



HE WANTS TEN THOUSAND

Mr. Rutherford Files Notice of Suit

President Taylor is Serene.

The Suspension From Office--Delegates Barred Belonged to the Washington Association.

Mr. S. W. Rutherford of Washington, D. C., has through his counsel, L. O. Wendenburg, Esq., (white) entered suit against Rev. W. L. Taylor for ten thousand dollars damages.

The bill has not as yet been filed. Mr. Rutherford held the position of Deputy-General for the Grand Fountain, U. O. of True Reformers, and held that office under the late Rev. Wm. W. Brown.

At his death, Vice-Grand Worthy Master Taylor discharged the duties of the office. Mr. Rutherford opposed the election of Rev. Taylor and favored Mr. E. T. Hill, cashier of the Savings Bank.

MANY CHARGES.

It is alleged that Rev. Taylor in order to punish Mr. Rutherford preferred charges against him and actually suspended him from office, which action Mr. Rutherford prevented by suing out an injunction restraining him from taking such steps.

He charges that he has been injured by the charges, which embrace a direction of duty, and of which he claims he was not guilty.

The Grand Fountain, it will be remembered at its session last September practically unanimously sustained Rev. Taylor, and Mr. Rutherford was removed from office.

THAT WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.

Those who were opposed to Rev. Taylor, it is alleged, have organized the National Benefit Association of Washington. In this Mr. Rutherford is the leading spirit. A branch office was established here with Mr. Paul O. Easley in charge, but he was forced, from business considerations to renounce all connection with the concern.

It seems that the officials of the order alleged that this organization is fighting the True Reformers and all members or agents are warned that they must "root out" in the True Reformers' barn yard.

Mr. A. V. Norrell was elected as delegate to the Grand Fountain from the reka Fountain. It was found that he belonged to the National Benefit Association and his seat was declared vacant by the Past Officers Council. He refused to give up his membership and state that he was wrong in joining it. So the Fountain was called to meet and Mr. Wellington Harris elected.

OTHER DELEGATES OUSTED.

The same condition of affairs existed in Star of the East Fountain. Mr. Kemp Williams being elected and he is an agent for the National Benefit Association. He was succeeded by Mr. A. Hayes as delegate.

Mr. John H. Braxton, another agent of the above named association met a similar fate.

The Grand Fountain met last Tuesday morning. Grand Worthy Master Taylor's report was very encouraging. The delegation is much smaller than in former years, but members say that it will be as large as ever when the time comes three years from now to elect a Grand Worthy Master.

SAMARITANS.

To the Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria and the public generally:

The National Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Samaritans of North America and the West Indies Islands will convene here in Price's Hall, Wednesday, September 13th at 12 o'clock M. Representatives are expected from all of the states in the Union and West Indies Islands.

The national committee has been working zealously to make their stay a pleasant one.

On Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the welcome address will be delivered in the hall by Rev. J. H. Holmes, responded to by some of the eminent of the N. G. Lodge. The public is invited to be present. Admission, free.

Thursday night, September 14th, a banquet will be tendered the National Grand Lodge officers and delegates.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

—Mrs. J. C. Farley is visiting relatives in Amelia County.

—Miss Susie Crump is in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Masilda Winston has returned to the city.

—Mrs. G. W. Lewis and daughter have returned to the city from Louisiana County.

—Miss Mary Davis, a teacher of this city was married at Newport News, Va., on Sunday last.

—Yes, he said you gave him the money. We received it with thanks.

—Fine Liquors? Yes! Mr. John M. Higgins keeps it at 1610 E. Franklin St.

—Mr. John L. Mines, wife and child left Saturday for Farmville, Va., where Mrs. Mines will spend the remainder of the summer.

—Go to S. Garrett's for fine Tailoring, 10 1/2 and 12 Duval St. Uniforms for Societies and Musicians. Ladies' dress patterns a specialty. 8-36-3m.

—Rubber-tires? Yes, Mr. Arthur Hayes has them. The finest in town. Call on him when you need anything in his line. He is polite and obliging to everybody.

