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George R. Smith College Opens.

The Sixteenth Annual Opening of the George R. Smith College was held in the College Chapel, Tuesday, September 15th at 10:30 a. m., with the Rev. W. H. Smith, district superintendent of the Sedalia district, presiding.

After reading a lesson from the CVI Psalm, the Rev. J Will Jackson, D. D., led in prayer, which was followed by singing, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown

Introductory remarks were intelligently made by the presiding officer, which was followed by a short address by the Rev. C. S. Webster, of the Smithton circuit.

A beautiful instrumental duet was then rendered by the Misses Irene Fletcher and Eva Parker, both of this city. After listening to some useful instruction by Mr. Earl A. Harris, a delightful vocal selection was presented by Miss Lou Aida Pipes.

Remarks were then made by the Rev. H. T. Reeves, of Armstrong, W. H. Huston, Rev. T. H. Lockwood, of Joplin, and the Rev. T. L. Scott, of this city.

Miss Irene Fletcher then delighted the audience with one of her choice piano soloes.

The Rev. J Will Jackson, D. D., pastor of Taylor's Chapel, of this city, was then called to the platform for the concluding remarks. His remarks were timely and to the point.

In appropriate terms, the Rev. W. H. Smith then introduced Prof. A. C. Maclin, A. M., as the new executive officer for this scholastic year. He, in brief but sensible sentiments, spoke of the grave responsibilities that attained to the position he occupies but courageously declared his determination to meet them without any fear of failure.

During the first week, the enrollment will exceed One Hundred, which is very auspicious.

New instructors of ability and character are in charge of the various departments. It is believed that an era of phenomenal progress is dawning for Old George R. Smith College.

Patrons and alumni are requested to keep the public informed of what is transpiring in and about our beloved alma matre.

Prof. Duke Boyd, A. B., an alumnus of Walden University, of Nashville, Tennessee, has been placed in charge of the English Department.

The Commercial Department will soon be placed under a proficient instructor.

"If I am elected president I propose to devote all the ability that is in me to the constructive work of suggesting to Congress the means by which the Roosevelt policies shall be clinched."

Hon. W. H. Taft, at Sandusky, Ohio., Sept. 8 1908.

The Crews Meeting.

Upon the political platform, the honorable Nelson C. Crews, of Kansas City has no peer. In his address to the Negro voters at Wood's Opera House recently he did credit to all interests concerned. His argument is sensible and sentimental. It is true that the Negro has no ghost of a sensible opportunity to support democracy this year, since upon every occasion, it has refused to take a manly and bold stand in defense of the Black man's rights under the law.

Happily for the Crews meeting on the 21st, several short addresses were given by Dr. C. S. Walden, the Old Roman, and the Rev T. L. Scott, the youthful political hercules. These addresses with the melodious strains of the Queen City Concert Band held the people in the right attitude to take in the political gospel, in all its purity, as given by Mr. Crews.

Uncle Buck Shelby and James White, two of our honored silver haired Civil War Veterans, gave vent to their feelings unremittingly. This meeting will help the Negro Republicans to get together as never before in this county because they have seen the necessity of electing everything that the Grand Old Party has on board.

Dr. J. T. Williams a recent graduate from the MeHrrry Medical College of Nashville, Tennessee, did the honors as chairman of the meeting. In his preliminary remarks, he gave several cogent reasons why the Negro is determined to stay by the Grand Old Party. Negro citizens all over the county will be glad to hear from him later.

Lincoln High School Enrollment Increased.

The enrollment at the Lincoln High School has already exceeded the 350 mark, a larger margin than that of last year at this time. If parents and patrons will do their duty, we shall have a sufficient attendance to cause the employment of another teacher. By the addition of the Industrial building, the efficiency of that line of work is augmented. It is sincerely desired that all children report at once at the school. Let them report for regular attendance and good behavior.

Prof. Hubbard and his corps of assistants have gotten down to real work, although the hot weather has served as a slight deterrent. To give encouragement to the faculty and to also subserve the public good, all must take a hand in getting all of our children in school and then keep them in

Republicans Keep Busy at It.

"Walter S. Dickey, Chairman Republican State Committee, has received, at the headquarters in St. Louis, the first complete poll book, or voting precinct directory. Mr. B. F. Sharpless is the Precinct Captain and Mr. A. W. Stevens the Township Committeeman, of Rockville precinct same township in Bates County, who are entitled to the distinction of having completed their work and delivered their book to State Headquarters the first of any voting precinct in Missouri. The precinct organization blanks and poll books were sent throughout the state the latter part of August and Republicans everywhere are now completing the work. We hope our local Republicans are up and coming on this important part of the detail preceeding the election."

Miss Ruby Murten spent Saturday and Sunday with home folk.

V. Bryon Young and Frank Lindsey spent Saturday evening at Otterville on business.

DISFRANCHISE THE NEGRO CHAIRMAN ATWOOD URGES.

Open Letter of Bryan Manager Also Declares for The Restriction of Educational Privileges.

Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 10.—A big stir was created in political circles here by the production of a letter over the signature of John H. Atwood, national Democratic committeeman for Kansas, and chairman of the Speakers' Bureau of the National Democratic Committee in charge of W. J. Bryan's campaign, advocating the disfranchisement of the Negroes of Kansas.

The letter of Mr. Atwood was printed in the Kansas City Post under date of May 6, a couple of months in advance of the presidential nominations, when it had not been decided to play the hypocrite to capture the colored vote.

Mr. Atwood is the first Democrat to boldly declare for the disfranchisement of the Negro race in a Northern state. He goes farther and plans to practically cut colored children off from receiving an education. The letter of Mr. Atwood read as follows:

To the Kansas City Post—By one of those strange ironies of fate which sometimes overtake the benefactors of individuals, peoples or races, the State of Kansas, which has done more, perhaps, for the Negro than any other state in the Union, is now suffering a grevious political wrong from the hands of the freedman and his descendants.

William A. Harris would now be govenor of Kansas had it not been for the ignorant Negro vote and there have been times in the past when the Democratic party could have elected its state ticket had it not been for the ignorant black vote of Kansas City (Kan.), Leavenworth, Atchinson, Lawrence and Topeka.

There was a time when the Negro vote was not a considerable factor in Kansas politics, but the time has passed. The influx of Negroes from the South, the rapid multiplication of those native to Kansas soil, and the increasing insistence of the Negro upon social equality, make the Kansas Negro not only a political factor, but a social and political menace.

If the last general election be a criterion, the Negro now holds the balance of political power in Kansas as he does in Missouri. This in itself is bad enough, but in Kansas we have suffered for long years the outrage of mixed schools, fastened upon us by Republican politicians.

Mixed schools lead the Negroes to aspire to a mixed society, and this close contact of the races is productive of trouble from which Kansas would be free if the Negro had less political power and were not admitted to the same schools with the whites.

Kansas has long been weary of the Negro politician, and it is more than weary of the mixed school. Patience has its limit, and I believe the time has come when the people of Kansan will join with the people of Missouri in restricting Negro sufferage.

I do not advocate the disfranchisement of the Negro on the ground of his color. That idea is abhorent to the principles of our free government and its execution would be in conflict with the constitution.

But our constitution will permit the disfranchisement of the ignorant, depraved, lazy, vicious and debauched Negro, and this disfranchisement should be accomplished to the end that our free institutions may not suffer.

May 6, 1908 JOHN H. ATWOOD.
—Globe-Democrat.

Arthur Camp took a very plesant drive to Smithton Sunday eve.

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