



PYTHIANS IN SESSION. A HARMONIOUS SESSION. Fine Reports--Much Money in Treasure.

THE FEMALE DEPARTMENT--GRAND STREET PARADE--EXCURSION FROM NORFOLK.

LYNCHBURG, VA., July 17, 1900. Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr., in company with a car load of Knights of Pythias and members of the female department, Courts of Calanthe arrived here yesterday afternoon over the C. & O. Route. Before day this morning five coaches loaded down with members of the order from Norfolk, Va., came in. The Grand Lodge convened promptly at True Reformers' Hall at 10 A. M. Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr., presiding. Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was also at his post. Sir J. M. Booth was appointed Grand Vice Chancellor in place of Sir L. S. Luton, who was unable to be present. The other stations were Rev. J. H. Brice, Grand Prelate; Sir Jesse Scruggs, Grand Master-at-Arms; Sir Wm. M. Reid, Grand Master of Exchequer; Sir Wm. Roy, Grand Medical Director; Sir Wm. Ellis, Jr., Grand Inner Guard; Sir Joshua Ellis, Grand Outer Guard; Sir Alexander Jones, Grand Marshal and Sir L. W. Holbrook, Past Grand Chancellor. After the report of the committee on credentials, the address of the Grand Chancellor was read. It showed remarkable progress on the part of the order. \$6050.00 has been paid on endowment in 27 months.

MONEY REPORTED. The total amount received in the endowment department was \$7831.06. Expended \$4457.71, leaving a balance of \$3373.35. The total amount in the Grand Lodge treasury outside of this was \$1649.98, making in all \$5023.33. The reports of the Grand Master of Exchequer and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal were read. After the filling of vacancies on the several committees and hearing from the representatives from the several lodges, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THE GRAND COURT IN SESSION. The Grand Court met at 4 P. M. today with Grand Worthy Counselor John Mitchell, Jr., in the chair. Grand Worthy Register of Deeds was also in charge of the records. After opening in ritualistic form the committee were appointed. Mrs. A. S. Thomas was Grand Worthy Inspector; Mrs. Anna Taylor, Grand Worthy Senior Directress; Mrs. Sylvia L. Mitchell, Grand Worthy Lecturer; Mrs. E. Elford Wesley, Grand Worthy Recorder; Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Grand Worthy Herald; Sir L. W. Holbrook, Grand Worthy Protector; Mrs. Josephine Graham, Grand Worthy Receiver of Deposits; Mrs. Harriet Thompson, Chief of Regalia Department.

THE STAFF'S DISPLAY. The staff showed up grandly. Brigadier-General John Mitchell, Jr., was accompanied by Col. Caspar Rowlett of the Major-General's staff. Then came Col. Jesse Scruggs, acting Chief of Staff and Col. John R. Chiles, acting Adjutant General; Col. E. R. Jefferson, Assistant Surgeon General; Major John J. Bly, aid-de-camp; Major C. H. Green, aid-de-camp, J. Ed.

MEETING WITH SUCCESS.

Prof. Booker T. Washington writes that the effort to organize a National Negro Business League at Boston, August 23-24, 1900, is meeting with the most gratifying commendation and assistance from business men and women in every section of the country. It is to be understood that this organization is for colored people who are engaged in the most humble lines of business as well as for those who are engaged in the higher lines of trade. Few people understand how many successful colored men and women there are who are engaged in business of all kinds in remote towns and are succeeding in a quiet way. The object of this organization will be to get hold of these people and give them such encouragement and advice as will enable them to do more and a better business. At the same time a better organization will be made of the enterprises at the rate that is much to help and strengthen it in the eyes of the world. All persons engaged in business who have not yet communicated with Mr. Washington are urged to do so at Tuskegee, Alabama, at once. Such an effort deserves and should receive the hearty encouragement and assistance of every man and woman of the race interested in its future.

National Baptist Convention the Topic of the Day.

Next Monday night the general committee getting ready for the convention will meet with the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (Church Hill). Rev. Eli Tartt, the gifted pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church will preach the sermon. Persons attending these services from this side of the city will take Broad St. red light cars or the cars running to Oakwood cemetery; get off at 25th street and will have a very short distance to walk. W. F. Graham, President; James H. Chiles, Secretary.

