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Nominate Theodore Roosevelt and Win—Somebody Else and—Wilson

A. M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE

Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary in "Mother" Bethel, the First Church Established by Richard Allen in Philadelphia, Pa.

Thousands of Delegates and Visitors in Attendance—Many from Missouri and Kansas.

The General Conference Centennial Demonstration was held in Convention hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue, on Sunday afternoon. There were about 10,000 people present to listen to the addresses of some of the prospective candidates for the office of Bishop.

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Evans Tyree.

The opening musical selection was by the General Conference choir, led by Prof. J. A. Clark.

Prayer by Rev. P. J. Williams, presiding elder of West Philadelphia conference.

The first speaker on the program was announced by Bishop Tyree as Rev. I. N. Ross, D. D., of Baltimore, Md.

All through his speech he received hearty applause.

After the address the choir rendered excellent music. This musical selection was one from Hiawatha.

By Bishop Tyree:

"We will now listen to an address by Rev. Dr. J. H. Mixon, of Selma, Ala."

Dr. Mixon held his audience spell-bound, and much enthusiasm was evinced throughout his entire speech.

Bishop Tyree said that as Bishop Jones was late, that Bishop Jones had consented to give his time to Dr. Vernon, and that Dr. Vernon would deliver two speeches. Dr. Vernon spoke on the "Solidarity."

By Dr. Vernon:

"Bishop Tyree, associate Bishops, members of the Conference and Friends of the Church Methods: At the time of Richard Allen men had a desire for freedom, which was an old story. There was a revolution and a protest against political discrimination. Patrick Henry, in the Virginia House of Burgesses, had declared for

Hill was Salem; on Boston Commons Attacks died. That grand day when Cornwallis surrendered to Washington, Negro slaves stood at parade rest, believing that in some far-off day that the freedom that had come to the white man belonged even so to them and their children. The spirit swept the air, and hitherto enslaved men became knight errants in freedom's cause. Should the Negro then, who gave his earthly all to efforts for this asylum, have a grander freedom after hope's fruition brought a day of rejoicing, feel less the upward stress, the broader outlook, the still more pleasant dream of an endangered government protection and care, quell at a duty to conscience and to undying souls, when above man's mean and sordid rules that fellowship and Christian love, there hurried forth the death-benediction that Holy fire uttered by that inspired apostle who said, 'Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.'

"They went out at their own hearts' prompting, with the one thought to have a temple of the Lord where His spirit might dwell unhampered by the acts of those who are the Christ's. God said: 'Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel unto every creature, lo, I am with you always, even unto the ends of the world.' It was a challenge. The principles for which our Savior died became vital, permanent and enduring. What meant the lesson taught repulsive, weak, yet strong Apostle; he a medley of contradiction, yet one of whom was said, 'Upon this rock I'll build my Church, and the very gates of hell shall not prevail against it!' Applause."

"It was Allen who called men to see the purposes of a risen Lord in these words: 'God, our Father; Christ, our Redeemer; man, our brother.' For all of this our Lord had taught.

"You speak to me of Wycliffe, Huss, Savonarola, Luther; but I want to show you Allen, who, without pride of race, ancestry, stands out as a hero, sage, Christian, saint, race builder; all; God's man, the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal church. The Lord has brought us by His love. 'We come as the winds; come when the navies are stranded; come when a conquered tread in the home of Allen, under the banner of the Prince of Peace.

"The coming into being of this church was to give the open door of unrestricted opportunity to the millions of a race who had been restricted and scattered. These men of consecration were to go wherever God wanted them to go.

"The twentieth century finds us 100 years on to the march towards the culmination of achievements. Today is a great day. This age is wealthy centuries of thought and achievement, but since man's first word is not what has been accomplished, but what has to be accomplished; not what what problems have been solved, but what problems are to be solved; not what is possible, but what has been possible; that this impossibility may be speedily denied by his achievement in the future.

"The twentieth century humanity deals not with antiquity, but with futurity; not with ancient history, but with prophecy; not even with today, not as it affects the tomorrow. There then comes the clairion call through the years of strangely mingled fruition and achievements. 'Watchman, what of the night?' (Applause.)

