

ODD-FELLOWS

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Colored Members of Order Open a
New Building Downtown With
Parade and Exercises.

MANY VISITORS PRESENT
With ritualistic services, a parade and commemorative exercises, the new temple of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, located at the northwest corner of 12th and Spruce sts., Phila., was dedicated July 15th.

The National Grand Lodge officer and delegations from New York, New Jersey, Delaware and the District of Columbia participated in the services and parade. The exercises began at nine o'clock this morning, when the members of the sub-committee of management of the order, which is the controlling body, assembled in the rooms on the third floor of the new building and, according to the ritualistic services of the order, formally dedicated the building to the use of the organization.

The exercises were conducted under the direction of the Grand Master of the Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, W. L. Houston, of Washington, D. C., assisted by other officials. At half-past ten o'clock the Patriarch divisions of the order, the local subordinate lodges and visiting bodies assembled at the Grand United Odd Fellows Hall, Sixth and Spruce streets, and formed themselves in line for parade. Accompanying them were the women of the Households of Ruth and the Juveniles, who occupied carriages.

With the Third Regiment of the Most Venerable Patriarchs, Col. P. H. Edwards commanding and marshal-in-chief, the parade moved out Spruce street to Broad, past the new temple, which was saluted, thence up Broad street to Girard avenue, and countermarched to Bainbridge street to Sixth and up Sixth to the Bethel A. M. E. Church, where the exercises were held.

At the Bethel Church the exercises were conducted, with Grand Master W. L. Houston presiding. The church was not able to accommodate all the members of the Order, and many had to stand at "parade rest" on the outside while the services were being held.

The church services opened with music by an orchestra. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. William J. Howard, of Washington, D. C.

The choir of the Bethel A. M. E. Church rendered a musical selection, and the opening address was delivered by former Grand Master W. M. T. Forrester, of Richmond, Va., who had as his subject "The Principles of Odd Fellowship."

Addresses at Church.
"Our Order" was the subject of the address delivered by R. M. Smith of Hampton, Va., who is a former Grand Treasurer of the Order.

The statistical address was delivered by the Grand Secretary, James F. Needham, of this city, who said that there were more than four hundred thousand members of the Order in the United States, with eight thousand subordinate lodges. The dedicatory address was delivered by Edward H. Morris, of Chicago, who was formerly a member of the Illinois Legislature.

It was Hutchinson Lodge, No. 1362, of Illinois, of which former Grand Master Morris is a member, that originated the idea of establishing the headquarters in this city. Mr. Morris, in his address, said that the building represented the united efforts of the membership of the fraternity throughout America, and it showed the unity that existed among the members.

"Our Brothers Across the Sea" was the subject of an address by J. McHenry Jones, of West Virginia, who spoke in laudatory terms of the white Order of the lodge in England, which granted to Peter Ogden the charter for the establishment of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows

in America. The speaker said that the Order in England had high regard for their colored brethren in America, and would send a fraternal delegate to America to attend the National Grand Lodge meeting of the Order to be held at Atlantic City in September.

"Our Households of Ruth" was the subject of the address by W. W. Lawrence, of New Berne, N. C. The Households are composed of the women members of the Order, and Mr. Lawrence in his address said that they had done much in perpetuating the principles of friendship, love and truth among the people of the race and in relieving the wants and sufferings of the membership of the various lodges with which they were identified.

The members of the sub-committee of management were presented to the audience and each one conveyed the fraternal greetings of their membership to the gathering. After the closing "ode" by the members of the Order, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Phillips, of Philadelphia.

The members of the various organizations then reassembled and after a short parade took cars for Washington Park, where a picnic is being held, which will conclude this evening. There will be a competitive drill for several prizes that have been offered, and the visiting members of the fraternity are to be the guests of the local lodges.

The local committee of the various lodges that arranged for the entertainment of the visiting lodges is composed of Patterson Holland, chairman; E. B. Van Dyke, vice chairman; John Clinton, Jr., secretary; Evelyn Henderson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Fannie Mathews, treasurer; W. D. Jones, chaplain.

