

The True Reformers.

No New Developments.

DEPOSITORS STILL WAITING—INTERESTS WELL PROTECTED—THE OUTLOOK UN-CHANGED.

There have been no new developments in the matter of the Savings Bank, Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers. No report can be made in the case until after the holidays. The receivers having completed their tasks, the only thing now necessary is to make a report to the Chancery Court. The indications are that they will simply report the facts and leave the knotty questions for the court to decide. There is no denial of the fact that there is less than one hundred thousand dollars in assets and that the deposits will foot up to over two hundred thousand dollars.

WILL REALIZE SOMETHING.

There is presumed to have been deposits outside of the Order aggregating over one hundred thousand dollars, and it would seem that the actual amount to be received by the depositors will be small for this reason. Still, they will realize something. It is now apparent why a loan could not be floated to tide the Bank and the Order over its difficulties and embarrassments. The mortgages had already been placed and everything done to raise money before the final crash came.

The establishment of the Bureau of Banking, added to the embarrassments and forced the reluctant officials to "take to the woods," so to speak. There is no doubt now, but what everything is being conducted on the square and that the depositors can feel sure that their interests such as they now possess will be protected. Contrary to the general belief, the Bureau of Insurance in this State is doing all that it can to help the paralyzed organization. It has its limits, however, and cannot go beyond these restrictions set by the statutes of Virginia.

THE OTHER FAILURE.

The Nickel Savings Bank of Church Hill has not been heard from and the receiver has not announced his readiness to report. If the paper held by the institution could be converted into money, the depositors would receive a large proportion of their savings, but there is the rub. This institution had only twenty-seven thousand dollars on deposit. It is short between eight and ten thousand dollars, due to carelessness or defalcation or worse. If this amount can be guaranteed from any source the outlook will be brighter.

WILL MAKE SACRIFICES.

President Tancil, or rather the one who was President, offered to make any sacrifice in order to protect the depositors, and his wife joined him in the effort. Rev. R. J. Bass was equally patriotic. Time alone can tell as to the outcome.

TWO-YEAR-OLD GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

Left in the house, 617 N. Third Street, with several small children to take care of her, Rachel Miller, two years of age, was burned to death yesterday evening about 6:30 o'clock, and died almost immediately. The children gave the alarm at once, but when neighbors rushed in there was little that could be done. Both the city ambulance and the fire department were called. The child was dead when Dr. Harshbarger arrived, and there was practically nothing for the fire department to do. For a time two policemen had to be detailed to keep back the crowd that rushed in after it was known that the child had been burned.

PLAYED WITH FIRE.

The little girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Miller, and the family was moving. While the mother and father were supervising the removal of their household goods she was left in the room with several small children until the wagon returned to get the rest of the goods. While they were gone, according to the story of the other children, she began playing with the fire and her dress caught. They could not get it out, and before the neighbors could get in her clothes were in a light blaze and the room was afire.

The child was quickly wrapped in a blanket and calls sent in for the ambulance and the fire department. It took but a few minutes to extinguish the fire in the room with chemicals, but when the ambulance arrived, in charge of Dr. Harshbarger, the child had breathed her last. Practically all the skin had been burned from her body.

Dr. Harshbarger said last night that even had he reached the house some time before there would have been no chance to save her life. Her parents arrived soon after the fire was put out. Damage to the property was small.—Times-Dispatch, Dec. 29.

NEW YEAR SERVICES AT THIRD-STREET A. M. E. CHURCH.

Watch-night services will be held at Third-Street A. M. E. Church, beginning at 10:30 P. M. Saturday night. An inspiring meeting is anticipated. On Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. E. H. Hunter, will preach and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. At night a song service will be rendered by the united choirs of the church, under the direction of Mrs. F. P. Clarke, who is to have full charge of the choir of said church for the new year. The program will consist of some new Christmas anthems and solos by prominent Richmond musicians, including Morichant of the Lord's Supper, a leading chorist. A new arrangement of "Hark, Hark, My Soul, etc." will also be given.

