

New York Will Greet Pythians.

The Eleventh Biennial Session of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres and Supreme Court of Galanthe Scheduled For Sept. 19.

Secret and benevolent societies of Greater New York are manifesting great interest in the forthcoming eleventh biennial session of the supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias of the eastern and western hemispheres, which will be held in Odd Fellows' hall, 158 West Twenty-ninth street, beginning Monday, Sept. 20, holding through the week.

The session will practically begin the evening of Sept. 19, when Rev. Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom will preach the biennial sermon at Bethel A. M. E. church, in West Twenty-fifth street.

The sessions will be held at Odd Fellows' hall and will open with an address of welcome by Mr. Richard E. Clarke, past grand chancellor of the New York state grand lodge. The response will be made by Mr. W. Ashbie Hawkins of Baltimore, who is the supreme chancellor. Reports from the supreme officers will be made on Tuesday morning. The biennial memorial services will be held at Mount Olivet Baptist church, 161-163, West Fifty-third street, Wednesday evening.

The election of supreme officers will take place Thursday, and in the afternoon a parade of the uniform rank will be held. The parade will be under the command of Brigadier General D. M. Pappy of St. Augustine, Fla., and Adjutant General Julius B. Loving of Los Angeles, Cal. The newly elected officers will be installed on Friday.

The citizens of New York, through a committee composed of Past Grand Chancellor Richard E. Clarke, S. W. Moutson, William H. Willis, William D. Moore and Jesse Draper, are leaving no stone unturned to make the meeting a success in every way.

The supreme court of Colanthe will also hold its biennial session at the same time. Mrs. Sarah Pinkett of Philadelphia is the supreme worthy counselor.

The present officers of the supreme lodge are:

Supreme chancellor, W. Ashbie Hawkins; supreme vice chancellor, E. B. Burroughs; supreme prelate, William



W. ASHBIE HAWKINS. Williams; supreme keeper of records and seal, William Grandison; assistant supreme keeper of records and seal, George E. Gordon; supreme master of exchequer, William A. Heathman; supreme master at arms, vacant by the death of G. K. Grear; supreme lecturer, William H. Moss; supreme inner guard, W. W. Lawrence; supreme outer guard, J. M. Reese; adjutant general, uniform department, Julius B. Loving; brigadier general, D. M. Pappy; supreme trustees, G. Fred Freeman, S. Tripp and J. T. Ripley.

Supreme Chancellor Hawkins is one of the best known Pythians in the country. He is a graduate of Morgan college, Baltimore. While principal of the largest school in Baltimore county he entered the University of Maryland, being one of the four Afro-American students that have been admitted to this institution. He subsequently entered the law school of Howard university at Washington, where he graduated in 1892. He was admitted to the bar the same year and has built up a lucrative practice in Baltimore. Mr. Hawkins has probably appeared before the Maryland court of appeals more times than any Afro-American member of the Maryland bar.

Mr. Hawkins has just recently completed a trip of 8,000 miles, in which he visited lodges from New England to California, and he expresses himself as being greatly pleased with the outlook for the future success of the order.

Gala Time For Twin City Matrons. Quite an enjoyable time was had at the annual outing of the Twin City Married Ladies' circle, Pittsburg, which was held at Southern park on Thursday, Aug. 26. It was an invitation affair and therefore brought together a select company of friends. The circle is composed of many of the leading society matrons of Pittsburg and Allegheny.

LARGE BANKING INTERESTS.

Farmers and Mechanics' Bank at Durham a Strong Financial Institution.