The following local lodges participated in the parade: Unity Lodge, No. 711; Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 861; Fraternal Lodge, No. 893; Phoenix Lodge, No. 894; Covenant Lodge, No. 895; Friendship, Lodge, No. 898; Carthaginian Lodge, No. 401; Mount Olive Lodge, No. 964; Good Will Lodge, No. 1025; Radiant Star Lodge, No. 1063; Good Hope Lodge, No. 1122; Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 1313; Equity Lodge, No. 1344; St. Albans Lodge, No. 1441; William Murphy Lodge, No. 1448; Keystone Lodge, No. 1546; Gideon Lodge, No. 1715; Beth Eden Lodge, No. 1760; Eagle Lodge, N. 1878; Germantown Lodge, No. 1105; Peace and Plenty Lodge, N. 2586; Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2751; Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 3143; La Motte Lodge, No. 3242; New Town Lodge, No. 3550; Apollo Lodge, No. 5821; Providential Lodge, No. 6107; Grand Masters' Council, o. 2.

The Households of Ruth represented in the parade were Nos. 2, 3, 45, 81, 134, 168, 301, 307, 303, 800, 941, 1133, 1623, 1851, 1903, 2362, 2525, 1073.

THREE WHITES SLAIN IN A TEXAS RACE WAR.
MOB STORMS JAIL, HANGS FIVE BLACKS ON ONE LIMB, SHOTS ANOTHER

Troops Are Called Out.
Trouble Started by Slaying of White Farmer at Dance in Colored Church

Hemphill, Texas, June 22.—Eleven Negroes have been lynched and three white men killed in a race war in Sabine county, the State Rangers ordered out to restore peace, armed bands of whites and blacks are facing each other in several places, and several encounters have been reported tonight.

A mob stormed the jail here last night, seized six Negroes accused of the murder of a white farmer, hanged five to one limb and shot the sixth when the noose broke and he was running away. The bodies of three other Negroes were found riddled with bullets this morning. Two others were shot to death last night. Three were hanged tonight near San Augustine.

Another, arrested with a white man whom he accused of hiring him to slay Robert Wright, is in jail at Center, having been rushed there under extra guard to save them from the mob.

It is reported tonight that the mob has captured a train and is forcing the engineer to run to Center so the prisoners can be captured and lynched.

Rangers Pushed Aside.
State Rangers Lattie and Hamer, stationed at Center, went to Hemphill when the first news of the trouble reached them. They attempted to take a hand. The county officers found aside. The county officers found themselves similarly served when they tried to uphold the law and, unable to dominate the situation, they wired for reinforcements.

The sheriff at Hemphill made an effort to swear in special officers, but none would serve. The few he sought

act of the Negroes, gave chase, screaming with all her might. White men, raiding the countryside for Negroes, heard her. When they reached her she was sitting beside the body of her husband, insane.

It was then that the white avengers went forth, and soon the crack of their pistols portended that death had been visited on someone. Later the bodies of three Negroes — Singleton, Evans and Thomas — were found.

Already charged with having a hand in the death of Dean, the three Negroes had met, swearing vengeance when they encountered the white men.

Johnson's death increased the tenacity of the situation. The three dead

and moral forces the race has ever produced, is out for Taft. His support of the election of the former War Secretary is all the more significant because of the fact that at the famous Council of Bishops held in Washington last February the voice of "the old man eloquent" was arrayed against the candidacy of Judge Taft, and his attitude influenced many others of the ministry who are accustomed to follow wherever the white plume of their Henry of Navarre waves. The advice of the venerable prelate that Taft be supported by the rank and file of the race will go far to relieve the tension that has been felt painfully in some important departments of the A. M. E. Church, especially in the South. In an editorial in his paper, "The Voice of the People," Bishop Turner has this to say:

"The Republican National Convention, just over in Chicago, nominated Honorable William Howard Taft for president of the United States, and he is now before the country for the suffrages of the people. We hope he will be elected, as the Democrats will offer us nothing for the elevation of our race. We believe a more popular man with the masses could have been selected, but he is the nominee, and the colored voters, as well as the whites, have no other standard-bearer who represents Republican sentiment, and there is nothing to do but to rally around Mr. Taft. He may have spoken some unfortunate words, and made some unfortunate remarks, as it relates to the black man; but he is before the country now, and a number of his admirers think that he will be as true to right and justice as the needle is to the pole, and we ask for nothing but fair treatment."

