

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE PIONEERS IN MASONRY.

The Court of Appeals Sustains, Upholds the Right—A Just Claim to Originality—A Remarkable Victory for the Regulars—Virginia Avenue Masons on the Defensive.

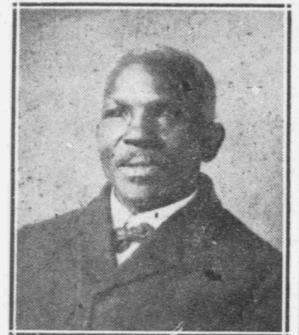
In answer to all publications, and especially that of The Washington Bee, of Saturday, February 26, 1910. By the Virginia Avenue Masons in reference to the decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, of the suit of said Masons vs. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, incorporated.

An article in The Washington Post, of July 18, under the heading of "Pioneers in Masonry," contained a statement which, it is believed, might create a wrong impression among those who are not acquainted with the facts. The statement in question is:

"By the decision of the Supreme Court, affirmed by the Court of Appeals, the older body came out of the legal struggle victorious in all its essential contentions."

As a matter of fact, there was but one question before the Court of Appeals, and that was decided favorably to the younger and the incorporated body.

The prayer of a cross-bill filed by the older body in the suit in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia asked that the junior and incorporated body be enjoined from hold-



Rev. Peter Lucas

ing themselves out as Free Masons and from practicing the principles of Free Masonry. The Supreme Court granted this prayer, from which an appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. The Court of Appeals reversed the decision of the lower court, dismissed the injunction, and thus left the junior and incorporated body free to practice the principles of Free Masonry unmolested or restrained. If this was not a victory for the junior and incorporated body, what was it? The Court of Appeals did not recognize the older body as a lodge of Masonry, but merely classed them as a volunteer association.

HENRY C. SCOTT, Grand Master.

Newport F. Henry, Grand Secretary.

We call attention to the following statement from Mackey's History of Free Masonry, page 92:

"Boston was garrisoned by British troops in 1775 under General Gage. In one of the British regiments there was a traveling lodge of Free Masons, which, on March 6, of that year, entered, passed and raised Prince Hall and thirteen of his associates, all colored."

"A well defined law in Masonic Jurisprudence forbids traveling lodges the right to make Masons in any country where there are Masons. Nevertheless, the Negroes applied to England for a charter in 1784, which was granted September 29, 1787. Every lodge properly organized must have a charter from the Grand Lodge in the State or Territory over which the Grand Lodge has jurisdiction, and all other lodges without a charter from the existing Grand Lodge are illegal and improperly constituted. There was a Grand Lodge existing in Massachusetts in 1777. At the union of the two Grand Lodges in England in 1813 the colored lodge of Massachusetts was dropped from the roll because they had made no returns to the Grand Lodge for over ten years."

"The Negroes then applied to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for a charter. The Grand Lodge, upon inquiry, discovered they were clandestinely constituted, and refused them a charter. This angered the Negroes, and in June, 1827, they published in a Boston newspaper their declaration of Masonic independence."

Now then, this being a fact, how can you claim any legality to even use the name when it is well known you have no Masonic standing in the world? Therefore, you are flooding the country with false statements, as there can be no independence of Free Masonry, it comes down through ancient rites to worthy and honorable men, loyal to their country and principles. All Prince Hall Grand Lodges are illegal and clandestine, and my brothers, do not, in the name of our unborn generations, continue to persuade men to enter the wrong door, but be men who will dare to do right. Having been unwittingly in the dark, do not fail to take advantage of the open door through which the light is shining. That door being the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and her subordinate lodges who have been illuminated from the three great lights of Roumania, Luxemburg, Germany, and Alexandria, Egypt. We also have a communication from England showing that they did not recognize the Prince Hall Masons, but we, the Most Worshipful Lodge, A. F. A. M., of the District of Columbia, and our subordinate lodges thank God we are right and regular with the world, and there will never be such controversy among Masons again.

The decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, which was handed down in recognition of the right of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, can be found as

No. 2007. We must be mindful always of the right, as our example will be the struggling point of unborn generations of our race, and we must lay aside all differences of our former feelings in this matter and accept the pure principles of God's own teachings as "by the truth we shall live," and we have herein presented these facts that all may see, hear and judge for themselves.

The doors of our Grand Lodge are open to receive all applicants who may apply for initiation, and if found worthy will be investigated at our Temple, 1719 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest.

Your Committee on Publications submit the above to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his approval.

P. P. Lucas, P. M.
Wm. H. Johnson, P. G. M.
Oscar D. States, Dep. G. M.
Henry C. Scott, Grand Master.

Attest:
Newport F. Henry,
Grand Secretary.

Where and When the Lodges Meet
King Solomon—1st Monday.
St. Joseph—1st Tuesday.
Hirm Abiff—1st Thursday.
W. H. Nelson—1st Friday.
Jerusalem—2d Monday.
Joppa—3d and 4th Thursdays.
Trinity—3d Wednesday.
St. John—4th Tuesday.
South Gate—4th Friday.
White Veil Court—1st Wednesday.
Lillie of Nile Court—3d Monday.
Eureka Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, 3d Tuesday.
Queen of Sheba, Court—4th Monday.
Mecque Ali Temple—2d Friday.
John G. Jones, Consistory—3d Thursday.

CHAPTERS.
Order of Eastern Star.
Eureka Chapter.
Ada Chapter.
John G. Jones Chapter.
Queen Esther Chapter.
Keystone Grand Chapter.
With their corps of officers working in their regular form.
Courts of Daughters of Sphinx.
Arabic adopted right of Free Masonry.
Courts.
White Veil, No. 1.
Eureka.
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Address of Rev. Peter P. Lucas, P. G. S. W., 1107 21st street northwest.
Wm. Johnson, 1807 L street northwest.

Pointed Philosophies.
By "Old Man Banks."

"It ain't any use in putting any faith in any faithlessness."
"The use of everything; the abuse of nothing."
"The loneliest man in the whole world is the one who is left entirely with his own thoughts."
"A poor voice shows poverty of temperament."
"Publicity is one of the penalties of excess."
"The whitest man I ever knew was a Black one."
"Sweet is the sacredness of a secret."
"Everyone has a measure of morality, but the standard varies."
"Cheapness is not always vulgarity, but vulgarity is always cheapness."
"Don't prate about what you are going to do, but just get up and do it."
"Angels' wings don't rustle; they beat."
"Faith: what a splendid thing it is— if you have it."
"If the flame isn't fanned, it will soon flicker out."
"If you are a gentleman, you don't have to advertise the fact. If you are not, the Lord help you."
"Do all your good things quietly. Don't talk about them."
"None of us realize how dead we are, until we die."
"Patience is a Power—Life's greatest force."
"It is weary work waiting for the waning of a night that never goes and for the dawn of a morrow that never comes."
"There are three kinds of people in the world: the 'Was-ers,' the 'Will-ers,' and the 'Is-ers.'"
"The lessons of life are learned, not taught."
"The best wrinkle remover is a clear conscience and a whole lot of sleep."
"Life isn't worth living unless you can grow with it."
"Don't get caught in doing wrong, but in doing right."
"Do as well as think. Make your thoughts into things."
"There is a greenback lining to every financial cloud."
"It wants courage to forgive, and a good memory to forget."
"Count ten before you speak—and then don't speak."
"The two most useful languages to learn are English and American."

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K—is the kindness he shows fellow-men, Pointing the Saviour, To whom all must bend.

Thomas Walker, Attorney.
Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, holding Probate Court. Estate of Matilda Tyler, deceased. No. 15537 Administration Docket.

Application having been made herein for probate of the last will and testament and codicil of said deceased, and for letters testamentary on said estate, by John W. Brunson, it is ordered this 17th day of August, A. D. 1910, that the unknown heirs-at-law and next of kin of said Matilda Tyler, deceased, and all others concerned, appear in said court on Tuesday, the 27th day of September, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause why such application should not be granted. Let notice hereof be published in the Washington Law Reporter and The Washington Bee, once in each of three successive weeks before the return day herein mentioned—the first publication to be not less than thirty days before said return day.

