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National Negro Business League Session in St. Louis, Mo.

The twentieth annual meeting of the National Negro Business Men's League held its session at the large coliseum on the corner of Jefferson and Washington avenues, Aug. 12, 14 and 15. It was a successful meeting, largely attended by business, professional men, also educators, and farmers. Fully 1,000 visitors were in attendance.

The coliseum will seat about 20,000 people and the closing evening, fully 10,000 colored people attended to hear the address to be delivered by Colonel Otis B. Duncan, the present colonel of the famous Eighth Illinois (the 370th). Colonel Duncan delivered a very fine and scholarly address paying the highest tribute to the colored soldiers. He was introduced by that brilliant soldier Captain Byrd of Springfield, Ill. After Colonel Duncan's address more than 500 couples tripped the light fantastic. Many new dances were introduced. The program proper was good and interesting and successful. Twenty-two states in the United States will give you a few who appeared upon this occasion, Wednesday, Aug. 13:

- The League called to order by Aaron E. Malone, president of the Negro Business League of St. Louis. Music. Prayer, Dr. J. T. Caston, pastor Fifth Baptist Church. Managing My Own Department Store, I. W. Harper, Jonestown, Miss.

Raising and Marketing Live Stock, Tom Bass, Mexico, Mo. Making Farming Pay, G. T. Thomas, Clarksdale, Miss., C. N. Miller, Boyle, Miss.

Making the Catering Business Pay, Mrs. Annie Fisher, Columbia, Mo.; Mrs. Barrett, Indianapolis, Ind.; H. T. Brassfield, Columbus, Ohio.

Combining Farming and Merchandising, John Nunnely, Bluffton, Mo. Building up a Sales Force Through Advertising, C. A. Barnett, Kashmir company, Chicago, Ill.

Prayer, Rev. W. H. Peck, pastor, St. James A. M. E. Church. Words of Welcome, on behalf of the state, Lieut. Governor Crossley; on behalf of the city, Hon. Henry W. Kiel, mayor, city of St. Louis; on behalf of the citizens of St. Louis, Prof. Frank L. Williams, principal of Sumner High school, chairman Civic Committee, Business League, St. Louis.

President's annual address. Presentation of silver loving cup to the three cities making the best records during the Negro Health Week. By Allen W. Clark, chairman, Clean-up and Paint-up Committee, St. Louis.

Thursdays. At 9:00 A. M. Visit roof garden, railway exchange building. Prayer, Rev. E. H. C. Snyder. Managing a Drug Store, Ernest L. Harris, St. Louis; Richard H. Harris, Montgomery, Ala. The Laundry Business, R. Herbert Stanton, St. Louis. Making Truck Gardening Pay, Walter Jones, Glendale, Ohio; William Wave, Brooklyn, Md. Running a Haberdashery, Henry A. Smith, St. Louis; William F. Cannon, Indianapolis, Ind. Manufacturing Soft Drinks—a new Business Opportunity, R. B. Davis, Mound, Bayou, Miss.

The Real Estate Business, Pearl Abernathy, St. Louis; J. J. Hardey, Houston, Texas. Farming and Teaching, R. B. Benson, Upland, Ark. Successful Hog Raising, Miss Matilda Andrews, Denver, Colo. General Merchandising, A. D. Hayes, Corinth, Miss.; Wallace Wolfolk, Indianapolis, Ind.; C. B. Holloway, Chattanooga, Tenn. Women in the Grocery Business, Mrs. T. J. Nevins, St. Louis. A Symposium Discussion: "Recon-

RACIAL PROGRESS.

The largest office building in the world, the railway exchange building in St. Louis which is twenty-one stories high and covers a solid square block, has thirty-seven colored elevator girls and colored women starters, according to an interview with Prof. L. C. Jones, relatives to his recent trip to the Business League. He says there are higher buildings but none that cover a square block, and it was good to look at as Dean Moore of Howard and I went through the building to see our girls in this unique position. Prof. Jones is also enthusiastic over the Ft. Dodge Improvement Club, which is composed of young people of our race residing in Ft. Dodge. It is composed of both men and women and acts as a sort of Negro Commercial Club, standing not only for the improvement of their homes, but entertaining guests of the city and helping along worthy causes. Prof. Jones thinks there should be a club of this sort in all places where there are enough of our people.

struction and Readjustment Problems—the Negro's Relation Thereto." (a) Labor. (b) Business opportunities. (c) Welfare agencies, including Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Community Service, National League on Urban Conditions, etc. (d) Health. (e) Education.