"We answer to the spirit voices of the fathers, we, your children, inspired by your efforts, sustained by mystic forces from out of the land yested from our sight, seeing the great work before us, will not, cannot do less than all our duty at this hour. There are large opportunities for service. There is an opportunity for greater consecration, for larger missionary endeavor, for more constructive methods in education, for protection of our aged, our worn-out ministers and care for our widows and the reviving of our political rights. (Applause.) There is opportunity to, by compromise and reciprocal conduct, to bring peace out of any confusion and demonstrate to the world that we have sufficient self-control, brotherly love, intellectual and spiritual enlightenment to lengthen our borders. Save the Church and begin the next century with principles which shall lift a race and bring to our Father in Heaven the millions of darker races of the earth. In governing mighty matters, we can be arbiters, and saviors for our people. Applause."

"What of lynchings, discriminations, injustice, lack of representation in government affairs? While we are quibbling at the base of the mountain and sometimes reviling each other, Church of Allen, hear the cry. We need men to stay in the gap to fix up the fence. Then they shall come from the east, the west, the north and the south, and sit down in the Kingdom of our God.' (Extended applause.)



HON. WILLIAM H. HARRISON
The distinguished lawyer and orator of Oklahoma who overthrew the grandfather clause law of that state before the United States supreme court and who will deliver an address to the people of Kansas City at St. Stephens Baptist church, Charlotte near Independence avenue, Friday evening, May 26. Hear him.

independence. The liberty bell had tolled. Paul Revere had made his famous ride. Crispus Attucks had died at Bunker Hill. Negro soldiers had fought in the Revolutionary war. The big, all-compelling cry was "unband" me; take the shackles off. I want to be free. This spirit swept the air. Christ had come. "The truth shall make you free, and you shall be free, indeed." The Church of Allen was indeed of God, in order that the Gospel of Christ might be preached in its fullness by men who had reservations and harbored no prejudices.

"The crisis was here, and as if God had His man prepared to do His work. The A. M. E. church was an effect; it was an eventuality. The consequences of the hypocritical preaching and exclusive Christianity were being shown. The Negro members were in the organization, but not of it.

"One element enters into the protest, or the desire to escape the degradation and humiliation imposed upon them. It was the whosoever will of Isalah's trumpet tongue ringing through their hearts, impelling them to make outward profession to inward purity and unwilling to have their religion censured. The Christian duty fixed by others and their consecration and vow renewing at the table of the Christ of God hindered, hampered or impeded by those whose claim was not of better hearts and purer life, but one of caste and color, at whose hideous altar towards bow and cravens bend the knee till now. (Applause.)

"How could such be extant permanently, when their members and their sires had fallen on battlefield? I am for freedom's cause. When England dared force discrimination on another country, they joined with other citizens to prevent discrimination and injustice, arrogant and old. At Bunker

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AT REST

Mrs. Jas. H. Crews Passes Peacefully Away After a Long Illness.

Mrs. Florence Smith Crews, beloved wife of James H. Crews, the veteran mail carrier and brother of the editor, passed away Thursday evening at 7:37 and will be buried Sunday at 2 p. m. from Allen Chapel under the auspices of the various societies of which she was a loyal member. She had been ill for many months, but bore her sufferings with fortitude and without complaint. Hers was a noble, uplifting Christian life and her place will be hard to fill.

