

EPWORTH HOSTS MAY MEET HERE

Leaguers Will Hold Bi-ennial Conference in Richmond Next Year If Invited.

DR. DU BOSE IN THE CITY

Talks of the Conference and What it Will Mean to City. Lay Matter Before Pastors.

The Rev. H. M. Du Bose, D. D., general secretary of the Epworth League, and editor of the "Epworth Era," published at Nashville, Tenn., is in the city with a proposition to his clergy...

His purpose is this: to secure from Richmond an address to the International Epworth League Conference to hold its bi-ennial meeting in this city in July, 1907.

Dr. Du Bose made some statements last night which will likely make Richmond an early contender for the honor of having on hand and that an opportunity now confronts them other cities have jumped at.

One statement Dr. Du Bose made was that the conference would in all probability bring 15,000 delegates here, including visitors from foreign parts, and he estimates the amount they would leave for the city as being in the neighborhood of \$50,000 to \$75,000.

At Detroit, in 1903, the conference was attended by 20,000 delegates, probably the largest religious assembly ever gathered in any place at a single time.

On one occasion during this convention, said he, "twelve thousand young Methodists were assembled in the Champs de Mars. The open air provided the only space big enough for the meeting in the city. I believe this is the largest religious assembly ever held in the world."

"You may not know that this conference heretofore has never met South, with but one exception, at Chattanooga, about twelve years ago. The meetings have been entirely in Northern, Western and Canadian cities, but only once in the South."

South's Turn Now. "I think it is the turn of the South to entertain these Epworth Leaguers from all over the world. The problem so presented itself to the eyes of the committee of arrangements, and we looked over the list of available Southern cities. To Richmond we turned at once, and we are glad to have it place in the South for our convention."

"There are many reasons which influenced us to come here. First, was its geographical situation. It is located centrally, near the national capital, and has the most superb railroad connections in the South. Then there is its historic interest and its worldwide reputation for hospitality and culture. For these reasons we knock at your doors first."

"Another fact that ought to induce the city to issue the invitation is the cosmopolitan nature of the conference. It is composed of delegates from Canada, from all over the United States, Mexico and visiting delegates from Europe and Australia, and we are sure to think for your city to have them gather here next year."

Denominations Leaders. "Again, the most distinguished men of our Christian churches of all countries will be among the speakers. To bring them and the thousands of delegates to Richmond will be something great and glorious for you."

"The conference is self-supporting, and every delegate pays his expenses out of his own pocket. In this way not less than \$50,000 can be brought here, and the sum may even reach \$100,000. If you want to consider the purely financial side of the matter, then to have the convention held here will be of untold benefit to Richmond."

In return for all this, we will ask the city to furnish \$5,000, the whole sum to be used for paying for programmes and for the transportation and entertainment of speakers. The city will surely be proud to contribute \$5,000, which they extend the invitation. I think you can understand that this is no small affair, but one of great importance to the city in which the convention is held."

ON "CONSCIENCE."

Dr. Evans Preaches to a Large Congregation in St. Paul's.

Dr. W. E. Evans preached a powerful sermon last night in St. Paul's Church on "Conscience." The church was crowded, and the congregation was attentive to the words of the minister, who preached with his usual vigor and earnestness.

Dr. Evans characterized conscience as a faculty, saying that it is a faculty of the mind. He showed that it has a distinctive use, in that, through the understanding it pronounces judgment on right and wrong. It is not a light in the eye, as the standard on which outward deeds are to be judged, as it is often held to be.

Dr. Evans spoke powerfully and forcibly, showing that man's development toward a better mental condition depends on the state of his conscience and that, without this as a guiding factor in life, no man can hope to live his life aright.

The sermon was both plain and clear, and was delivered in a strong, resonant voice, which carried well all the force and emphasis of the speaker.

ON FAMILY LIFE.

Dr. Riley Shows That It is the Basis of All Society.

The First Baptist Church was forced to hold an overflow meeting last night in the basement, in order to accommodate the large crowd who wished to hear Dr. Riley preach. White hymns were sung, and announcements made upstairs. Dr. Riley went below and spoke for a few minutes. He then returned and delivered an excellent sermon to his attentive auditors.

The subject of his sermon was "The Whole Family for God." He began by stating that the home is the foundation of society, and not the individual; and that the home is the nation itself.

NEWS GATHERED FROM OUTSIDE

Richmond Wanted to See the Wonderful Flying Ship.