The city of Durham is located in the tobacco section of North Carolina and is known all over the world as the home of the Bull Durham smoking tobacco. Thousands of Afro-Americans find employment in the factories, from which they earn fair salaries. The Afro-Americans of Durham are very industrious and religiously inclined. It is a rare thing to see a number of men loitering about the streets. There is no place of amusement for them to visit nightly; therefore they, as a rule, save their earnings. Durham is the center of commercial activity among the Afro-Americans of the state of North Carolina, and the various divisions of industries among them brought about the necessity for a banking institution; hence the birth of the Farmers and Mechanics' bank Aug. 1, 1908. This enterprise was promoted by the best financiers in the city. In a city with a large Afro-American population the total volume of business this bank has done up to the present time is over \$1,000,000. The total amount of deposits received is \$210,000, total resources are \$30,000, and the amount out on loans is \$22,000. This bank is located in the North Carolina Mutual and Provident association's building, and its banking facilities are equal to any bank in the state, and, although an infant, it leads all Afro-American banks in the state. The officials are Hon. R. B. Fitzgerald, president, the wealthiest Afro-American in the Carolinas, and Hon. John Merrick, vice president. Dr. George W. Adams, the cashier, is a graduate of Kirtrell college and Wilberforce university. Dr. Adams taught at Kirtrell for eight years and specialized in philosophy. He knows how to reach the masses, and by his affable manners he has caused hundreds of the working element to make small deposits weekly. The board of directors consists of Drs. James E. Shepard, J. A. Dodson, S. L. Warren and A. M. Moore, Professor W. G. Pearson and Messrs. R. B. Fitzgerald, John Merrick, C. C. Spaulding and J. C. Scarborough.



DR. GEORGE W. ADAMS.

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THE AGE-TIMES DEBATE.

New York Times Says the Former Has No Race Pride.

The New York Age and the New York Times have been debating the question of race pride among Negroes. The Times says that the Age has no race pride because it prints advertisements for skin bleaches and hair straighteners. We agree with the Times that such advertisements are improper in Negro journals because they spread the impression that Negroes are ashamed of their features. But at the same time we all know that the Age is a much better friend to the Negro than the Times, which devotes all of its energy to stirring up sentiment against the Negro throughout the country. Negroes may differ as to their attitude toward the class of advertisements in question, but none of us differ in our opinion of the New York Times, which by reason of its great influence, applied against the Negro, is probably our most dangerous enemy in America.—Yonkers (N. Y.) Standard.

Women's Clubs In Annual Meeting.

The Northern Federation of Women's Clubs began its thirteenth annual meeting in the Third Baptist church, Springfield, Mass., on Tuesday, Aug. 31, with business sessions of the executive board at 2 and 7 o'clock p. m. The convention proper was called to order Wednesday morning, Sept. 1, at 9 o'clock by the president, Mrs. Alice W. Wiley. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. H. Frances Ritter and was responded to by Mrs. H. C. Smith. Features of the afternoon and evening sessions were an address by Mayor W. E. Sanderson, conference on education, led by Miss S. E. Wilson; welcome in behalf of the clergy, by Rev. W. N. De Berry, and the president's annual address.

Talbot County Fair at Easton.

The third annual fair and exhibit by Afro-Americans of Talbot county, Md., will be held during the first week in September at Easton, Md. W. D. Winston, a leading merchant of Easton, is at the head of the movement, which is a guarantee that it will be a humming success. Farm products and specimens of industrial art will form a part of the display. Excursion trains will run from Baltimore and other points daily during the fair.

Business Folks Of Good Repute

Phenomenal Progress of the United Aid and Benevolent Association and the United Aid and Realty Company of Jersey City Under Leadership of John L. Mathews.

Among the many very successful corporations and benevolent associations launched for the economic and civic advancement in the mercantile world by Afro-Americans there is none more worthy of creditable mention than the United Aid and Benevolent association and the United Aid and Realty company of Jersey City, N. J.

This association, which has only been in existence for seven years, has accomplished phenomenal results. The capital and dividends to policy holders



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Mrs. M. L. Lomax, who has worked herself up the rungs of the ladder until she has become the foremost of a large number of agents in the employ of the company, devotes considerable



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time to church and Sunday school work and is a member of Bethel A. M. E. church.

The general officers and board of directors of the company are well known in their respective communities and have the implicit confidence of the people. They are the following:

John L. Mathews, president and general manager; A. Robins, vice president; L. A. Massey, second vice president; James Wells, secretary; G. W. Person, assistant secretary; E. O. Root, treasurer, and D. G. Mathews, assistant treasurer.

