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LOOKING BACKWARD.

With this issue of The Broad Ax it has completed its fourth year in the journalistic world. Four years ago, or, more properly speaking, the 31st of August, 1895, we began its publication at Salt Lake, Utah, and continued, to do so each week until the 1st of June, 1899. Then we discontinued its publication there and removed to this great metropolis, where we had formerly resided for some years prior to 1895, and began its republication the latter part of July.

At the time our little journal made its first appearance in the far away western city, which is located midway between Denver and San Francisco, it had no subscription list or friends. But it gradually found its way into the homes of many of the noblest and brightest men and women of Utah, and today its bright and sparkling editorials are eagerly read by United States senators, congressmen, governors, judges and many other eminent and distinguished personages, and copies of it have been sent to England, Germany, France and other European countries.

Before proceeding any further, we must pause for a few moments to express our everlasting gratitude to those generous-hearted white men and women who first rallied to the support of The Broad Ax, and made it possible for it to hew to the line, and we shall always hold them in grateful remembrance.

No publication, great or small, has advocated and contended for the rights of the common people, and the equality of all men before the law to any greater extent than The Broad Ax. From its inception to the present time it has been fearless and outspoken on all the leading topics and questions of the day. It has never hesitated in denouncing those who attempted to ride over the rights and the liberties of the toiling millions. It was the first paper in the United States to hoist the name of Col. Wm. J. Bryan for president of this republic, and that gentleman wrote an editorial comment on the bright appearance of The Broad Ax, which appeared in the Omaha World-Herald, Dec. 14, 1895.

The Broad Ax has been the earnest champion of the restoration of the money of the constitution, and it fought on the side of the masses, as against the interest of the classes in the greatest political battle which was ever waged in this, our common country. When the smoke of the memorable campaign of 1896 had cleared away, that fearless leader of the new Democracy, the second Andrew Jackson, Col. Wm. J. Bryan, wrote us a letter thanking and commending The Broad Ax for the great service and work which it performed in the great struggle which had come to a close.

Our journal, it is true, is not very large in size, but it has assisted in shaping the legislation of the nation. This can be verified by referring to United States Senate document No. 182, 54th Congress, second session, page 76, which contains an editorial from The Broad Ax in favor of the present National Bankruptcy Law.

During the past career of The Broad Ax we can consistently say that it has stood for the best interests of both the white and the black race, and it is thoroughly sound on the race problem. It has always been its great aim and object to have the members of both races to dwell together in peace and harmony, and it does not favor either race encroaching upon the sacred rights of the other. With this object in view, we believe it is the bounden duty of those who comprise the opposite race to give their financial and moral support to such publications.

The Negroes have, for years past contributed of their means toward helping to support newspapers published exclusively in the interests of the Anglo-Saxon race, and we believe it is no more than fair and just for them to reciprocate by subscribing for worthy newspapers published in the interest of the negro race.

In conclusion, we again desire to thank the many friends and readers of The Broad Ax, who are scattered throughout Utah, Alabama, North Carolina, Colorado, Illinois and the great city of Chicago, for so heroically and persistently standing by us in our ef-

fort to enlighten the minds of those who have for many years been enshrouded in darkness respecting the fundamental principles and the governmental policy of the party which was founded by the immortal sage of Monticello—Thomas Jefferson.

EXPANSION.

Last Sunday afternoon Lawyer Bauregard F. Mosely addressed the Young Men's Sunday Club of Quinn Chapel on "Expansion." Quite a large gathering was present and the Colonel held them spellbound, while he delivered one of the most logical addresses on that subject that we have so far heard or read.

We sincerely regret that we are unable to reproduce his masterly oration in full, for it certainly should be read by every person who has the slightest interest in expansion, and in the other great questions which must be settled rightly before we can point with pride to the wonderful and most remarkable achievements of the past.

Among other things the Colonel said: "As I am to talk to you this evening upon 'Expansion as the Colored Man Sees It,' I hope that none of you will be so unrelenting as to criticize my effort because it is the opposite of the position of greater men. We too often cling to men and measures, not because of their merit, but simply because some men, or set of men advocate them.

"Therefore, I desire to state that when the poor little Cuban Republic, liberty's latest born, conceived, and in happy emulation of us, preternaturally relying upon the great, strong, courageous, liberty-loving American people, under the shadow of our wing, close to our heart uttered her Macedonian cry for help, it appealed to every fiber of American manhood, to our glorious history, to our blood-bought traditions, and we greeted it with an answering cry and an unsheathed sword."

In referring to the war in the Philippines the speaker said that "If the doctrine is true that all men are created free and equal and all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, how can we take Porto Rico without a pibicetto or Cuba with a sham, or the Philippines with a naked sword? If the people of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines are not born free and independent neither are we. If we are so are they."

