

ONLY 13 PERCENT OMAHA NEGROES ARE NATIVES

LINCOLN LEAGUE PLANNING FOR ITS CHICAGO MEETING

Large Attendance Is Anticipated—Several Men and Women of National Prominence Expected to Participate

LIVE TOPICS CONSIDERED

By MORRIS BROWN, Washington Correspondent. Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—Great interest is being manifested in Washington in the coming convention of the Lincoln League of America to be held in Chicago, Ill., February 12; in fact, more than has been shown in any meeting held by the race in 25 years.

Will Excel 1920 Session Present enthusiasm indicates that the meeting this year will excel the convention of 1920. It promises to be a notable gathering. Both white and colored politicians and statesmen are turning toward Chicago. Certainly the leadership of the race will be present when the convention opens.

Asked for a statement of the object and purposes of the Lincoln League, Roscoe Conkling Simmons, its president, said: "The Lincoln League is the only organization in this country where colored men and women and white men and women meet together on a common platform to discuss the issues and measures affecting the country."

"The Lincoln League has a definite program. That program embraces getting a hearing for the race where a hearing will do good, and getting a hearing in a way that will be effective in results and not embarrassing to the people."

"The Lincoln League believes that the race has an universal problem and that therefore those who seek to work it out must have an universal heart. It seeks to nationalize the leadership of the race and break down all lines, whether of religion or section."

Vital Issues to Be Discussed Live and vital questions are to be discussed at the coming session of the league. Among them are "Migration and Its Political Effects," "Our Political Status," "Congressional Elections" and "The Jim Crow Car." These are only a few of the questions nearest the heart of the American Negro, to which the Lincoln League will give its attention.

Chairman John T. Adams of the Republican National Committee will deliver an address to the convention on the evening of February 12. That same evening, Roscoe Conkling Simmons, president of the Lincoln League, will deliver his address and Medill McCormick, United States Senator from Illinois, will speak on "Abraham Lincoln."

MANY FAVORITES ON OMAHA ATHLETIC CLUB FIGHT CARD

Many local favorites will participate in Omaha Athletic club's first professional boxing card, at the Auditorium next Thursday, according to Denny Ryan, matchmaker for the Omaha Athletic Club.

Ryan plans to match Sailor Liston, Erwin Bige and Joe Stangl against good opponents. Morris Schlaifer is scheduled to swap punches with Jimmy Jones of Youngstown, O., in the main event.

In the semi-final, Carl Augustine, who won a sensational bout with Battling Munroe on the legion show last month, will probably be matched with Chuck Lambert of Minneapolis or Tommy Burns of Milwaukee.

Bige, in all probability, will meet Jack O'Toole, a slugging lightweight from Sioux City. Stangl, local heavyweight, is slated to box six rounds against Harvey Perkins of Casper, Wyo., a westerner who recently fought a draw with Tiny Herman.

Al Van Ryan of St. Paul may be Liston's opponent in one of the preliminary bouts. Liston is the Council Bluffs lad who surprised local fans by defeating Glen Milligan here last month.

LADIES' BIRTHDAY CLUB ENTERTAINED AT HILLCREST

The Ladies' Birthday Kensington Club met as the guests of Mrs. Alfred Jones at Hillcrest last Wednesday afternoon, at which time there was a wonderful display of exquisite and artistic needle work. An interesting literary and musical program was given. About fifty guests were present.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

Bishop Shaylor leaves for the Holy Land early in April. For this reason he has appointed the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30, instead of Palm Sunday for his annual visitation to St. Philip's for Confirmation. Confirmation classes for adults and children will be organized for instruction at once. Services last Sunday were well attended. Mrs. W. H. Robinson was baptized Sunday afternoon. The usual services Sunday.

DEATH ENDS LONG SERVICE OF OLD TREASURY MESSENGER

Richard Green, for More Than Fifty Years Confidential Aid of Secretaries, Won Respect by Devotion

HAD HONORABLE CAREER

Special to The Monitor by Walter J. Singleton.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1, 1924.—Richard Green, for more than fifty years confidential messenger of Secretaries of the Treasury, died at his residence, 307 Elm street, northwest, January 24 after several months' illness.

