

## Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, of Buffalo, New York, for Two Terms President of the National Association of Colored Women, Who Represented the Colored Women of America at the International Council in Norway, Has Been Awarded the Springarn Medal of 1922

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, former president of the National Association of Colored Women, has been chosen to receive the Springarn Medal on Tuesday, June 20, at the Newark Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The committee on the award issued the following statement: "The award was made to Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, and this award was given in consideration of her services in organizing the women of the country so that the debt was paid off the home of Frederick Douglass, the home restored and made a shrine in memory of the great Douglass; also because of the fact that she represented the colored women of America at the International Council of Women held in Norway."

"The award was made specifically for the above reasons. However, the Committee could not fail to take into consideration also the fact that Mrs. Talbert was twice President of the National Association of Colored Women and that all her life she has been identified with uplift work, religious and civic, and has been a leader of the women of her race."

The Committee making the award consisted of Bishop Hurst, Dr. Dilard and Mr. Hope. Rabbi Solomon Foster of Newark has been invited and has accepted the invitation to present the medal to Mrs. Talbert at the Newark Conference.

Action has been taken by the District of Columbia Branch of the Advancement Association which has forwarded resolutions demanding Col. Sherrill's dismissal to President Harding, Chief Justice Taft, who is president of the Lincoln Memorial Commission, and the Secretary of War.



HON. ROBERT R. JACKSON

Member of the City Council from the Second Ward Who Introduced and Secured the Passage of the Ordinance Changing Forest Ave. to Giles Ave. in Honor of the Late Lieutenant George L. Giles, Starts on the Warpath After the Ku Klux Klans in Chicago.

### SENATORS SHOCKED BY MAY LYNCHING

List Sent by N. A. A. C. P.

Leading U. S. Senators have expressed their horror and amazement at the list of lynchings and burnings at stake during the month of May, compiled and sent to them by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York. In reply to a letter from James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., leaders in the Senate have forcibly expressed themselves as follows:

**Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio:** "I am amazed and shocked at the list of lynchings you have sent me. It is unfortunate that in this country dedicated to law and order, there should be eleven lynchings within the space of twenty-two days. This is an average of one every two days. Such a condition is most threatening and dangerous and should be condemned by all good citizens."

**Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas:** "I have your letter of June 1, and thank you for sending me the statement in regard to the lynchings which occurred during the month of May. I do hope something can be done to stop the outrages. I have talked with members of the Committee in regard to the Anti-Lynching Bill but the Committee does not seem to have reached a conclusion upon it. I will talk again with members of the Committee."

**Senator Harry S. New of Indiana:** "I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 1, calling my attention to the reported lynchings in the United States during the month of May. I think the record is one that can not help but appeal to any man to whose attention it is called. Certainly the United States must be brought to a realization of its enormity, and some statute should be adopted that will serve to stop these horrors. I shall vote for the Dyer Bill myself if the chance is ever offered me, and shall earnestly hope that its constitutionality may be established when passed."

**Senator Selden P. Spencer of Missouri:** "I thank you very much for your letter of June 1st with the information concerning lynching during the month of May. It is simply appalling. Now is the time for the senators to vote for the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill."—Editor.

### COLORED PEOPLE PROTEST SEGREGATION AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Ask Dismissal of Col. Sherrill, Washington Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds. Warn Republican Party.

Colored people of Washington, D.C., incensed at segregation of colored guests at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on May 30, are asking the dismissal of Col. Clarence C. Sherrill, Superintendent of Capital Grounds and Buildings, at whose door the segregation order is laid, according to announcement made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The resolutions state that the segregation complained of is the second incident of its kind in less than two months, the first being the placing of segregation placards in Rock Creek Park. The resolutions contain a warning to the Republican party:

"It would be a rude awakening and a painful disillusionment to us to realize that the party was approving and following a practice which was an incident of the institution of chattel slavery. Such a realization, in the case of a self-respecting people, could result only in severing of ties which until now have bound us to that party."

### THE WABASH AVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE Y. M. C. A. GAVE A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER IN HONOR OF MR. L. WILBUR MESSER.

Monday evening, at the Appomattox Club, 3632 Grand boulevard, the head officials and others interested in the success of the Wabash Avenue department of the Y. M. C. A. tendered a complimentary dinner to Hon. L. Wilbur Messer, general secretary of Chicago Association.

Mr. H. A. Watkins was chairman of the pleasant affair, Mr. Francis, Dr. Roberts, Dr. George Cleveland Hall and Mr. Messer were the leading speakers, and the talks of all of them were highly instructive and interesting.

### EXPOSITION IN 1926 INDORSED BY HOUSE

Washington.—Resolutions approving the holding of an international exposition in Philadelphia in 1926 in celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence has been passed by the House, and sent to the Senate.

At the meeting of the Judiciary Committee of the City Council Monday afternoon, by unanimous vote of its members, it recommended that Ku Klux Klan parades and public demonstrations be prohibited within the city limits if the participants appear masked and the ordinance banning the Klan parades was hatched up by Alderman Robert R. Jackson, who is ever watchful of the best interest of all the people residing in this great and wonderful city.

### SEN. LODGE MAY ADDRESS NATL RACE CONVENTION IN BOSTON; ASKED TO SPEAK ON DYER BILL IN "CRADLE OF LIBERTY"

Boston, Mass., Special to The Broad Ax.

Simultaneously with the issuance of the official call for the 15th Annual Meeting of the National Equal Rights League for this city July 4 to 8 by president M. A. N. Shaw, M. D., came the announcement that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, majority leader of the U. S. Senate, had been invited to address the convention at its closing meeting in Faneuil Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty," Friday night, July 7th, and the senator has the matter under advisement and will speak if he can be spared from Washington.

