

City Paragraphs.

Be ready for the collector when he comes.

Miss Jennie Wells of Sheperdstown, W. Va., is visiting in this city.

THE AEOLIANS, TUESDAY, at True Reformers' Hall.

There seems to be a war between some of the ex-members and the present members of the Pen Pencil Club.

The Temple Quartet has been invited to join the Aeolian Glee Club and has accepted the invitation.

Mr. John H. Wills, the bookman, is visiting in the state of New Jersey on business.

A large number of Washingtonians went to Baltimore last Sunday to witness the great holocaust.

The Temple Quartet will visit Richmond, Va., at an early date, and will give a grand concert and musical entertainment at True Reformers' Hall.

Mr. A. Booker, a commercial traveler, whose territory is South spent a few days in this city with his family last week.

Editor T. Thomas Fortune, Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback and Recorder Dancy paid our sanctum a pleasant visit Friday of last week.

The Amphions, The Amphions. Concert and Reception, Monday evening, February 15, at Grand Army Hall. Single admission, 35 cents.

Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback has just returned from a pleasant jaunt South. He visited Tuskegee, New Orleans and other points and is greatly pleased with his trip.

Maj. Charles R. Douglass is being prominently mentioned as the right kind of timber to send to the next Republican Convention, which meets in Chicago in June.

Mr. Lewis H. Douglass, who has been confined to his home from a slight paralytic stroke is up and about again, much to the delight of his many friends.

Prof. J. W. Cromwell has been "retired" from the editorial staff of The Record, a local newspaper in this city. Mr. Cromwell will now have more time to give to his duties in the public schools, for which he is paid.

Mr. Allen Dickson of New York, was in the city last week to attend the funeral of his stepfather, Mr. George W. Carter, who died Thursday, February 4th. Mr. Carter left a widow and many friends to mourn his demise.

Dr. John W. Prather, a graduate of the Howard Medical School and a leading physician in Baltimore, Md., who was recently appointed inspector of Emmigrants has reached his post of

duty in Montreal, Canada, and writes that he is pleased with his position and his location.

The Aeolian Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Club announces its Fifth Annual Mandolin Carnival, Tuesday evening, February 16th, at True Reformers Hall, 12th and U Streets, S.W. It will be assisted by the "Temple Quartet." Prof. Hamilton's orchestra will furnish three instrumental music.

Mr. S. E. Smith, a prominent official of the Custom House at Charleston, S. C., was in the city last week, where he appeared before the Senate Committee in the Crum case where his testimony was desired. It was very favorable to the confirmation of Dr. Crum.

Prof. John L. Love of M Street High School addressed the Bethel Literary and Historical Association last Tuesday evening at the Metropolitan A.M. E. Church. He took for his subject "Abraham Lincoln" and delivered a most interesting lecture to an appreciative audience.

The Cherry Street Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., tendered its Pastor, Rev. Wm. A. Credit, D.D., a grand reception Thursday evening the 11th inst. Dr. Credit is well and favorably known in this city, having been the Pastor of Berean Baptist Church for a number of years.

Mrs. Ella Reader of 1156-15th St., N.W., gave a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Wm. H. Brown, wife of the messenger of the Mexican embassy. It was Mrs. Brown's thirty-fifth birthday and the affair was a most enjoyable one.

The Bethel Literary would attract larger gatherings to the meetings if it could be induced to eschew the old custom of writing letters and postal cards, as invitations; and use the columns of the newspapers instead. Newspaper advertising is much cheaper and much more effective.

The Dynamotor is a new candidate for the public favor in educational and school circles. It is published monthly in the interest of the Armstrong Manual Training School, and the first two numbers show that it is not only lusty, but up to date. It is an interesting little sheet.

McKenzie Scott, funeral director and embalmer with headquarters at 438 Second St., S.W., is doing a lively business. Mr. Nathaniel L. Sydnor, the energetic manger is making every improvement in the business. He is ably assisted by Mr. J. Taylor Walker, a practical and expert embalmer.

A souvenir valentine will be presented to those who go early enough to hear the concert program by the Amphions Monday evening, February 15 at Grand Army Hall. Concert at 8 p. m.

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The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.56 to \$1000.

BENEFITS PAID—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$r,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"					Class "E"						
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$1.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$9.50	\$2.25
25 to 30	2.75	240.00	120.00	1.875	1.30	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00	9.75	2.38
30 to 35	3.00	280.00	140.00	2.00	1.43	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00	9.95	2.48
35 to 40	3.25	320.00	160.00	2.125	1.48	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00	10.10	2.52
40 to 45	3.50	360.00	180.00	2.25	1.53	40 to 45	6.00	500.00	250.00	10.25	2.56
45 to 50	3.75	400.00	200.00	2.375	1.58	45 to 50	6.25	500.00	250.00	10.40	2.60
50 to 55	4.00	440.00	220.00	2.50	1.63	50 to 55	6.50	500.00	250.00	10.55	2.64
55 to 60	4.25	480.00	240.00	2.625	1.68	55 to 60	6.75	500.00	250.00	10.70	2.68

Class "M"				
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues
14 to 30	\$1.00	\$100.00	\$21.90	\$5.25
30 to 35	12.00	100.00	22.00	5.50
35 to 40	12.00	905.00	23.00	5.75
40 to 45	13.00	800.00	24.00	6.00
45 to 50	13.00	700.00	25.00	6.25

REGALIA—The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank

of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889 the deposits have grown to \$350,058, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Haversham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va., a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, proprietors at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was organized on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its president.

REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT—Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 5c. per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It is open to all from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 12 inches. Fine job work of every class and price is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME—In September, 1893, Rev. William W. Browne recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the organization. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 6344 acres, located miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,400. Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on the farm. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the cooperation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and offers of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va. For further information address—

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