Noted Journalist and Politician.

Editor John L. Thompson of the Iowa State Register at Des Moines, who was filling clerk in the Iowa senate for three years and deputy county treasurer for four years, was recently appointed clerk in the archives department in the historical building by Governor Cummins. We extend the glad hand to Brother Thompson and wish him continued success.

JOHNSON TO CLEAN 'EM UP.

Champion Pugilist to Take on Several Before He Meets Jeffries.

Evidently Jack Johnson, the world's champion pugilist, intends to make a grand cleanup of the heavyweights before he meets Jim Jeffries. Besides being matched to meet Stanley Ketchel in October, the big fellow has agreed to take on Al Kaufman, the California Hercules, in a ten round bout before one of the clubs in San Francisco Sept. 9. Johnson has announced that he will give "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien a return engagement. Jim Barry, the Chicago slugger, who has been hurling challenges right and left, may also be taken on by the champion the latter part of September.

Johnson's apparent willingness to fight Kaufman before he meets Ketchel shows that he has little respect for Billy Delaney's big heavy weight.

If the bout comes off with both men in superb condition it should result in a good battle, with the chances of victory in favor of Johnson. While Kaufman has not set the pugilistic world afire with his performances in the ring, he has shown improvement in every battle in which he has engaged in the last year or two. True, it took him thirty-nine rounds to dispose of Jim Barry of Chicago in California recently, and later he failed to stop Tony Ross in ten rounds in New York, but his manager, Billy Delaney, says that it was at his request that Al permitted these fellows to stay so long. The clever manager also states that the experience his protegee gained in these two battles will greatly aid him in his contest with Johnson.

As an amateur Kaufman rejoiced under the sobriquet of "One Round Kaufman," having knocked out many of his opponents in the first round. While Kaufman is as big as Jeffries and is clever, Johnson should defeat him. The latter can hit harder and is far more clever than his opponent.

ODD FELLOWS' FIELD DAY.

Hampton Will Be the Mecca For Fraternal Greetings Sept. 5.

Hampton, Va., will be the Mecca of Odd Fellows of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia Sept. 5 and 6, when the first patriarchic regiment will hold its twelfth annual union field day meeting.

The meeting will begin with memorial services on Sunday night, at which the regimental adjutant, Hamilton N.



ADJUTANT HAMILTON N. HAYES.

Hayes of Baltimore, will preside. The business session will be called to order Monday morning by the president, Samuel E. Henry of Delaware.

Among the features of the day will be a fraternal visit by the ladies' auxiliary, a parade by the regiment and a competitive drill. The session will close at night with a banquet, and Tuesday will be devoted to visiting Hampton institute and other points of interest.

The officers of the first patriarchic regiment of Odd Fellows are:

W. C. Gray, colonel; R. F. Stewart, lieutenant colonel; Hamilton N. Hayes, adjutant colonel; J. R. Browne, military secretary; James D. Ross, chief of staff; R. M. Clarke, major first battalion; Thomas B. Slater, major second battalion; Jeremiah Smith, major third battalion; Thomas L. Williams, paymaster major; Alexander Jones, inspector major; James Langhorne, judge advocate major; R. J. Boland, chief surgeon; John Wilson, sergeant major; Henry Mallory, commissary major; George W. Wright, chief bugler; Obedah Henry, chaplain major, and Sandy Mills, brevet major.

True Reformers to Run Excursion.

The chiefs of the New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City divisions of the Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers will run an excursion from New York to Washington Sept. 6. The object of the movement is to give an opportunity to as many members of the order as possible to attend the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the institution. The exercises will be held in True Reformers' hall, Washington, and will be presided over by the grand worthy master and president, Rev. W. L. Taylor. The fare for the round trip is \$7.25.

A. M. E. Zion Conference at Akron.

The annual meeting of the Allegheny-Ohio conference of the A. M. E. Zion church will be held in Akron, O., beginning on Thursday, Sept. 9. Bishop J. S. Caldwell will preside. The churches of the denomination in the section covered by the conference are almost a unit in forwarding petitions to the bishop for the return of their present pastors. This speaks well for the pastors and shows that they are filling their charges acceptably.

