

Furnished a Club to Our Enemy.

The color line episode, which occurred some weeks ago at one of Washington's cheap amusement houses not far from the "Division"—the New Grand, we believe it is called—has become historic. The matter is being discussed all over the land, and Manager Chase is one of the worse "cussed" theatrical sharks in the business. We talked at some length on the local phase of the civil rights suit in our last issue.

Major Charles R. Douglass, the Dallas Express and the New York Age have been indulging in a little three-cornered scrimmage on the subject of Negro ownership of places of amusement for their exclusive use, etc., Mr. Douglass contributes the following colorful effusion to the discussion, which furnishes food for considerable sober reflection:

I don't see the wisdom of the Negroes of Washington attempting to fight down proscription in theaters and at the same time accepting proscription and paying for it. My article in the Dallas Express had reference to Washington City and other cities where Negroes dwell in sufficient numbers to make their patronage or non patronage a matter of concern. Manager Chase of the New Grand Opera House took the \$5,000 that he netted off the Washington Negroes' patronage during the week of the Williams and Walker show and walked into court able to employ the best lawyers and to make the best possible defence against the civil rights law. He fought the Negroes with their own money. I believe if Negroes had places of their own and would patronize them it would not belong before managers of white enterprises would be catering for their support. As it is now they get our support and treat us as they please and all the fighting we do is with our mouths.

MR. J. E. GREENLEASE.

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against granting full suffrage to the few women who have sufficient inlook for a staff of cooks to take the place of the man who had dispensed with him. On the morning of the 20th of June he walked in with his men and gave satisfaction until the house changed hands and that was the Hotel Madison, corner 39th street and Broadway, New York City. In another instance he went from Washington to the Culty Hunck Club as head waiter and left there chef. One morning one of the guests was going away and he had to have breakfast early, so Mr. Greenlease gave the waiter an order and in the kitchen a dispute arose between the waiter and the cook and the latter refused to serve the former. Mr. Fred Gould was chairman of the house committee and he was always up bright and early and especially when any one was going away. He sent the waiter back to the kitchen and told the chef to let the waiter have the breakfast and whatever the trouble was they could have an agreement after breakfast. But the cook would not agree to it, so Mr. Greenlease sent for Mr. Gould and related the facts to him and told him that if the cooks were going to run the house, he might as well not be there and he said send the waiter for the order and I will go in the kitchen about the same time." The cook refused to serve him so him so he ordered them all out and paid them all off for the rest of the season and Mr. Gould came to Mr. Greenlease and said, "You will go in the kitchen and help us out until we can telegraph home for some cooks, and tell me which is the best man to put at the door for head waiter, Mr. Greenlease replied by saying "the same man the cook refused to serve."

After the first meal the club decided to keep Mr. Greenlease in the kitchen and as it was only a matter of a few weeks before the season would close and with the assistance of his colored men who said there the year around to look after the club, he finished the season satisfactorily and went back the next fall fully prepared and made a great season. Before the next season came another chairman of the house committee was elected who put in French cooks.

Mr. Greenlease writes that he has done better since he has been in Cuba than ever before. He is royally treated by General Brooke and his staff and writes that he has not only made more money but has saved more. He writes that he could never put his hands on a thousand dollars before at one time although he has made big money. He writes that Cuba is the place for the hustler.

The Zanesville Doings.

Zanesville, Ohio, Special—Special services have been going on at Union Baptist church and St. Paul's A. M. E. church for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett of Putman are proud parents of a 12 pound boy. Mrs. George Qualls who has been ill with la grippe is better. You often hear the expression, "I wonder what our people are doing," while right here in your midst are three papers edited to tell us we are doing, and if you purchase one you will find out. Mr. Buckner who has been visiting here has returned to Springfield. Mrs. M. M. Simpson, who has been visiting Mrs. Lubers, has returned to Wilberforce. Moorehead band will give a grand ball at Turner's Hall, February 22. Mr. Nathan H. Hill is now manager of the Palace Hotel barber shop. Mrs. William Leach has gone to Steubenville, Ohio for the benefit of her health. Mrs. Richard Johnson was out Sunday after an illness of 8 weeks. Miss Estella Greene, who is teaching at Williamsport, W. Va., is expected home soon. Mr. Frank Kinney, who has been employed at the B. & O. shops for several years has been promoted to be shipping clerk. Mrs. Samantha Beatty has been granted a pension of \$8 per month. Do not forget that The Colored American is sold by Le Roy Burnett.

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Conventions.—When joining the Order through Conventions, persons are taken in from 14 to 60 years of age; when joining the Fountain by application persons are taken from 14 to 60 years of age complete.

Joining or Benefit Fees.—From 14 to 45 years of age, \$4.60; at 50, \$5.10; at 55, \$5.60; at 60, \$6.60.

Death Benefits.—\$75 and \$125. Should death occur within the first year, \$75; after the first year, \$125 will be paid to the heirs, assigns or legal representatives.

Sick Benefits.—From \$8 to \$9 per month, paid weekly.

Monthly Dues are 35 or 50 cents per month. Taxes are 80 cents annually, paid semi-annually, January and July. The highest monthly dues secure the highest weekly sick benefits.

Life Membership.—Ten shares of Bank Stock, costing each member \$5 a share, make said member a life member. After paying dues and owning the stock one year, the fruits of the stock will pay the member's dues, and leave a handsome little balance each year. Just calculate—monthly dues, 50 cents per month, and taxes 80 cents per year, amount to \$6.80, and a dividend on ten shares of stock at 20 per cent on the dollar, or \$1 per share, amounts to \$10 annually, which will pay the member's dues, \$6.80, and leave a balance of \$3.20. Should the dues be 35 cents per month, and 80 cents taxes per year, the monthly dues and taxes will amount to \$5 per year. The dividend of \$10 would pay the monthly dues and taxes, and leave a balance of \$5.

Additional Benefits of Life Membership.—Should adverse circumstances befall a member, said member may take his ten shares of stock and Fountain policy, and secure a loan from \$1 to \$88, which will enable said member to tide over the misfortune, pay up the loan, redeem his policy and stock, and go on his way rejoicing.

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Rosebud Fountains are composed for children, male and female, from 3 to 14 years of age.

Joining or Benefit Fees, \$1.50; paid spot cash or by instalments.

Death Benefits.—\$24.50 and \$37.00. Should death occur within the first year, \$24.50; after the first year \$37 will be paid to the parents or guardians.

Sick Benefits.—From \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month paid weekly; 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1 per week, respectively. The highest monthly dues purchase the highest weekly sick benefits.

Monthly Dues and Taxes.—The monthly dues are 10 cents, 15 cents, or 25 cents, respectively, just as the Fountain may decide. Taxes, 10 cents annually, paid semi-annually, January and July. The child is allowed to purchase five shares of Bank Stock, which makes his policy self-supporting, with a balance each year.

3. THE REGALLA.

This Department furnishes all Regalla that is worn by the members of the Order. For style and prices write for price list.

4 CLASSES.

B and E Classes admit a membership, male and female, and secure life and death benefits.

B Class Policies are as follows:

CLASS B TABLE.

Ages.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate.	Annual Dues.	Paid Quarterly.
14 to 25 years.....	\$2 50	\$200 00	\$4 75	\$1 20
25 to 35 years.....	2 75	200 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 45 years.....	3 00	200 00	5 70	1 43
45 to 50 years.....	3 25	140 00	6 65	1 66
50 to 55 years.....	3 25	115 00	6 65	1 66
55 to 60 years.....	3 50	90 00	7 60	1 90
60 to 65 years.....	3 50	65 00	7 60	1 90

E Class Policies are as follows:

CLASS E TABLE.

Ages.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate.	Annual Dues.	Paid Quarterly.
14 to 25 years.....	\$5 00	\$500 00	\$9 50	\$2 40
25 to 35 years.....	5 25	500 00	9 50
35 to 45 years.....	5 50	500 00	10 40
45 to 50 years.....	5 75	450 00	11 40	2 35
50 to 55 years.....	5 75	400 00	11 40	2 35
55 years (Complete).....	6 00	350 00	11 40	2 35

The ages are reckoned from the last birthday.

Remember that the applicant is benefited as soon as his policy is issued.

The annual dues of either of the above named Classes may be divided into quarterly payments of three months each, payable the 1st of January, April, July, and October.

The balance of annual dues remaining to the credit of each member after paying expenses will go to the purchase of Bank Stock for said member.

If dues are paid annually in advance, the member gets 5 per cent drawback in cash, and his full proportion of annual dues. By the latter mode of payment each member is made his own collector, thereby making the membership independent of the agent, and self-supporting, and the member receiving the percentage that would be paid to the agent to collect.

You will readily see that the members of either one of these classes are only required to meet once or four times a year, while the Fountains and Rosebuds meet twice a month.

Life Benefits.—The members of B Class are allowed to purchase 15 shares of Bank Stock, and two shares for each year of their membership. The stock yields a dividend of 20 per cent, or one dollar per share. Should misfortune befall them on their pathway of life, they may take their stock certificates and policies, and secure a loan after a given period of time.

Members of Class E can purchase 25 shares of Bank Stock, and two shares for each year of their membership; likewise, they may take their policies and certificates of Bank Stock, and secure a loan after a given period of time. You will readily see that the membership, in either one of these Classes, like the Fountains and the Rosebuds, benefits the member in health, as well as his family in death.

5. THE TRUE REFORMERS' BANK.

The Savings Bank of the G. F. U. O. T. R. was chartered March, 1888. Its capital stock is \$100,000. It commenced business April 3, 1889. The amount of business to March 1, 1898, is \$3,458,100. The stock of this bank is sold to the membership of the Fountains, Rosebuds, B and E classes, and pays a dividend of 20 per cent on the dollar. Persons can deposit their moneys on time or demand. The bank pays 4 per cent interest on all time deposits. Moneys on demand are held subject to the orders of the depositors. Deposits are received from 10 cents and upwards. Special attention is given to the collection of notes and drafts.

In 1893 this was the only bank in Richmond which continued to pay currency to its depositors during the financial stringency, while the other banks were using scrip.

6. REAL ESTATE OF THE U. O. T. R.

This Department manages and controls the property of the organization. It grew out of the necessity of having offices and buildings in which to carry on the business of the organization, and to furnish halls for the Subordinate Lodges. Buildings now owned, 12; farms, 3; dwellings, 2; hotels, 1; with a fee simple value of \$104,000. Buildings leased, 13.

7. THE REFORMER, the Organ of the Order.

The Reformer is the Beacon-Light, the Head-Light, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is a live race journal, with a circulation of 6,000. It is the medium of the Order, and its columns team with all its doings and achievements. Send for sample copies. It is published weekly in The Reformer Printing Office, Richmond, Va., having a first-class job department, and makes a specialty of high-class work.