The masses of the A. M. E. Church and the race at large have faith in the judgment of Bishop Turner, and are willing to follow him in preference to the agitators who advise a bolt to the party that bases its very existence upon disfranchisement; that sustains the Jim Crow car law, and openly favors the elimination of the Negro soldier, root and branch, from the military establishment of these United States.

Negro Business League

TWO IMPORTANT AND GREAT OCCASIONS.

The National Negro Business League is to meet in Baltimore, Md., August 19, 20 and 21. Great numbers of representative Negroes are coming from all parts of the country for this meeting. Many of them will come to Washington. On August 24 it has been arranged to invite these visitors to join with the people in Washington in a trip down the Potomac River to the new Washington Park, which is to be formally opened and dedicated at that time. Mr. Lewis G. Jefferson, the proprietor of the steamers Jane Moseley and the River Queen, has given the use of his steamers for the benefit of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Home Fund. All the profits of the trip are to go toward this fund. More detailed information will appear from time to time, and it is hoped that each of these occasions will contribute toward the success of the other.

BISHOP HOOD TO ISSUE STATEMENT.

Word has been received by a leading Zion Churchman here that Bishop J. W. Hood, the senior prelate of the A. M. E. Zion Church, is not pleased with the tendency of the editor of the Star of Zion to lead the Church of Varick over into the Democratic party. He holds that the journal is the organ and property of the Zion denomination, and must not be used to voice the personal feelings of one man with reference to such a vital proposition as the political attitude of a body embracing six hundred thousand souls. Bishop Hood declares that at the proper time he will issue a statement of his views on the political situation, and makes it plain that he will urge the Negroes of the country to stand up as one man for the election of Judge Taft.

Read The Bee.



Negroes Lynched in Texas

to swear in fled at his approach, fearing that they would be cheated of their revenge.

The frenzied hatred against the Negroes came as the result of the shooting of a white man by Negroes a week ago. At a Negro dance on June 13 William Stimson, a white man, became involved in a row with the Negroes and was killed with a razor. Two Negroes were arrested for the crime.

Last Saturday night Hugh Dean, one of the best-known white farmers, was also killed at a Negro dance. It was proved that he was merely riding by when drunken Negroes set upon him and stabbed him to death.

Six Negroes were arrested and imprisoned in the Hemphill jail. A seventh is still at large and a reward of \$550 is out for him.

Negroes and Whites Arm.
The passion stirred up by the killing of Stimson and Dean within a week was increased by the fact that Negroes grew bold and began to flourish weapons. Six-shooters were prominent and open threats made of what would be done in the event that the white men showed any open animosity toward the Negro.

The farmers of the vicinity armed themselves with rifles and shotguns and pistols and started on a systematic hunt after every Negro of known bad tendencies. The county peace officers found they were powerless to cope with the situation. Hurried appeals were made to the Governor, and a squad of Rangers was ordered immediately to the scene.

The Houston Light Guards of Houston were instructed to hold themselves in readiness to take a special train and will leave tonight. This was the situation when the news went broadcast that Aaron Johnson, another white farmer, had been shot down while sitting on his gallery with his wife and boy and baby. His wife, crazed at the desperate

Negroes were known to be partners of a fourth. The latter, Perry Price, would surely have met the same fate of his fellows had not officers captured and spirited him to San Augustine after making a confession that he had been given five dollars by Robert Wright, Johnson's brother-in-law, to kill Johnson. Wright was then arrested and is now in jail at Center, Tex.

