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ROUSING MEETING HELD BY REPUBLICANS IN DREAMLAND HALL

Zimman and Mitchell Contrast Sentiment and Policies of Republicans and Democrats Towards Race.

Tuesday night a rousing mass meeting with a large attendance held in Dreamland hall, Twenty-fourth and Grant street, opened the active and aggressive campaign to be waged by Republicans among our race in the northern section of the city. The meeting was sponsored by the County Republican committee but was in direct charge of the executive committee of the North End Republican headquarters, the members of which are George H. Hibbler, chairman; Rev. David McQueen, vice chairman; Mrs. Ada Hill Smith, secretary; Ed. W. Killingsworth, treasurer; Rev. Z. E. McGee and James G. Jewell.

The hall was decorated with the American colors and Hoover and Curtis pictures and pennants. Music was furnished by Desdunes' band. On the platform were seated not only the speakers of the evening, but several ladies who are taking an active part in the campaign; several candidates, among them being F. L. Barnett, and Dr. A. M. McMillan, race candidates for the state legislature; Dr. John A. Singleton, present representative in the legislature from the Ninth district; Harry O. Palmer, county chairman; Fred Shotwell, secretary; William Burton, chairman of the speakers' bureau; A. V. Shotwell, chairman of the executive committee; Rev. John Adams, member of the state committee; Mrs. Ada Hill Smith, secretary, and George H. Hibbler, chairman.

Chairman Hibbler called the meeting to order shortly after 8 o'clock, stated the object of the most important campaign in the history of our country because of the many issues involved. He briefly introduced the members of the central committee, seated on the platform, the candidates, none of whom spoke, except Dr. McMillan candidate from the Ninth district, who spoke briefly; and Dr. John A. Singleton, whom the chairman requested to "set at rest the rumors that he would not support his former opponent." Dr. Singleton forcefully stated that "the hatchet had been buried" and that all were going to work unitedly for the election of the whole Republican ticket.

The chairman introduced as the first speaker of the evening, Harry B. Zimman, former city commissioner, but now occupying a managerial position with the Brandeis store. During his whole career, Mr. Zimman, who is a Jew, has been a sincere and consistent friend of the colored people. It was his vote which elected him as the only republican among 12 councilmen some years ago during Omaha's first political Democratic landslide which placed James C. Dahlan and ten other Democrats in office. His own people and ours stood by him and he won, while 11 other Republican colleagues on the ticket were defeated.

Mr. Zimman urged support of the Republican party, stating that despite its sins of commission in late years of which many of our race are complaining, and justly so, it ought not be forgotten that it was the party of emancipation and that whatever rights and privileges had been obtained had been obtained through the Republican party. Things undone ought not blind us to things that have been done. He discussed at length the intolerance of the south, which constitutes the very backbone and chief strength of the Democratic party and maintained that tolerance, which guarantees a square deal to every man cannot be given by "any party dominated by the intolerant south."

Rev. John Adams was called upon by the chairman to introduce the principal speaker of the evening, Arthur W. Mitchell of Washington, D. C. This Mr. Adams did in eloquent words which did him credit.

Mr. Mitchell delivered a forceful address characterized by convincing candor and directness. He stated that what was needed in this campaign was telling the truth and leaving the voters to decide. He believed that the Republican party had adopted a platform and presented a candidate that was best calculated to help humanity and guarantee a united nation. He confined himself to the discussion of questions which directly affect the Negro race in America, "of which," said he, "I am a part. I (Continued on Page Four)

YOUNG WOMAN WINS SENIOR LAW AWARD

First Negro Co-Ed to Study Law at University of Nebraska Ranks High in Scholarship.

Lincoln, Neb.—Miss Zanyze H. Hill, a senior in the law school at the University of Nebraska, has recently been notified that she was winner of the senior law school award, a scholarship which is given to the three seniors with highest scholarship ratings. The scholarship entitles the student to one year's tuition in that school.

