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New York Negroes Hold Big Mass Meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church. Adopt Resolutions. Praise For President Taft. Leading Men of the City Make Sane and Conservative Speeches.

Bethel A. M. E. Church, in West Twenty-fifth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, was filled with members of the race last Sunday afternoon who were present to pledge their faith in the leadership of Dr. Booker T. Washington and to express publicly their unbounded confidence in his integrity as a leader. The meeting was characterized by the sane and temperate remarks of the speakers.

Almost every speaker expressed the opinion that the brutal attack made on Booker Washington had done more to bring the race together than any other incident in many years; that Negroes of the North, East, South and West, irrespective of religious belief, political affiliations on educational matters, etc., had shown their great loyalty for the race by forgetting all difference and presenting a solid phalanx in extending their sympathy to the nation's leading Negro, and one of its most prominent citizens.

President Taft came in for a great deal of praise, and the popularity of the Chief Executive has grown to larger proportions since he wrote Dr. Washington the letter last week paying him such a high tribute.

Resolutions deploring the assault on the race's leader and promising to stand by him were adopted by a standing vote.

The resolutions:

Whereas, Dr. Booker T. Washington, the beloved leader, and inspired teacher of the race, an American philanthropist and educator, whose sympathies and services are recognized world-wide, has met with a painful and unfortunate incident in our city,

Resolved, First, that the colored citizens of New York are deeply grateful for the public sentiment of the community as expressed by the press and leading citizens in condemnation and regret that so good and useful citizen should have been the victim of an assault upon his person and reputation.

Second, We appreciate the thousands of messages of sympathy and confidence which have come to Dr. Washington from all parts of our country, from white and colored people alike, North

and South. They show how far the race has progressed; that even a black man's character is at once his sword and shield.

Third, We thank the President of the United States for his prompt and splendid letter recognizing Dr. Washington's great character and services to his country and expressing his unbounded and abiding faith in his integrity and honor.

Fourth, We desire Dr. Washington to know by this meeting and these resolutions that we, the members of his race, for whom he has done so much not alone by his services but by his person and character, to give standing among the races of men, that we deeply deplore this incident in his life, and that our hearts go out to him in his hour of trial and sorrow, that we are standing by him, believe in him and feel that out of his adversity, in God's way, will come even greater usefulness and service for God, for race and country.

Sunday's big meeting was opened by Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, who told his hearers that he thought it fit that those who stood for the highest and best in the life of the colored people of New York City should express confidence in the personal worth and honor of Booker T. Washington. The speaker declared that the life of the Tuskegeean was as great an epic to the freedman as was Uncle Tom's Cabin to the slaves.

Collector Charles W. Anderson was next introduced as chairman, who, in eulogizing President Taft, said that since Lincoln laid his pen aside no other document ever written has had such an effect in furnishing the square deal for the colored race; that the President realized that when Dr. Washington was struck, every Negro in the country was struck, and his letter ill win him the support of every colored man in the community.

Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church aroused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm in his concluding remarks by saying:

I was never so good an American as I am today. This is the

best country under the canopy of heaven for the Negro and for every other man. We were here three months before the Puritans, and if they talk of sending us away I tell them this: Let the Slavs go back to the Danube, the Russians to the Volga, the Italians to the Tiber, the English to the Thames, and the Irish to the Thames; and three months later we will go back to the Congo to found a great state under our intrepid leader, Dr. Washington.

Bishop W. Derrick was profuse in encomiums relative to the worth and character of Dr. Washington, and was listened to with marked attention. Bishop Derrick stated that the many expressions of good will on behalf of Dr. Washington should be a striking example to the young men of the race and should convince them that criticizing and finding fault does not pay, but that the deeds count in this life. Bishop Derrick referred to the great strides the Negro was making in New York City, recalling years ago where he participated in many fights for the black man's rights.

Among the other speakers who were warmly received were Rev. W. H. Brooks, Counsellor James L. Curtis, Dr. York Russell and Chief Edward E. Lee.

Others on the program were Rev. R. M. Bolden, Counsellor Wilford H. Smith and Fred R. Moore.—New York Age.

ALBUQUERQUE NEWS.

Mrs. John Freeman is quite sick.

G. H. Bryant has bought a nice four room house on North First St.

A. M. E. church and Mt. Olive Baptist churches are making preparations for their Easter exercises. Both churches will have a splendid program.

Rev. Walter Brannon of Boulder Colorado is holding a series of revival meetings at Mt. Olive Baptist church this week. Rev. Brannon is quite an able minister and many of his friends trust that he may be induced to remain in the city.

J. A. Brushwood, Grand Lecturer of Colorado and Jurisdiction of A. F. & A. M. was the guest of Eureka Lodge No. 19, last week, while in the city he gave three interesting lectures. Mr. Brushwood accompanied by H. Bramlett D. D. and Jeff Click W. M. of Eureka Lodge started and installed a new Masonic Lodge at Santa Fe N. M., with the following officer W. Kerr, W. M.; Chas. Parsons, S. W.; Algie Slaughter, J. W.; Geo. Parsons, S. D.; Wm. Roberts, J. D.; Wm. Nond, Treas.; Louis Anderson, Secy. The lodge will work

with the above officers until their charter arrives from Colorado.

Rev. J. W. Rodgers, pastor of the A. M. E. church celebrated his 50th birthday anniversary at the church last Monday evening. A large crowd was in attendance and a nice supper was served to every one present. An up-to-date program was rendered among those who took part were: Addresses by Rev. Rodgers, Rev. M. Jones, Prof. J. B. Lott, Rev. G. H. Byas and T. O. Mason; Solo, Mrs. Wm Pettis was very entertaining. Mr. C. N. Payne's orchestra rendered fine music. The church was beautifully decorated for the honored occasion.