How Our Fraternal Orders May Operate with Negro Business Enterprises, Carlton W. Gaines, Waycross, Ga., 4:00 p. m., at Booker Washington theatre.

Thursdays Evening. Prayer, Rev. B. F. Abbott, pastor Union Memorial Church.

Insurance—What It is and What It is Doing for Negroes, George W. Blount, Portsmouth, Va.; M. S. Stewart, Jackson, Miss.; W. B. Driver, Birmingham, Ala.

Marketing Farm Products, J. D. Wray, Greensboro, N. C.; Austin Roberts, Okalona, Miss.; John Wise, Aberdeen, Miss.

Making the Local Negro Business League a Factor in the Community, Frank Howard Hallion, Richmond, Va.

How the Specialty Dry Goods Store May Compete with the Department Store, James L. Velaz, St. Louis.

Contracting in Stone and Brick, R. W. Barnett, Aetchison, Kans. Chiroprody, Dr. T. B. Reddick, St. Louis; E. R. Perkins, Indianapolis, Ind.

Business Education as a Demand of the Race, Emory B. Smith, Washington, D. C. Address, Dr. Robert E. Jones, Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans, La.

Address, William C. D'Arcy, president Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, St. Louis.

Friday, August 15. Prayer, Rev. C. A. Williams, pastor St. Paul A. M. E. Church.

Wholesale and Retail Coal Business, Herace Pece, Indianapolis, Ind. The Tailoring Business, John H. Hughes, Hiawatha, Kans.

Making the Furniture Business Pay, William Robinson, New Orleans, La. Reports of Affiliated Organizations, (a) National Negro Undertakers' Association; (b) National Negro Bankers' Association; (c) National Negro Bar Association; (d) National Negro Press Association; (e) National Negro Retail Merchants' Association; (f) National Negro Farmers' Association.

Friday Evening. Music, solo, Troy P. Gorum, St. Louis. Prayer, Rev. D. R. Clark, pastor All Saints Episcopal Church. Address, Colonel Otis B. Duncan. Reception and ball tendered the officers, delegates and visitors by the St. Louis League.

There were several spoke whose names were not on the program. Iowa had only two representatives, Hon. Geo. H. Woodson, attorney; John L. Thompson and family, editor of the Bystander and lawyer. Other distinguished men present were Colonel John B. Marshall of Chicago; Colonel Otis B. Duncan, Captain W. Byrd and Dr. Ware of Springfield, Ill.; Major R. E. Moton, Warren, Logan; Dr. Work, A. L. Holsey and Mrs. Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee; J. C. Napier, R. R. Church of Tennessee, C. S. Stewart, the veteran newspaper reporter of Chicago, Ill.; Hon. Emmett J. Scott of Washington, D. C.; also J. C. Davis, George L. Knox of Indianapolis, Ind.; Nick Childs of Topeka, Kan.; Editor Abbott of Chicago, Fred R. Moon of New York, H. E. Jones of New Orleans.

There were but few changes in the election of the officers—except the president. Prof. R. E. Moton was elected to succeed J. C. Napier. It was a great inspiring convention. The headquarters were at the Y. M. C. A. building and at Poro College building.

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FRENCH WILL WELCOME COLORED LABORERS

Boston, Mass., Aug. 28.—Color segregation and economic competition are the causes for the bloody race riots in Chicago, according to William Monroe Trotter, the colored peace conference petitioner at Paris, and secretary of the National Equal Rights League, who had just returned from the league's eastern headquarters at 2152 Fifth avenue, New York City, which deliberated on the recent race riots. "If the United States does not appreciate the colored laborer enough to let him work for his bread by the sweat of his brow unmolested, I know positively that the republic of France, which knows no color line, will welcome the black American worker for the restoration of the devastated regions, especially unskilled labor," declared William Monroe Trotter, who says that France is the land of equality of rights.

EDITOR KING MURDERED.

(Associated Negro Press.) Colonel W. E. King, editor and founder of the Dallas Express, the largest race publication in the southwest, was shot and killed Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock at 2811 Flora street. Mr. King lived only a few minutes after he was shot. He was shot in the upper right chest. Hattie C. Burleson, former personal secretary and boarding mistress of Mr. King, voluntarily surrendered immediately after the shooting and an affidavit charging her with murder was filed in Justice Barnett's court.