—Dr. P. B. Ramsey has returned to the city after a most satisfactory vacation. He is ready to serve his many patrons.

—Rev. J. Wm. H. Johnson of Cambridge, Mass., and staff correspondent of the Boston Courant called on us. He is attending the session of the Grand Fountain, U. O. True Reformers.

—Mr. Lee Crawford of Yonkers, N. Y., called on us. He is Grand Master of Exchequer of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, his state.

—The Women's Corner Stone Beneficial Association is succeeding nicely. Their latest circular of claims paid is a revelation, and demonstrates the ability of women to manage great institutions. Mrs. Mildred Cooke Jones is secretary and manager.

—John W. Howard, manager of Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company, Danville, Va., is in the city, the guest of Secretary and General Manager Jno. T. Taylor.

—When you need carriages, buggies, etc., for weddings, balls, parties, or anything else call on Mr. W. Isaac Johnson, the enterprising general director. He has teams of the finest.

—Rev. Sims, pastor of Holy Trinity Baptist Church of New York City, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Rosa Smith, 1004 W. Leigh St.

—Mr. A. D. Price is being congratulated on his fine turnout. His two new hearses are in general demand and will supply all requests for teams and the latest style carriages.

—"A friend in need is a friend indeed." Members of the Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company can attest the truth of this saying. Join it and enjoy the benefits of its friendship. Rev. W. F. Graham, D. D. is president, while Mr. John T. Taylor handles the quill.

—We have received a photograph of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church of Washington, the largest colored church in America. The cost was \$80,000. An advertising notice may be seen in another column.

—Rev. and Mrs. E. I. Gaines of Brooklyn, N. Y., were made happy on the 1st inst. by the appearance of a very fine baby girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely under the skilled Dr. S. Stewart, wife of Chaplain Stewart.

—Rev. S. A. Anderson reports that he has met with great success. The one at Mt. Pebo Baptist Church, Powhatan Co., Va., Sept. 24, about 300 persons. The elder preached the sermon. He was assisted by the Rev. W. M. Robinson.

—Mrs. Lucy Lacy, Mrs. Lelia Bolling and Miss Seward of Washington, formerly of Richmond, Va., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins and Mrs. Goodrick. During their stay they had delightful time with Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Evans, and met many friends. They have returned home, and return many thanks for the hospitality shown.

—The Hobart Social Club of Long Branch, N. J., met Friday evening, Sept. 1st. The race problem was discussed. Suggestions were made by the president and recording secretary, A. J. Clark and Rev. A. Smallwood. The subject will be continued at the next meeting.

—Rev. Smallwood baptized 21 converts on last Sunday and added 25 to the church. The collection was \$46.75.

WINSTON-ANDERSON—The marriage of Miss Lizzie B. Anderson to Mr. John F. Winston took place Thursday, Aug. 31, 1899, at the residence of Rev. Holland Powell.

JONES-HICKMON—The marriage of Mrs. Amelia Hickmon to Mr. J. H. Jones will take place at the bride's residence, No. 200 W. 21st St., Manassas, Va., Tuesday morning, Sept. 12th at 8 o'clock sharp. Friends are invited. No cards.

HARRISON-ORNEY—Mr. James W. Harrison and Miss Alice Orney were married Aug. 30, '99, by Rev. K. Wells and are at home to their friends, No. 1008 Cassin St.

18th Anniversary.

The eighteenth anniversary of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church will convene at the said named church, beginning the third Sunday in September, 1899.

The following ministers are respectfully invited to assist us: Rev. G. C. Coleman of Manchester will preach at 11:30 a. m.; Rev. H. E. Williams will preach at 3:30 p. m.; Rev. F. Williams will preach at 8 p. m.; Rev. E. T. Hill will preach Monday night; Rev. R. Wells will preach Tuesday night; Rev. S. Binford will preach Wednesday night. All the ministers of the city are invited.

Rev. A. FERGUSON, Pastor,
R. D. SMITH, Sec'y.

FULTON ITEMS.

