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## PROMINENT "DEMO" REGIONAL DIRECTOR TALKS TO LEADERS

Dr. William J. Tompkins Spends Sunday in Omaha, Confers With Local Leaders and Arranges for Active State, City Canvass.

Dr. William J. Tompkins of Kansas City, Mo., regional director of the colored division of the democratic national committee spent Sunday in the city holding a conference with local democratic leaders and the national committeeman. At night he delivered an address on "Leadership" at the Salem Baptist church, leaving at midnight for Kansas City.

In his conference with the democratic leaders at the Castle hotel, it is said that he was very frank and outspoken and made a most favorable impression. He asked what the democratic party had ever done for the Negro race and what could be expected now. The time has come when the Negro is not the sole and safe property of either party. He is demanding something tangible in return for his support just like other groups in the American electorate. He is demanding opportunity for self-expression and self-development, justice in the courts, and a fair proportion of patronage. The party that will honestly meet these reasonable demands may count upon the Negro for support. If the democratic party is willing and ready, despite its past attitude, to give him a square deal, it can win him to its standards. Thousands, disgusted with republican hypocrisy and insincerity, are ready to make a change of party allegiance.

Dr. Tompkins' district includes the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. He has just returned from Tennessee and Kentucky where he claims that 90,000 Negroes will support the democratic presidential nominee.

Arrangements have been made to open headquarters here in charge of the race and to effect a state organization.

Dr. Tompkins, who has been an active democrat for several years, expects to return to Omaha for a speech during the campaign.

## MEMBERS OF AL SMITH-FOR-PRESIDENT CLUB MEET "AL"

Among those who met and welcomed Governor Alfred E. Smith, democratic nominee for the presidency, to Omaha, Tuesday, were the following members of the Negro Al Smith-for-President club: A. Stuart, Dr. W. W. Peebles, Harry Leland, John Wood, and Gray. They met the governor at the station, had a automobile in the parade, and shook hands with the distinguished visitor at the Fontenelle hotel. The following members occupied seats on the platform at the auditorium when the nominee delivered his opening address of the campaign: Dr. W. W. Peebles, Harry Leland and Mesdames Stuart, Leland and Wheeler. In the press row at this meeting were H. J. Pinkett, "covering" the address for the Omaha Bee-News symposium; C. C. Galloway of the Omaha Guide, and Rev. John Albert Williams, editor of The Monitor.

## HILLSIDE WHIST CLUB

The Hillside Whist club met at the residence of Mr. C. E. Reese, 2858 Corby street, Tuesday evening, September 18. The Hillside Whist club wishes to challenge any club that will accept its invitation and co-operate with it in a game of prize whist. For further information call Web. 3637 between the 1st of October and ask for the club reporter. Prizes will be worth your effort.

## OLD SOLDIERS ATTENDING ENCAMPMENT

P. W. Waddles and Judah Miles, members of the Old Guard Post, G. A. R., left Sunday morning to attend the national grand encampment at Denver, Colo. These two comrades who wore the Union blue have always made it a point to attend the annual encampment. J. C. Moore of Hennessey, Okla., father of Mrs. Waddles of Omaha, goes as a representative of his post.

Hear Florence Cole-Talbert sing on Monday night at the Strand theater.—Adv.

## RACE ORGANIZATION FORMED TO WORK FOR REPUBLICAN VICTORY

Committee Named to Conduct An Active Campaign for the Election of Ticket Headed By Herbert Hoover

Presenting a united front and declaring themselves traditionally, naturally and eternally behind Herbert Hoover in his stand for the 18th amendment, the Douglas County Colored Republican Central Committee Monday endorsed Hoover and the republican ticket and elected officers for the campaign. The organizing committee consists of:

Mrs. Ada Hill Smith, Rev. Z. E. McGee, E. W. Killingsworth, David McQueen, George W. Hibbler, John A. Smith and James G. Jewell.

Officers elected were: George W. Hibbler, chairman; David McQueen, vice chairman; Mrs. Ada Hill Smith, secretary; E. W. Killingsworth, treasurer.

At the meeting at republican headquarters at the Rome hotel Monday, Rev. Z. E. McGee outlined plans for the campaign. George W. Hibbler and David McQueen also spoke. It was decided to open headquarters for the colored division.

The organization presented by the colored committee was received by Harry O. Palmer, chairman of the Douglas county republican central committee, who asked that a plan for the campaign be submitted. Campaign plans will be decided upon by the colored committee at a meeting Tuesday.