He was appointed to the Treasury Department in 1871, and for more than fifty years had been a familiar figure stationed at the door of the Secretary of the Treasury. His height and bearing as he stood ready to answer summons have daily drawn the attention of all who frequent Treasury corridors. His long service had been characterized by the utmost devotion to his superiors, and he had accompanied various secretaries over the length and breadth of the country and in foreign lands. He had been in Europe and the Argentine republic on missions with secretaries.

So highly thought of was the messenger that on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as a treasury employee a public reception in his honor was given in the Whitelaw hotel. Former Secretaries Cortelyou, Gage, McCado, Glass, MacVeagh, Shaw and Houston attended the reception and gave testimonials of their regard for his faithfulness.

Milton E. Ailes, president of the Riggs National Bank, who had known Mr. Green for thirty-four years, upon learning of his death spoke of his unimpeachable integrity and the fineness of his character. Mr. Ailes recalled an incident which exemplified Green's character. When the Virginia family, in which Green's people were raised as slaves, fell upon hard times, he sent them money to repair the homestead.

Mr. Green was a member of the Bancker, Crispus Attucks and Men's Cliff Rock beneficial associations.

PROGRAM FOR THE HOME TALENT ENTERTAINMENT

The Home Talent Entertainment which is to be given at Zion Baptist Church Monday evening, February 11, by the Women Laymen's Club will include the following program:

- 1. Instrumental—Sunday School Orchestra. 2. Vocal Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson. 3. Recitation—Melva McCaw. 4. Vocal Trio—Saybert Hanger, Jas. Lewis, John Pegg. 5. Musical Reading—Richard Garrett. 6. Vocal Solo—Ethel Jones. 7. Recitation—Mrs. Carrie Carter. 8. Vocal Solo—Mr. J. W. Owens. 9. Playlet, "The Burglar". Trained by Mrs. Jno. A. Smith. Grace Adams, Nonence Gibson, Florence Jones, Margaret Murray, Helen Reidd. 10. Instrumental—Sunday School Orchestra.

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Roland Hayes Sings in O. H. Kahn's Home; American Negro Tenor Once Was an Humble Stove Moulder

From the New York Times Monday, January 21, 1924

Roland Hayes, the remarkable American Negro tenor, who for three years has won reputation as an artist in European capitals and who last season in London sang "by command" at Buckingham Palace before King George, made his first private appearance in a Fifth Avenue mansion last evening, following several public concerts in New York, of which he gives but one more before sailing abroad early in February.

He sang on the present occasion to the guests of Otto H. Kahn, Chairman of the Metropolitan Opera Board, and Mrs. Kahn, at their home at Fifth Avenue and Ninety-second Street, with his accompanist, William Lawrence. He shared a joint program with Mme. Marya Freund, soprano, a niece of Sir George Henschel of London, first conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra many years ago.

By request of the hostess, Hayes sang the impressive air, "When I Am Laid in Earth," from the "oldest English opera," Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," recently performed here by Metropolitan stars for the Society of Friends of Music. He added songs in German by Schubert and other classic composers, and in conclusion a group of American Negro "spirituals."

It was remarked that except for private appearances by the baritone Harry T. Burleigh of St. George's Church at the home of the late J. P. Morgan, and also by the late Bert Williams, the actor, this was possibly the first time a man of his race and a recognized artist had sung in similar surroundings. It was an open secret that the Negro singer last night received for his services a check in four figures.

When Roland Hayes had been summoned before King George, his old mother, since dead, wrote to him in England, unknowingly using the exact phrase of Sir W. S. Gilbert in "Pinafore" as to Ralph Rackstraw—"Remember what you are." The discovery of Hayes as a singer occurred in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was heard in a church choir there in 1905 by W. Arthur Calhoun, an Oberlin College student, now teaching music here in Harlem.

The boy, then 16, was employed as molder in a stove factory, and his widowed mother sternly opposed his quitting work, saying he was the support of the family and her only ambition was "to keep him a good boy."

Colored singers in those days either sang in their own churches or picked up odd change in saloons or dance halls.

Mrs. Hayes was persuaded, however, and her boy was assisted by friends to a career. Two who helped were townsmen of his race, Mrs. Kennedy Jackson, organist of the Monumental Baptist Church, and the Rev. Frank Hyder, now pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, Harlem. The other was a white man, William Stone, then foreman in the printing department of the Chattanooga Times.