On this occasion the pastor will give a public statement showing the result of the recent rally, which is said to have been very successful. He will also tell the members and friends what has been done during the past year, and what is anticipated for the future.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Stockholders of the Mechanics' Savings Bank will be held in Richmond, Va., at Pythian Castle, 727 North Third Street (between Jackson and Duval), at Tuesday night, January 3, 1911, at 8 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors of receiving the annual reports of the President and Cashier of the Bank, and taking such actions respecting the matters therein as may to the Stockholders seem best, and for the purpose also of transacting any and all other business that may properly come before such annual meeting.

You are urged to be present in person or by proxy.
JOHN MITCHELL, JR., President.
THOS. M. CRUMP, Secretary.

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One of the most desirable houses on Fifth Street, containing six rooms and bath. This property will appeal to any one looking for a real nice home, and can be bought on very reasonable terms.

Apply to
B. A. CEPHAS, Agent,
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Returns Thanks.

I sincerely thank the Pythians, other organizations and many friends for their sympathy and kindness during my brother's illness.

His loving sister,
Martha Turner Smith.

For Rent.

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Apply to
B. A. CEPHAS, Agent,
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Shepherds of Bethlehem March Steadily to the Front.

The New Organization Meets With Popular Favor Everywhere.

There is a time for everything under the sun. This is true of The Shepherds and Daughters of Bethlehem. The organization came into existence at the right time, if we must judge from results. New "Folds" are being organized everywhere in the State. The influence of the Order has reached the Eastern Shore, 296 miles from Richmond.

Last week a large "Fold" was organized at Wataville, in Accomac county, Virginia. Prof. E. F. Yancy, the popular secretary, has organized a "Fold" in Middle Virginia, and two more are in process of formation right in this city. The charts for subordinate "Folds" have been printed by the Planet Press, and they have been pronounced by everybody who has seen them to be the most beautiful charts in this State.

DEATH CLAIM PAID.

While the organization is meeting with great success, so far as the members are joining, the officers are on the alert to keep their promises with the people. This receipt will speak for itself:
Richmond, Va., Dec. 14, 1910.
\$100.00.

Received of The Improved Order Shepherds and Daughters of Bethlehem, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, in full of all demands for the death claim of Charity Jones, who was a member of Bethlehem Fold, No. 65, Prospect, Va.

LETTITIA JONES.

Witness:—
Edmond W. Walker,
Wilson Jones,
Dora Woodbridge.

WIDE-AWAKE OFFICERS.

The secret of the organization's success in the outset is that the officers are wide-awake and know the value of advertising. They have been the most persistent advertisers since their incorporation to be found anywhere. The name of the organization is something to conjure the public with.

THE GRAND OFFICERS.

President—J. Thomas Hewin, Esq., Richmond, Va.
Vice-President—Junius F. Archer, Chula, Va.
Grand Secretary—B. F. Yancey, Esmont, Va.
Grand Treasurer—Barbara Jenkins, Richmond, Va.
Grand Deputy—Mary J. Jenkins, Scottsville, Va.
Grand Recording Secretary—W. H. James, Jr., Richmond, Va.
Grand Regalia Maker—Clara A. Holmes, Richmond, Va.

MEMBERS OF BOARD WITH THE OFFICERS.

E. T. Jenkins, Richmond, Va.
Ora B. Stokes, Richmond, Va.
Lucy J. Morgan, Esonsville, Va.
C. A. Webber, Shepherds, Va.
Nelson J. E. Moore, Taro, Va.
Lewis Howard, Charlottesville, Va.
Andrew Holmes, Richmond, Va.
Julius White, Albermarle County, Va.
A. W. Cawthorne, Appomattox, Va.

The organization wants subordinate "Folds" in every city, town and county in this State.

For full particulars, address B. F. Yancey, Grand Secretary, No. 609 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

The East Indian Hair Pomade Co.

273 Morris Avenue,
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The wonderful East Indian Hair Treatment is the one to use for straightening the hair growing and beautifying it. Have pretty, long and straight hair and stop it from being kinky, splitting and falling out. We can give it to you. We can do anything for the hair you want done, we are hair specialists with over 15 years' experience. We have customers everywhere. We are honest with you. If we fail we will refund your money. Drop a postal before buying for testimonials. We will be glad to refer you to our list of customers. Price by mail \$2.25. Last three months. But you will not regret it. Agent paid salary. Wanted everywhere.