In closing the Col. declared that "The expansion which we are sadly in need of is wise laws, free schools in Alton and everywhere, to which black and white may attend; the death penalty for all lynchings be they black or white; transportation alike for all the traveling public; a jail for operators of "Jim Crow Cars." A penitentiary and gallows for the despoiler of women's morals, black or white; an honest and upright judiciary where poor and rich can secure alike its only stock in trade "justice," a president that will recognize officially the outrages perpetrated on black men at home as well as outrages upon men in far away Armenia and France; a president who will enforce the law and protect the lives and liberties of men and women of color in Mississippi as well as appoint a few from Ohio to office; a president that will not tarnish the memory of Grant, Logan and Lincoln by wearing Confederate Badges; a president who is in favor of recognizing men for worth and merit without taking into consideration the color of their skin; a free ballot and a fair count in every state and territory, that is the expansion this country needs. It is an "Expansion" beside which the dream of the "Expansionist" with his few beggarly islands is a pitiful thing. This is the "El Dorado" for which the people justly sigh, and which they must justly obtain without following double-faced though single-hearted dreamers to a goal of certain ruin down a path of splendid shame."

The twelve hundred Afro-American voters of Omaha, who run with the Grand Old Party of skull-duggery, are very much aggrieved and provoked, because it absolutely refused to nominate Rev. J. C. C. Owens, the leading Afro-American divine of that place for member of the School Board, while the Fusionists or the Democrats placed a negro upon their ticket.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN SOLDIER.

There is a book entitled "The Gattings at Santiago" by Lieut. Parker, the inventor of a new method of serving these machine guns five guns are worked with almost the facility one man handles his rifle. Its efficiency is proven by the fact that on one occasion as 600 Spaniards were charging down upon Roosevelt, a single one of these pieces, served by Sergt. Green, was turned upon this body of the enemy and it melted almost instantly, only forty-eight of this six hundred ever getting back alive, as the Spanish officers reported. Again, when a Spanish sharpshooter in a tree was doing us damage, and a gun being turned on it suddenly, no more shots came from the tree. Lieut. Parker is very censorious of men and things at times, and surely if facts attested are true he is right. But he gives full credit where due. He depicts the Cuban native as the offscourings of the universe. But here is what he says of the negro as a soldier. "The position of carrying ammunition was a very trying and dangerous one at this time. "During this last engagement it had been necessary to get more men to assist in carrying and Capt. Ayers, of the Tenth cavalry, had furnished a detail composed of Sergt. Graham and Privates Smith and Taylor, Troop E, Tenth cavalry. These colored soldiers proved to be excellent. They remained with us until the end of the fighting on the 17th (July), and were in every respect the peers of any soldier in the detachment." Sergt. Graham was recommended for a medal of honor. Smith and Taylor did as good service, were as willing and obedient, prompt and energetic in the discharge of their duties as any commander could wish to have. It is a great pleasure to be able to give this testimony to the merits of our colored troops, and to say besides that no soldiers ever fought better than the "Brunettes," of the Ninth and Tenth cavalry, who fought from the 3rd of July until the 12th, near or with the gattings."—Chapter 7.

MORE NEW READERS.

It will be observed by glancing over the following names that some of the best citizens of Chicago are having their names placed upon The Broad Ax mailing list. Those to do so are as follows: Andrew J. Ryan, City Attorney of Chicago, who is thoroughly qualified in every way to perform the exacting duties of his office; James B. McDonald, of McDonald & Co., real estate, renting, and insurance drovers, National Bank building, 42nd and Halsted street. Justice M. J. Quinn, 126 E. 53rd street. James McAndrews, building commissioner; Frank J. Ryan, superintendent of water pipe extension, and financial secretary of Tammany Society of Chicago; Wm. J. Roach, member of the Democratic Central Committee, and chief clerk Bureau of Engineering; Alderman John T. Russell, Chas. C. Stillwell, attorney at law, rooms 535-538 Stock Exchange building; Alderman Chas. F. Gunther; S. Duke, 3246 Dearborn street; Mrs. L. A. Davis, state organizer for Illinois, of the National Association of Colored Women, and president of the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Chicago; Warren Logan, treasurer of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. In enclosing his subscription, Mr. Logan says, "I herewith enclose \$3 for one year's subscription, and hope for The Broad Ax continued prosperity and increased success."

