

BAPTIST ORGANIZATION

The Northwest Coast Baptist Association is one of the growing religious bodies of this section. The moderator of the association is the Rev. J. W. Smith of Spokane, Washington, and the secretary is the Rev. W. D. Carter of Seattle, both of whom are among the leading colored divines of the Northwest. The organization has just closed its seventh annual session and report the thriving condition of the various churches that belong to the association. The real object of this organization, as set forth in a paragraph of the constitution, is as follows:

"The object shall be to interchange religious sentiment, give advice to churches, provoke one another to love and good works, and to do general services in the cause of Christ in such manner as not to interfere with the independence of the churches; provided, however, that they agree with us in doctrine and practice as regular Baptists, as set forth in Hiscox Baptist Church Directory."

Speaking to the association, Rev. Wilson, past moderator, said as follows:

"We meet on these occasions in our association not only to make laws and elect officers and to have a general good time, but to gather inspiration from one another, to foot up the old ledger, and to compare our work and to see what progress has been made in the various fields of our labor. Again we are Missionary Baptists. We stand for some principles the world would never get if this grand old church were not in existence. We should feel proud of our denomination, because the most conspicuous concerns in America are headed by Baptists."

Officers of Association

J. W. Smith, president; J. P. Brown, 1st vice president; A. W. Williams, 2nd vice president; S. A. Franklin, treasurer; W. D. Carter, secretary.

Executive Committee

Lyman Smith, W. F. Greene, S. G. Wilson.

Rev. W. D. Carter is a member of the National Baptist Association and has jurisdiction over the entire Northwest. The National Baptist Association originally was one of the largest religious bodies in the United States, but differences caused a split and now there are two national bodies instead of one; however, all are Baptists. Dr. Carter is a splendid parliamentarian and has much influence in shaping the affairs of the national body.

The Women's Political Alliance of Seattle was organized something over a year ago and has grown steadily ever since. Its membership is made up of many of the foremost women of the city and they have been very active in the great uplift work among the colored folk ever since it was organized. In the last state and county campaign the Alliance interested itself in the candidates seeking office to the extent of learning from the candidates themselves how they stood on the question of equal rights, civil and otherwise, for the Negro of this country, and the most of the candidates gave their communications marked consideration. It is an undeniable fact that more candidates sought to speak to the Alliance with the hope of being put in a favorable light before the great mass of colored voters than before any other organization of colored people in the state. Mrs. Alice S. Presto is president of this organization and Miss Allie Dupree is its secretary. The Alliance holds two meetings each month and is keeping up its work the same as if a hot campaign was on.



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KING COUNTY COLORED REPUBLICAN CLUB

On May 2nd, 1915, the King County Colored Republican Club absorbed the Negro Betterment League. A committee was appointed to draft modus operandi for a political club. The committee, composed of B. F. Tutt, Z. L. Woodson, A. Reed, A. R. Black, F. S. Hughes, Dr. D. T. Cardwell, reported as follows: "We, your committee, whose names are hereunto subscribed, believe that the continuance of the Republican party in power, means a continuance of prosperity, happiness and contentment of our people, and believing that that party represents the best interest of the colored people, and that we are acting for the best interest of our race in binding ourselves together to foster its interest, do make the following recommendations:

"That, this organization be known as the King County Colored Republican Club. That, the aims and purposes of the club shall be: To promote the political welfare of the Negroes in this community and particularly in public affairs generally."

The club has done a great deal toward raising the standing of the Negroes in King county politically and has made donations to charitable institutions, such as The Washington Childrens' Home and The Jewish Relief Fund. The club is working in conjunction with the clubs in Tacoma and Spokane with the view of organizing a Washington State Colored Republican Club, and after perfecting such an organization, anticipates doing a great deal of good for the Negroes in the state, politically.

At the recent election the club conceived the idea of running a colored man for precinct committeeman, and by energetic support by the club elected Mr. Harry Legg as committeeman from Precinct No. 222.

The club has been represented at all Republican political affairs since its organization, and was well represented at the Lincoln Day banquet on February 10th last, when forty members occupied a table and the club quartette appeared twice on the program.

The club has created a better understanding with certain persons in office who were apparently hostile to the Negroes, and is now harmoniously with them. It took a prominent part in defeating a discriminatory bill introduced in the last legislature, and has been instrumental in securing some positions for Negroes in the state. The work of the club now is for a stronger organization and solidarity of purpose.