## ENTERTAINS AT DINNER FOR FLORIDA GUESTS

Mrs. Albert Johnson and daughters, Mercedes and Albertine, were the hostesses at a delightful dinner party at their home, 2709 Douglas street, on Monday evening, honoring Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Barna Suher, and a friend, Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton, both visitors from Florida. Other guests included Mrs. Emma Louis of St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. B. A. Howell, Mrs. John Archy, Mrs. Eva Peoples, Mrs. William McAllister, Mrs. W. C. Ricks, Mrs. Warren Brooks, Mrs. Charles Justice, Mrs. Robert Gray, Mrs. Anna Burton, and Mrs. John Goodman of Omaha. Mrs. Hamilton left Wednesday for St. Louis, where she will spend a week visiting friends. From there she will return to Florida.

## ST. PHILIP'S FIRST RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS. COMMITTEE GRATEFUL

The women of St. Philip's Episcopal church, who under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alice M. Smith, conducted a successful rummage sale at Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets, desire to express their appreciation to members, friends and patrons who contributed to the success of the sale. The store was donated by Joe Margules, the owner; the proprietor of the store, was most courteous and helpful. Mrs. Hattie Brewer, generously served lunch for the committee at her home, 2405 Hamilton street. The following women served on the committee: Mesdames Charles T. Smith, C. H. Spriggs, Herbert Wiggins, W. J. Johnson, Dumas James, Ella Grimstead, George Watson, Augustus Hicks, Addie Moore, J. F. Smith, Bessie Patterson and Jennie Williams.

## ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Martha Taylor Smith returned Friday night from a three weeks' visit to Chicago where she attended the annual meeting of the National Hairdressers' and Cosmeticians' league, held September 4 to 7 inclusive. Mrs. Smith was elected vice-president of the organization. The next meeting of the league will be held in St. Louis.

## FORMER OMAHA PASTOR VISITING OLD FRIENDS

The Rev. W. F. Botts, now pastor of St. Paul's Baptist church, Los Angeles, Cal., formerly pastor of Zion Baptist church of this city for 17 years, is visiting old friends and parishioners here. He is en route home at Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Botts accompanies him.

Mrs. J. C. Brewer attended the conference of the A. M. E. church in Leavenworth, Kansas, last week.



Florence Cole-Talbert

Florence Cole-Talbert, who for the past two years has been abroad appearing with great success in grand opera, will be heard in song recital, accompanied by Edna Rosalyn Heard, pianist, at the Strand theater, Monday night, under the management of a committee of women of which Mrs. John Albert Williams is chairman. The proceeds are to be donated to the North Side Branch of the Y. W. C. A.

Madame Talbert, who sang here five years ago at the Brandeis theater, delighted a large audience and local musical critics. Pleading as a vocal artist then she has improved by her operatic work abroad.

From among the highly complimentary comments of the foreign press the following typical ones are selected: "The title role of 'Aida' was performed in a most distinguished manner by Miss Florence Talbert, who has a beautiful voice, and is most effective as an actress."—*Calabria Fascista, Rome, Italy.*

"The greatest success was the singing of Miss Florence Talbert, who has

a magnificent voice, powerful, yet modulated, and as soft as velvet in her tone, as was exhibited in her rendition of 'O Patria Mia' in a manner that surprised and deeply moved her audience."—*Giornale d'Italia, Tivoli, Italy.*

The Chicago Herald says: "Cole-Talbert is mistress of song;" and The New York Evening World: "Miss Talbert's voice has a body and vibrancy of the true dramatic type. The temperamental attributes that should attend that genre are hers. In a program ranging from Sciaratti to Wolf and then on to Castlenueve-Tedesco, no want of versatility was discovered, nor of admirable diction."

These opinions of discriminating musical critics at home and abroad bear testimony to Florence Cole-Talbert's ability as one of our race's most outstanding artists of song.

Many of the prominent white citizens who heard Mme. Talbert when she sang here five years ago are anxious to hear her again and have bought tickets for the recital as have also many of the former colored patrons.

## "Negro Voters In Revolt" says Kelly Miller of Howard University in Story

Negro voters are bolting and revolting against traditional party lines as they have never done before. Negro Smith organizations, north, south, east, and west, are about as numerous as those for his republican opponent. According to my personal observation and the best information I can secure, about three colored men out of five, when approached as to their preference, openly declare for Smith or remain non-committal. If the republican contingent is better organized and co-ordinated than the democratic rivals, it is by reason of the fact that the G. O. P. has built up a more competent staff of professional politicians who are adepts at the game. There is but one practical remedy for this restlessness and dissatisfaction, which the republican party is not willing to apply. As long as the G. O. P. ignores the 14th and 15th amendments, flirts with lily whites and crucifies the Negro participants, it cannot expect that self-respecting Negroes will support its cause with enthusiasm and gladness. If Charles Sumner and Thaddeus Stevens had been delegates to the Kansas City convention they would have walked out the moment the party refused to stress the human rights amendments. Every Negro delegate would have followed them. The race is left no positive reason for supporting the glorious party of the olden day. Its moral grandeur has departed. Its only appeal to Negro support is comparative and negative.

## Support Moral Principles

There are at least two million qualified or qualifiable Negro voters in the north and in the south. Herein lies a latent power of incalculable potentiality. How can this potential power be translated into dynamic energy? Certainly not by slavishly following the fortune of the republican party which is gradually reducing the race to a political cipher. Certainly not by falling uninvited into the arms of the democratic party before it has even expressed penitence for its past sins. Where then is political wisdom to be found? To me the answer is plain and simple. Let the Negro voter support sound moral principles, on whichever side of the political line they may fall. I supported John W. Davis in the last election because he openly declared his opposition to the Ku Klux Klan, and stated with convincing candor, that, if elected, he would use the best of his ability to enforce the constitution of the United States. When asked of he intended to include the 14th and 15th amendments, he answered in the emphatic affirmative. Mr. Coolidge on the other hand was silent on the Ku Klux Klan and inarticulate on the human rights amendments to the constitution. I never did believe that Mr. Davis could be elected, but that did not affect the principles upon which he stood. The orthodox, patented, stamped and standardized Negro politicians, then as now, shouted until they were hoarse, "Long live Coolidge and the republican party." They carried the day. Verily, verily, they have their reward.

## Whither Will He Go?

If the colored voter bolts the republican party, whither will he go? The democratic rival certainly does not offer anything better, in some respects the prospect is decidedly worse. Shall the Negro, then, remain forever in the republican party, and allow himself to be reduced to a political nullity by his own acquiescence? Shall he espouse the democratic cause with all of its past record of political unfriendliness? Or

shall he, acting independently, support this or that party, either or neither, according to the dictates of the racial interest and welfare?

One Essential Difference  
In the present campaign, I can see but one essential principle that distinguishes the two parties and the two candidates—and that is the principle

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## MELLON DENIES BUT THOMAS MAINTAINS THERE IS SEGREGATION

Washington, D. C.—The recent denial by Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon that segregation of Negroes prevails in thirty-odd bureaus under the treasury department was given the lie last week in an open letter to Mr. Mellon by Prof. Neval H. Thomas.

In his open letter to Mr. Mellon, Prof. Thomas, president of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P., scathingly charged that segregation is rampant in the treasury department and cited numerous instances.

## COLORED TEACHER WRITES ARTICLE IN LEADING JOURNAL

St. Louis, Mo.—In the last monthly issue of the English Journal, America's leading publication on English composition and the official organ of the National Council of Teachers of English, appears a valuable and interesting article by Miss Hazel B. McDaniel, instructor of English in Summer High School of St. Louis. This most recent composition dealt with the problem of making old English literature and essays appear interesting to modern youth. This she did by a novel method of joining their reading efforts with compositions which paralleled their own experiences with the essays of the old DeCoverly Papers. She tells of her experiences with a large number of students in an article that is both interesting and illuminating, and which introduces some genuinely original contributions to the science of instruction. Miss McDaniel is a regular contributor to a number of literary journals and her work is of that high standard demanded by America's leading educators.

## NATIONAL GUARD UNITS IN CALIFORNIA COMPOSED OF NEGROES, NOW MOOTED

San Francisco, Cal.—California bids fair to set a patriotic precedent over Western states as the result of the inauguration of a movement to establish Negro National Guard units in the state. Only two other states in the country have Negro National Guard regiments, Illinois and New York.

Establishment of colored units of the California Guard wherever found practicable was urged by the state officials of the American Legion as the result of action taken by the World War Veterans at their recent state convention.

Numerous race organizations that served with credit in the military forces of the United States, including American Legion posts, have been persistent in their demands for colored national guardsmen in the state. State Commander N. Belgrano, in an explanation of the Legion's stand, brought it out that some real recognition is due the colored military bodies because of the great service they rendered their country in the World War.

## OMAHA LOCALS

Mrs. Betty Thompson, 1114 North Twenty-second street, is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butler, in Jonesborough, Ark., and other relatives in Little Rock, Ark. En route home she will visit relatives in Kansas City, Mo. She will be gone three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Myers and daughters left Saturday night by auto for Nashville, Tenn., where their daughter, Hazel, will enter Fisk university. They were accompanied by Miss Aline Burnett, who will also enter Fisk. They expect to visit in Kentucky, Ohio and the lake region before returning home.

Miss Grace Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Adams, 2806 North Twenty-sixth street, left Tuesday evening for Atlanta, Ga., to re-enter the university there. She will visit an aunt in Memphis, Tenn., en route.

Mrs. Luella Mae McCullough died at her home, 2430 Patrick avenue, Monday, September 10, after a long and painful illness. She was buried Thursday, September 13, at 2 o'clock from St. John's A. M. E. church. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Grant, who was away attending the conference, Rev. Russel Taylor officiated.

## METHODISTS CHANGE THREE IMPORTANT NEBR. PASTORATES

Adams Removed as Presiding Elder and Assigned to Lincoln. Grant Is Transferred to Kansas Conference.

At the annual conference of the A. M. E. church held at Leavenworth, Kansas, last week, the Rt. Rev. John A. Gregg, D. D., presiding, changes affecting several Nebraska pastorates were made.

The Rev. John Adams, presiding elder of the Omaha district, was assigned to Quinn chapel, Lincoln, succeeding the Rev. M. C. Knight, who has been transferred to the Colorado conference. The office of presiding elder of this district, as well as that of Kansas City, formerly held by the Rev. William T. Osborne, has been left vacant and will be supplied later.

The Rev. John H. Grant, D. D., pastor of St. John's, Omaha, has been transferred to the Kansas conference, and the Rev. I. S. Wilson, D. D., presiding elder of the Colorado conference, has been appointed his successor.

The Rev. J. C. Brewer, pastor of Allen chapel, South Omaha; the Rev. J. W. Garner, pastor of Bethel, and the Rev. Jesse Glover, pastor of the Adams Mission chapel, were returned to their respective pastorates, as was also Rev. W. S. Metcalfe, in charge of the church at Fremont.

Among those from Omaha who attended the conference were Mesdames Hiram Greenfield, Gertrude Shackelford, Anna Burton, J. Johnson, J. C. Brewer, M. L. Rhone, John Adams and Miss Sidney Parks.

## NORTH SIDE BRANCH Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Dr. Edith Hale Swift of the American Social Hygiene association of New York, will address a meeting for women and girls on Sunday, September 30th, at 4 o'clock, at the North Side Branch, Y. W. C. A. Dr. Hale Swift's subject will be "The Value of Health Hygiene in the Home." Mothers are especially urged to come with their daughters.

Miss Margie L. Danley, executive secretary, together with the Misses Josephine Martin and Ollie Mattison, two of the High School Girl Reserves, attended the week-end setting-up conference for high school Reserves at Camp Brewster. Miss Martin took part in the ceremonial, Miss Mattison assisted with the music and Miss Danley read Negro poetry.

The North Side Branch was represented at the board of directors luncheon by Mrs. J. A. Williams, Miss Margie L. Danley, Mrs. Z. C. McGee, Mrs. J. H. Hutten, Mrs. Herbert Wiggins and Mrs. Minnie Dixon.

The North Side Branch, Y. W. C. A., is seeking to meet the community needs and is offering the following classes: Art class, with Mrs. A. Jeffers, instructor, beginning Tuesday, October 9, for eight weeks, at \$2.75 for the course; Dressmaking, with Miss Emily Mercer, instructor, beginning Friday, October 12, 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m., eight weeks, \$2.75 for the course; Public Speaking, Mr. G. A. Burrell, instructor, beginning Friday, October 12, and continuing for two terms of nine weeks each. Five dollars (\$5.00) for two terms, payable in advance or \$3.00 each term; Gymnasium class announcements will be made later. Other classes formed upon request and sufficient registration. Please register as soon as possible.

The night school will open Monday, October 8, with Mrs. E. W. Johnson as principal. Vespers under the direction of Mrs. Hiram Greenfield will open October 14. Further announcements will follow.

Miss Lorraine Williams, who has been the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Saybert Hanger, left last Friday for Pittsburgh, where she was called by the illness of two sisters there.

Mrs. Alphonso Wilson returned Sunday from a pleasant two weeks' visit in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. J. H. Smith, 2211 Ohio street, returned Friday morning from a very pleasant three weeks' visit in Chicago.