OLYMPIA CLUB OFFICERS

Man With Smallpox Was Shining Shoes When Discovered—House Quarantined.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, 1102 1/2 Street. Mr. John Thompson, of Richmond, was in Manchester yesterday afternoon looking for Messrs. Pete Jewett and Clarence Coxson, who were going to allow him to ride with them in an airplane that was to fly up from Covardin Avenue and not light any more until reached Drewry's Bluff. It was in readiness for the trip, and a certain city official was going to steer the ship through the air until Drewry's Bluff was sighted.

Somebody mentioned the fact that March had ended and yesterday was the first day of April, and Mr. Thompson rode on a street car back to Richmond. The Manchester flying machine didn't work on Sunday.

Annual Officers.

Olympia Club, one of the oldest social organizations in the city, and a club which numbers among its members some of the most prominent citizens of Manchester, elected officers for the ensuing year at a meeting held in the club rooms, No. 10 West Fifteenth Street, Saturday night.

The following officers were elected: Mr. W. D. Ferguson, president; Mr. V. T. Hart, vice-president; Mr. Matthew Morton, secretary; Mr. John W. Moore, treasurer, and Mr. W. E. Allen, steward.

Smallpox Case.

The Manchester Board of Health and the health committee of the City Council met in special session at the office of Dr. M. P. Rucker yesterday afternoon and took prompt action in quarantine a house in the lot bounded by Deception Hill and Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, where a negro, Julius Jefferson, had gone after it was found out that he had the smallpox. Twelve other negroes in the house with the infected man were quarantined and a watchman with a shotgun was stationed not far from the front rooms, to prevent any one from leaving or entering the house.

The negro was shining shoes at Covardin Avenue and Hull Streets when it was discovered that he was broken out with smallpox. Officer Ward saw him and the negro ran off. The officer followed the negro to the house in the lot mentioned and there kept him confined until Dr. M. P. Rucker, President of the Board of Health, could be notified. Dr. Rucker ordered a guard to stand at the door to prevent any one from leaving or entering the place. Mr. Alfery was stationed on the outside with a shotgun.

The incident created considerable excitement in the neighborhood, for many people were returning from church while the negro was shining shoes on the street. Dr. Rucker had to vaccinate several persons in the neighborhood. The action of the health authorities was prompt and there is no danger of a spread of the disease. Every negro living in the vicinity of the home of Jefferson will be vaccinated to-day. Dr. Rucker, having attended the joint session of the Health Committee and the Board of Health to take this means of preventing the spread of smallpox.

Those who attended the meeting yesterday afternoon were Messrs. Rucker, Hooker, John W. Moore, T. E. Taylor and H. A. Lindsay, of the Health Committee, and Dr. M. P. Rucker, Messrs. S. J. Jones, G. W. Peasars and R. T. Clenton, of the Board of Health.

The secretary of the Board of Health was instructed to communicate at once with the managers of manufacturing establishments and urge the vaccination of all employees. Upon a motion of Mr. Moore, the managers will be notified that all of their employees must show a certificate of a successful vaccination before entering the places of employment. This request will be made of the officials of the different places where many hands are employed, and the order will be complied with, once an order will be issued that will force the manufacturers to have all of their employees vaccinated.

Mayor H. A. Maurice attended the joint session of the committee and told the board that he would use every thing in his power to prevent the spread of the disease. "If they won't vaccinate their employees when requested to do so, the health authorities can order the places closed and I will enforce the law," he said.

CONFIRMED TEN.

Bishop Gibson Preaches in St. Mark's Church.

Bishop Gibson preached last night at St. Mark's Church, in the Rev. Thomas C. Burt, the rector, had prepared a class of ten for confirmation. "To Disarm Children," was the subject of the sermon. The pastor preached a powerful and eloquent sermon, and the congregation was attentive to the words of the minister, who preached with his usual vigor and earnestness.

Pay Off Church Debt.

Rev. W. A. Cooper, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, announced that the congregation yesterday had paid the full amount subscribed to finish paying the indebtedness on the church. This was the first time since the church was organized that the debt has been paid in full.

GREAT MEETING AT PINE-STREET CHURCH

Pastor Has Baptized One Hundred and Thirteen Under Late Revival Services.

The great revival meeting that has been in progress at Pine Street Baptist Church for three weeks and a half closed last Wednesday night. The result of this meeting will be about one hundred and thirty additional members to this church. Yesterday morning, after a plain, tender sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Tutson, the Lord's Supper was administered to the congregation, which ever attended the sacred ordinance in the church. The day was one long to be remembered by the Pine Street congregation, for after the sermon the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members by tender scenes, and there were some very tender scenes between parents and children and teachers and scholars.