The Misses Mary E. and Rachel A. Tharps and their uncle, Mr. Charlie Harris visited Miss Lillie Colligan of Blackstone, Notoway Co., Va., for a few days last week and had a very pleasant trip.

Mr. James F. Bundy of Washington, D. C. called on us in company with Mr. J. W. Johnson.

Mr. E. Scott of Chicago, Ill., is in the city, the guest of his brother, Capt. Ben. Scott.

Mr. Edinboro Archer, formerly of Richmond, but now of Baltimore and Mr. Charles Robinson spent a short while in the city visiting parents and friends.

First Baptist Church Sunday Night Services.

Rev. R. J. Bass preached an eloquent sermon before an interesting congregation last Sunday night, July 15. The singing by the choir was full of delightful harmony and gave evidence of much training under Prof. W. H. Tharps. Next Sunday night, July 22d, at 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. H. Fautner will preach. Special music will be rendered. Rev. J. H. Holmes.

White Boys Commit Assault.

STREATOR, ILL., July 11, 1900. John Hono, Thomas Hyeback and George Kramer, three boys criminally assaulted a little girl last Sunday evening. The boys ages are 15, 14 and 13. All three are white. No excitement is prevailing. The boys were bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the sums of \$500 and \$200.

[Oxford, Miss., Enterprise.]

John Mitchell, Jr.'s editorial in the Richmond, Va. PLANTER, a paper of which he is editor, on the "separate car law" which has just gone into effect in that State, was one of the most logical articles we have read in many a day, yet the separate car law in that State if report be true is not at all what we term as "Jim Crow Cars." They have equal accommodations, only separate apartments.

[Omaha, Neb., Enterprise.]

The colored people of Virginia are taking the "separate coach" law philosophically, despite the predictions to the contrary. They are riding on the cars only when necessity demands and so long as the railroads adhere to the letter of the law, which provides separate but equal accommodations for both races, there will be no friction. Editor Mitchell of the Richmond PLANTER, than whom there is not a better posted man on the southern situation, takes a hopeful view of the matter and predicts that while the new law is crushing and humiliating now, it will eventually work to the Negro's advantage, in as much as "all radical movements on the part of Negro-havers have finally redounded to our benefit."

THE GOLD DEMOCRATS.

Mr. Bryan Thinks, Will Vote For the Kansas City Ticket.

IMPERIALISM PARAMOUNT ISSUE.

Anti-Imperialists Who Vote Against the Democratic Party on Account of Silver Plank Prefer a Gold Standard Empire to Bimetallism Republic. Lincoln, Neb., July 18.—William J. Bryan's attention was called yesterday to the fact that some anti-imperialists had announced they would be opposed to him on account of the silver plank in the platform, and he was asked as to whether this fact would seriously affect the anti-imperialist vote. He said: "Several gold standard opponents of imperialism have already announced their intention to support the Democratic ticket, although the Anti-Imperialist league has not yet officially taken a position on the matter. In such a matter each individual is governed by his own views as to the relative importance of the issues. The Democratic platform declares the question of imperialism to be the paramount issue. If any opponent of imperialism refuses to support the Democratic ticket because of the silver plank it must be because he considers the money question more important than the Philippine question; that is, he prefers a gold standard empire to a bimetallic republic. When the test comes I believe that those who adhere to the doctrine that governments derive their just powers not from superior forces, but from the consent of the governed, will support our ticket, even though they do not endorse the silver plank. A large majority of the Democrats believe that a restoration of bimetalism would prove a blessing, but the anti-imperialists who dispute this will admit that any evils that might arise from bimetalism could be corrected more easily than the evils which would follow from the deliberate endorsement of militarism and imperialism."

After the St. Louis Railway.

St. Louis, July 18.—Attorney General Crow yesterday filed in the state supreme court quo warranto proceedings against the St. Louis Transit company, the United Railways company and the National Railway company, asking that their charters be revoked. The petition recites that the United Railways company has not conformed with its charter and that the companies have violated the state law in capitalizing for more than is allowed under the state law and for more than the actual value of their tangible and intangible properties.

Blanket Indians Defiant.