Born in Mississippi, Mr. King was the son of Richard and Marguerite King. He was born in Macon, Miss., in 1866. He was educated in the schools of Macon. After completing his high school education he taught school for a number of years in the public schools of Lauderdale and Jasper counties where he enjoyed the distinction of standing the best examination of any teachers in these counties, white or black. Seeing the need of a newspaper to defend the rights of his down-trodden race, he began the publication of a newspaper known as "Fair Play," about 1885 which had a wide circulation and was successfully managed until forced to close his shop and leave the state on account of position his paper took in defense of his race.

He came to Dallas in 1891 and secured a position as managing editor of the Western Star, published by Rev. E. W. D. Isaacs in 1892. He began the publication of the Dallas Bee later the name was changed to the Dallas Express. He was editor-in-chief at the time of his death and by his uncompromising stand for justice and right, the paper is considered one of the strongest publications in the southwest.

The deceased is survived by a brother, John King of Greenville, Miss., who will come for the remains and make funeral arrangements.

\$1,000 Legacy to Piney Woods

Prof. Laurence C. Jones, principal and founder of Piney Woods school, Braxton, Miss., in receipt of a letter from his banker stating that he has received a legacy of one thousand dollars from the estate of a Mr. Olson of Minnesota to be used in whatever way it will serve best. It is good to know that people are beginning to remember the effort of Principal Jones in their wills.

It is also good to know that the wealthy people are giving in larger sums. Upon the return of Prof. Jones from the Negro Business League he found a check awaiting him from a banker in Iowa for \$500. Piney Woods school now owns free from debt 1,414 acres of land, six large buildings, three hundred students, eighteen teachers, a private telephone system, a brass band, its own railroad stop and postoffice with a colored postmistress and in Mississippi strange to say, and \$6,000 invested in city bonds, the beginning of an endowment fund.

The entire property is valued upward of \$75,000, which gives up an Iowa educated man of our race, Prof. L. C. Jones at the head of a \$75,000 corporation. CLINTON NEWS. Miss Charlotte Williams of Chicago was the guest for a few days at the home of her brother, H. G. Williams on DeWitt street. The reception at Bethel A. M. E. Church on Thursday evening, August 14 to the returned soldiers from overseas was well attended, and proved a success. At 7 o'clock the boys were guests at supper. Later a program consisting of music and addresses was rendered. The affair was under the auspices of the local society which has done good service in Red Cross work for the boys while away. Miss Irene McGaw of Davenport spent the week end a few days ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bush on Eighth avenue. Messrs William Mann, Curtis Bush, Roy Weats and Carl Culbertson attended the dance in Davenport last week. The dance given at Eagle Point Park Friday night, Aug. 15 complimentary to the returned boys from overseas, was a success. A large crowd was in attendance, who danced until the midnight hour to the music of Tim Sheans jazz orchestra. The fourth and last quarterly meeting for this conference year is scheduled for Sept. 7. Mrs. Albert Jenkins and daughter, Mrs. Charles Clay, are guests of relatives in Bloomfield, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jetter, 223 DeWitt street, announce the marriage of Miss Catherine Cole of New Orleans, La., and Sgt. Ezra B. Hall of Baton Rouge, La. The ceremony taking place at Rockford, Ill., on Monday, Aug. 18. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Jetter. The newly married couple will make their home in Minneapolis, Minn., after a visit in Aurora, Ill., with relatives. Do not force the agent to ask you for your delinquent subscription, but pay up as you agreed.

ST. LOUIS TO HAVE DEPARTMENT STORE

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 28.—At a meeting held at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church \$15,000 was subscribed to establish a department store which is to be operated exclusively by colored people and for colored people. The movement is partly due to the speech recently made here by Colonel Charles Young of the United States army, who urged colored people to own their business institutions. Rev. R. G. Shaw, pastor of the church, is in charge of subscriptions. Twenty thousand dollars in all will be raised. The store will be operated on the cooperative plan. No person will be allowed to hold more than one hundred dollars worth of stock. If the store is a success, the next move will be to establish a colored bank.

LEGION POST IS NAMED AFTER NEGRO OFFICER

(By Negro Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., Aug. 28.—Named after the first Negro in Mobile to have been commissioned in the army, Carter Brown, a post of the American legion, has been organized of all Negro ex-service men of this city, who have been honorably discharged from the army. Sixty members have already been enrolled. The headquarters will be at the Colored Red Circle Club.

Mr. J. T. Bass wishes to announce to his friends that he still holds forth at 410 North Second street where he will be glad to meet them at all times. Call Bell 178 or Auto 1429 when you have news of interest for the Bystander.