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Editor Mitchell's Long Journey.

CLOSING SCENES AT THE BANKERS' MEETING.

Trip to Long Beach—Lieutenant Colonel Allensworth and His Madam Mrs. and Mrs. Robert C. Owens' Palatial Residence—A Wealthy California—On to San Francisco.

(Continued From Last Week.)

There is no event of the American Bankers' Association more impressive than that of the change of officers. The constitution provides that the President can hold office but one term. As for the Secretary, he can hold on forever, if he can get enough votes to elect him, and the Association is very slow to make changes in this office. When a man secures the position he is reasonably sure of serving ten years. It was on this Friday afternoon the Association appeared before the Association to present to Mr. Lewis E. Pierson, the retiring President, a costly gift of sterling silverware in the shape of a silver service.

WEALTH AND ITS BENEFITS.

His wife and her associates, dressed in the height of fashion sat in one of the boxes as the honors were bestowed upon the retiring husband. He gracefully accepted the tender and later made a speech of acceptance. Words cannot fittingly describe this scene. It is almost inconceivable for a poor person, afflicted with years of poverty to understand fully the extravagance of these wealthy people, this "smart set" of beautiful ladies radiant in appearance and exquisitely magnificent in both costume and figure spending thousands of dollars as one would handle pennies and commanding the attention of the wealthiest gentlemen in this or any other country.

A SOUTHERNER AS PRESIDENT.

It is in the midst of such a scene as this that Mr. L. O. Watts, President of the First National Bank of Nashville, was ushered into the Presidency of the American Bankers' Association. The recognition of a Southern man was regarded as a tribute to that section, and after the retiring President had pinned upon the lapel of his coat the gold badge of the office, his Tennessee friends had presented to him a magnificent loving cup of silver. Mr. Watts was almost overcome with emotion, and made no concealment of the fact that this was the happiest moment of his life. Brilliant, happy, with joy unconfined sat his accomplished Madam, who gloried in the success of her husband, and she and her friends joined in the applause which followed. He referred to her, too, in his remarks.

PEERING INTO THE FUTURE.

It was in the midst of such scenes as these that the lone colored banker from Richmond, Va., sat and pondered, amazed and gratified and wondering if ever in the "whirligig" of time he would be able to count the deposits of his institution among the millions and he would be able to "rare back" of one of the leading banking institutions of the country. Often, too, we were led to wonder if the hand of God was not in all of this—if it were not destiny, that inexplicable something which had brought us up to this stage of financial enlightenment and enabled us to gaze upon the hidden mysteries within.

WILL THE TRANSITION EVER END?

All of these thoughts coursed through our mind, and then we were led to ask ourselves, how long would this last? Could we continue our membership in this great financial institution in the face of this ever-increasing race prejudice, which

dashed itself against the colored people everywhere on the outside of this financial Gibraltar, but which seemed harmless to us on the inside of this wonderful organization of the white man's creation?

THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

No one could read our thoughts, thank God, for we had for years learned to conceal our thoughts and to leave the impression upon everybody that we had been used to this kind of treatment all of our lives. The end came. The adjournment was announced, the place of next meeting was left to the Executive Council, with San Antonio, Texas, and Richmond, Va., being the leading contenders for the honor. The Texas did not spare time or money in the effort to land the honor. Their badges were everywhere in evidence, and the enthusiasts even went so far as to give one of these to the lone colored representative from Virginia. But how could we wear it? Our home city was in the running, and after a few hours of rest we removed it from the lapel of our coat and put it safely away as a souvenir.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL'S RESIDENCE.

We failed to state that we took breakfast Friday morning with Lieutenant Colonel Allen Allensworth at his attractive residence in the heart of the white district, 820 W. Thirtieth Street. We had been invited there before, but had to cancel the engagement. On this bright Friday morning, in company with Rev. J. T. Hill, we entered this dwelling. The well-kept lawn, Spanish palms, scrupulous cleanliness observable everywhere led us for the moment to believe that we were entering the palatial mansion of some of our local white citizens of that neighborhood. Colonel Allensworth has the unique distinction of holding the highest rank of any colored man in the United States Army.

THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL.

When we entered the door, greeted by himself and later by his accomplished Madam, we found that the walls were decorated with souvenirs from the West and the Philippines. To the left in a frame were these words:

"The House Beautiful.
Where there is Faith
There is Love.
Where there is Love
There is Peace.
Where there is Peace
There is God.
Where there is God
There is no need."

For quite a while we found ourselves repeating this beautiful and impressive selection. It was not long before breakfast was ready, and we sat down to a most enjoyable repast. The Colonel announced to our surprise that it was customary for each person at the table to recite a verse of the Scripture from memory and he had the "banquet from Virginia" seriously hampered for the time being. We had gone through all of the sessions, but this declaration came like a bombshell, and only our attendance at the Sunday-School in early life saved us from a collapse; but we gave one selection, and could have given many more.

EXPERIENCES OF AN OFFICER.

This is what we got by associating and affiliating with ministers of the gospel, men trained in the religious ways of life; but we felt better for the experience. After breakfast we examined the souvenirs of this truly remarkable officer. In a brief manner he told us of his past experiences. Before he was chaplain in the United States Army he served in the navy during the Civil War around Vicksburg, Miss. He had commissions signed by Grover Cleveland, and his promotion came during his term of office. His Madam listened with intense interest, too. Then Rev. Dr. Hill sang as the Madam played, Colonel Allensworth's daughters being away from home. The piano was of the finest make and was intended for the use of his daughter.

A PASTOR'S PROGRESS.

We had overstayed our time, and we left this tasty dwelling with pleasant recollections of our host and hostess. Friday night came,

and with it rest from our week's labors. We met Rev. Joseph L. McCoy, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, and took breakfast with him at Dawson's Cafe. He was formerly pastor at Augusta, Ga., but is doing a great work here in Los Angeles. We visited his church. He has only been here two years, and yet has reduced the debt of the church from \$4,100 to \$1,700, and has doubled the membership of the church. He took charge of a split church, and during his stay here has harmonized the discordant elements to such an extent as to be on friendly terms with the other church which members drew out from the mother church.

WELL PLEASED WITH CALIFORNIA.

We might as well state here that we owe much to Mr. A. D. Lacy, who made all arrangements for us in Los Angeles. One of the most interesting enthusiasts that we met in California was Mr. J. L. Edmonds, Editor and Proprietor of the Liberator at Sawtelle, California, but who is most of the time, so appeared to us in Los Angeles. Now if you are a colored man and wish to feel enthusiastic over California, just talk to this Californian, who runs his own farm and is succeeding admirably well in this land of sunshine and flowers.

"LAND OF MILK AND HONEY."

He said the land in California was so rich that he had gotten three crops this year, and he was now getting the fourth crop. The potato crop yields one hundred dollars per acre. He raised English peas, getting one hundred pounds to the row of three hundred feet. They sell for seven and one-half cents per pound in the pod. He has an eighteen hundred dollar house on the place. His water is pumped to the tank by a gasoline engine. He irrigates his farm by this method. He has twenty acres. The land cost two hundred dollars per acre, and it has so increased in value that he can borrow one thousand dollars per acre on it now.

REARED A LARGE FAMILY.

He has kept his children in school, having a family of eight, and one is now attending the University of California. The other child is attending the high school, and still another the grammar school. He told us that he had gotten 350 pounds of potatoes to a row 200 feet long, and this may be understood when it is stated that there means about six bushels to a row. He thought colored people should come out here now.

A POPULAR SONGSTRESS.

Saturday morning we lingered long at our residence and took breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts and Mr. Fred M. Roberts, prosperous funeral directors and livermen of Los Angeles. Here we met the "songbird" of the Methodist Church, Miss Florence Mildred Cole, who is one of the most popular young ladies of this California city. She sang selections while the accomplished Miss M. Estelle Roberts played at the piano, and the rich voice of Rev. Hill added to the pleasures of the morning's entertainment. We enjoyed our breakfast here.

AT LONG BEACH.