Rev. F. W. Williams having been called home on account of the illness of his mother, Rev. Mr. C. C. Boone had charge of his church all day last Sunday. At 11:30 A. M. his discourse was profound. At 8 P. M. he handled well the subject, "Sanctification" preaching from Mark 4:23. "First the blade, then the ear, and after that the full ear of corn in the ear."

The exercises of the Sunday School Union were very good. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Boone. Solos were sung by Misses Lu Wanda Ham and Gretha Randolph and the noted soloist Mr. C. C. Williams. Short and interesting addresses were made by Messrs. W. T. White, Nelson Williams, Jr., Wm. Sewell, E. L. Holmes.

Rev. A. Ferguson administered the Lord's Supper to a large congregation.

Rev. F. W. Williams will administer the Lord's Supper next Sunday.

Mrs. Amanda Hilliard is sick.

Mrs. Mary C. Scott of New York is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Florence Fields.

Mrs. Lucy Moore of the West End visited her daughter, Mrs. Florence Fields last week.

The entertainments at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church on Monday and Thursday nights were grand successes. We were pleased to greet Mrs. Clara Tyler and Miss Rebecca Braxton at home again.

There will be a grand entertainment at the Rising Mt. Zion Church next Monday night. Come and enjoy yourselves.

Miss Brown Passes Away.

New York, Sept. 3, '99.

Miss Maria Brown, formerly of Richmond, Va., who has been residing in Washington, D. C., and New York for the last 14 years, died in this city Sunday, August 27th. Her funeral was presided at the St. Paul Baptist Church on Wednesday night. Rev. J. H. Pleasant preached an able sermon from the 11th chapter of John. The church was crowded with her many friends, who turned out to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Her remains were interred in Mount Olivet cemetery, Brooklyn. She leaves two sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. The tribe of Joseph presented a beautiful floral design.

GOLDEN TYLER,
544 W. 39th St.

BRANCH-BOLLING—The marriage of Miss Alice C. Bolling to Mr. James E. Branch took place Thursday, Sept. 7, at 2 p. m., at the bride's parents, 911 St. James St. After a pleasant repast the happy couple boarded the train for Philadelphia, where they will spend sometime visiting their friends. Reception will be Friday, Sept. 15th from 8 to 11 p. m. at their residence, 1219 Beverly St.

THE GRAVES OF THE BURIED.

A HOT TIME.

Chairman Jackson Ruled.

MANY ORATORS TELL THEIR STORY.

ALL ABOUT THE CEMETARY.

Resolution Under the Table.—The Trustees Win.

The meeting at the Third St. A. M. E. Church, which was held for the purpose of dealing with the injunction which was obtained by William H. Beveridge, Esq., from Judge Barham of Newport News, Va., restraining the trustees from interring bodies in any of the cemeteries adjacent to Barton Heights was remarkable in every way.

Giles B. Jackson called the body to order. James H. Hayes, Esq., and G. W. Lewis, Esq., were nominated for secretaries. The latter declined and Mr. Hayes was chosen.

TO PROCEED TO BUSINESS.

Mr. Colin T. Payne was an interested figure and insisted that they proceed to business. Much discussion followed.

A motion to exclude all who were not section owners, from participating in the meeting caused protests long and loud.

Mr. Richard Carter made an impassioned address. The motion to exclude was finally lost. Chairman Jackson was at times the central figure in an excited group.

Capt. Benjamin Scott assured the audience that he was a section owner, besides representing other parties. He delivered several impromptu speeches.

ONLY THE SECTION OWNERS.

Finally a motion was made and carried to record the names of the section owners. An exciting colloquy took place between Chairman Jackson and Mr. Armistead Walker which resulted in the chairman inviting him up to the rostrum to preside.

This invitation, however was not accepted but Mr. Walker continued to hold the floor.

After an intermission of about half an hour for the recording of the names of section owners, some one called for an explanation of the purpose of the meeting. The wildest discord ensued. Mr. James H. Hayes appealed for order.

MANY QUESTIONS ASKED.

