Miss Isla B. Wells, who is to visit Ashton next Sunday, and to address a gathering in the Temperance Hall, is a negro lady of great natural ability. She was being educated at the Rust University, when the death of her parents called her back to her native place, Holly Springs, to keep a home for five younger brothers and sisters. Her earliest work was that of a school teacher, but, having strong literary sympathies, she became well-known as a valued contributor to the press."

"To la"—such is the press name adopted by Miss Wells—has an unbounded popularity with both the men and women of the negro race, for whilst she discusses the ins and outs of the political situation with the sterner sex, she gossips pleasantly about the domestic interests that appeal to women and children. Her brave and outspoken contention for justice and common fairness in the treatment of the negro race made Miss Wells obnoxious to her white "neighbors," and she was driven from the state of Tennessee by a mob. She will be accompanied on Sunday by Miss Catherine Impey, a member of the Society of Friends, who is well-known for her philanthropic and temperance work, and by Mr. W. E. B. White and the President of the Manchester and Stafford Temperance Union, whose guests the ladies are.

J. A. R. A. Vernon, whose guest we were in Manchester, was also editor of the Guardian which contained this notice.

Include in next chapter.

The Ladies Pictorial.
Dear Friend:

The West Side Civic Republican League extends a cordial invitation to you and your friends to join with us in a rousing general Ward meeting of the West Side Republican Civic League at 1504 W. 14th Street Friday night, March 19th, 1926 at 8 o'clock and we will greatly appreciate your presence and co-operation in our work.

For the first time in the political history of our ward, our men and women voters are made welcome in the practical work of building up the Grand Old Party organization in the 20th Ward. We have loyal and tireless in our devotion to our party leaders, but our active co-operation in party management has not been solicited nor permitted.

Desiring to help our party, our League offered its services to our Ward Committeeman, Thomas Curran, but we were refused recognition as an organization and told to join the Ward Club as individuals. Unless we acted upon plans made without consulting us, and without any regard to our interest in the political welfare of our own race, we could not be recognized. We were even denied the right to invite Dr. Bradden, a world-war veteran, one of our ablest race leaders, now a candidate for County Commissioner, to speak in our Ward meetings, unless he agreed to speak for himself only and say nothing for other Republican candidates for nomination, except those selected by the Ward Committeeman.

The West Side Civic Republican League next offered its support to the Deneen group upon exactly the same terms offered to our Ward Committeeman, Thomas Curran. Our services were accepted and our officers and members, men and women, were given representation in ward management, according to our strength and party loyalty. We are given active management of the precincts controlled by colored voters. Serving on the Registration Board, Tuesday, March 23rd, we will have five colored Republican Judges and two colored clerks.

Come to our grand opening next Friday night. Hear our plans. Bring your suggestions. Offer your services and help us put the names of all colored voters in our two wards, the 20th and 21st, on the Registration Books next Tuesday, March 23rd. Seats reserved for ladies.

The West Side Civic Republican League,
William W. Taylor, Pres.
P. A. Armstrong, Sec'y.
Walter E. Rogers, Chairman, Ex. Com.