Florence M. Smith was born in Washington, D. C., December 20, 1867, her parents being John L. Smith and Julia A. Bruce Smith, one of the oldest families in Washington City. When a small child she showed much precocity in learning, and entered the schools of Washington when quite young; attended Lincoln school under Mrs. Boutzeman, principal. Lucy Moten was her first teacher. Her father died when this young woman was sent to Baltimore, Md., where she entered the St. Francis Academy, a Catholic convent, where she remained two years. Her mother not desiring her to become a Catholic, decided to send her to Philadelphia to the then noted school, the Institute for Colored Youth in charge of Mrs. Frances Jackson, who later became the illustrious wife of Bishop L. J. Coppin. From this school she graduated with high honors in 1884. The last year of school she took the examination for teacher and passed and was elected to teach in Harrisburg, Pa. She taught there very acceptably and was very active in all the affairs tending to the uplift of the people. While there she was interested in the G. U. Oddfellows Household of Ruth and established the first paper of this Grand Body, known as the Ruth Messenger. She was publisher and editor of this paper at her own expense for some time. She spent one year as teacher in Lincoln Institute, then returned to Harrisburg and remained until she was called to a position in Kansas City, Mo. She came to Kansas City in 1892 and was assigned to teach in the Douglass school under Prof. R. W. Foster, and then for many years in Lincoln High school. She has been identified with the Women's Club movement in this city from its inception and was in the organization of the Women's League. She organized the Progress Study Club and was its president for about fourteen years.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Florence Smith Crews and the Progress Study Club kindergartens were organized for Colored children. She was married to Jas. H. Crews January 12, 1898. Mrs. Crews was very active in church and fraternal life, being the president of the Stewardess Auxiliary of Allen Chapel, of which she was a faithful member; treasurer of the Alexander W. C. T. U.; president of Douglass Hospital Auxiliary; Past Matron of Western Queen Court No. 5; member of Ruth Chapter No. 4; Past Princess of Success Temple S. M. T., and a member of the Golden Circle. A grand woman is gone; Peace to her ashes.

HON. FRANK P. WALSH

Chairman of National Committee on Industrial Relations

Will deliver the final address of the school year at
Lincoln High School Auditorium
19TH AND TRACY AVE.

Sunday, May 21, 3:00 P. M.
Entire Public is Invited

Lincoln High School Extension
Monthly School and Community Improvement Meeting
SPECIAL MUSIC BY LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

THE HON. WM. H. HARRISON

Grand Chancellor of the K. of P.'s of the State of Oklahoma, attorney for the National Baptist Convention, and the only Negro who has appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States in behalf of his race, will appear at

ST. STEPHEN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 26
and deliver one of his famous addresses.

The pastor and church cordially invite the lawyers, doctors, preachers, principals, teachers and pupils, business men and women, churchmen and fellow citizens of every walk of life to be present. Dr. G. W. Brown, Master of Ceremonies. Grand Master N. C. Crews will make the opening address. Hon. W. C. Hueston will introduce the speaker. The choir will furnish music under the direction of Miss Magnolia Lewis.

MISS CLARA GREAR, Clerk. REV. J. W. HURSE, Pastor.
ADMISSION—25 CTS.

PROF. J. H. KENNER QUILTS.

The Dean of Negro Teachers of Missouri Resigns His Position as Principal of the School at Marshall After 30 Years of Splendid Service.

A Mason and a Man.

No event that has transpired in scholastic circles in this state in recent years has occasioned such sincere and keen regret on the part of the people of his community in particular and the state in general as has the annual banquet of Western on the statement of his intention to retire at the end of this school year given in public by Prof. J. H. Kenner, the splendid principal of the colored public school at Marshall, Mo.

In the school, in church, and in Masonry J. H. Kenner has been a power and a figure for 30 years and his splendid life and character has been the ideal that has guided many a youth in this commonwealth into positions of honor, responsibility and trust. And while he has been an ideal citizen and in things material is one of the most substantial representatives of the race much of his success both financially and as a leader of his people can be attributed to his keen, brilliant and intellectual wife who in herself is a tower of strength and whose eloquence, ability and sweet character have added much to his prestige in this grand old state.

The following letter sent by him to the board of education of Marshall was received with positive regret and only on account of the serious nature of his illness and the precarious condition of his health was it accepted. And then only with the proviso that if he recovered sufficiently to again take up the school work that he should not apply anywhere else than at Marshall for his old position. The letter is as follows:

Marshall, Mo., May 18, 1916.

To the Honorable Board of Education:

Gentlemen: I take this method of informing you that because of the present state of my health I shall not be a candidate for re-election to the position of principal of your colored school.