The first teacher, Mr. Calhoun sent his pupil to Fisk University under Miss Jennie A. Robinson. Hayes came north with the Fisk Jubilee Singers, and on ending a Summer's tour at Boston, remained there with Arthur Hubbard, the teacher of Charles Hackett, the oratorical tenor.

He has since continued his studies abroad, where his singing of German was praised in Vienna, as was his French in Paris. He will start his fourth tour of Europe when he sails on February 6. He has before appeared in Paris at the famous Concerts Calonne conducted by the French composer, Gabriel Pierné, and with the Queen's Hall Orchestra, under Sir Henry Wood, in London.

Here in his own country, Hayes's forty concerts this Winter have taken him south of Mason and Dixon's line. He sang at Richmond, Raleigh, Portsmouth, Greensboro, Worcester, Nashville, Bluefield, Charleston and Louisville. At Orchestra Hall, Chicago, he sent a box to a white family for whom he had worked at Nashville while earning his way through Fisk university. A Richmond, Va., critic wrote that Hayes's first concert was most applauded, not by his own people but by the white folk who appreciated his songs. He appeared in West Virginia before what was said to be the first "mixed" audience since the Civil War.

NEWSLETS (Lincoln News Service.)

We have 12,660 female barbers, hairdressers, and manicurists.

A New York democrat has introduced another Race Commission Bill

Accomac County, Virginia, produces more sweet potatoes and yams than any other county in the United States.

The Bishop with the golden cross will probably receive a political double-cross.

Our business men are experiencing difficulty in finding trained young men and women.

The whole continent of Africa has only three independent states, Egypt, Abyssinia and Liberia.

Mr. S. E. Parker, a progressive colored business man of Richmond, Va., has opened a new bakery.

A modern new brick business block, erected by George Andrews, a colored man of Bells, Texas, provides stores, shops and offices for business men of his group.

The "Modernists" are no longer singing that familiar hymn, "The Old-time Religion is Good Enough for Me."

Several "modernist" colored bandits recently held up a Kansas City bank and escaped with \$44,500 instead of an old pair of trousers. They were promptly captured by colored detectives.

An educational commission has gone to East Africa to examine into the educational needs of the natives from a religious, social, hygienic and economic point of view.

The state of Georgia, with a colored population greater than the combined population (all classes) of Delaware, New Hampshire, Nevada and Vermont, is the only state having more than 1,000,000 colored inhabitants.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH O. J. Burckhardt, Pastor.

An interesting address was given by Mrs. Harris at the morning service; at 3 p. m. the Rev. Mr. Spaight was the speaker; the League gave an interesting program at 6:30 and at 8 o'clock the pastor preached a sermon to young girls on "Character Building." Next Sunday the pastor will preach at 11 and the Rev. Mr. Alexander at night. Mesdames Moffatt, Maggie Clay, Pinky Bryant, Chris Riddles and Ori Stearns are still on the sick list.

ROULHAC-TAYLOR WEDDING WITNESSED BY MANY FRIENDS

Ceremony Solemnized in the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, Large Congregation Present At Service

RECEPTION FOLLOWS AT HOME

St. Philip's Church was filled to overflowing Tuesday night by friends of the contracting parties when Miss Theodocia Alice Taylor, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Russel Taylor, was united in marriage to William Roulhac, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Roulhac, of this city. Several of the older citizens were present who witnessed in the same place and by the same minister marriage of the bride's parents nearly 25 years ago.

Shortly after 8 o'clock, the appointed hour, to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Frances D. Gordon, organist of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. Mr. Taylor is pastor, the bridal party entered the church. The ushers, Messrs Saybert Hanger, Elbert Taylor and Worthington Williams came first. Following these were the maid of honor, Miss Amorette May Jackson, of Tongonoxie, Kans., gowned in a simple but handsome creation of pink Canton crepe, and the bridesmaid, Miss Ethel Speece, attractively gowned in a beautiful blue fabrication of the same material.

The bride, beautiful in her simple wedding gown of white crepe de chene with the customary veil, followed upon the arm of her father. The groom and his best man, William Albert Taylor, brother of the bride, entered from the vestry, and met his bride at the chancel steps, where the words of betrothal were said. Proceeding then to the sanctuary rail the closing words of the marriage service were said by the officiating minister, the Rev. John Albert Williams. Just at the close of the service the beautiful marriage hymn, "O, Perfect Love, All Human Thought Transcending," was sung by Mr. Taylor, who substituted for Mrs. Calvin Spriggs who was unable to sing because of a severe cold. The bridal party left the church to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march.

