

Ex Governor Pinchback to be Banqueted.

A testimonial banquet to ex Governor P. B. S. Pinchback of this city will be given at the West Side Lyceum, corner Broadway and 52nd streets, New York City, Tuesday evening, February 26th, under the auspices of the Colored Citizen's League. The dinner committee consists of such well known persons as: Fred R. Moore, chairman; Rev. Hutchins C. Bishop, vice-chairman; George E. Wibecan, Jr., David N. Prime, secretaries; M. P. Saunders, treasurer; while the reception committee is made up of such well known New Yorkers as Hon. Samuel R. Scott, T. Thomas Fortune, Charles W. Anderson, Thomas B. Francis, P. A. Johnson, M. D., James A. Mars, William Oscar Payne, E. V. C. Eato, R. H. Hucliss, George G. McKenzie, J. W. Rutledge, Oscar Heyliger, Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., Frederick B. Watkins, M. R. Poole, John C. Wibecan, W. H. Butler, Thomas B. McKee, William H. Smith, Walter Hatton; and Bishop Alexander Walters, J. H. E. Scotland, Alfred B. Cosay, R. Henri Herbert, of New Jersey. Governor Pinchback is very popular in New York and during the last campaign made many new friends on account of his eloquence in the campaign.

The Masonic News.

Past Master J. O. Bamfield of Pythagoras Lodge is out again after a severe attack of illness.

Past Grand Master Mayes of Eureka Lodge is confined to his bed with a severe attack of la grippe.

Past Master J. W. Freeman of Social Lodge is still a very sick man. We hope him a speedy recovery.

Brother John C. Nalle is a hard student of Mackeys. No one in the craft is more popular than Brother Nalle.

The friends of Dr. W. A. Warfield of Prince Hall Lodge expect great work from him during the ensuing year.

The Deputy Grand Master W. H. J. Malvin made a visit to the southwest recently and was royally entertained.

Every Mason should and is expected to read The Colored American. Editor Cooper is a member of Prince Hall Lodge.

Prof. Weatherless as the Senior Deacon of Pythagoras Lodge is the wonder and admiration of all who have heard him.

The senior deacons of the subordinate lodge will do well to keep an eye on Dr. F. J. Cardoza, the Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge.

Brother McKensie Scott of Felix Lodge makes it very pleasant for all members of the craft who favor him with their presence.

The brethren enjoy going to Prince Hall Lodge, the Worshipful Master Fred. Henry has always something good to say and when he does work, all leave much benefited.

Brother L. Garbism Fletcher of Eureka Lodge had a client last week and it is said that his defense was indeed a strong one and in accordance with Mackeys Jurisprudence.

Long live Robert H. Terrell to be the Grand Master of Masons for the District of Columbia. The dignity with which he bears his high honors has endeared him to the entire craft.

Past Master John P. Turner has declared against taking more than ten cents from each Mason for his fund with which to purchase jewels, the movement is worthy of success.

Eureka, the jewel lodge will do

work in the second degree Monday March 25th. H. J. Davis and Dr. A. H. Stevens will do the work. Let the craft watch Dr. Stevens work.

On motion of Past Master Richard Jones, Widows Son Lodge voted to attend divine services at St. Paul A. M. E. church, 8th near D st. w. Sunday April 15th. The entire craft is invited to be present.

More Masonic Jewels.

Past Master John P. Turner at the last regular meeting of Eureka Lodge, in an earnest speech presented plans for raising by popular subscription among the members of the craft two Masonic Jewels to be presented to Past Grand Master Henry Coleman and Past Grand Master Lemuel C. Bailey, the lodge heartily endorsed the movement and gave substantial financial assistance. Dr. Turner has visited all the subordinate lodges meeting since and says no movement ever inaugurated among Masons in this Jurisdiction has met with such unanimous endorsement. The fund is to be raised by a popular subscription of ten cents from each Master Mason. The jewels are to be presented in token of the appreciation of the craft for the valuable services rendered by these two men in procuring the Masonic Temple now owned by the craft in the District of Columbia. It is the purpose of Dr. Turner to make the occasion a memorable one in the history of the craft.

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In addition to these sterling qualities the watch has a capital attraction for the race loving Afro-American. Each watch bears upon its face a bust medallion of Hon. Frederick Douglass, the matchless philosopher, orator and statesman. This is a novelty that all are sure to appreciate. It is further, a splendid recognition of the value of the Negro's importance in the commercial world—an obeisance to the purchasing power of his dollars—an invitation for our trade, with a generous offer attached. This shrewd manufacturer would never have conceived the idea of making a Frederick Douglass watch had he not had faith in the race pride of the Negro and his capacity to know a good bargain when it is shown to him and fully described.

Now friends go to work and get up these little clubs. Let everybody wear a Frederick Douglass watch and be on time at concerts, literaries and church. Let the leaders start the fashion in their respective communities and plenty will follow. Read this all over again. Turn to the advertisement and read that. Then follow instructions and send amounts to the Colored American, 459 C street Northwest, Washington, D. C., and a watch will soon be in your hands postpaid.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

United Order of True Reformers.

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881.

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An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for enlightened business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

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SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 16 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per month.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 8 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$24.50 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three (3) Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues are payable annually or quarterly.



In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues, \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Class B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.



THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but to the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80	Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164,423 83	Surplus fund	80,967 81
Due from National Banks ...	48,383 22	Undivided profits	6,826 80
Banking House	14,000 00	Demand certificate of deposits	96,786 29
Other real estates	99,588 00	Time certificates of deposit	118,424 74
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850 00		
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,388 99		
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80	Total	391,120 84
Paper currency	35,820 00		
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The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$123,500. In addition to these the Order leases 13 buildings.

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