THE COOK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

Three hundred members of the Cook County Democratic Marching Club, under the leadership of Grand Marshal James H. Farrell, left the city last Tuesday on a tour through Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. While the members of the famous organization were marching through the streets on their way to the depot they attracted much attention from the spectators and their friends and admirers, who congratulated them upon their fine appearance. They were all attired in black Prince Albert suits, high black silk hats, white neckties, white gloves and each member carried a tight-rolled black silk umbrella. They anticipate

having a joyous time while absent from the city as well as doing yeoman service for the Democratic candidates of the states which they visit. Robert E. Burke, the secretary and genius of the club, or organization, expects to land them all back in the city on Sunday morning, providing the train does not jump the track.

LETTER FROM THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA.

Hon. John G. Jones, 33, Aug. 29, '99. Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander: Sir and Brother: The establishment of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Free Masonry and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Cryptic Rite of Free Mason in the Republic of Liberia have already carved your illustrious name high upon the escutcheon of fame, and will be a landmark to generations yet unborn. Yet there is one more crown I want you to win and that is to use your influence in the United States of America with our illustrious craftsmen and the National Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx and other citizens to raise \$2,000, as a 20th century Masonic thanks offering unto God. The same to be styled "The John G. Jones Masonic Memorial Female Seminary."

I am engaged in "the educational work here at the Rick's Institute, but tremble for the future of this grand negro republic. When I look over the country from Cape Mount to Cape Palmas, and from the Atlantic to the Soudan, and no where can I see a female school and no one seems to be interested in the matter. What is the use of us spending money and time in educating the boys in Liberia, as the girls, who are to be the future mothers of our statesmen and president in the future, if they are to grow up in ignorance? As I said in the beginning, you have made your name immortal, if you do no more; but through your great and illustrious name now I appeal to you to push this very important question before our illustrious craftsmen and the National Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx and the people everywhere to raise \$2,000 for this female seminary. I have the land already secured—a beautiful and healthy location—just one mile from the city of Monrovia, Liberia. The \$2,000 can be raised in the United States through the aid of the Masons and the people generally, and not be felt. Let me hear from you at an early date saying that you will do what you can, then I will have a basis to work on in Liberia and Europe in raising the balance of \$8,000.

You have wonderfully pleased the white Masons of Europe in so successfully establishing those higher degrees of Free Masonry in the Republic of Liberia, Africa. So much so that European statesmen speak of you in glowing terms and when you visit Europe and Africa your reception will eclipse that of any American negro who has ever set foot on European and Eastern soil.

Now as every church, state and country is trying to do something as a 20th Century memorial, and our honorable and illustrious order of Free Masonry is in advance of any and all other social and beneficial orders in the world, and you are now the recognized head of Free Masonry all over the globe; now get unto yourself more glory by taking hold of this "John G. Jones' Masonic Memorial Female Seminary" for Liberia, Africa. You can, through your influence with the illustrious craftsmen and the National BROAD AX albrath THREE Grand Court Daughters of Sphinx and other citizens who are interested in the educational work of the people here, give Liberia a grander boom than the one she has received already. My heart is in this work and I turn to you for help: I will send unalpel to "The Leader", at Washington, D. C., and other papers.

Please send me your indorsement to accompany my appeal. Hon. Owen L. W. Smith is well. Fraternally yours, P. C. GRAY, 32.

LESSON IN DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

Mrs. Robert Taylor of 541 W. 54th street, entertained the members of the Phyllis Wheatley Club at her charming and comfortable home Wednesday, Oct. 18, at which time the club received its first lesson or instructions in Domestic Science. Mrs. Taylor and her able assistant, Mrs. Evans, gave an object lesson on how to prepare and fry Saratoga chips and bake delicious tea biscuits, some of which were served to the large number of guests present, and all the ladies were delighted with the scientific method of preparing and serving those things which are calculated to tickle the palates of those who relish good eating.

The program rendered for the occasion was highly interesting and entertaining. Considerable discussion pertaining to the business of the club, and its new constitution and by-laws were adopted. Fine musical selections were rendered on the piano by Miss Amelia Scott, Mrs. Scott of Englewood and Miss Willy. Also a recitation "The Two Sinners" by Mrs. Julius F. Taylor.

The club will meet next Wednesday at 2 o'clock at their rooms, 51st and Dearborn streets.

HISTORY OF THE EIGHTH ILLINOIS U. S. VOLUNTEERS.

Immediately upon the return of this famous Negro Regiment of the west, from Cuba, Harry Stanton McCord, who was the hospital steward, wrote a very readable and more than interesting history of the Eighth Illinois U. S. Volunteers, which contains cuts of its officers and short sketches of their lives, and the complete roster of the regiment.

The book is finely gotten up and printed on extraordinary fine book paper and bound in corded cloth, which is washable. Its 100 pages contain much valuable information. We will send this lovely book and The Broad Ax for six months to any address in the United States for \$1.25, or we will mail the book without the paper for 50 cents.

CHIPS.

Criminal aggression and Benevolent Assimilation are the twin brothers of Duty and Destiny.