The jail is guarded heavily, as the rumor has gone abroad that a mob of white men has captured a Houston east and west train and is forcing the engineer to run to center in order that they may take Wright and Price and hang them.

Break Into Jail.
Last night the white men marched to the Hemphill jail.

"We want those Negroes," said the spokesman.

"You can't have them," replied the guard.

"Well, by G—, we will take them," was the answer.

With a savage cry the mob attacked the doors. Other guards rushed out, but were overpowered after making futile resistance.

Into the jail the mob broke, and, rushing to the cell in which the six Negroes were confined, they smashed the door and seized the blacks.

One hundred yards from the jail grows a clump of huge live-oaks. As they reached these the leader spoke again.

"Niggers, say your prayers." Seven minutes were allowed, and seven ropes descended over the Negroes' heads, one after another. One broke and ran. Immediately a fusillade of lead followed him, and he dropped in his tracks. Meantime the noose had been placed on the heads of the others and Judge Lynch was satisfied.

BISHOP TURNER OUT FOR TAFT.

Bishop Henry M. Turner, the senior prelate of the great African Methodist Episcopal Church, unquestionably one of the strongest intellectual

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

By Miss Beatrice L. Chase.

The new building of the Odd Fellows of Philadelphia was dedicated last week. It is a five-story steel structure.

The crusade against lunch rooms and hotels, etc., is being carried out with untiring efforts by the health officials.

It is said that the votes of the Negroes of Ohio will depend largely on the attitude of Senator Foraker.

The students from many schools at Asbury Park have organized a Research and Information Club. Howard University is represented.

The labor unions have begun preparations for their annual celebrations September 7.

The Outing Committee says that about twenty-four hundred dollars is needed to conduct the work of the camps.

The Amphion excursion was a success from start to finish.

It is reported that Mr. Taft has given up all sports and has settled down to business. He is preparing his speech for next Tuesday, when the notification committee calls on him.

The reception given the Democratic candidate for Vice President, Mr. John W. Kern, by the citizens of Indianapolis was purely a non-partisan affair. Vice President Fairbanks presented him.

Japan has completed arrangements for the building of two additional battleships, with a displacement of 20,800 tons and a speed of twenty knots.

Vice President Fairbanks, the United States representative who welcomed the Prince of Wales in Canada, reached Quebec last Tuesday.

The Knights of Pythias opened their annual session at Odd Fellows Hall last Monday morning. Many delegates attended.

Major Taylor, the bicycle rider, sustained serious injuries while taking part in the races at Bordeaux, France.

It may not be long before other departments will follow the example set by the fire and police departments in refusing applicants with false teeth.

A terrible disaster followed the overcrowding of a pleasure launch going from Manila to Corregidor last week. So far no Americans are listed with the drowned.

James T. Clements, a fireman, sued the Capital Traction Company for \$15,000 damages for alleged personal injuries.

A party of rich and refined women left our shores this week to go to China to teach Chinese women.

A boy was shot to death in Wheeling, W. Va., last week by a bullet intended for a mad dog.

A patent drier for drying the clothing of carriers has been placed in the sewing room of the postoffice.

It was not certain what was the real cause of the recent illness of the Chinese Emperor. Custom forbids publication.

Arrangements are being perfected for the removal of the body of L-Enfant from Maryland to the campus of the Catholic University.

The total appropriations made at the last session of Congress were \$1,008,397,543.56.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham was installed pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., last Thursday evening. A special program was rendered.

The number of words in Mr. Taft's speech to the notification committee is about four thousand.

The farmers of the United States are being urged by Messrs. Bryan and Kern to contribute to the Democratic campaign fund.

Postmaster Barnes left the city last Saturday for a month's vacation on the New England Coast.

News comes from London that the American athletes are very much dissatisfied with the treatment given them by the officials of the Olympic games.

Mr. Sidney Bieber, formerly fire (Continued from first page.)