Among those to receive the hand of fellowship was one gentleman who had for years been an ardent infidel, but under Rev. J. B. Tutson's powerful sermons he made a public confession of Christ, and has been baptized.

Another gentleman, more than sixty years old, had been converted and baptized at the hand of fellowship. This man, Dr. Hutton, preached to a full house again, and at the close of the sermon there were eight baptisms. This makes one hundred and thirteen that have been baptized since the beginning of the revival, and there are a number yet to be baptized, who could not be present last night. With those who were received yesterday, the membership of Pine Street Church is now 1,720, and the Sunday school has grown to something over 1,100.

MR. BENNETT HURT.

Peculiar and Severe Accident to Undertaker While Driving.

Undertaker W. Bennett is suffering somewhat from bruises received in a curious accident, which befell him one day last week. He was riding in his buggy near Latrobe and Main, when the bolt around which the front wheels turn, known as the king-bolt, snapped in two. His horse cantered on, and Mr. Bennett experienced a severe jolt down in the second body of the buggy.

The doughty undertaker picked himself up, and with the aid of willing bystanders succeeded in heading his horse off, and together they returned to his stables.

HENRICO CIRCUIT COURT TO-DAY

A Number of Important Cases to Be Tried This Term.

MANDAMUS BEST SOLUTION

Delegate Throckmorton and Judge Scott Think Well of Such Proceeding.

The Henrico county Circuit Court convenes this morning at 10 o'clock in court-chamber, in accordance with the old law, which sets the dates of meeting on the first Monday in January, April, July and October.

A bill was passed by the recent Legislature changing the time of meeting to the first Tuesday in March and June and the second Tuesday in September and in December, which has not yet gone into effect. Judge R. Carter Scott will be the presiding judge of the term and it will be one of his duties to see that the bill is put into effect. The bill which has been passed by the Legislature, known as Senate Bill No. 40, is a bill which will probably confer with Delegate Throckmorton, who first called attention to the discrepancy of the new law of the circuit court. He will doubtless request a mandamus and thus the matter can best be decided.

The Circuit Court will have its hands full for some days to come, as there are a large number of cases on the docket, among them being the case of the negro Austin Johnson, charged with criminal assault on little Ruth Pinchbeck.

The objections made to the new bill relate to the Circuit Court are that it fixes terms for the Henrico Circuit Court that are decidedly inconvenient—terms which were not desired and which were not asked for by the Legislature.

Further, declares Delegate Throckmorton, who has given the matter much of his time, the present law of the circuit court, which is to be changed by the new law, is a very good law, and it is not desirable to change it. He also pointed out the provisions of Article IV, section 7, of the Constitution, which reads as follows:

The law shall embrace more than one subject which shall be expressed in the title. Other than the settlement of this alleged unconstitutionality, there are several points which will make the term of the Circuit Court which begins to-day a most interesting one.

FORM LEAGUELETES.

School Children Will Aid Civic Improvement League.

It has developed upon the Ladies Auxiliary branch of the Civic Improvement League that it finally overcome the objections of the School Board, score a signal victory and take a big step forward towards the beautifying of what is naturally, by its surroundings, one of the most picturesque cities of America. The case about in this way. For some time past it has been the policy of the league to have the most essential ends to be aimed at in the education of the youthful eye to the artistic, and with this in view the ladies decided to make a strong attack on the schools.

The Federation of Mothers' Clubs understood to have been the School Board, which has given its consent to the teachers starting and organizing junior branches of the Civic Improvement League. The young idea is to be taught how flowers beautify and are to be provided with a button to wear, but at the same time to undertake to clean their own back yard by seeing their own back yard in future a thing of beauty, to nose out and report any untidy or unsanitary alleys that they may discover in their perambulations after their game, and when found, report them to "teacher" teachers will do their best to throw their banners, signs or orange peel around the highways to the danger of life and limb; to say nothing of the offense to the aesthetic eye; not to destroy the trees or draw caricatures of the city officials on the school yard wall.

Unless these and other rules and regulations are observed, they, the juvenile civic improvers, will have their honors stripped from them and the button forfeited. But, if they carefully observe the rules laid down, seeds will be sown, and there is a fall of prizes when the flowers bloom.

Already many of these leaguelets have been organized. The lists are to be sent in to the parent body not later than the 10th, which is ready to serve out by the 16th of April some 3,000 packages of seeds to the little ones wearing the mystic buttons, and doubtless Richmond will be all the brighter and cleaner for their efforts.