Red Lake, Minn., July 18.—A large force is being armed here in anticipation of trouble with the Blanket Indians across the lake. They were given until last night to desist in their war dance, but it is reported they have not done so. It was rumored last night that a member of the Indian police force had been fired on from an ambush. It is feared the Canadian Indians will join the Blanketers if hostilities are opened.

Moore's Sentence Confirmed.

New York, July 18.—The appellate division of the supreme court yesterday handed down a decision affirming the judgment of the lower court in the case of William A. Moore, of Cleveland, who was convicted of "badgering" Martin Mahon, and who was sentenced to 18 years in prison. His wife, Fayne Strahan Moore, escaped by the unwillingness of her alleged victim, Mahon, since dead, to testify against her.

Colombia's Double Calamity.

Atrato, Colombia, July 17.—Bocas del Toro has been visited by a terrible gale, which destroyed many buildings and banana plantations. Immediately after the gale a fearful fire swept the town, destroying its finest buildings. The situation is said to be desperate, the people being demoralized over the dual catastrophe. The fire originated through carelessness in the Chinese quarter.

Big Steel Plant Closed Down.

Lorain, O., July 17.—The big steel plant of the Federal Steel company here has been closed, throwing 4,000 men out of work. It is announced that the Bessemer plant will remain idle for about two weeks for repairs, but the blast furnaces have been closed for an indefinite period. It is said that there is a stock of pig iron on hand sufficient to run the mills for six months.

Killed by Her Little Cousin.

Morrilton, N. J., July 18.—Mrs. Charles Ketch, 22 years old, of Morris Plains, was accidentally shot and instantly killed here Monday night by her 12-year-old cousin, George Ketch. The boy was playing with an old shotgun, which he pointed at her. The weapon was discharged, and the contents struck Mrs. Ketch in the head, the whole top of which was blown off.

The Boston Chemical Co. Has Entered Suit for \$6000 Against the Harbors Remedy Co.

It alleges that their copyright has been infringed by the latter company.

FROM PORTSMOUTH.

Miss Emily Dickson, the organist of the Third Baptist Church was united in matrimony Wednesday.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church carried the largest number of people from this city carried this summer by any one excursion to the Delaware Park. It is supposed they will net \$175.

The Criterion Social Club ran their annual excursion to National Soldiers Home on Thursday. The day was a beautiful one and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Miss Ada Robinson, who has spent quite a while at the National Capitol, returned this week.

Mr. Julius Martin, whose time has expired in the Navy, has returned home to spend a while with his family.

The Baltimore Union Club will run their annual excursion to Richmond on July 20th. Train will leave Norfolk and Western at 8:20 a. m. All are invited.

Miss Mary Jordan, formerly of this city, but now of New York, is visiting relatives living on Glasgow Street, extended.

Little India Myers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Myers has returned from her country visit.

Miss Lelia Smith and Carrie E. Johnson of Richmond visited our city on Sunday. They were accompanied by Messrs. E. S. Holmes and W. H. Jennings.

Mr. William Turner of this city made the third attempt at suicide on the morning of Tuesday, 17th. Mr. Turner on the said morning shot himself in the neck, but it is not thought to be fatal.

The Emanuel A. M. E. Church and Sunday School ran the largest colored excursion this season on the 11th to the National Soldiers Home, and netted \$237 and some cents.

The Rev. Daniel P. Seaton, pastor of Emanuel A. M. E. Church will preach the seventh sermon of his series Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. All are invited. THORNTON NASH.

Miss Ida B. Glover arrived from New York Monday.

Prof. G. W. Hayes of Lynchburg was in the city and called on us this week.

Miss Cora B. Epps left the city Wednesday for Albemarle Co., Va., for the summer.

The Governor and Mayor of the city have accepted the invitation to address the National Baptist Convention.

SURPRISED LED.

RICHMOND, VA., July 18, 1900. The residence of Mrs. Millus Jones, No. 1009 N. St. John St., was the scene of much pleasure and gaiety on the above date; the occasion being a surprise led by Miss Nannie E. Lewis in honor of Miss Ollie Crawford of Staunton, Va. The participants were Misses Mamie Harvey, Eva Brown, Gertrude Brown, Minnie Funn, Patience Scott, Minnie Scott, Roena Gardner, Mrs. Mamie Haskins, Annie Shaffer, of Petersburg, Va., Fannie Epps, Koss Epps, Cecelia Earley; Messrs. J. Nelson Briggs, George Tinsley, Robert Spencer, Samuel Jackson, Richard Washington, Andrew Dabney, Walter Jones, Joseph Taylor, Andrew Jackson, William Smith, Willie Mason. Games of interest were indulged in until a late hour, after which refreshments were served under the skillful management of J. Nelson Briggs.

FROM HARTFORD.

The Union Excursion that was given by the Talcott St. Congregational, the Union Baptist, the A. M. E. Zion and Shiloh Baptist Churches, all four being the Afro-American churches, was quite a success. The patronage numbered between four and five hundred, all of whom were headed for a good time. The train pulled out from the Central New England depot at 8:45 o'clock July 13, 1900, for the lake, Congomond, arriving at said lake about 10:15.

MASONIC NOTES.

Friday night, 6th inst. Commonwealth Lodge, No. 81, met. Because of Soli's great strength attendance was small. Ed. Randolph, W. M.; Fleming Goodman, S. W.; Frederick Goodman, J. W.; J. A. Smith, Sec.; Deacon Smith, Treas.

Monday night, 9th inst. Charity Lodge, No. 25, met. Meeting good. Attendance fair. Capt. R. A. Paul, W. M.

Tuesday night, 10th. Social Lodge, No. 6 met. Meeting good, having returned from the interment of their beloved brother and noted citizen, Edward Jefferson, after having passed through many days and months of affliction.

Wednesday, 11th inst. Trinity Lodge, No. 44, met. Meeting good. We are glad to note that they are putting forth every effort for the up building of the lodge. We hope much success under her new master, Bro. Walker W. Mason, S. W.; H. H. Allen, J. W.; N. Pries, Sec.; T. Robinson, Treas.; T. Studley, Tiler.

Friday night, 13th inst. Henrico Lodge, No. 41, met. Meeting good. Attendance good. W. Master, W. R. Minor.

P. Master Hall, Bro. R. H. Hill and Bro. J. Jackson, of King David, No. 28, are yet sick. CORBEN.

GRAND OUTING AND LAWN PARTY.

You are respectfully invited to attend the Grand Outing and Lawn Party, given at Winddale Park Monday, July 23d, from 8 to 11:30 p. m. Refreshments a la carte. Tickets, allowing transfers all around as well as admission in the Park—20c. Otherwise, single person, 15c.; couple 25c. Committee—J. R. Griffin, Jr., J. Alex. Lewis, Chas. B. Carter.

FROM NEWPORT, R. I.

The Mt. Olivet Baptist Church was packed from the pulpit to the door with visitors to witness the Sunday School exercises, which convened in the evening. Much credit is due the young people and children for their essays, recitation and beautiful solos. Miss Ruth Chase presided at the organ.

The Mt. Olivet Baptist Church kindly asks the assistance of friends in a grand rally which will take place on the following Sundays, July 22 and 29 and also on Thursday evening, July 26th. Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., of Augusta, Ga., now pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, New York, will preach. We invite all to come and hear this Spurgeon of the Negro race.

The Charles Sumner Monument Association of Rhode Island meets Monday night. Everybody is invited. Hon. George T. Downing, state commissioner; Rev. E. Richardson, president; Mr. Thomas Glover, treasurer.

Mrs. Eli Boardley, who has been confined to her bed with sickness is able to be around the room.

Sir Knight E. T. Johnson is out again in his duties.

Mr. Daniel A. Agg's of New York is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William H. Agger.

CAMP MEETING.

Grand Union Camp Meeting Services will be held at Winddale Park on Sundays, July 22nd and 29th, under the direction of the Rev. Edward Gundry, of the Leigh St. A. M. E. Church. The services are arranged at the hours of 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 5:30 p. m., in order that all may attend and yet reach home in time to attend night services.

On next Sunday, the Revs. L. J. Valentine, W. R. Gullins and T. B. Banks will preach for us. Plenty of good preaching and singing will characterize the services. All are invited and welcome. Come, help in the work of the Lord.

Third St. A. M. E. Church Sunday Services.

Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 8:30 p. m., by Rev. E. H. Bolden, B. D., Presiding Elder of the Richmond District. On Tuesday night, 24th inst., the Rev. B. F. Lee, D. D., of Wilberforce, O., Bishop of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and the District of Columbia will preach. Bishop Lee is one of the ablest men of the race. All are invited. W. R. GULLINS, pastor.

THOS. W. MITCHELL

Monument Association.

The committees are enthusiastic over the outlook for the monument, they propose to erect over the late lamented Col. Thomas W. Mitchell, of whom it may be truly said, a more gallant, chivalrous knight never backed a friend or breast a foe than "Tom" Mitchell.

The officers of the association are fully convinced that they will be able to unveil the monument by the middle of September, at which time they expect to have the grandest Pythian parade ever seen in this state. The association is fully aware of the magnitude of the work they have before them, to have everything in readiness in so short a space of time; but being very much encouraged with the prompt and ready response, backed by the very energetic committee, they feel fully able to measure up to the requirements of the undertaking. Therefore, we call upon every true and loving Sir Knight and friend in general to help us in this grand and noble cause. Let us have your subscription at once. Show your true Pythianism and your friendship and let us erect this monument to this grand and noble, true and tried Sir Knight.

The following is the subscription list:

- J. Henry Taylor, \$2.00
Capt. W. Henry Stokes, 2.00
D. W. Davis, A. M., 1.00
John L. Taylor, 1.00
B. H. Peyton, 2.00
A. D. Priebe, 5.00
J. R. Griffin, Jr., 1.00
Hlyssus Briggs, 1.00
Winston D. Payne, 2.00
Thomas M. Crump, 1.00
W. A. Kyles, 1.00
James W. Thompson, 1.00
Isham Mann, 1.00
Rev. W. F. Graham, 2.00
W. Henry Walton, 2.00
J. A. Smith, 1.00
Charles A. Hall, 1.00
James A. Dixon, 1.00
John R. Coghlin, 1.00
Robbery Mosby, 2.00
Col. E. F. Robinson, 2.00
Rev. J. H. Brice, 1.00
J. O. Farley, 2.00
Mrs. B. A. Foster, 1.00
Rev. W. W. Wines, Jr., 1.00

The amounts subscribed and the names of the donors will be published each week in the columns of this paper.

Mrs. G. A. Foster of Planet Court has the distinction of being the first lady to subscribe. Now let all other ladies follow. Subscriptions can be left with Thomas M. Crump, treasurer, 504 N. 2nd St.

The association meets every Tuesday evening at 8 p. m., at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. The full committee is expected to meet next Tuesday evening. B. H. Peyton, President; J. A. Smith, Secretary; Thomas M. Crump, treasurer.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

When men are earnest and love their work God, they never tire. Last Sunday was a hot day, but it did not discourage the men. God gave them strength for the day's work.

At 10 a. m. last Sunday, chairman R. E. Edwards had the rooms open for the committee.

The jail committee held three meetings last Sunday in the city jail. One with the colored boys and men. One with the colored and white women, third, with the white men. The prisoners gave the very best attention and showed signs of impression. These meetings were conducted by Brother Stephen Braxton, assisted by Brother James Hennes, president of the boys' department, Brother Clifton Cabell and our general secretary, S. C. Burrell. The new force of officers of the jail made us welcome.

The committee on the almshouse work made a good report for last Sunday. Committee, Bro. F. W. Quackenbush and Bro. Stephen Braxton. The boys enjoyed their meeting last Sunday. Subject, "Moses." Bro. R. E. Edwards gave the message last Sunday a very profitable address. Subject, "Work."

Meetings Sunday—11 a. m., city jail and 3 p. m., almshouse. Boys' meeting Sunday, 4 p. m.; men's meeting Sunday, 8:30 p. m.

Miss Harper Assaulted.

Last Monday night at 8 o'clock some unknown man snatched Miss Mary Harper's purse from her hand while out walking with her sister, Miss Harper had just bought some fruit from a stand at 3rd and Broad street and displayed a role of money and some jewelry in searching her purses for the proper change. The case is now in the hands of the police. The shock was a great one and Miss Harper had not fully recovered when seen by a reporter at her home Wednesday evening. Miss Nannie Bowler was in attendance and paying close attention to her two friends.