We left for Long Beach at about 12 o'clock to enjoy the pleasures offered there to members of the American Bankers' Association. The suburban line was ready, and we were soon on our way to this summer, all-the-year-round resort, where automobiles rendered free service to the guests and where the most aristocratic and costly hotel in that locality furnished free luncheon to all the bankers who held the invitations for the purpose. The beach was similar to those on the Atlantic coast. We saw one white man forming sculptured busts in the sand, and we readily recognized familiar features of prominent statesmen.

RETURN TO CITY.

The bath house was also free to the members of the American Bankers' Association. For an hour or (Continued on the Fifth Page.)

\$150.00 Endowment Paid.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 29, 1910.
This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., and A., (\$150.00) one hundred and fifty dollars in payment of the death-claim of Brother John L. Stanton, who was a member of Valley Lodge, No. 73, of Richmond, Va.

Signed:—
SARAH SIMS,
Beneficiary.
Witness:—
J. G. Smith,
Robert Gray.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. V. A. Carter, of Longdale, Va., called on us.

Mrs. A. B. Franklin, of Covington, Va., called on us.

Resolved, That my Real Estate business for the New Year shall be placed in the hands of B. A. Cephas, Richmond's Real Estate Agent.

Miss Elizabeth B. Dixon, of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., spent the holidays here. She returned Wednesday.

Mr. Robert Scott, of Roslyn, Washington, brother of the late Captain Benj. Scott, is spending the winter here.

Right Rev. C. R. Uncles, of Baltimore, Md., was in the city and called on us.

Mr. L. L. Davis, Principal Bowling Green Industrial Academy, of Bowling Green, Va., was in the city this week.

Mr. Asa C. Sims, of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., and Mr. J. Worthington Payne, of Washington, D. C., were visitors in the city this week.

Mr. E. G. Pack, of Hinton, W. Va., in company with his son-in-law, Mr. Herbert C. Munday, called on us. Mr. Pack expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress of the colored people in this city.

Miss Florence E. Black left Saturday, December 24th, for New York to visit relations and friends for two weeks. We wish her a pleasant trip and a safe return.

Mr. and Mrs. James Price wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Catherine S. Price, to D. J. Johnston, Jan. 1, 1911, at Springfield Baptist Church at 3 o'clock, Rev. N. V. Davis officiating.

Mr. James F. Bowman, a prosperous butcher of Providence Forge, Va., who resides in Chase City, Va., will leave on the 25th of December on a ten-days' trip to spend his vacation in New York and other Northern cities with friends and relatives. Undertaker Wm. Jones, of the same county, will leave on the same date in company with Mr. Bowman. Undertaker Jones will be the guest of his brother, Junius Jones, in Corona, L. I., who holds a high position in the New York Postoffice. The Planet congratulates them upon their trip.

Rev. O. Paul Thompson, the popular young preacher, pastor of the Cedar-Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., has been engaged to conduct the special meetings at the Bethany Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., of which the great Rev. Dr. R. D. Wynn is pastor. He left for the North Friday, Dec. 30, on the 12:01 train. Rev. Thompson has just recovered from a severe attack of the grippe and neuralgia. During his illness, lasting more than a week, his people stood loyally by him. They were profuse in their expressions of sympathy and their many tokens of their love and appreciation during the Christmas time made glad the hearts of the pastor and family. He wishes all his friends a hearty and prosperous New Year, and asks for their prayers for his success in his labors of love.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. Temple Allison Miles.

Mr. Temple Allison Miles, son of John A. and Mary B. Miles, of Richmond, Va., died at his home, 116 West Leigh Street, Sunday morning, Dec. 11, 1910. In early life he acknowledged his love for the Saviour and united with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, of which he was a regular attendant, serving the Sunday School for many years as teacher and superintendent. He led a beautiful, consistent Christian life, characterized by his unselfish love for all. For, in truth, he lived for others and not himself.

He was a graduate of the Richmond Normal School, and also the Richmond Institute, and for many years taught in the public schools.

He was appointed to a position in the United States mail service, which he filled with credit for 21 years.

He leaves a wife and seven minor children, and one devoted sister, Mrs. W. L. Smith, of Chula, who, with a large number of relatives and friends, mourn their loss.

WANTED—A nurse at 201 Allen Avenue. Apply with reference.

