

PERSONAL

Mr. Angeloe Jennings, brother of Mr. John T. Gayton, spent a few days visiting in the city the first of the week. Mr. Jennings is employed at the McCormick lumber mill in Lewis county.

CONVENTION FINISH LABORS.

The fifth annual session of the Colored Baptist Convention of Washington and the surrounding states at Roslyn finished its labors last Sunday and adjourned to meet in Everett next year. Rev. Beckman in his annual address declared he never felt more encouraged over the outlook of the work than at present. Every department of the work showed a marked gain over the report one year ago. Both Seattle and Everett showed much prosperity and Deacon Stolworth of Bellingham showed that he had not been asleep since locating at that point. The convention took charge of the Bellingham field and after appropriating \$25.00 appointed Rev. S. G. Wilson and Secretary Walker to proceed to Bellingham and pay that amount down on a lot, which Deacon Stolworth already had selected. The report of the secretary was in part, the general field work was much in need of help from the convention. Franklin, Ravensdale and a number of other places in the state need some assistance in order to hold organizations at such places.

The convention elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. B. Beckham, Spokane; vice-president, Rev. J. P. Brown, Roslyn; secretary, Rev. F. T. Walker, Seattle; treasurer, William Bagley, Roslyn.

Women's Department.

President, Mrs. R. A. Travis, Seattle; vice-president, Mrs. A. C. Hagans, Spokane; secretary, Mrs. William Bagley, Roslyn; treasurer, Sister Burnett, Roslyn.

Sunday School Work.

President, O. Stolworth, Bellingham; secretary, Miss Alma Clark, Seattle; treasurer, William Bagley. Mrs. A. C. Hagans will do the missionary work for the women's department and Rev. Wilson will act in the capacity of church missionary for the ensuing year. The members of the executive board are as follows: Rev. William Hammond, Seattle; Rev. S. A. Franklin, Newcastle; Deacon O. Stolworth, Bellingham; William Bagley, Roslyn; Mrs. A. C. Hagans, Spokane.

The members of the convention were given an old-time picnic Monday in the woods by the good folk of Roslyn, who made it generally pleasant for the visiting delegates, and every one enjoyed themselves very much. The convention looks forward to a most pleasant meeting at Everett next year.

Mr. C. I. Reams recently received a letter from Denver stating that his daughter, Mrs. A. P. Ball, has just been appointed to a very important position in the recorder's office. The remarkable thing about it is Mrs. Ball was one of but a half dozen that the new recorder retained in his office. She served four years under his predecessor and while an almost clean sweep was made among the clerks her services were considered almost indispensable and she was given the place for another four years. She was the first colored woman in Denver to be given such a place and though the odds were much against her when she began work she applied herself and laboring under the belief that, if a col-

ored person holds anything they must do their work better than any one else, she did not leave a stone unturned in not only doing as well, but in excelling, and that is why she was retained in her position while scores of others were let out. There is no other way for the Negro of this country to compete with their white brethren only to excel them, and when the Negro wakes up to that fact the sooner will he be given more lucrative and desirable places and positions. Owing to the sweeping change in the office Mrs. Ball will not be able to visit her parent at all this year and, if she does, it will only be for a short time.

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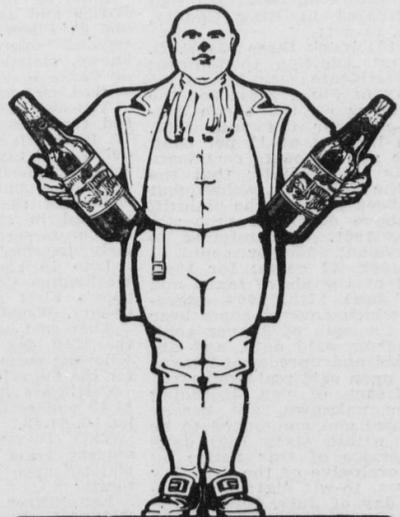
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