JOB BARNARD, Justice.
JAMES TANNER, Register of Wills for the District of Columbia, Clerk of the Probate Court.
THOS. WALKER, Attorney.

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The remedy lasting, while ages roll.
E. M. B.

Aida Overton Walker at Howard Next Week.

Prominent artists as a rule meet all sorts and conditions of persons. Recently Aida Overton Walker, of the "Smart Set" Company, who appears at Howard Theater next week, formed the acquaintance of a droll sort of a fellow given to stuttering. This fellow, who had encountered a college chum, had a good time together, and was much the worse for several hours he had spent in his friend's company.

The stutterer returned to a boarding house where Miss Walker was stopping, and stealthily ascended the stairs, where his wife was waiting for him. In the darkness came his wife's voice: "What time is it?" she asked sternly.

"It is j-j-j-just one," he stammered. The words were scarcely uttered when the old-fashioned clock on the landing gave four laborious strokes.

"Do you hear that?" she asked sharply. "But m-m-dear," he replied pleasantly. "Y-y-you mustn't mind t-t-that clock. It's l-l-like me."

THE NIAGARA MOVEMENT.

A Strong Address to the Country.
SEA ISLE CITY, N. J., Aug. 30.—The Niagara Movement concluded its meetings to-day, which began Saturday, and gave out the following address to the country:

The Niagara Movement in sixth annual session, with 10 States represented, calls the attention of the Nation to the following matters:

1. The persistent attempt to ruin the Negro public school system of the South and to train one race to be simply the menials for another.
2. The continuing menace of disfranchisement and the wrong of peonage.
3. The spread of lawlessness and mob rule.
4. The indecent and unequal accommodation Jim Crow car.
5. The sordid note of materialism and selfishness which was struck at the recent meeting of the Negro Business League.

Against these things we continue to protest. We accept the gauge truculently thrown to us by Theodore Roosevelt, and gladly enroll ourselves with that great army of whiners and complacencies and insurgents, whose blows and words and tears have made America possible and made the shame of Brownville incapable of being sneered to silence.

We commend the call to independent political action sent forth by the National Political League and promise our co-operation.

We are glad that Congress refused to consider a partisan and one-sided mancipation celebration commission. We favor government aid to an observance of this occasion. But it must not be controlled by a faction.

We call for National aid to education, in order to rid the Republic of the threatening danger of ignorance.

We greet with hope the Races Congress in London next summer and urge a representative attendance of our members.

Finally, we recognize as the greatest accomplishment of the year the organization of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in New York City. We urge our members to join and co-operate with it, and we willingly entrust to this organization the carrying out of the great objects of political enfranchisement, universal education, legal protection and social justice.

Rev. Arthur Simmons.
It is now Rev. Arthur Simmons, formerly a life insurance agent, who has been made pastor of a new church known as the People's Baptist Church. The first meeting will be held at 2008 Third street northwest, Linden Flats, Room 5, Friday, Sept. 23 at 8 o'clock, on which occasion Rev. Mr. Simmons will preach his first sermon.

Dr. Miller, a colored physician, who died recently, was the discoverer and manufacturer of seventeen remedies, which are sold all over the United States. He was forty years of age, and had accumulated a fortune estimated between \$50,000 and \$60,000. A French scientist has invented an apparatus for sterilizing water, which passes in it in spiral tubes around a long mercury vapor lamp, to utilize rays.

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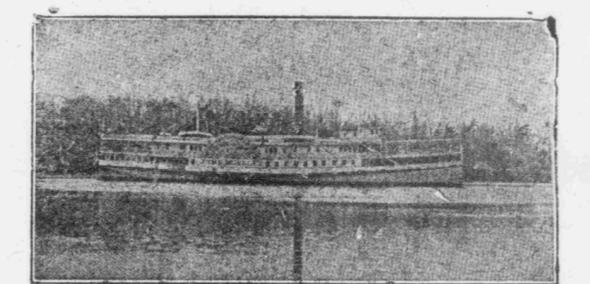
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