Liberal Aid For Orphan Asylum

State Institution at Oxford Celebrates Twenty-third Anniversary With Appropriate Exercises--Masonic Fraternity Contributes Large Sum--Cheatham a Hard Worker.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Afro-American orphan asylum at Oxford, N. C., which was recently observed, was attended by hundreds of visitors and friends of the institution from many sections of the state. White friends of the asylum were out in large numbers and enjoyed the excellent literary program which was rendered in a most pleasing manner. The address of welcome was delivered by the Hon. A. W. Graham, speaker of the house of representatives. The response was made by Dr. C. S. Brown,



HON. H. P. CHEATHAM.

president of Walter's academy, Winston, N. C. The annual address was delivered by State Grand Master of Masons H. B. McRary of Lexington, N. C. The asylum was established twenty-two years ago. The present head of the institution is the Hon. H. P. Cheatham, who was a member of the Fifty-first and Fifty-second United States congresses. Being a man of public affairs and of large experience, Mr. Cheatham has managed the affairs of this institution for two years, and today there are over 200 children in the asylum. Connected with the work are a number of industrial features, such as shoe shop, harness, blacksmith and woodwork departments. A large number of boys are engaged in different shops. Connected with the asylum is a farm consisting of more than 200 acres of land, paid for. Eight horses and mules are worked upon the farm. The girls are taught domestic science and there are two well equipped departments for them, the laundry and cookery. There is a night school for those who cannot attend the day sessions. The agricultural department is a decided success this year, which is shown by Mr. Cheatham's report. During the month of May the infant building, valued at \$3,000, was destroyed by fire, which was a serious loss. The state appropriates \$5,000 annually for the maintenance of the work and has recently made an additional appropriation of \$5,000 for the erection of a new brick building. The superintendent has recently installed a steam machine for the manufacturing of bricks. The bricks for this new structure will be made by the boys. The white people are loyally supporting Mr. Cheatham's administration. He will soon install a printing plant and is waging a campaign to raise \$25,000 for the institution, which is the only one of its kind in the state for Afro-American orphans. Hundreds of homeless children must be protected, and this institution, with its educational and Christian influences, should be assisted by Afro-Americans everywhere. The Afro-American Masons of North Carolina, through an appeal of Professor R. B. McRary, gave the asylum a purse of \$203.37.

THE STING OF INGRATITUDE.

Taft's Afro-American Supporters Being Laughed at by Their Brethren.

Speaking to a large audience of Afro-Americans at Graham, N. C., not long ago, the Rev. W. W. Allison of Durham said in the course of his address: "President Taft is carrying into effect a policy that is fast relegating the Afro-American to a position which will eventually take from him every place of honor and trust which is not under the civil service ban. The colored men who stood out from the Republican party because of the discharge of the innocent soldiers of their race and for other reasonable causes are now having the laugh on their brethren who fought for Mr. Taft's election, because he has now turned against them."

His Mug Got Him Into Trouble.

A. A. Harder, editor of the Red Oak (Okla.) Herald, was held for the federal grand jury a few days ago to answer a charge of violating the postal laws by sending through the mail an article "calculated to incite arson, murder or assassination."

Harder Referred to in Newspaper.

Harder referred to in his newspaper as a former attempt of Negroes to locate in Red Oak and said, "They came very near getting into serious trouble with a rope." He also, it was charged, threatened Negro invaders from Wilburton as follows:

"Let this be a warning to all niggers not to try to mix their undesirable mugs with Red Oak people."

Eureka Brass Band's Big Success.

The annual summer outing of the Eureka brass band of Duquesne, Pa., which occurred at Olympic park, near McKeesport, Friday, Aug. 27, was attended by thousands from the city and surrounding towns. Music was furnished by Professor C. W. Strepplin's orchestra. Dancing, music, athletic sports and other amusements were freely indulged in from 1 to 11 p. m. The outing was a rousing financial success, which will enable the band to enter upon its fall and winter engagements well equipped.