There was a lull and after he proceeded to talk, he was plying with questions which added to the confusion, a spirited debate occurred between him and Capt. Ben Scott. Finally, Mr. Hayes sat down.

A motion was then made to hear from the trustees. This was bitterly opposed, but was overwhelmingly carried.

Mr. W. W. Fields then declared that the chair had been put in the cemetery without noting his objections. The chair replied blandly that it did not hear him and he was equally as courteously invited to become the presiding officer.

MR. CARTER SPEAKS HIS MIND.

The altercation between Lawyer Hayes and Mr. Richard Carter was heated and bitter. Mr. Carter declared that bodies had been buried in the cemeteries on Sunday, that the gates were not locked and that the trustees had not been restrained.

Mr. G. J. Porter, trustee, announced that this action now being taken was over the heads of the trustees, that they would meet the injunction at the proper time. He was interrupted by Rev. A. S. Thomas, who wanted to know, if now was not when would be the proper time. He did not get an answer.

Rev. James H. Holmes, D. D. who was one of the trustees was called for by the chair, to come to the front, but he insisted upon remaining with the audience. He said that no notice of an injunction had been served on him. He criticized the statements that there were no trustees of the cemeteries. He was one. The impression prevailed that there was trickery in the movement.

Mr. Isaac W. Carter simply stated that he was a trustee.

At the conclusion of the remarks of the trustees Capt. Scott, was again the centre of attraction and made a statement of his opinion of the affair.

THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

S. C. Scott, Esq., moved that a committee of five be appointed on resolutions. It was carried.

The committee retired and during its absence Mr. Wm. B. Cunningham and others spoke.

When the committee returned, it brought type-written resolutions. It set forth the condition of affairs and attempted no defense of the trustees. It provided that Messrs. Giles B. Jackson and James H. Hayes, Esq., be employed to represent the interests of the section owners and that a burial association be organized.

No sooner had the reading been concluded than a motion to receive was carried without opposition. Then bedlam broke.

J. Henry Crutchfield, Esq., opposed the resolutions.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EVENING.

Chairman Jackson ruled gracefully and impartially, although it was evident at times that he was angry enough to clean out all of his tormentors.

Finally Captain Scott moved to adopt the report by sections. This was pending when every one of the parliamentarians in the house were not ready.

Mr. Jacob Wright declared that he owned a section and would bury in it if he went to jail for it. He believed in employing the best counsel obtainable. A motion to table the resolutions was made and carried amidst confusion.

PROF. DAVIS TELLS IT ALL.

Prof. D. W. Davis spoke plainly. He thought that the impression prevailed generally that there was trickery in the movement and that the meeting had been called to set over the heads of the trustees. He was opposed to this. He thought one white and one colored lawyer should be employed.

Again pandemonium reigned, and when Prof. Davis yielded the floor a motion was made that the meeting adjourn subject to a call of trustees. This was carried with a shout. Thus the resolutions had been tabled and the meeting put under control of the very trustees whom the callers had opposed and criticized.

An Erroneous Report.

RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 6, 1899.

MR. EDITOR:

I desire to correct an erroneous report which is being circulated that the granting of the injunction against the colored cemeteries in Barton Heights was a scheme of W. Isaac Johnson and others to make money for themselves.

It is false in its entirety. I know nothing about the matter, until I saw it in the newspapers. I had not heard or thought of it before. I own a section in Spycroft Cemetery and am ready and willing to protect our interests in the premises.

W. ISAAC JOHNSON.

GOES TO THE SUPREME COURT.

Rev. Payne's Counsel Got a Writ of Error.

Rev. Evans Payne, pastor of the 4th Baptist Church, has decided to carry the case to the Supreme Court. The writ against him was for \$1500.

A writ of error was granted on Wednesday last by that body in session at Staunton, Va. This means that the case will be argued before the Supreme Court by counsel, no witnesses being heard. If that body thinks that the points presented are of sufficient importance or the errors made of a grievous nature the Law and Equity Court will be reversed and the case remanded for a new hearing at which time all of the evidence will be gone over and another verdict rendered.