One thing which will no doubt meet with popular favor in Clinton is the Social Club which was organized on Monday night. The organization starts out under most favorable circumstances, and is officered as follows: President, A. A. Bush; vice president, George J. Robinson; secretary, Ralph Holder; assistant secretary, C. I. Thompson; treasurer, J. T. Culbertson; house committee, Joe Robinson, William Williams, Carl Culbertson, James Moore and Holland Williams. Curtis Bush spent Sunday in Chicago leaving Tuesday for Des Moines.

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH. (Special to Bystander.)

A dinner party was given Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown's residence, 320 Fruit street, by the Syndicate Club whose members are Mesdames Freda Range, president of Ft. Madison Ia.; Stoll Glass, vice president of Chicago, Ill.; Lucile Spencer, secretary, of Chicago; Ethel Jones, vice president, of Chicago; Panau Ward, treasurer, of Chicago; Helen Burns, vice treasurer, of Kansas City; David Ruff, John Brown, Clare Curry, Edward Brown, all of South Haven. The girls above mentioned have been resorting here at the lakes for the summer, but will leave for Chicago, Sept. 1.

QUINCY, ILL., ITEMS. (Special to Bystander.)

Jordan W. Tutt was re-elected state grand master of the United Brothers and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Illinois and jurisdiction, others officers were J. E. Bush of Chicago, deputy grand master; Benjamin H. Lucas, Chicago, state grand secretary; J. C. Steele Mound City, state grand treasurer, and Major R. A. Byrd of Springfield, grand secretary of the endowment board; Edward Duncan, chairman of grand trustee board. The grand temple re-elected Miss Rhoda M. Johnson of Quincy, state grand princess; Eliza Jackson, Chicago, grand vice princess; Georgia Hardin, grand temple secretary and Rebecca Hart Cairo, grand temple treasurer. The grand session was held in Mound City, Aug. 18 to 22. There were twelve charters issued during the year and 849 certificates. This year proved to be the most successful in the history of the order. BUXTON NEWS. Dr. E. A. Carter left Saturday for Newark, N. J., where he will attend the National Medical Association. Dr. Hubert London late graduate of Iowa City University, will occupy his place during his absence. Dr. L. B. Willis and family are planning to move to Des Moines next month where he intends to practice and make his future home. Last Sunday was quarterly meeting day with Elder Ferribee officiating. The service attendance was very good. We always enjoy and appreciate Elder Ferribee's visits. Miss Gussie Mardis, clerk in the jewelry department of the Monroe Mercantile Co., is now enjoying her vacation. The Buxton Wonders played No. 18 mines last Sunday. The score was 2-5 in favor of the Wonders. This ties up things as you remember that No. 18 beat the Wonders July 4. The score being 2-5 favor 18 team. Now for the big rub off, which will be at Lovilla Labor day. Watch the Bystander for the report. Mrs. Florence Hogsett (formerly Florence Green) spent a week's visit with Miss Gussie Mardis. They claim it was one big week filled with dinners, auto

Secretary of N. O. C. P. Is Attacked in Texas

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People makes known the following facts regarding the situation in Austin, Texas, which lead to its secretary, John R. Shillady's visit to the capitol in Austin:

The city of Austin has one of the largest branches of the association in Texas, numbering 316 members. Texas, indeed, has the highest membership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of any state of the union, 7,046 members with thirty-one branches. It was, therefore, with great concern that on Aug. 11 the National Association's secretary received a letter from P. A. Williams, president of the Austin, Texas, branch, saying that on August 9 the deputy sheriff had served a citation on him to appear at the court of the justice of peace bringing all books, papers, correspondence, etc., belonging or pertaining to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He complied, was interrogated for thirty minutes and dismissed. At his writing he was under the ruling of the court and could not tell us any more.

Mr. Shillady, on receipt of this communication, left New York going first to Chicago to do some work regarding the recent riots, and from there to Texas, reaching Texas Thursday. It was on Friday that the outrageous attack was made upon him. It is unnecessary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to make the statement to the press of this country that it intends to do everything in its power to punish the offenders and to make the country ring with a knowledge of the conditions in the capital city of Texas. Only in the southern states of America could we read that a judge and deputy sheriff beat up a citizen visiting their city in the interests of a well known Association, highly honored, of ten years standing, an Association with Moorfield Storey, former president of the Bar Association, as its president, Major J. E. Spingarn as its treasurer, with the governor of Minnesota as the president of one of its branches, and Senator Capper until recently, president of another, an Association that has stood always for kindly dealing and fair play.

The Association believes that the citizens of the United States feel with it profound indignation at this latest expression of mob violence. No colored man who appears to think for himself is safe in the south, and it would seem that the same is true today of any white man who has the courage to expound his cause.

