," to the swearing in by a federal judge of a Colored man for his fifth term to be a judge in the municipal court in the District of Columbia. The Taney decision is made all the more impressive in the glaring reversal which has come over the law and the spirit of the nation by the fact that Judge Terrell has been twice appointed by a democratic president and twice confirmed by a democratic senate, and that he has served with conspicuous success, and continuously, in the same federal judicial department for sixteen years and a half. The record is a highly creditable one for the judge, and paves the way for the race in its effort to make a place for itself in the judiciary of the nation.

Immediately after being sworn in the judge was confronted in his chambers by his associates on the bench, by a number of ladies, by a large gathering of friendly lawyers, and by the members of the Washington Lawyers' association. His courtroom was crowded. Mr. Royal A. Hughes, president of the Washington Lawyers' association, arose, while the judge sat in a bower of flowers, and made a feeling and eloquent address of congratulation and felicitation, and then, on the part of his associates, presented the judge with an elaborate basket of flowers designed by Powell, and a handsome leather brief case.

Judge Terrell made an eloquent and feeling address, in which he spoke in the highest terms of the uniform courtesy of his associates on the bench and of the members of the bar who practice in his court, and of the honor which his associates conferred upon him in this public address and presentation. He also said he considered the occasion as a milestone, marking a long advance from 1856, when the race had no legal status.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the famous wife of the judge, was called upon by Hon. James A. Cobb and spoke sympathetically of the appreciation in which her husband is held by the members of the bar and his associates on the bench. The ladies present were: Mrs. Terrell and their daughter Mary, Mrs. Arthur Brooks, Mrs. Walter Singleton, Miss Jeannette Carter and Mrs. George Burrell of Philadelphia, Pa.

It was a famous occasion, one to inspire the Afro-American people in all directions to labor and to tire not for the highest and the best in our national life. We have had no other occasion just like it in the history of the race, but the opening having been made we are sure we shall have many more such as the toilsome, serpentine years come and go.

T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

### 25,000 SOLDIERS "OVER THERE"

Washington, D. C.—The Fifteenth New York, the pride of the state and of the Colored people of this country, with their famous band, of which Lieutenant James Reese Europe is the conductor, are among the 25,000 Colored troops now serving in France, it is said. Ten thousand of this number are from America, the rest being American Negroes fighting with Canadian troops, stevedore regiments and the allied colonies.

### COLORED GIRLS AS STOCK CLERKS

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The Rosenbaum company, one of Pittsburgh's largest department stores, has very recently employed a number of race girls in their stock department as clerks.