It will be remembered that Judge Minor ruled that one of the points made by Rev. Payne's counsel was well taken but claimed that it was not of sufficient importance to justify him in setting aside the verdict.

If the Supreme Court takes a different view, the case will be much more favorable to Rev. Payne's interests. Hon. George D. Wise and Capt. A. B. Guigon and Edgar Allan, Jr. represent the interests of the divine.

FROM LYNOBURG.

Personal Items—Other Notes.

LYNOBURG, VA., Sept. 5, 1899.

Sir S. S. Baker of Maceo Lodge of your city was here last week. He aroused much interest in Pythianism.

The funeral service of Miss Aurelia Brown took place from Court St. Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 3d. She was accidentally burned on Friday from a lamp explosion.

A double marriage, Mr. Otho Grant Smith and Miss Katie Ann Fryor, Mr. Thomas A. Stevens and Miss Ellie B. Fryor took place at the residence of the bride's father, on 6th St., Tuesday, Sept. 5th, at 2 p. m., before a large concourse of friends. Miss Nellie B. Fryor, the bride, for the last twelve months has been the organist of Court St. Baptist Church, and for her faithful service was presented with a handsome silver set from the members of the church. The groom is employed in the government service in Washington and is highly thought of both in Lynchburg and Washington. The presents from their friends were numerous and costly.

The marriage of Mr. W. H. Higginbotham and Miss Nannie B. Bryant will take place from the residence of the bride's parents, No. 900 Park St., on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, at 9 p. m. The groom is chairman of the finance committee of Pioneer Lodge, K. of P., and the efficient clerk of Court St. Baptist Church. The bride has been for the last nine months clerk of the Richmond Mount Beneficial Insurance Co. (branch office) and both are highly thought of in church and social circles.

Mrs. Thomas R. Jefferson and little daughter, Ruby, are visiting next sister, Mrs. Adolph Johnson, No. 714 3d St., Richmond, Va.

T. E. J.

Pay the subscription promptly. The collector is patient, but you know he must be tired!

THEY WANT ELEVEN THOUSAND

Virginia Beach Co. Enters Suit.

Prominent Richmonders the Defendants.

The Sale of Beach Lots.—The Disagreement Not Yet Adjusted.—That Mortgage of \$3,000.00

Suit was entered in the Circuit Court of this city Saturday, Sept. 2d, by the Virginia Beach Co., of Norfolk, Va., against Mr. W. Isaac Johnson, Rev. H. T. Powell, Mr. D. J. Farrar, Mr. R. T. Hill, Mrs. M. A. Baowae, (widow of the late Rev. W. W. Browne) Mr. J. J. Carter, Mr. Sidney Stanton, Mr. W. P. Epps, Dr. A. W. G. Farrar and Mr. A. D. Price for the sum of eleven thousand dollars.

The parties concerned were somewhat reticent in speaking about the case, but it was ascertained that they had employed C. V. Meredith, Esq., ex-City Attorney and Mr. J. R. Poliard (colored) to defend their interests.

THE VISITOR FROM NORFOLK.

It seems that several months ago a Mr. Bowman of Norfolk came to the city and interested these gentlemen in lots on the Virginia Beach. He is said to have represented to them that the property was clear and offered to transfer the same to a syndicate composed of the persons named. They are said to have signed a contract by the terms of which they were to take charge of the lots aggregating ten thousand dollars, or whatever the number was not sold by Mr. Bowman after efforts had been made so to do in Richmond.

Mr. Nelson Williams, Jr., represented the Norfolk syndicate. The lots did not sell as rapidly as was expected, and this left a large number which Mr. Bowman insisted that the Richmond syndicate should take upon its hands.

MANY BOUGHT LOTS.

Still many persons here bought lots at \$25 each on the sandy beach, and it was stated that a clear title to the same could and would be given. Like the long looked for letter, it never came.

The person in this city became uneasy and sent a lawyer to Norfolk to examine the title to the property.