Miss Hill was also the winner of the freshman law school award. She is the first Negro co-ed to study law at the University of Nebraska and is the only co-ed in her class.

Miss Hill, who is also a graduate of the arts and sciences college with an A. B. degree, is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. E. Hill of this city.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV. DR. JOHN H. GRANT

A farewell reception was given by about 600 members and friends of the Rev. Dr. John H. Grant, retiring pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, October 1st, at St. John's A. M. E. church. Speeches of appreciation for the religious and community service rendered by Dr. John H. Grant, during his two year pastorate in Omaha, were made by Reverends J. C. Brewer, John Albert Williams, A. F. Martin, and Dr. John A. Singleton, Mrs. Kate Wilson, Mr. Harry Anderson, and Mrs. M. L. Rhone.

Musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, were rendered by Mrs. Venus Parker, Mrs. Martha Taylor Smith, Mr. Lester Carter, Mrs. T. L. Mayo and the audience.

The addresses were all in praise and appreciation of the church and community service performed by Rev. Dr. Grant.

Mrs. H. R. Greenfield, clerk of St. John's A. M. E. church, introduced Dr. Grant and presented to him a fountain pen which was the gift of the Steward Board, assisted by the Stewardess Board. In a short address, Dr. Grant expressed his appreciation of the support given him by the Christian men and women of St. John's A. M. E. church and the community. And he expressed sincere regret because of his leaving Omaha.

Refreshments were served to the six hundred members and friends who assembled to pay their respects to Dr. Grant. The program and reception were arranged by the Steward Board. The invocation was given by Rev. O. J. Burkhardt and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. I. S. Wilson, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church. Mr. H. J. Pinkett presided.

PROMINENT OMAHA WOMAN MARRIES WEALTHY FARMER

Mrs. Lavinia Cooper-Warren, 4709 Erskine street, was married Sunday, September 30, to Mr. J. R. Johnson of Lamont, Pettis county, Missouri, at the Baptist church in Sedalia, Mo. Mrs. Warren is one of Omaha's best and most prominent women and stands high in her circle of friends. She is a member of Zion Baptist church, and a faithful member of Mission Circle of her church. Mr. Johnson is one of the most successful farmers of Lamont, Mo., operating the largest apple orchard in that section of the state. A reception at the home of her brother, Mr. C. W. Lollis of Sedalia, Mo., followed the wedding ceremony.

GOOD CONGREGATIONS ATTEND ST. PHILIP'S

A large congregation was present at the 11 o'clock service at the Episcopal church of St. Philip the Deacon, when the rector preached a helpful and instructive sermon stressing individual responsibility for the advancement of God's Kingdom. Showing that the Greek word translated "minister" in several places in the New Testament, means a rower or oar-puller, Father Williams emphasized the truth that every one who lays claim, by virtue of his baptism and confirmation, being a Christian, must pull his full weight on his own oar under the eye of the Governor of the galley or ship, if it is to be propelled over the troubled waters of this world. A brief after-meeting was held at which suggestions for more aggressive Christian work were outlined.

Race, Rum and Religion

By Kelly Miller
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Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist candidate for the presidency, has said that race, religion and rum will constitute the chief issues of the campaign. The genuine advocates of prohibition regret this unholy alliance. Race intolerance and religious bigotry are obvious vices while temperance is universally extolled as a virtue. The propagandists of race hatred and religious bigotry are insidiously stealing the liveries of heaven in which to serve the devil. The evil genius of these evil issues is embodied in the Ku Klux Klan. The basic clause in the creed of this un-American order is that a one hundred per cent American must be all white and all Protestant. The Negro American meets the full measure of the second requirement but cannot possibly qualify under the first. His only salvation, therefore, is to change the definition since he can never answer to its terms.

Strange Transpositions

Strange transpositions take place in political history. The Ku Klux Klan of the elder day was pledged to the undoing of the works of the republican party. In turn the G. O. P. was committed to its utter destruction. This constituted its boasted achievement in the days of reconstruction. It was thought that this dragon of un-Americanism was destroyed root and branch. But it sprung up again from the root of race hatred which was not wholly extirpated. Just as the original Ku Klux Klan arose after the Civil War for the express purpose of keeping the Negro in his putative place; so its rejuvenescence after the World War had precisely the same objective. But in addition to its main feature it took on the collateral purpose of properly subordinating non-Protestants and foreigners. This extension of the brackets so as to include the Catholic and the Jew lightened the pressure upon the Negro. Indeed, it was soon found that a rejuvenescence of the nefarious order was not necessary to handle the Negro. As the basis of

operation shifted from south to north, religious bigotry has received the chief stress of emphasis. Very little has been said or done concerning the brother in black. But nevertheless, the basic principle remains, the Negro race is held in deepest despite.

The Klan Anti-Negro

The Klan is anti-Negro, and the Negro who allows himself to ignore or overlook this basic fact is what Solomon or any other wise man would call a fool. As the movement has shifted from north to south, its political allegiance has turned from the democratic to the republican party. The triumph of tolerance over bigotry in Madison Square Garden 4 years ago drove the Klan out of the democratic party, whence it sought hospitality in the party of its former enemies and destroyers. Here it was given asylum, if not welcome. John W. Davis and Robert LaFollette, candidates of the democratic and progressive parties for the presidency, both denounced the order by name in scathing and unmistakable terms, while president and candidate Coolidge observed the silence of the sphinx. When General Dawes sought to give the Klan his playful endorsement, Mr. Coolidge forthwith put a padlock on the lips of his running mate. According to his political cunning, he cautioned neither approval nor disapproval, but votes. The Klan now controls the republican party in Indiana with one governor in the penitentiary and another out. In other midwestern states the wizards of wickedness are so influential within the fold of the G. O. P. that the leaders and rulers dare not utter one condemnatory word.

Governor Smith in his Oklahoma address, boldly as is his wont, denounced the Ku Klux Klan in terms as clear and unmistakable as the Smith language usually is. But not one condemnatory word has escaped the prudent lips of President Coolidge, candidate Hoover, Manager Work, or any other ruler in the ranks (Continued to Page Four)

PUBLICITY MAN PAYS OMAHA HURRIED VISIT

Claude A. Barnett, Prominent Newspaper Man, Member Publicity Committee, Spends Day Here.

Claude A. Barnett, of the Associated Negro Press, Chicago, member of the publicity committee of the colored voters' division, republican national committee, arrived in Omaha, Monday morning from Kansas City, spending the day and leaving for Chicago Monday night. Mr. Barnett, who is one of the best known and ablest of our newspaper men, has been on an extensive trip arranging for publicity and making contracts for political advertising in race newspapers. That was his business in Omaha.

DR. PEEBLES IS APPOINTED STATE ORGANIZER

Dr. W. W. Peebles was called to Kansas City, Mo., last week, to attend a conference called by Dr. William J. Tompkins, regional director of the Al Smith-for-President Colored league. There was a large attendance of enthusiastic Smith boosters from the region which includes the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. Encouraging reports, indicating hearty support of Governor Smith, were brought by those who attended the conference. Dr. Peebles was commissioned as state representative of the league for Nebraska. It is proposed to bring some of their strongest Negro democratic speakers into the state within a few weeks for campaign speeches.

WILL HOLD SACRIFICE AND RUMMAGE SALE

The Catholic Home for Aged association will hold a sacrifice and rummage sale, Friday and Saturday, October 12th and 13th, at 1309 Farnam street. Exceptional values, including men's brand new, as well as used, articles of wearing apparel, furniture, furnishings, etc., will be available at ridiculously low prices. Mrs. William Foran, Mrs. Gene Melady, Mrs. Mary B. Porter and Miss Ella J. Brown are the committee in charge.