Mrs. A. B. Montgomery entertained at a reception in her cozy home last Wednesday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. A. Anderson and Mrs. L. B. Cooper of Topeka, Kan. Among those who were invited were: Mesdames E. T. Fllsworth, E. N. Reynolds, George Hutchison T. M. Brinson, Wm. Willis, W. H. Pettis, O. Anderson, I. Williams, S. Primmer, M. Conway, T. O. Mason, J. Rodgers and John Cornell. Light refreshments were served.

EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN BOOKER WASHINGTON.

Resolutions expressing confidence in the character and integrity of Booker T. Washington, were adopted at a meeting of colored citizens of Albuquerque, held in the African Methodist church Monday night. One hundred attended the meeting. Rev. J. W. Rodgers was chosen chairman of the gathering. Speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Rodgers, T. O. Mason, Prof. J. B. Lott, Rev. M. Jones, Rev. G. H. Byas, and others. In addition to the adoption of the resolutions upholding Washington, a vote of thanks was adopted to be tendered to President W. H. Taft, for his services in transmitting a personal letter of confidence to the Negro educator. The resolutions follow:

Resolved, that the colored people of Albuquerque, N. M., duly assembled, are in deep sympathy without beloved leader and adviser, Booker T. Washington, because of the vicious assault made upon him in New York, March 19, 1911. And be it further

Resolved, that we have abiding faith in his clean character, pure morals and the sound doctrine that he is teaching our race for their betterment in the future and moral uplift; and be it further

Resolved, that we still believe him to be the greatest man of our race today and that a blow at him is a blow to the whole Afro-American race.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be sent at once to Dr. Booker T. Washington.

(Signed) Rev. J. W. Rodgers, Rev. M. Jones, Rev. G. H. Byas, Prof. J. B. Lott, T. O. Mason, C. N. Payne.

Firman C. Brown, Charleston, W. Virginia, has recently received notice of allowance of patent on his food-warmer and will now introduce an emergency service. Cooked meals can be sent out any distance from one block to two miles, hot and in a sanitary condition at destination.

RACE NEWS

GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

Washington, March 29.—William H. Lewis, of Boston, whose name as Assistant Attorney-General was sent to the Senate last month, but not confirmed, was sworn in at the Department of Justice Monday. President Taft having given him a recess appointment.

Counsellor Wilford H. Smith, attorney for Booker T. Washington in his case for assault against Albert Ulrich, states that Dr. Washington intends to prosecute Ulrich to the fullest extent of the law, and does not intend to drop the prosecution. Counsellor Smith also says that Dr. Washington has not given out any interviews since he left New York.

Oklahoma City.—In Justice Hawkins' courts the unique scene of a Negro lawyer defending two white persons and winning the case took place: The action was that of the state against Elmer C. Courtney and wife. They were charge with disturbing the religious services at the Walnut Grove church. Following their arrest they employed William Harrison, Negro lawyer and Harrison won.

Brownstown, Ind., March 29.—This place still retains its name as a no-Negro town by its action today, when four Negroes who had come here to work for a contractor left for their homes in Kentucky. The men had been here for two days, and had found it impossible to get anything to eat or a place to sleep. There has not been a Negro resident here for thirty years. The people do not offer violence; they simply refuse food and shelter to members of the race.

Boston, Mass., March 29.—Refusing to associate with Dr. Melissa Thompson, a Negress of North Carolina, who has been appointed a physician in the maternity department of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, on Dimock street, Roxbury, five young white women doctors sent in their resignations. Three of the protesting internes have left the institution and two have been transferred to the dispensers department. The two who remain and several nurses have announced positively that they will not permit Dr. Thompson to meet them socially. Neither will they allow her to dine with them.

Reuben Gains, Sir., Hamilton, Iowa, is not bothered very much by what is called the "Race Problem," so far as it concerns himself, for during the last ten years he has been quietly forging ahead, until he has accumulated farm lands and city property, the value of which is from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Ten years ago Mr. Gains was digging coal in the Buxton mines, while his wife ran a restaurant near the sneec of his labors. By economy, frugality and industry they were enable to buy a row of houses for business and residences three and a half blocks in length. In other words, he has built up a community known as Gainestown. Notwithstanding their great personal wealth, they have time to give to the betterment of the settlement; for both Mr. and Mrs. Gains are active in fraternal, business and social life, besides giving largely to charity.

Largest Negro Laundry in the United States.

St. Louis claims to have the largest and best equipped Negro laundry in the United States. The general management of this enterprise is in the hands of Mr. R. Herbert Stanton, who first conceived the idea of installing and operating a modern Negro steam laundry. Mr. Stanley, who was formerly driving an independent route, and was forced to turn his work over to white laundresses, readily saw the advantage to be gained in the operation of a Negro laundry. He imparted his views to P. H. Carter, who was also driving an independent route, the two deciding to consult and lay their plans before W. C. Gordon, the wealthy undertaker. Mr. Gordon encouraged the idea by offering to enlist with the other gentlemen in the venture. A company was at once formed with W. C. Gordon, president; P. H. Carter treasurer, and R. Herbert Stanton, general manager. A site was secured, remodeled, \$7,000 worth of machinery purchased and installed and the Acme laundry took on the shape of a legitimate business enterprise. At present they are giving employment to 22 Negro men, women and girls, with a weekly pay roll of almost \$200. The laundry affords three well-kept delivery wagons, which are a credit to any institution, and is daily evincing the fact that the Negro can successfully compete with his Caucasian brother in the commercial field.