Invitations to speak have been sent also to Rev. Cullen of New York City, Rev. Roverdy C. Ransom, Hon. Wm. H. Lewis, on the Dyer Bill, which doubtless will then be on the Senate Calendar, and Hon. Moorfield Storey, National President and James Weldon Johnson, National Secretary, of the N. A. A. C. P., which is asked to send fraternal delegates and Mr. Johnson to voice the fraternal greetings.

Rev. W. D. McClane is Chairman of local Committee of Arrangements and Attorney Albert G. Wolff, secretary. Rev. C. D. Douglass is chairman.

"People Frightened" "There is good reason for this ordinance," Ald. Jackson said. "It was only a couple of weeks ago that the Klan appeared just outside the southern limits of the city and frightened a lot of people."

As recommended to the council it is as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to appear in public in any mask, cap, cowl, hood, or other thing concealing the identity of the wearer, provided that the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to persons attending or taking part in carnivals, mask balls, public shows, entertainments, or celebrations in the city or under permission of the proper authorities of said city nor to any person holding a written permit issued by the mayor."

### DOUBLE MINDEDNESS MUST BE FOUGHT

Dr. James E. Gregg, Principal of Hampton Institute, Speaks for Moral Inflexibility.

Hampton, Va.—That humanity constantly requires a few unflinching Puritans who will not equivocate, even to themselves, was the opinion expressed recently by Dr. James E. Gregg, principal of Hampton Institute, in his baccalaureate sermon on "Double-mindedness." He cited the cases of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, William Lloyd Garrison, Abraham Lincoln, John Bright in England, and Theodore Roosevelt, who exemplified the quality of moral inflexibility.

"Men and women," said Doctor Gregg, "too often sanction with their heads what their hearts disapprove. They say: 'I don't like to do this bit of dirty business, but it seems to be necessary.' 'Business is business.' 'When you are in Rome, you must do as the Romans do.' 'I didn't wish to seem self-righteous.' 'I was only following instructions.' 'Well, a man has to live.' 'Plenty of people higher up are doing worse things.'" Doctor Gregg stated that these are some of the stock excuses which one hears in defense of a good man's participation in wrong-doing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy W. Trice, 6438 Eberhart Avenue, are building a small cottage on their lot in Idlewild, Mich., and on about July 1, Mrs. Trice will depart for Idlewild to spend her summer vacation.

### BOOK CHAT BY MARY WHITE OVERTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

"NEGRO POEMS, MELODIES, PLANTATION PIECES, CAMP MEETING SONGS, ETC."

By William C. Blades. Published by Richard G. Badger, Boston, Mass. Price \$1.60 Postpaid

Last week I reviewed Talley's book on Negro Folk Rhymes, and this book of Blade's follows naturally after. It follows, however, a long way after. While Mr. Talley's book is a careful study of Negro Rhymes, Mr. Blade's is a hodge-podge of verses, thrown together, without introduction and without sequence. We do not know where the verses come from, how old or how new they may be, whether they are all written by Negroes or not. Some of them sound like the conventional Negro minstrel doggerel, as:

The darkies weep and the darkies pray, Brush, oh brush, dem tears away, Bring in a chicken on a tray, Brush, oh brush, dem tears away.

Chicken, possum, hoe cake, hot corn, rabbit, these are the themes of many songs. Georgia watermelon figures once as a slight diversion. "Rastus' Fate" sounds exactly like an "end man" story at a minstrel show:

"The doctor cautioned rest and quiet, And put a ban on Rastus' diet, No more chicken, no more pie, 'Stop,' said Rastus with a sigh, 'No more chicken, no more pie? Go away doctor, let me die.'"

The religious songs tell of David and Daniel and call especially upon Elijah. Elijah is the patron saint of the Negro, doubtless because his chariot is to take him from this weary world into Heaven. The River Jor-

don once crossed and all is well. It is a great comfort to find that, unlike the sour Puritan, the Negro never seemed to doubt that he would enter through the pearly gates to Heaven.

I'm gwine to Heaven, on the Judgment day— I'm gwine to Heaven, in the good old way, And come all the rivers, and come all the floods, Come all the fires and come all the floods; They can't stop the shouting in my soul When I get there that day.

The love songs to Maudy and Chloe and Dinah are plentiful. Dinah gets an especially large share. I cannot say that they are worthy of being kept in memory. They tell of the smiling moon and the sweetly scented flowers and sound like white folks' poetry second-hand. Indeed, that is the impression that one gets of the whole collection. It is done on a white man's model, and the vigor of some of the very simple verse in Mr. Talley's collection is lacking. But it does give us pictures of the plantation, the old mule joggling along, the twittering birds, the white folks strutting proudly by, the black folks decked out for a party. One sees the broken-down wagon and the broken-down black man beside it. One hears the banjo and the fiddle and catches glimpses of kicking heels and elaborate bows. The steamboat comes up the river and the roostabouts are singing. Out of the medley of verse comes a picture of a plantation life, half tragic, half humorous, very sentimental. The sentimentality is the veneer that the white man has put upon it, and it does not improve the black man's songs.

ALDERMAN JOHN H. LYLE IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ONE OF THE JUDGES OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF CHICAGO

Hon. John H. Lyle, who has in the past honestly served the people of Illinois with distinction as a member of the Legislature of the state and who has faithfully served all the people residing in this city as a member of the City Council from the 32nd ward since 1918, and in the past he has served on all of its most important committees. At the present time he is a member of the Finance Committee and Chairman Council Constitutional Convention Committee.

Alderman Lyle is one of the most popular members of the City Council and he is making a winning race for Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago.