

TRUE REFORMERS COMPLETE BUSINESS.

Few Changes Made.—Rev. Taylor in Charge of Myrtle Grove.—His Son Loses Job.—True Reformers Bank to be Revolutionized.

STOCK HOLDERS TO MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS.

The Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers adjourned last week, but the Board of Directors has been in session this week. The upheaval there has left practically all of the employees on "the anxious seat." Ex-Grand Master William L. Taylor has been given the designation of Past Grand Worthy Master, a position created for the purpose and it is understood that he will be given a job at a salary of one hundred dollars per month. Some say his task will be to have charge of Myrtle Grove, an existing settlement and some others that he is to have charge of the new Old Folks' Home.

ONE GONE.

His son, Mr. Thomas Taylor will lose his place as superintendent of Old Folks' Home. Most of the contemplated changes, it is said are of an appointive character and the present incumbents will hold over until the first of the year, when many heads are scheduled to drop in the basket. The True Reformers' Bank will receive attention. Mr. William P. Burrell will succeed Rev. Taylor as its president.

MUST SEPARATE BANK.

The state officials in charge of this department through the Bureau of Insurance have discontinued the organization of savings banks in connection with fraternal and insurance institutions and the two branches must be divorced and kept separate. This will result in the relinquishing of all title and interest on the part of the savings bank, Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers. This will apply too to other institutions.

HAVE REDUCED SALARIES.

A radical reduction in the salaries of the officers of the Grand Fountain has been made and it is announced that the secretary observed in stating just what each officer receives for his services will be abolished. The Grand Fountain has been so far behind in paying its death claims that it is said that in some cities, Pittsburgh being named specifically, undertakers would not accept True Reformer policies in payment for burials.

WILL IMPROVE CONDITIONS.

The new management proposes to improve this condition and efforts are being made to so arrange payments as to win the favor of the many creditors. The report published in these columns last week caused a rush for PLANETS and the office sold out and had to go to press again in order to supply the heavy demand.

MORE ABOUT THE BANK.

It is unofficially announced that for the first time in its existence there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Bank, Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers. It was thought that the board would elect officers and install Mr. W. P. Burrell as president of the institution, but owing to circumstances, the matter was postponed until November 30, 1910. It seems that there will be two candidates put forward by their respective friends. One of them is a very prominent resident of this city. It is not known whether he would accept the honor if it were officially tendered him, but his friends seem to think that he can be induced to accept.

Mechanics' Savings Bank Buys More Property.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank has recently purchased a lot in Lee District, fronting on the southeast of Broad Street and near Allen Avenue. It is about five hundred yards from the Lee monument. It has purchased the property, belonging to the Ahern estate on the northeast corner of Third and Leigh Streets.

Free Dispensary.

Free Dispensary University College of Medicine, Clay and Twelfth Streets, is now open for patients from 11 to 1 o'clock every day.

E. S. MORRIS ELECTED

Grand Master of Colored Odd Fellows at Final Session.

The final contest between the administration and insurgent forces of the bi-ennial movable committee of the Colored Odd Fellows' convention occurred during the closing session which began at 12:30 o'clock Friday afternoon and continued without interruption until nearly 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The administration forces won an overwhelming victory over the opposition by electing E. S. Morris as grand master, and the remainder of the ticket.

The session began at 12:30 o'clock Friday with an argument concerning the admission of the minutes, which resulted in a victory for the administration. The announcement that followed a short while later that the insurgents had retaliated for their alleged grievances by securing an injunction requiring them to postpone the election until the committee on credentials had reported and the roll called if demanded by five delegates created excitement. Finally this was demanded Friday night by the insurgents, and the calling of the roll of 1,500 delegates, each of whom voted on the candidates individually, meant hard work on all concerned and an all-night session.

The administration forces were especially bitter in their criticism of those responsible for the issuance of the restraining order, and they were joined in their criticism by some of the insurgents. It was pointed out that rules had been adopted early in the day, the provisions of which were similar to the demands of the injunction.

Things got to fever heat Friday night when Rev. Dr. St. Decker Johnson, one of the secretaries, declared it was beyond reason and human endurance to keep men in confinement because of the differences among aspirants for office, and many of the delegates jumped to their feet to speak in the same strain. City Councilman, Harry S. Cummings finally quieted the delegates by explaining the provisions of the injunction, and then the calling of the roll began.

Rev. E. P. Jones, the defeated candidate for grand master, took his defeat in good grace. The list of officers elected follows: E. S. Morris, Chicago, grand master; Henry Lincoln Johnson, Atlanta, deputy grand master; Julius C. Johnson, this city, grand treasurer; James F. Needham, Philadelphia, grand secretary; W. David Brown, George W. Ayres, Ohio; George Noel, West Virginia; C. A. House, Alabama; G. A. Shely, Florida, grand directors and W. W. Lawrence, North Carolina; T. P. Turner, Tennessee, L. N. Porter, Arkansas, grand auditors.

The new grand master is about 50 years of age. He is said to be one of the most successful colored lawyers in the country and has served as a member of the Illinois Legislature. The retiring grand master, W. L. Houston, is associated with him in the practice of law. The next session will be held at Atlanta, Ga. Yesterday's session was the final one.—Baltimore Sun, September 18, 1910.

NEGRO ODD FELLOWS IN COURT

Maryland Members Say They Were "Frozen Out" in Elections.

Trouble among the colored Odd Fellows, now in convention here, culminated yesterday in a suit in Circuit Court No. 2 against the grand officers and directors of the order, who are charged with having taken unlawful and arbitrary possession of the convention and "freezing out" many of those legally entitled to participate in the proceedings.

The suit was brought by Charles W. Pullett, Robert E. Ford, Noah W. Moore and Horace Townsend, who say they are Maryland members of the order, against Grand Master Wm. L. Houston, Deputy Grand Master L. M. Porter, Grand Secretary James F. Needham, Grand Treasurer, B. J. Davis and Grand Directors S. P. Woodland, A. T. Shirley, George H. Mays, Julius C. Johnson and W. W.

Lawrence. Suit was instituted through Attorneys S. Johnson Poe and Marbury & Gosnell.

All the complainants, the bill states are members of the fifteenth bi-ennial movable committee of the order, which is authorized to elect officers and direct the affairs of the order. It is alleged that the defendants have conspired to unlawfully retain control of the funds, property and offices of the order. Through the agency of the police, it is alleged, who naturally acted under the direction of those in charge of the convention, large numbers of members have been excluded from the meetings, and large numbers of non-members admitted. The defendants are charged with conducting the proceedings contrary to the rules of the order and with declining to permit roll calls or division when called for.

The court is asked to declare null and void the election of Charles S. Smith and W. D. Johnson as temporary secretaries and H. P. Slaughter as editor and manager of the Odd Fellows' Journal and printing plant, to compel the defendants to proceed according to the rules of the order and to prohibit them from excluding members of the order from the meetings.

The injunction asked for was granted by Judge Stockbridge upon the filing of a bond for \$1,000.—Baltimore, Md. Sun, September 17, 1910

GRAND HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH IN SESSION

Unlike Their Brothers They are Holding a Quiet and Peaceful Meeting and Harmony Reigns—Old Officers Re-elected.

In striking contrast to the turbulent scenes that have characterized the meeting of the Bi-ennial Movable Committee of the Grand United Order of Old Fellows, the Household of Ruth, the female department of the order has conducted its business in a harmonious and fraternal spirit. The sessions are being held in the Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church, presided over by the Most Worthy Grand Superior, Mrs. M. A. Parker of the District of Columbia.

Considerable routine business has been transacted so that today will witness the conclusion of its business with the election of officers. Mrs. Parker has made an acceptable official and on the conclusion of her annual address was greeted with an enthusiastic offer for re-election by acclamation, which she declined preferring to have the election come up in the regular way.

Nearly 500 delegates were seated by the committee on credentials and the various working committees have been busy at work during the week. Proposals, revision of the laws, memorial services in honor of the two deceased officials, Wm. T. Forester, of Richmond, Va., Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Emma Ruffin, of Massachusetts, Grand Shepherd, will take place today.

A memorial to the Bi-ennial Movable Committee, praying that the Household of Ruth be given entire charge of all its financial affairs was presented to that body. The following officers were elected Friday: Most Worthy Grand Superior, Mrs. Mary A. Parker, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. A. A. Edwards, of New Orleans, La., Worthy Grand Superior; Worthy Grand Recorder, Mrs. B. E. de Toscano, New York. Nearly all of the other officers will be re-elected with the exception of Treasurer, the place becoming vacant by the death of that officer during the year.

Greetings were received from Grand Master Houston and the 15th B. M. C. on Friday. Mrs. Mary R. Burkett, corresponding secretary of the local committee has been untiring in her efforts looking after the comforts of the visiting delegates. — The Afro-American Ledger.

All persons owing our agent, Mr. Joseph Evans, Pittsburg Pa., will please call and settle with him.



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"Can Teddy 'Come Back?'"

Ready for the Roosevelt Band Wagon

The Negro Business League in its recent meeting passed a vote pledging support for the presidency. This action did not strike the Georgia Baptist man favorably. He has never forgiven Mr. Roosevelt for discharging in dishonor the battalion of the 25th regiment of union soldiers; and the insult to the colored race, given by the president in his attempt to justify his action. Since that time Mr. Roosevelt has made several public speeches, and in them he has put himself in a better light before us. His criticism of the United States Supreme Court has our most cordial endorsement. The indications that a "New National Party" may be organized with Mr. Roosevelt at its head are propitious and as things look now we can see no reason why the colored vote of the whole country should not go in a body to this party. The present democratic party must be against the colored man to live. This is specially true in the South and the south is the only section of the country where democratic strength is unquestioned. The democratic party must go against the Negro or die. The republican party of the nation has become so entangled with new issues that it finds itself frequently in need of democratic help in the National Congress and in securing this help it frequently finds it necessary to let the democrats of the South treat the Negro as they please. We all know what this means. A new party with such as Mr. Roosevelt and others, white and colored in the lead would revolutionize the politics of the country and the Supreme Court of the country would be obliged to give up the rules of interpretation of law adopted a hundred years ago and bring them into line with this twentieth century civilization which means to give every man an equal chance in life's race, and a "square deal" among his fellow men. If Mr. Roosevelt will head such a party as this we are for him and the party against the world.—Augusta, Ga. Baptist.

Two Killed by Lamp Explosion
Infant and Colored Nurse Die From Effects of Burns; Another Escapes.
As the result of the explosion of an alcohol lamp Friday morning, September 16th, Henry Vranian, the fourteen-month-old son of Manuel Vranian, 922 East Broad Street and Lassie Webber, the colored nurse in charge of the infant at the time, are dead, and Ethel Vranian, three years old, is seriously, but not fatally burned.

The accident occurred shortly before 9 o'clock, when the nurse went into a front room to tell the children it was time to get up. Father and mother were in their store, at 922 East Broad Street. Ethel arose and picked up the child and walked in the other room, where she stood, with the baby in her arms, watching the nurse light the alcohol lamp. How it happened is not known, but there was an explosion, and the burning alcohol was scattered over the room, quantities of it falling on the nurse and children. Ethel staggered away, and the infant fell on the floor. The nurse was covered with flames. She attempted ineffectually to beat out the flames on her own body and on the child. But both were terribly burned, the baby so badly that its body was almost crisp.

C. D. Hirschberg and W. C. Angle, firemen, stationed in the Broad Street engine house, heard the agonized cries for help, and rushed to the house. They forced the door open and the nurse and baby still burning. Mr. and Mrs. Vranian had also heard the cries, and they followed hard on the heels of the firemen. They were heartbroken by the sight. The firemen extinguished the flames in a few seconds, and the city ambulance was called. Dr. Hagan responded. While he worked on the infant, Chauffeur Drake gave help to the nurse, bathing her burns in oil and wrapping her about with bandages. Her clothing was burned from her body, and nearly all the skin had been destroyed.

Both patients were removed to the City Hospital, where the baby died at 12:25 o'clock, the nurse dying at 8:10 o'clock last night. Ethel was not dangerously burned and will recover. Damage to the room and furniture was slight, for the firemen arrived in time to prevent the flames from spreading.

Announcement.
The marriage of Mr. Frederick D. Goodman and Miss Florence Evelyn Burke will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Burke, No. 7 Jackson Street, Swansboro, Va., on Thursday evening, September 29th, at 8:30 o'clock. Reception at the above address Sunday, October 2, from 5 to 10 P. M. Friends are invited. No cards.

5TH ST. BAPT. CHURCH.

Located, Cor. 5th and Jackson Sts., RICHMOND, VA.

Weekly News Column.

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Services at Fifth Street Baptist Church Sunday were well attended. Among the ministers present at morning service were: Rev. W. W. Wines, Jr., A. D. Ayers; W. H. Watkins, who is in charge during the absence of Pastor W. F. Graham; and Rev. Dr. J. C. Brown, of Flushing, New York. Rev. Dr. Brown preached morning and night; both sermons were extra good and filled with wholesome instructions. The congregation was thoroughly satisfied and best preachers in our race, and deserves much credit for the success made in the ministry. He left Monday for his home to begin his work at his church after an absence of a month on vacation. May God bless him in his labor and crown his efforts with success, is the wish of the Fifth Street Baptist Church.

Rev. Dr. D. Webster Davis will break bread Sunday at communion. Come out on time and commune with the Lord. The choir sang sweet music Sunday suited to the sermons preached by Dr. J. C. Brown. Owing to the absence of the organist, Miss Edmonia Anderson who is away on vacation, Mr. E. H. Fauntleroy played the large pipe organ. He did well and had made much progress along musical lines.

Don't fail to attend prayer service Wednesday night. These meetings are beneficial. Come out and praise the Lord for his manifold blessings.

R. Y. P. U. meeting nights: Friday night of each week. President John W. Howard desires to see the members next Friday night. Be on time.

(The Sunday School is steadily increasing along all lines. Supt. Prof. R. H. Peyton opened school Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Many of the officers and teachers were present on time. Next Sunday let all be present. Teachers taught classes thirty minutes. Everything seemed cheerful and future bright. All are welcome. Whosoever will come is invited to engage in this great work. Be on time Sunday morning—Estelle D. Ward.)

The clubs are preparing for the coming rally in October. Rally Club, of which Sister Mary E. Page is president, Sister Madeline Moss, secretary and Sister Annie Coleman, treasurer, has begun its work. Sister Mary E. Page says they will have meetings regularly after this week. Members will be notified at church Sunday the time of its first meeting. While the Rally Club is not quite as large as some of the clubs, the members are just as true and loyal to duty. In proportion to membership, no club in the church raises more money than this club and Sister Page says she can always rely upon the members doing their duty whenever called upon. Other clubs may raise more money on account of their larger membership; but none can be more true to the cause of Jesus and the church than the Rally Club.

Don't forget communion Sunday. Services commence at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. D. Webster Davis will officiate. Come out on time.

Bands of Calanthe Outing.

The bands of Calanthe celebrated their anniversary at Fulton Park, August 31, 1910. It has been the custom to have exercises at some church, but owing to the heat of the Summer and desiring to afford pleasure and amusement for the little ones the outing was substituted for usual meeting at the church. The following committee had charge of the arrangements: Mrs. Nannie Parham, Mrs. Mary Allen Crump, Mrs. Virginia Wright, Mrs. C. P. Gwathmey, Miss Marion Steward, Miss M. E. Taylor, Mrs. Alice K. Burrell. The Pythian cadets under command of Captain Roscoe C. Mitchell accompanied the children as is their custom.

MRS. SARAH A. STEWARD, Chairman.
MRS. ANNA TAYLOR, Manager.

Personal Mention.

Tate's Cottage, 200 Fifth Avenue, N. W. Roanoke, Va., is a fine place to stop.

Rev. W. L. Weatherly, of Coatesville, Pa., returned home last Wednesday after a pleasant stay in our city of about three weeks.

Mr. John H. Adams, of the American Syndicate Company, St. Augustine, Florida, was in the city this week and called on us.

Mr. J. W. Johnson, well-known as "Millionaire" Johnson is erecting a store on the rear of his property on the corner of Second and Clay Streets.

Acting Grand Treasurer Mrs. Cecilia J. Smith has returned from the Grand Household of Ruth Convention at Baltimore. There was peace and harmony among the sisters.

Mrs. Lucy C. Scott, of 1224 St. John Street, who has been seriously indisposed, is considerably improved and able to be out again. She spent last week at Hampton, Va. and is much benefited by the trip.

Mr. R. B. Porter, of Huntington, W. Va., returned home last Wednesday at 2 o'clock, after a pleasant stay in this city. He attended the Bi-ennial session of the True Reformers and took in a trip to Danville, Va., where he had a most delightful time visiting friends.

Principal Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, who is in Europe at this time, was the guest of Mr. Andrew Carnegie at his home, Skibo Castle, Scotland.

All reports are to the effect that Dr. Washington is being literally swamped with attentions from the most important men of the continent. He has been invited, and has accepted the invitation, to speak before the National Liberal Club, London, October 6th. This organization is composed of many of the most important men in London, and particularly of statesmen of one kind and another controlling the destinies of the liberal party. The occasion will be one of extreme moment in the direction of making favorable sentiment for the Negro people.

Rev. Caesar Perkins Dead.

Rev. Caesar Perkins, D. D., one of the best known colored men in the state and known from one end of it to the other as one of the most fearless and determined leaders the race has ever known, died at 112 West Street last Thursday morning. He has been indisposed for a long time. He lived at Buckingham C. H. He was a member of the Virginia legislature for many years.

He was District Deputy Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias N. A. S. A., E. A. A. and A. of Buckingham county and was a member of Venus Lodge, No. 46 of Richmond.

Mr. Harris Here.

Mr. John B. Harris, now of Philadelphia, but formerly of this city, was here attending to business. He was jubilant over the progress of the colored people of this community and the indications are that it will not take much to induce him to return to his old home.

John Mitchell a Negro Editor Who Does Things.

The opening of the new bank home of the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Richmond, Va., June 27, 1910, was a most conspicuous affair in all of Richmond, Va., the place known at one time as the capital of the confederacy. The fact that this institution is the production of colored men of finance caused a large attendance of the gallant white gentlemen and the beautiful white ladies who fitted to and fro, gazing upon admiring the magnificence of this remarkable production in the creation of Richmond's strength of money interest managed by colored people. The Hon. Richard A. H. Robertson, mayor, and members of the board of aldermen and common council came up in their automobiles with their chauffeurs to witness the opening of the bank which is one of the most handsome buildings in Richmond, Va., situated on the Northwest corner of Third and Clay. Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., president of the bank, is editor of the Richmond PLANET, one of the best known newspapers of this country published in the interest of the colored race. He was the first colored man to be given membership in the American Banker's Association, the greatest financial association in the United States—Galveston City Times.