NORTH END REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS OPENED

Attractively appointed headquarters known as the North End Republican headquarters, have been opened at 2120 North Twenty-fourth street, with George W. Hibbler, in charge as chairman, and Mrs. Ada Hill Smith as secretary. Literature and information bearing upon the campaign from the republican standpoint can be obtained here as well as from the central headquarters downtown at the Rome hotel. Public meetings will also be held from time to time in the North End headquarters.

SMITH-FOR-PRESIDENT COLORED LEAGUE HAS OPENED HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters for the Al Smith-for-President Colored league were recently opened at 2016 North Twenty-fourth street with neatly appointed furniture. The headquarters are in charge of Harry Leland, Dr. W. W. Peebles and Mrs. Lydia Owen, secretary. Democratic literature in abundance and information bearing upon the campaign from the democratic standpoint is cheerfully supplied. A radio installed at the headquarters makes it a favorite rendezvous for those who desire to listen in on political speeches.

JUDGE HOWELL TO ADDRESS WOMAN'S CLUB

Judge Frank S. Howell of the state supreme court, will address the American citizenship department of the Omaha Woman's club on the subject of "Courts, Juries and Citizens" at the first regular meeting of this department at the club house on Monday, October 8th, at 2 p. m.

Judge Howell will also speak on "Medical Jurisprudence" before the Omaha-Douglas County Medical association at the Medical Arts auditorium on the evening of Tuesday, October 9th.

Last Thursday Judge Howell addressed the Noonday club, an organization of prominent Swedish-American citizens.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU OF WESTERN DIVISION FUNCTIONING FINE

Reaching the West's Million and a Quarter Negro Voters Through Printed Page and Spoken Word.

(By Cary B. Lewis)
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 3—One of the departments of the republican national committee of the western division that is functioning with ease and rapidity is that of the speaker's bureau, headed by Roscoe Conkling Simmons. This and the organization departments are two of the biggest departments of the headquarters. Since Mr. Simmons has taken charge, his office is crowded daily with those who are eligible to talk "Hoover and Curtis." Then too, his mail is very heavy and telegrams come in every minute. It is from those who are offering their services to take the stump. It is a great big job for Simmons but he is handling it with intelligence and diplomacy. Every "neck of the woods" wants to hear Simmons but it is impossible for it is his duty to remain at the bureau and direct speakers.

West Has Many Votes

In the western division, there are 1,248,100 Negro votes and these must be reached through organization, speakers and literature. The voters want to hear speakers for it is they who are able to convince one how to vote and who to vote for. Not only Bishop A. J. Carey, Bishop W. T. Vernon, Dr. L. G. Jordan, Senator Adelbert H. Roberts, Attorney C. H. Calloway, Rev. J. E. Wood and others of this caliber, but orators in their native states will be called to the "huskies" by Col. Simmons. The month of October will see nearly every church and hall packed with voters to hear the principles of the republican party enunciated by speakers selected by the head of the speakers' bureau. The headquarters here in all departments is a "bee-hive" of activity, working for the success of the G. O. P. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs and William D. Pickens are scheduled to speak in Chicago at an early date.

REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE VISITOR

Attorney Arthur J. Mitchell, Member Intelligence Bureau, Spends Week in State Doing Effective Work for Party.

Arthur W. Mitchell of Washington, D. C., a member of the Intelligence Bureau of the national republican committee, arrived in the city last Wednesday and spent several days here and at Lincoln in the interests of the presidential campaign and, incidentally, in the interest of the whole republican ticket. Mr. Mitchell's particular job is that of fact finding as to the sentiment and progress of the campaign among Negroes and, concomitantly, a trouble fixer, that is to say, a reconciler of difference or a harmonizer.