How are the Filipinos to believe in American freedom so long as a military despot is retained there?

Trusts are creatures of law and cannot continue their rule if the people refuse to vote the trust ticket.

In every instance where a trust is in absolute control of the markets they have advanced prices to consumers.

England no doubt will succeed in whipping the Boers, but if she does she should loose not only the respect but the condemnation of the entire civilized world.

Mr. Zola C. Green, manager of the Cold Blast Feather Co., 56 North Jefferson st., is a Virginian and he possesses a bright mind and is known far and near as being one of the most successful young business men of Chicago.

E. B. Warwick, of 295 West Madison street, corner of Carpenter, conducts one of the best fitted up sample rooms in the city. Mr. Warwick is a hale fellow well met, and hereafter his patrons will have the pleasure of perusing the Broad Ax.

Col. Wm. J. Bryan has likened President Wm. McKinley unto King George who was so thoroughly hated and detested by the founders of this Republic. If King Wm. McKinley continues to wage an unrelenting warfare upon the Filipinos he will be placed in the same category by the American people.

The platform adopted by the Anti-Imperialists which convened in this city the past week, contains the right ring and it should rekindle the spirit and the flames of 1776, which burned with all their brilliancy in the hearts of those who launched our Republic, while yet in its infancy, upon a glorious career, and may the spirit of those immortal heroes rise up and blight the hands of those who are in favor of subjugating and governing any people without their consent.

King Wm. McKinley, while swinging around the circle, endeavored to make the farmers away out in Iowa believe that "ten million years ago God had decreed that the Philippine Islands should fall into the capacious pockets of the American people," or words to that effect. We admit that King William has the right to hug such delusions to his breast. But we do not believe (if there is a God) that he had any more to do with the war in the Philippines than the devil has in conducting a good old fashioned revival meeting.

SOCIETY ITEMS.

Three concerts and a bazaar at Grace church, next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Admission 10c.

Lieutenant Colonel James H. Johnson was married last Wednesday evening to a charming young woman of Hot Springs, Ark.

Dr. Geo. C. Hall will address the Men's Sunday Forum at Bethel church tomorrow afternoon on the subject, "Negro Institutions."

Dr. A. M. Curtis, who has been on a detour to St. Louis and Cincinnati, returned to the city today. He will leave tomorrow for Washington.

Rev. W. H. Weaver, lecturer for the Board of Freedmen of the Presbyterian church, preached at Grace Presbyterian church last Sunday morning.

Mrs. W. C. Buckner of 3151 State st., who recently went to Memphis, Tenn., to attend her sick mother, has returned to the city with her mother, who is rapidly improving.

Last Sunday afternoon, Rev. R. C. Ransom officiated at the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Anderson at their residence, 2821 Wabash avenue. The little girl will be known as Miss Jessica Caroline. Only a small company of friends was present. A fine collation was served.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION.

Chicago, Sept. 16, 1899. Mr. Julius F. Taylor, Editor Broad Ax. Dear Sir—I am glad to learn of the work that is being done by your paper in behalf of Chicago platform principles. That platform stands for such a government as Jefferson and Lincoln favored, namely, a government of the people, for the people and by the people, and I believe that such a government will prove a blessing to the great majority of the people.

Yours truly, W. J. Bryan.

July 15th, 1899.

To whom it may concern: Julius F. Taylor, who comes to this city well recommended, has begun the publication of "The Broad Ax," which, I am informed, will disseminate Democratic principles and contend for the higher intellectual development of the Afro-American race and mankind in general. While he is thus engaged I bespeak for him the hearty support of all loyal and true friends of Democracy. Respectfully,

HOME-MADE PHILOSOPHY.

The man hoo soze tyranny must reap regret. The sucklessful author iz a person hoo kin crystallize his dremzee in paying kwantiteeze.

Preparin this world for our brothers to live in comfortably is the best preparashun we kin make for heavin. "To the victor belongs the spoize." Even the bugar kin see no rooz; in sich docktrin, and the cat lives on sich faith.

The man hoo goes away from home to hunt happiness, iz like the man hoo never looks on his own dog's back for fleeze.

A polt hoo never felt pain nor experienced love and has and rang, has no other feelin too put in his rimze but vanity.

Man must pay internal revenue to live, and pay hiz last det too natayford too die. The rode too the graveyard iz a hard wun.

A man iz never any better than his religyun. The cannibal iz as strictly religyus az the pope of Rome, but his religyun iz peccoolyar.

In a land ware free speech iz not alloud, Freedum iz ded, and the giant ov tyranny struts about pretendin' to be the anointed ov God.

Oppreshun kin take away from a man everything but his appetite; it takes disceze to finish up a feller after oppreshun gits izz wark in.