I wish to thank every member of the board for the very kind way I have been treated by them for 29 years, and I am retiring with the consolation that I have accomplished something for my people in this city and I leave your service with the school in much better condition than when I came here 29 years ago. You have provided us with a school building of which we are all proud. A fine class of young people who are loyal to the school with myself are thankful and appreciate all that has been done for our people by the taxpayers of this school district.

I am yours truly,
J. H. KENNER.

The Sun congratulates the school board of Marshall and its negro citizens as well upon having been able to retain the services of this magnificent man for all these years and earnestly hopes for his speedy restoration to health, not necessarily to go back into the school room, but that the race may have the benefit of his wisdom and example for many years to come.

TALTON WOODS DEAD.

Talton Woods died at his home in Columbia, Mo., Wednesday after an illness of one week. He was 72 years old and was born and reared in Boone county. He leaves a wife, four children—three sons and one daughter. He was a charter member of St. Paul Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and a member of the G. A. R. post. Funeral services were Friday, at the Second Baptist church, preached by Rev. E. S. Redd.



PROF. J. H. KENNER, Marshall, Mo. Who retires after twenty-nine years service from the Principalship of a school that he has built from comparatively nothing to one of the best graded schools in the interior of Missouri.

WILLIS M. BRENT DEAD.

Prof. Willis M. Brent, for many years principal of the school at Booneville, Mo., one of the most scholarly men of the race, died at the home of his daughter in Quincy, Ill., May 8. He was at one time Grand Master of the Masons of this state and was for many years Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the U. B. F., but he retired from both organizations some years ago. At the time of his death he was more than 70 years of age.

Mr. Wm. Smith, who is walking to New York City, writes that he is in Quincy, Ill.

Negroes Ignored

True to the usual selfish custom of the "Pie hunters" in this section of the country, the colored people were studiously ignored in the selection of the committee to receive and entertain Theodore Roosevelt on the occasion of his coming to this city on Memorial day. Committees were appointed representing the G. A. R. Post, and yet this "patriotic" committee forgot 185,000 Negroes wore the blue and fought for the preservation of the Union. Committees were appointed representing Sons of Veterans and they forgot that the Negro Veteran also had sons who were ignored in their selection. They appointed committees representing the Royal Legion and yet there is no legion that's been more loyal to the American government and its flag than have the black men. They appointed committees representing Spanish war veterans but they forgot that the first blood shed in the Spanish-American war was shed by a Negro, Corporal White; and that it was a Negro regiment that irresistiably swept up the heights of San Juan Hill and virtually saved from annihilation the distinguished guest who comes to us that day. They appointed committees representing the Commercial club, board of trade and other organizations and forget that there is a Business league of Negroes and other professional organizations among the people of color in this city. They appoint a committee representing Sons of the American Revolution and forget that in Boston there is a monument which says that the first blood shed in the American Revolution was shed by a Negro, Crispus Attucks. And lastly they appoint a delegation of "members at large" and forget there is a G. N. Grisham, a J. E. Perry, a William H. Thomas, a S. W. Saeote, a J. W. Hurse, a W. C. Hueston, a C. H. Calloway, a J. Silas Harris, a Nelson C. Crews, a L. A. Knox, a Robert DeFrantz, a F. J. Weaver and a hundred other high class respectable, educated successful professional and business men of color in this city.

It is because the white Union soldier is ashamed of the cause for which he fought? It is because they are animated by the usual selfishness of the Pie-hunter and want to court favor with Roosevelt for themselves? Is it because of the prejudice of the Muehlebach hotel management? Or is it PURE, DOWN-RIGHT, WANTON CUSS-EDNESS THAT CAUSED THIS RANK DISCRIMINATION? Billy Sunday ought to be taught in Kansas City a year to teach these moss-backs the gospel of civic decency and fair play. BUT HURRAH FOR ROOSEVELT! NELSON C. CREWS.



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HARMONY LITERARY AND ART CLUB.