Mr. Mitchell held conferences with political leaders here and at Lincoln, effecting, it is reported, a complete entente cordiale between different factions insuring, upon their part, whole-hearted and united support of the entire republican ticket. As one result of this harmonization, Rev. John Adams was made a member of the state central republican committee with a desk and stenographer in the committee rooms at the Lindell hotel, Lincoln, which is recognized as an advance step in state political affairs as they directly affect our racial group. Other tangible recognition was obtained.

Mr. Mitchell delivered two addresses during his visit to Nebraska, one at Lincoln Friday night and another in Dreamland hall Tuesday night. Preceding his address Tuesday night a dinner was given in his honor at Bell's De Luxe cafe by the executive committee of the North Side republican headquarters at 6 o'clock, attended by 30 guests. He left for Chicago early Wednesday morning.

Dr. W. W. Peebles, state organizer, and Harry Leland, president of the local Al Smith-for-President Colored league, visited Lincoln Tuesday and organized a branch of the league in that city. They report that they found Smith sentiment quite strong there.

Prohibition and the Men

By Geo. H. W. Bullock
Graduate of Lincoln University

"The serpent beguiled me and I did eat."

The politician is gifted in finding the weakness of the voter. It is upon this ability he subsists. Finding this weakness, he concentrates all his eloquence and fervor upon it until he spellbinds the sap-voter into believing that there is some truth in what he says—which in itself is no easy job.

In this campaign this practice of deception is used more than ever, due, I suppose, to the closeness of the presidential race, which in turn is caused by the unusual exercise of independence on the part of the voter. The old sob-stuff, for ages employed by the professional politician, does not work at all in this campaign. For this election, so far as it concerns the presidential candidates, will be decided on such highly technical issues; issues which require such great intelligence on the part of all who will make good use of their suffrage, that even the politician himself is puzzled as to just what argument to make to his subjects.

The more careless and, incidentally, less trained of them tell the voter that "All what he gotta do is" vote for this candidate or that candidate; this issue or that issue, and if successful at the polls, he will at once be lifted up into a seventh heaven, there to revel in the glories of all that he desires, with everything he opposes being banished, as with the simple wave of the wand, from off the face of the earth by the victorious party. And, notwithstanding, these same wool-pulling tactics have been used over and over again on the same victim, said sap-voter is being victimized right and left now by this tomfoolishness. And it is right upon this condition the success or failure of the proper candidate and issues will be determined. It is therefore incumbent on every intelligent, patriotic citizen, organization, pulpit, and press, to join in an intensive educational campaign to see to it that

the less enlightened voter is saved from mistakes and the country saved from the serious consequences of a wrong decision November 6. It will be too late, to see on November 7, or thereafter, that you have made a sad mistake and to turn in remorse and say, "The serpent beguiled me and I did eat."

I shall strive from time to time through these columns to open up some of the more technical phases of some of the most confusing issues involved in this campaign.

Prohibition

By far the most susceptible of misunderstanding and deceptive of all the many issues involved in this campaign is that of prohibition or the Volstead act, put on the statute books in the form of a constitutional amendment which was enacted as a war time measure during the closing years of the Wilson administration. It prohibits—or is supposed to prohibit—the manufacture and sale of distilled beverages beyond the alcoholic content of 1/2 of 1 per cent. It is the Eighteenth amendment to our constitution, there being only one amendment later, the Nineteenth, granting women the right of suffrage.

Notwithstanding the objection on the part of both political parties, the democratic party in general, and its presidential candidate in particular, forced it in the campaign as an issue, and it promises to be the deciding factor in the election. For it is on this question more than all others, that party lines have been broken and the final result placed in doubt.

The republican candidate, Mr. Hoover, stands pledged to the enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment as it is on the ground that, notwithstanding its many imperfections, it has proved to be an economic and moral benefit to the country. He offers, in substantiation, that the old saloon was an economic and social curse to the home and family life of the nation. That the use of food- (Continued to Page Four)