He searched the court record and it is said that he found that when the Virginia Beach Company made the contract with the Richmond syndicate, it did not have a deed to the property, that the said deed since obtained showed a mortgage of some three thousand dollars, which was also alleged to be well nigh all that the Norfolk syndicate had paid for all of the beach purchased.

BIG PROFIT ON THE INVESTMENT.

It was discovered then, so it is alleged that the Richmond people were to pay ten thousand dollars for only a part of what as a whole had cost only about the amount specified. There were some sad hearts in this city and the persons interested declined to contract further with the terms of the contract until the Virginia Beach Co., lifted the \$8000 mortgage.

All attempts on the part of the Richmond people to come to a satisfactory agreement having failed, the Virginia Beach Co., entered suit as herein set forth. The case will hardly come up before October next. The persons sued do not seem to doubt their ability to win their side of the controversy.

We are assured that the interests of those persons who purchased lots will be protected and that no loss to them will take place in any way.

WEST POINT GLEANING.

WEST POINT, Sept. 4, 1899.

Sunday being communion day at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, there was a large attendance. Services conducted by Rev. W. W. Harris assisted by Rev. R. J. Bass of Richmond. The Sunday School was rather poorly attended in the morning.

There has been much sickness in our town.

Mrs. Harriet is quite indisposed.

Mrs. Lucy B. Robinson is getting around again.

Mrs. W. T. Williams and many others are recovering slowly.

Malaria has played its right part on West Point this year.

Mr. S. S. Baker of Richmond was in town Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. I.

S. P. Robinson. Although his stay was short, he made it pleasant for those whom he came in contact.

Mrs. Nannie Barnett and Mrs. Tucker left Saturday for Lestor Manor, returned a. m.

There was a grand concert given by Mrs. Tucker of Baltimore, Tuesday P. M., August 20th.

The programme was fine and proceeds were fairly good.

Crabs and fish are biting very slowly.

Mr. Samuel Stuart of Richmond was in town Sunday.

Yours for success,
L. S. P. S.

Death on the Philippine Battlefield.

"A hundred feet behind the Chinese have a litter. They carry a silent form, I looked at the set features. A young boy of seventeen years. Ten minutes ago that was Healy—little Joe Healy, Company M, Thirtieth Regulars. Somebody in America to-day is a hap poorer because of the rich Philippines. Joe was terribly young. He had a surprised look of wonder on his face. What could Death have told him that surprised him so? Ask the Sphinx. Why did the tap-taps come out of the woods and cut his throat like that? Not mus; and happened to Joe. Only 'shot in the neck fatally.'"

ABUSED THE SOUTH.

A White Man Lynched.

Two strange white men, one of whom was armed with three pistols, a Winchester rifle and a dirk, visited Morgan Warren's home near Georgetown, Ga., Monday afternoon, Aug. 25th.

They began to denounce southern lynchings, and abused the virtue of southern white women. They refused to leave when ordered away. Warren went to Georgetown and secured assistance to effect their arrest.

As the posse returned one of the men arose from ambush and presented his rifle, when he was fired on and instantly killed. The other man disappeared. Neither was recognized. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

—Miss M. J. Reed has returned to the city from Arringtondale, Va., after spending a pleasant time with relatives and friends.

—Deacon W. H. White has returned to the city from a visit near Farmville, Va. He spent his vacation with his brother Oscar White, who although able to go about with him for ten days died about twenty days after his arrival there. Deacon White is the picture of health and steps about as active as a man of 20 years.

OWENS—Through a brick yard disaster in Catahill, N. Y., Crawford Owens lost his life Saturday, Aug. 28, 1899, at 9 o'clock in the 31st year of his age. He was a loving and kind husband and an indulgent father. The blow coming as it were a thunderbolt from a clear sky has bereaved wife and child alike. He leaves a loving wife, one child, two brothers and one sister to mourn their loss. His funeral took place from the Ebenezer Church last Tuesday, Aug. 29th, 1899. Rev. W. H. White officiated.

His wife,
MARTHA YANCY OWENS,
[Philadelphia, Pa. and New York City papers please copy]