The annual report of the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People was put in the hands of the district attorney, deputy sheriff and the justice of the peace in Austin. They read its chief aims stated as follows:

- 1. A vote for every Negro man and woman on the same terms as for white men and women. 2. An equal chance to acquire the kind of an education that will enable the Negro everywhere wisely to use this vote. 3. A fair trial in the courts for all crimes of which he is accused, by judges in whose election he has participated without discrimination because of race. 4. A right to sit upon the jury which passes judgment upon him. 5. Defense against lynching and burning at the hands of mobs. 6. Equal service on railroad and other public carriers. This to mean sleeping car service, dining car service, Pullman service, at the same cost and upon the same terms as other passengers. 7. Equal right to the use of public parks, libraries and other community services for which he is taxed. 8. An equal chance for a livelihood in public and private employment. 9. The abolition of color-hypnotism and the substitution of "straight Americanism."

The demand for equal service on railroads and public carriers they took a special exception to. They also advised discontinuance of The Crisis. They talked about social equality. In the same report, the Association, in Mr. Shillady's forceful language, makes this statement regarding social equality which it believes and for which it intends to battle to the end:

"Nor should any one be led astray by the tiresome talk about 'social equality.' Social equality is a private question which may well be left to individual decision. But, the prejudices of individuals cannot be accepted as the controlling policy of a state. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is concerned primarily with public equality. America is a nation—not a private club. The privileges no less than the duties of citizenship belong of right to no separate class of the people but to all the people, and to them as individuals. The constitution and the laws are for the protection of the minority and of the unpopular, no less than for the favorites of fortune, or they are of no meaning as American instruments of government. Will not the readers of this article wire or write to their senators and representatives expressing their indignation at the treatment accorded Mr. Shillady in Texas, and urging upon them a congressional investigational investigation of mob violence in the United States."

ATTORNEY BROWN HEADS ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL COM.

Attorney S. Joe Brown of this city has been appointed state chairman of the colored men's section of the Roosevelt National Memorial Committee for the state of Iowa and has named as the other members of the Iowa committee the following: Attorney George H. Woodson and Dr. E. A. Carter of Buxton; Editor John L. Thompson and Dr. A. J. Booker of Des Moines; W. S. Page Ottumwa; J. W. Norris, Sioux City; W. W. Gross, Keokuk; Dr. R. S. Taylor, Davenport; Jos. D. Hopkins, Waterloo; John D. Reeler, Mason City; Henry Venable, Ft. Dodge; M. O. Culbertson, Clinton; A. G. Clark, Oskaloosa; C. W. Lyons, Council Bluffs; George L. Suter, Marshalltown; Harry W. Rose, Dubuque and J. Wesley Thompson, Iowa City.

This committee will co-operate with a similar committee of Negroes in each state which will comprise the colored men's section of the National Committee of which Hon. William Bryce Thompson of New York City is president and Hon. William H. Taft and Charles E. Hughes are honorary president and vice president respectively, the purpose of which is to erect a suitable memorial to the memory of the late president, Theodore Roosevelt.

DES MOINES WOMEN LAUNCH DRIVE

At a meeting held at the residence of Mrs. S. Joe Brown last Sunday afternoon plans were perfected for the launching of the Des Moines drive for the benefit of the girls' dormitory at Iowa City which is now in full blast; and in order that every individual and club in Des Moines might be given an opportunity to show their interest in our girls who are struggling for a higher education it was decided that the drive should not close until Monday, Sept. 1 at the Virginia picnic at Fraze park at or before which time all presidents and solicitors will be expected to report to either Mrs. George C. Young, secretary, or Mrs. Jessye E. McClellan, treasurer, and at the close of the picnic program the result of the drive will be announced by Miss Mamie Diggs who is the president of the University Girls Club.

MYSTIC ITEMS.

Mrs. Rhoda Clark and daughter, Gertrude, are visiting relatives and friends in Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Mary Clay of Estherville is visiting her uncle, Mr. C. E. Best. The social and bazaar given by the Pastor's Aid Club Saturday night was a real financial success. Rev. F. B. Woodard of Cedar Rapids was in Mystic on business last week, and preached at the First Baptist Church. His sermon was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. M. Cunningham is suffering with her ankle. She is taking treatment from a Centerville doctor. Mrs. E. F. Brown is on the sick list this week. Mrs. Mary Clay and Mrs. M. Cunningham were in Albion, calling on friends last Sunday. Mrs. Priscilla Hill had the misfortune to stick a nail in her foot, which is causing her much pain. Mr. Charles Douglas is reported on the sick list.