A reception immediately followed the ceremony at the family residence. This was largely attended by friends who came to extend their congratulations and best wishes for the happy pair. The wedding gifts were many and beautiful.

MRS. J. E. SPINGARN GIVES N. A. A. C. P. \$1,000 TO MEET P. G. PEABODY'S OFFER

New York, Feb. 1.—Amy E. Spingarn, wife of J. E. Spingarn, treasurer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and member of its Board of Directors, has presented the organization with a check for \$1,000 to meet the offer of Philip G. Peabody of Boston. Mr. Peabody offered \$1,000, if the N. A. A. C. P. would raise an additional \$9,000 in a period of sixty days, the final date set being March 10, 1924.

Mrs. Spingarn has for many years been a generous contributor to the work of the N. A. A. C. P.

Don't miss the Home Talent Evening at Zion Baptist Church, Monday evening, February 11.—Adv.

OMAHA RATIO OF NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS LOW

Nebraska's Metropolis Ranks Second in Small Percentage of Home-Born Residents Among Race

ONLY THIRTEEN IN HUNDRED

Washington, Feb. 1.—(Lincoln News Service.)—In most of our large northern cities it is about as difficult to find a native son or daughter—that is, one who was born in the state in which they live—as it is to find the proverbial needle in the haystack. In Detroit, Mich., nine out of every ten, or, to be more exact, ninety-one in every one hundred colored inhabitants were born outside of the state, as compared with eighty-seven in Omaha, eighty-five in Chicago, eighty-four in Los Angeles, eighty-three in Cleveland, eighty-two in Atlantic City, eighty in Denver and seventy-six in Cincinnati. In the city of New York, seven out of every ten, or seventy-four in every one hundred are neither native sons nor daughters of the state, as compared with seventy-two in Indianapolis, and seventy in Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, where, in the language of Editor Vann of The Pittsburgh Courier "the people make iron—and sometimes steel—for a living." Out in St. Louis the proportion drops to sixty-three outsiders per one hundred colored residents, or to about six out of every ten. There is every evidence that this new blood and force are welcomed by the old citizens in each of the communities mentioned, because it means increased payrolls, an expansion of business and the opening of industrial, civic and other opportunities that will be helpful in the development of the local group.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE WILL RECEIVE HOUSTON MARTYR PETITION

N. A. A. C. P. Announces Petition Has 120,000 Signatures and Will Be Received by the President February 7th

New York, Feb. 1.—President Coolidge has appointed February 7th, as the day on which he will receive a delegation of colored citizens to present the petition with 120,000 signatures, asking for pardon of the fifty-four members of the 24th Infantry still imprisoned for their alleged share in the Houston riot of 1917. The signatures were gathered by the N. A. A. C. P., with the co-operation of colored newspapers, churches, lodges, fraternal bodies and other individuals and groups.

The delegation will be received at the White House at noon on the day appointed.

The N. A. A. C. P. is now arranging for a committee of fifty representative organizations and individuals to sponsor the presentation. The White House has limited the delegation actually making the presentation to ten people, who will act for the whole committee. The names of individuals and organizations making up the whole committee of fifty will accompany the petition and will be made public. The delegation of ten will represent as adequately as possible the organizations participating in this effort.

It is hoped also that one or more influential members of Congress may accompany the delegation to the White House.

G. O. P. SPEAKERS' BUREAU WILL OPEN IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 1.—(Lincoln News Service.)—The Republican National Committee will open headquarters for its campaign speakers' bureau in Chicago, Chairman John T. Adams has announced. This bureau, he said, will be in charge of Horace Ellis, formerly superintendent of public instruction of Indiana. In 1919 and 1920, Mr. Ellis was a special representative of the Republican National Committee.

THREE GRADUATE FROM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

In the mid-winter class which graduated from Central High school last Friday night, and which numbered 39, there were three colored students who received their diplomas. They were Miss Robbie Turner, Oliver Butler and Marcellus Ritchie.

Norfolk, Va., now leads Richmond in the number of colored inhabitants.