The Harmony Literary and Art Club are very grateful to the public for its generous response to their appeal for Charity at their Benefit dance May 15. We especially thank the following patrons: Bachelor Boys' Clubs, Cosmopolitan Club, Clio Art Club, Kewpie Club, Athenaeum Art Club, L. S. P. Girls. MRS. CLARA FULCHER, Pres. MRS. NELLIE FULCHER, Sec'y.

Murderer Captured in Battle

Negro Soldier Who Slaw Two at Fort Caught by Troops.

THIRTYY SHOTS WERE FIRED

Slayer Gives Up After Being Wounded in Standing off Dozen Pursuers.

HUNT LASTS FOR 24 HOURS

Officers Believe Black Intended to Put Others to Death at Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kas., May 13.—In a battle between twelve troopers of the colored army service school and Private William White, negro, slayer of two at Fort Leavenworth, the murderer was captured at the post this morning. Thirty shots were exchanged and not until White had been wounded in the shoulder did the murdered surrender. His wound was not serious. The hunt for White lasted more than 24 hours. When the detachment of men in charge of Corporal John Duntun, discovered White he was hiding in the sewer hole, southwest of the vacant infantry barracks. When he was discovered he opened fire on his former comrades.

Approached From Rear. A battle lasting several minutes followed and when he was approached from the rear and shot he surrendered.

Although it was said yesterday he had been seen in Missouri, the theory that he crossed the river in a boat is not taken seriously now. It is believed he secreted himself about the garrison and intended killing several more. Officers believe that. It was reported this morning that eight more were on the negro's list.

Fearred Other Murders. Last night former comrades and negro employes of the officers remained inside. The belief he was hiding with the intention of committing other murders spread rapidly and after dark few negroes were seen outside.

White yesterday killed a negro woman servant in one of the white officer's homes, and a negro soldier, besides wounding a white woman. White will be tried by court martial at Fort Leavenworth. The penalty for first degree murder is death by hanging. He is the third person facing such a fate on the government reservation here.

Negro Kills Two

The Usual "Crab Game" Causes the Death of George "Bud" Fletcher and John Logan.

Two Negroes were shot to death in the street Sunday morning by a third Negro, Arthur Smith, who claimed he had been cheated of twenty-five cents in a "crab" game at 317 West Sixth street. Smith was arrested with his revolver in his hand by J. M. Felix, a patrolman, who was nearby and heard the shooting.

As Felix led Smith to the police station a crowd of Negro men and women surged about him, crying "Lynch him." Reinforcements, however, withheld the crowd. According to Smith's statement, George Fletcher, 207 West Seventh street, left the room with a quarter that belonged to Smith. Smith fired three shots into Fletcher's back as the latter started down the street. When John Logan, 510 Central street, ran toward Smith he, too, was shot. Both died instantly.

Richard Brewer, 1718 Tracy avenue, another Negro bystander, seized Smith and held him until the police arrived.

Such is the usual termination of these unlawful games and they should be a warning to the young Negro who wants to be decent and who values his life to stay away from places of this kind.

OFFICERS OF ST. JAMES CHURCH REPLY TO MRS. PERRY.

A Falsehood, They Say.

In reply to an article published in The Sun May 13, 1916, in reference to the trouble at St. James church, Westport, we wish to say that the article published is absolutely false in every particular. The attempt is only to slander Rev. J. R. Williams, pastor of the St. James Baptist church. When all efforts had failed to run him away from the church because he condemned drinking and drunkenness among the members and especially officers of the church.

We the undersigned do certify that the Rev. J. R. Williams has lived a Christian gentleman in every respect. (Signed.)

I. D. PAYNE, J. F. GREEN, JOHN GLASS.

The Grand Master of Masons, assisted by Dr. M. O. Ricketts of St. Joseph and Grand Lecturer E. J. Cooper of Mexico, instituted a new Masonic Lodge at Columbia last Monday night of twenty-one men, which was named in honor of Blind Boone, who was reared in that city. The Worshipful Master was D. E. Samuels, Senior Warden Dr. J. C. Tymony, and the Junior Warden Eugene Wright. They were the guests of Mrs. Anna Fisher at her beautiful home while there.