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THE PRIMARY ELECTION

A relatively heavy vote was cast at the primaries, but large as it was, a larger proportion of the registered voters should have cast their ballots. There is evidence, however, in the increasing primary vote of growing appreciation of the duty and privilege of voting. This is as it should be. People should express their preference for candidates at the ballot box. Those who voted Tuesday, and the number has been placed around 40,000, expressed their preference most decidedly.

The administration slate, called the "Square Six," was the choice two to one, its average vote being above 22,000 against 11,000, over the "Civic Alliance" slate, its strongest competitors, backed

by various organizations. The vote was a strong endorsement of the present city administration, headed by Mayor Dahlgren, and a rebuke to that sinister and cowardly organization which is seeking political power and control.

The independent and unslated candidates were really not in the running. Karl Kehm, who, for example, had a strong backing and an energetic organization, polled only 5,513 votes, and Robert P. Samardick, who was on a slate, and with Kehm, regarded as a probable winner, polled only 5,747 votes. Veteran campaigners like Charles Unitt polled under 2,000. In the light of these facts the vote received by our race candidate, Charles J. Solomon, of 1,024, was a most creditable one. He stood thirtieth among

the forty-three aspirants and no one who voted for him threw his vote away.

Despite the fact that the present commissioners received such an endorsement at the primaries the real fight now begins. "Security is mortals' chiefest enemy," says Shakespeare, and the Bible voices the same warning when it says, "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." No political battle is won until it is won. So from now until the polls close on election day in May there must be no abatement of interest and let no one delude himself that he can at this time pick the winners with certainty.

LINCOLN NEWS

Magnolia Court No. 10 will celebrate Palm Sunday in Masonic hall, 1022 P street next Sunday, April 10th, at 3 p. m. All members and friends are urged to be present.

The dinner given by Co-operation club at Mount Zion Baptist church last Friday night was a fine success.

The dinner given by the trustees of Quinn Chapel last Thursday night is reported as having been a success.

Mrs. Margaret Lyons has returned home from the hospital and is much improved.

Last Sunday was Women's Day at Quinn Chapel, and services were held all day. The program was carried out entirely by women. All of which is said to have been a credit and a neat sum was realized from collections.

Sunday was Covenant and Communion at Mount Zion. Praise and Covenant at the morning hour. A fine sermon by the pastor at night was followed by ordinance of the Lord's Supper. A series of revival meetings are in progress for the next ten days or until Easter day.

The carnival given by the Blue Ribbon club in Masonic hall last Wednesday and Thursday was fairly attended.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

Centenary Celebration of Negro Newspapers of America Announced

New York, N. Y.—(Special)—One hundred years have passed since the first publication edited by Negroes in the United States appeared from the press. It was March 16, 1827 when John B. Russwurm brought out the first edition, The Freedom Journal. Such is the subject and text of an especially prepared article appearing in The Amsterdam News, of New York, written by William N. Kelley, its editor, on the one hundredth anniversary of the Negro newspaper. He was discussing the National Negro Press association, matter with the secretary of the Henry Allen Boyd, who was in New York recently, the 12th, just four days before the one hundredth anniversary of the Negro newspaper.

The facts, as related by Mr. Kelley, and as are well known from research in the archives of Negro history, will be treasured by members of the fourth estate, editors and quill-pushers of America.

The data in substance and in a concrete form, as put out by Mr. Kelley, shows that The Freedom Journal was the first Negro newspaper established in America. It was born in New York City on March 16, 1827; it was brought into existence or being, it was fashioned and shaped, it was conceived by John B. Russwurm, its first editor, manager and guiding hand. This editor, this man of many parts, was born in Jamaica, B. W. I., in the year of 1799. He had associated with him as publisher, Samuel Cornish. The two worked, as has often been said, hand in hand, side by side. It developed that Mr. Russwurm also was the first Negro graduate from any American college, he finishing in the year 1828,

just one year after he ventured upon his journalistic career. After spending some time in America, and same hard work on the Journal, Mr. Russwurm went to Liberia, W. C. A., as he was interested in a colonization movement, and in the establishment of a government or a republic for Liberia. After Mr. Russwurm left America, Mr. Cornish continued as publisher, but saw fit to change the name of the paper from that of The Freedom Journal to that of The Rights of All. Mr. Russwurm then became editor of The Liberia Herald, published at Monrovia, Liberia. He continued to be active, and at the time of his death, he was governor of the Province of Monrovia in Liberia.

The National Negro Press association has been much interested in the history and data thus presented.

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