DELEGATES NOT CHOSEN.

Post A Held Spirited Meeting. But Election Was Postponed.

Matters did not come to the expected head at the convention from Post A, Travelers Protective Association, Saturday night at Murphy's Hotel.

The air was electric with the impending contest, however, for some minutes after the meeting was ruffled by the vague ramblings of a threatened thunderbolt.

The meeting, however, was spirited throughout. Mr. Thomas Polindexter was elected chairman and Mr. R. B. Walthall, secretary of the meeting.

There were only thirty-four of the sixty-four delegates answered to their names. About eleven arrived later upon the scene, raising the attendance to forty-five.

Mr. Joseph Wallerstein made a motion to elect some delegates whose names had been recommended to the State convention as national delegates. This was sharply debated and fell through.

The only conclusion reached after two hours and a half of discussion was that the chairman appoint a committee of six, which is to decide upon a time of meeting, and will send out letters to all the sixty-four delegates, who will come together for the purpose of electing the six men who will be recommended as national delegates. It was recommended that the committee call the meeting the night before the State convention, which meets here May 11th and 12th.

Lad Is Extremely Ill.

Little John G., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. McDowell, is extremely ill, and is in the hospital at the Littlefield. The lad is the youngest of a family of eight children, and is only two years old.

Mr. T. H. Wade was taken to the Virginia Hospital yesterday with the appendicitis. He will be operated on to-day.

The colored woman, who was in the Memorial Hospital is developing into a baby farm. Seven pickaninnies have taken up their quarters there during the last two weeks.

COUNCIL FIGHT IN EARNEST

Slim Field Yet, But New Men Are Entering the Race Day by Day.

MEMBERS WISH RE-ELECTION

Most of the Incumbents Will Stand Again—No Opposition to Treasurer Pace.

Only about twenty-five days are left in which to conduct the municipal campaign for councilmen, aldermen and city treasurer, and from this day on some of the contests promise to be sharp, though there are no indications that any of them will be bitter.

The entire council—thirty-five members—eleven aldermen and a candidate for city treasurer will be nominated, and a full vote will, in all probability, be polled. There are five councilmen from each ward, and most of the incumbents will stand for re-election. Of the eleven aldermen whose terms will expire on July 1st, all will run again, save Mr. John B. Minor, of Lee Ward, who does not desire a second term.

It seems well understood that City Treasurer James B. Pace will have no opposition in the primary.

In the West-End. The Councilmen in Clay Ward are Messrs. Don Leavy, Richardson Minor, Lewis and Linhart. No new candidates have been heard from so far.

In Lee Mr. Minor will retire from the Board, and Councilman T. H. Elliott will stand for his seat. Mr. Elliott is in Atlanta, but has instructed his representative, five here to enter his name, and besides being a prominent business man, has always stood on the side of the people in the city legislature. He is popular, not only with his constituents, but as well with those over whom he presides. Mr. Elliott is a candidate for re-election, though the other three members, Messrs. McCaw, Huber and Well will all probably run again. Alderman Burton comes out for re-election and will win with ease.

Mr. J. G. Woodburn has made a faithful councilman from Monroe Ward, but he will shortly move into Madison, and will therefore not be in the race.

The other incumbents, Messrs. Spence, E. G. Williams and Green are expected to stand for re-election.

No One Against Him.

Mr. Gunst is the alderman from Monroe whose term will expire, and he will likely have no opposition for re-election.

Messrs. John Howard, Jr., and Joseph W. Billey have been mentioned for the lower branch, but he will not stand for re-election. There is usually a fight in Madison Ward, and one is expected this time. The aldermen whose terms expire are Messrs. Allen and Donohoe. The former says he will not stand again. The latter will be a candidate for re-election, and will be a strong contender for the office.

The incumbents are Messrs. Holston, Pollock, White and Maurier. They are candidates for re-election, and Mr. E. H. Gilbert, a new man, is in the race.

In Old Jefferson.

Messrs. E. M. Eppes and Joseph Wallerstein are mentioned and may enter the lists as candidates.

In Jefferson Messrs. Turpin and Adams come up for re-election to the Board, and will probably be unopposed. The Council will stand again. They are Messrs. Mills, Lynch, Wiltshire, Gates and Atkinson. Other candidates are Messrs. J. O. Phillips, John Selph and probably Samuel Steiner.

