

**Booker T. Washington.**

Monday, January 30th, the citizens of Monroe and surrounding country will be greatly favored by having an opportunity to hear the foremost negro in America, Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

Mr. Washington has built up an institution that commands the respect and admiration of the world, for the work it is doing in the interests of the ten million blacks of the country.

President McKinley in an address to the students of the school while on his visit to the south Dec. 16th, 1898, in speaking of the institution, said:

"To speak of Tuskegee without paying special tribute to Booker Washington's genius and perseverance would be impossible. The inception of this noble enterprise was his, and he deserves high credit for it. His was the enthusiasm and enterprise which made his steady progress possible and established in the institution its present high standard of accomplishment. He has won a worthy reputation as one of the great leaders of his race, widely known and much respected at home and abroad as an accomplished educator, a great orator, and a true philanthropist."

The Indianapolis News said recently:

"The most useful man in the South to-day, from the South's own side of the question, is Booker T. Washington, a Negro, who seeks to teach industry and thrift to his own people."

Joseph H. Choate, one of the foremost of American jurists, remarked:

"When the biographer writes the eulogedia of the future he will record under the name of Washington, these three:—George Washington, the Father of his Country; Bushrod Washington, the great American jurist, and Booker T. Washington, the Moses of the Negro Race."

James Creelman in his New York World letter describing the effect of Mr. Washington's Atlanta speech, wrote:

"When Prof. Booker T. Washington, Principal of an Industrial School for colored people in Tuskegee, Ala, stood on the platform of the Auditorium, with the sun shining over the heads of his hearers into his eyes, and his whole face lit up with the fire of prophecy, Clark Howell, the successor of Henry W. Grady, said to me: "That man's speech is the beginning of a moral revolution in America."

"It is the first time a Negro has made a speech in the South on any important occasion before an audience composed of white men and women. It electrified the audience, and the response was as if it had come from the throat of a whirlwind."

Mr. Washington's lecture will be the fifth number in the High school lecture course. Two concerts, one by the Ariel Ladies' Quartette, and the other by the Cecilia Musical Club, both of Boston, are yet to follow. Single admission for each will be fifty cents, but tickets for all three may be secured, while they last, for one dollar. There will be ample room for all who may wish to hear these entertainments, which we are positive will prove the equal of anything in the line Monroe has had, in many a year.

Tickets and reserved seats will be on sale Wednesday, Jan. 25th, at 9 o'clock. Don't fail to reserve your seat.

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