Miss Carter's Triumphant Tour.

It is pleasing to note the cordial manner in which Miss Elizabeth C. Carter was received by clubwomen of both races on her recent tour of the west. At San Jose, Cal., where the state federation held its annual meeting, Mr. E. O. Smith, who is one of the wealthiest white citizens of that city, entertained the entire federation, with Miss Carter as guest of honor.

Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

The tenth grand annual session of the International Order of Twelve, Knights and Daughters of Tabor, for Ohio and jurisdiction convened at Dayton Tuesday morning, Aug. 31. Mrs. Annie Delphia, the district grand high priest, was accompanied from Pittsburg by a large delegation of local representatives.

W. J. MOSS ENTERS MINISTRY

Young Man of Upright Character and Devotee Life to Cause of Christ.

One of the most promising of the many young men who are members of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, N. Y., is Deacon Walter J. Moss. Mr. Moss went to Brooklyn twelve years ago from Virginia, where he had already gained quite a reputation for his upright character and true Christian piety. A few years ago he allied himself with the working forces of the above named church as a member. His constant attendance upon the services of the church, coupled with his activity as a member of the Carlton avenue branch of the Young Men's Christian association, soon attracted the attention of the late Rev. William T. Dixon, who was both pastor of Concord and chairman of the committee of management of the Y. M. C. A. When it was found that the church was in need of a few more deacons Mr. Moss was among the first to be selected and ordained.

Long before he went to Brooklyn he believed himself to have been divinely called to the work of the gospel ministry. For ten years he has been halting in his decision to obey the call of God to enter the work. About six months ago, however, he made a final decision in the matter. His first sermon showed adaptability for his chosen work, and the church, by the direction and consent of Dr. Dixon, granted him his license to preach.

Mr. Moss was the last young man whom Dr. Dixon inducted into the ministry. Dr. Dixon, however, died before he presented Mr. Moss his license, and that duty was performed by the Rev. Dr. William A. Criditt, pastor of the Cherry Memorial Baptist church of Philadelphia, who was a close friend of Dr. Dixon. In order to further qualify himself for his life work Mr. Moss will enter Virginia Union university at Richmond this fall.

WELL FOUNDED COMPLAINT.

Georgia Railroad Strike Inspired by President's Inaugural Address.

The newspapers are discussing pretty freely Mr. Taft's Negro policy. The complaint is that the president's attitude toward the Negro's political status is working much injury to his industrial status. So far as this paper has been able to observe, the complaint is well founded.

Who will say that the recent labor disturbances on the Georgia railroad were not influenced by the president's remarkable inaugural address? When Mr. Taft said that it was not the part of wisdom to appoint a colored man to office where there was opposition to him he gave the country the impression that the Negro had no right to hold office and no right to labor where the white man objected. The president evidently meant what he said for the good of the race, but his meaning miscarried. Immediately there began in the south a systematic effort to oust the Negro from every federal office; there arose a spontaneous protest in Mississippi against the few Negro fourth class postmasters in that state; the firemen on the Georgia railroad went into upheaval, southerners marched up to the White House and demanded that Register of the Treasury Vernon be removed and a white man be appointed in his place, and the Lily White organization in Texas demanded that every Negro officeholder in that state be removed. Following this, a petition was presented to the officials of the Harriman railroads in the southwest demanding that the Negro workmen be discharged. And, lastly, the railway mail clerks of Texas, who hold their places by virtue of competitive civil service examinations, have presented a petition demanding that Negro railway mail clerks be segregated and placed on certain runs. And the end is not yet.

All of this goes on while Mr. Taft sits placidly in the White House and does not open his mouth. What will our brethren of the north and west do about it?—Lodge Journal and Guide.

South Africa Copying After America.

South Africa has drawn the color line in politics. Negroes are not allowed to vote. Upon what grounds the right of suffrage is withheld is not definitely stated. But one thing is reasonably certain and humanely true—that it is far better to withhold the privilege than to grant it for a season and then sneakily take it away by technical, unjust and damnable state constitutions. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

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