Messrs. Grimes, Curtis, Garber, Smith and Taylor represent Marshall in the Council. It is said that the two latter gentlemen will not run again. Messrs. D. E. Richardson and J. T. Neagle are talked of as probable candidates from Marshall Ward for the lower branch.

The alderman whose term expires is Mr. Satterfield, and he is in the race again, and so far without opposition.

MYSTERY BUFFLES ALL SEARCHERS

Police and Friends Have Been Unable to Learn Anything of Mr. Stoddard.

One week ago yesterday Mr. Truman Stoddard crept out of his home, No. 229 South Fifth Street, and half an hour after his disappearance no trace of him could be found. Had the earth opened up and swallowed the man, his disappearance could not have been more effectual. Not a clue has been found by the most experienced and able of the detectives and the police, who have been diligently searching for the man's body, if dead, or his whereabouts, if he is yet alive.

An aged wife, frantic with grief and anxiety, awaited hourly for some news of her husband. Four daughters conceal in the best way they can their sorrow, and try to comfort their mother. The scene at the home of Mr. J. Lester Taylor, son-in-law of Mr. Stoddard, where the wife of the missing man does and has resided for years, is one that touches the hearts of all of those who behold it.

If the man were dead, the grief of those dear to him would not be more keen. It is, in fact, the suspense, the anxiety, the very uncertainty of the disappearance, that causes so much distress in the home of Mr. Stoddard.

On Wedding Anniversary.

Thirty-nine years ago last Sunday Mr. Stoddard was married. The anniversary of the marriage would have been fittingly celebrated at his home on that day, but for the strange and mysterious disappearance early in the morning. The grief of the wife, therefore, is peculiarly manifest.

Her children, Mrs. J. L. Taylor, Mrs. J. T. Morris, of Richmond, and Mrs. H. McAlwain, of Newport News, and Mrs. Henry Williams, of Gladstone, Va., are well known to the man and they are anxious about their father.

The canal and the basin were dragged yesterday at the direction of Mr. Lester Taylor, the distracted son-in-law, whose devotion for his wife's father was somewhat always admired by his friends. Taylor, himself, last searched the river above and below the city and has had many assisting him in his search. Not a clue has been found. Nothing that could lead to the recovery of the body of Mr. Stoddard, if he is dead, has been learned.

BONDSMEN TAKE MAIL SERVICE

American Surety Company Will Deliver Mails Regularly.

CONTRACT NOT AN EASY ONE

Service Has About Thirty-eight Outgoing and Thirty-three Incoming Mails.

The mail delivery service was Saturday night at twelve o'clock taken over by the American Surety Company, in whose hands it was placed, after the service was taken from Dr. Thomas M. Sweeney by the order of the United States Postoffice Department. The American Surety Company were the bondsmen of Dr. Sweeney, and as he failed to live up to the contract made with the Postoffice Department, the service devolved upon them.

This company will run seven wagons, according to the contract, and one emergency wagon, which, owing to the increasing demands of the service, will probably be incorporated later into the route.

The local authorities say they made repeated attempts to have Dr. Sweeney fulfill his contract and to run the regular number of wagons, but after nine months of continual inefficiency, they reported the matter to the head department, and the contract was handed over to his bondsmen.

The local authorities said yesterday that they apprehend no further trouble, as they repose the utmost confidence in the Surety Company, which now has charge of the service.

LOST HIS MONEY.

Old-Time Election Officer Tells How a Negro "Tripped" Him.

One of the former election officers of the city, who officiated in Jackson Ward in the old days, tells a story of how a negro voter got the better of him, on the occasion of a hotly contested election.

"I remember in question was a Democratic Judge, and was as well a merchant in the ward referred to. His trade was confined largely to colored people, and he was a good deal of a hustler. One week to week. On the occasion named one of his colored customers came to the polls and offered a vote. After hearing the name and looking over the books the Democratic Judge said: 'You are marked dead here; you cannot vote.'"

"Yes, that is what the books say," was the reply.

"Come back," responded the negro, as he stumbled off, "so is dat \$2.50 I owes you dead."

"Come back," called the judge, "I believe there is some mistake here; you can vote."

"Now, sir, I don't want to vote," replied the negro, "but I want to see the Western Judge, who is in charge of the vote, and I will give him \$2.50," said the former judge, "and I never played the trick on any more of my debtors."

A COWBOY HERO FROM NEBRASKA

Western Comedy Drama at Academy To-night—Ryan at the Bijou.

"Ben, of Broken Bow Ranch," which will be played at the Academy to-night, is a story somewhat like that of the cowboy hero goes from Nebraska to New York to win a girl who has touched his heart while on a visit to the Western plains. The comedy drama, which is a title role. The company supporting him is said to be one of unusual ability.

One of the most attractive offerings of the present theatrical season will be the engagement of "The Yankee Consul," which comes to the Academy on next Wednesday. The fame of this remarkable offering has preceded it, and the theatre will be enabled to witness the splendid production which has created a future in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco. Messrs. John P. Sweeney, who is directing the tour, this season, has engaged a splendid cast, headed by Harry Short, a clever young comedian, and Miss Vera Mielehena in the part of the heroine.

Sean O'Connell will be on the stage at the Academy office for the engagement of "The Yankee Consul" and "The Old Homestead."

Ryan opens his engagement of one week at the Bijou to-night with "The Bells," in which he will portray the role of "Mathias."

STATE FAIR STILL NEEDS MUCH MONEY

Times-Dispatch April Fool Cartoon Seems to Have Been Misconstrued by Some.

While those in charge of the subscription department of the Virginia State Fair Association are getting along quite well with their work, they say they have yet by no means enough money and do not wish to continue to do so, as they have the cartoon on the subject in The Times-Dispatch of yesterday.

"The drawing was in the 'April Fool' line, and the opposite of what it expressed was, therefore, intended. Yet, it is said that some casual readers have taken it seriously and said to members of the committee that they were glad sufficient funds had already been raised. The committee is prosecuting its work vigorously and will from day to day publish through the press the names of the new subscribers. The members were handicapped in their work last year, owing to the very inclement weather, but they expect to make a good showing and make up for lost time in the near future."

"The people are responding to our calls," said Alderman W. T. Dabney last night, "and we believe success lies in our way, if we only continue to do as well as we have done recently."

BLOOD FLOWED AT VIOLET CLUB DANCE

Razors Used Plentifully, But Not a Darkey Could Tell About It.

Action in 'Square Angle' Club Saturday brought to light that day down in Virginia, upon the New Market road, the darkeys had a hot old time two weeks ago to-night.

A tragedy, in which "razzors" flashed in the scintillating light, interrupted the festivities, it is true, but then this was only for a brief interim of ten minutes, and untroubled by the accident, the numbers continued their rag-time ditties and waltzes, and their rag-time ditties to the love-lorn maids.

The Celestial Blue Violet Enterprise Social and Dance Club, No. 1, was in charge, and the members and their friends were the persons of the festal drama. The scene was laid in the spacious Antioch Hall, built by the club for meetings and special occasions.

Four Men Stabbed.

In the razor scrimmage four men were cut, and by the untiring efforts of Special County Officer John Camp, the whole shabang, wounded and unslashed, were collected before Magistrate Myer Angie Saturday afternoon in the county court-house.

Molly Allen, black belle of the Blue Violets, was the first to testify. She expounded the concise three-word speech of the Roman and said:

"I didn't even look no notice of nothing."

Tom Jeter, of dusky hue, gave evidence as follows:

"I, Jake Washington done cut me, I ain't knowed it. No, sub, we want to get out, Jeter, an' he cut me. They twine, the club's secretary and treasurer, was next in line and told of the foundation, the history and purposes of the Blue Violet organization. He said that before the battle of the niggers was over, he had a ruff, ruff an' ruff, ruff, Jake Washington, he comes up to me, and see, 'Sargeant,' dat 's' word de niggers call me, see, 'I don't know who done it,' Squard, 'dat 's' all know about it, shore as I am settin' here."

John Jones LECTURED.

John Jones, floor manager, took no part in the scuffle and got a lecture on the duties of a floor manager from Magistrate Angie. His wife, a witness was unable to appear on account of illness.

Richard Roberson, the lord high chancellor of the brigade, found among the violets, got a word in edgeways. He said:

"All at once de floor was in a tangle, which lasted eight or ten minutes, and who done de cuttin' I can't tell you. I see none dat in my seat. 'De niggers' went back to her and didn't say nothin'."

Ernest Coates was waiting on the table at the upper end of the hall and was too wise to play butinsky. John Thomas told the following and shut up like a clam:

"Dee skummed 'round nex' to de door dere, I never knowed who was fightin'. Dey 'em de row at de door, and dis here Jeter fellow, he see somebody cut his hand, and that 'fore Gawd dat was all I seed."

Doan Know Nuthin'.

"I don't know nuthin'," was the motto of Willie Christian, and like all the rest he kept mum.