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## A MIGHTY MAN HAS FALLEN

GOLDEN JUBILEE WEEK  
A GREAT EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATION.

Under the Auspices of the Magnanimous and Chivalrous Order Knights Templars at Lincoln Electric Park.

FIFTY YEARS OF FREEDOM TO BE OBSERVED.

The Grand Encampment Opens August 4 and a Lively Week to Follow.

Emancipation day this year will be celebrated this year as never before by the Negroes of Kansas City and surrounding territory. It will mark the beginning of Golden Jubilee week during which period the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons will hold their 50th anniversary and the event will bring together not only Masons from all over the state of Missouri but visiting friends from all over the United States.

**SPLENDID WEEK'S PROGRAM PREPARED.**

The Golden Jubilee Committee, consisting of members from the twelve lodges of this city after three or four months of earnest endeavor completed their labors last Sunday with the result that a great week's program has been prepared beginning with the celebration of Emancipation day Friday, August 4, and closing the Friday following with a great parade Friday, August 11.

**GRAND CHAPTER O. E. S.**  
The Grand Chapter closed on last Saturday morning at 6:05, after an all-night session amid great enthusiasm. Much has been said about the late hour which the Grand Chapter closed, but "that would be a dull sea and the sailor would never acquire skill were there nothing to disturb the surface of the ocean."

Mrs. Sadie E. Dimery, reporter of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter for the Sun, says, this was one of the most constructive and far-reaching sessions ever held and demonstrates that the well trained and far-seeing women of the race are in control.

The following officers were elected: Geo. W. K. Love, R. G. P., Kansas City, Mo.; Virgie L. Walden, R. G. M., Columbia, Mo.; Wm. M. Jacobs, R. G. A. P., Richmond, Mo.; Lottie J. Gamble, R. G. A. M., Kansas City, Mo.; Ursula Hines, St. Joseph, Mo.; H. G. G. Treasurer; Minnie L. Crosthwait, G. Secretary, Kansas City, Mo.; Kate Wilton, H. G. R. & B. Secy., Omaha, Neb.; Mattie Fitzgerald, H. G. Cond., Kansas City, Mo.; Mattie Randall, St. Louis, Mo., Grand Lecturer.

\$194.50 was collected by Grand Chapter for the benefit of the Masonic Home and turned over to the Royal Grand Patron. The splendid showing for which the ladies deserve much praise. The next grand session will be held in Lincoln, Neb.

### RACE PRIDE.

Is it true the black man tried,  
Even though he was doomed  
to lose?  
Is it true the white man tried,  
Because he knew he would not  
lose?

Is it true the black man can't  
Do fit to serve his own?  
Is it true the white man can't  
Let the black man serve his  
own?

Why does the black man think,  
The white man is his friend?  
Why does the white man wink,  
When he sees the black man  
descend?

Oh! ye Ethiopian race of today,  
Pause for a moment I pray;  
Have pity on the girl and boy,  
Whose thoughts you constantly  
destroy.

Take the black man who has  
money.  
As a rule, he's above his race;  
Take the white man who has  
money.  
As a rule he's w'th his race.

Take the black man who's a  
leader.  
He strives to leave his race;  
Take the white man who's a  
leader.  
He strives to better his race.

If the Ethiopians are to rise,  
To the highest point in life;  
Good sense they should exercise  
throughout their toll and  
strife.

Oh! ye Ethiopian race of today,  
Take heed to what I say;  
I am only a minor of the race,  
Yes, the race that loves dis-  
grace.  
By A. Lorenzo Countess.

### WRIGHT-EASLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wright of 2439 Highland avenue, announce the marriage of their daughter, May Wright, to Mr. Lawrence Easley of Kansas City, Kans.

### KANSAS CITY AND THE ENTIRE WEST SHOCKED WHEN THE NEWS FLASHED OVER THE WIRE THAT JOHN LANGE HAD PASSED AWAY

**A NOBLEMAN, A COURAGEOUS CITIZEN, A PHILANTHROPIST, A RACE LEADER AND A LOYAL CHURCHMAN**



HON. JOHN LANGE

John Lange, one of the best known men in the United States and Manager of the Blind Boone Concert Co. for the past thirty-seven years, passed away suddenly Saturday morning about 9:00 o'clock, near 18th Street and the Paseo. Mr. Lange, in company with Prof. J. R. E. Lee, was in his motor car when it was struck by a Ford car belonging to a white man. The excitement affecting his heart, he was taken to the Weaver Floral parlors where he died before Drs. Perry, Lambright and others could reach him

When the news flashed over the wires to the various cities of the sudden demise of John Lange, his friends and acquaintances were shocked indeed knowing that he had seemed hale and hearty.

Mr. Lange was born in Harrisburg, Ky., October 4, 1840, of a slave mother and free father, the latter being a French Creole. He was a slave in the family of Hon. James Shannon, the second president of the Missouri State University. He with Hon. Richard Shannon, ex-superintendent of the Missouri state schools, and Hon.

Gardner Lathrop were boys and playmates together. His boyhood was spent in the butcher shop of his father. In early manhood he became a road builder and built roads for miles out of Columbia.

Thirty-six years ago he organized the Blind Boone Concert Co., and from that time to the time of his death was the manager of this company, probably the most successful organization of its kind ever established.

Fifty-one years ago last March he joined the Second Baptist Church at Columbia, Mo., where

his membership still remains.

Nineteen years ago he came to Kansas City where he has since resided. For forty-six years he has been a consistent Mason, the third master of St. Paul's Lodge at Columbia; at one time District Deputy of the Grand Lodge. He was Past Grand Junior Warden, the oldest in the jurisdiction. Ten years ago he organized a lodge of Knights of Pythias of 112 members, himself canvassing this city looking to an enrollment of worthy men. In a way of gratitude the lodge honored its found-

der by bearing his name, John Lange No. 66. Besides making the lodge a gift of an \$80 silk banner he has made liberal contributions to its treasury.

Mr. Lange was humanity's friend; his open handed liberality was proverbial. The poor and the oppressed saw in him one who chose to live by the side of the road and be a friend to man. And, although he was permitted to live beyond man's allotted time of three score years and ten yet those who knew him at his best realize that the message of the Grim Reaper came all too soon, yet we are never ready to welcome the tragedy of death. It was two years ago though the fact was unknown to the public or those outside of his immediate family that his physicians gave warning that his days were numbered and that only by careful exercise of his mind and body could he hope to extend his life beyond a few months or years at most.

### SCOTTISH RITE SERVICES

over the Kansas City Consistory No. 7, A. A. S. R. of Freemasonry, over the remains of the late illustrious John Lange 32 degree, was observed at low twelve Monday, July 24, 1916, at the Second Baptist Church. The beautiful tribute to the living, the impressive lessons to the living, the consoling precepts to the bereaved with the manipulating of the incense, the deliberate lighting of the candles, the modulated intonations, and the low mediating music all tend to make this by far the most imposing of the Masonic services. The music was furnished by the choir of the loyal ladies of the Golden Circle, assisted by Prof. Fred Work. The services were solemnized by the following officers in the Rose Croix Chapter:

- Sov. G. Insp. Gen. Wm. H. Dawley, Jr., Wise M.
- Ill. Insp. Gen. D. M. Crosthwait, Sen. W.
- Sov. G. Insp. Gen. Edw. S. Baker, Jun. W.
- Ill. Insp. Gen. Jas. H. Crews, Mas. of C.
- Ill. Insp. Gen. Jos. P. Cooper, Prelate.
- Ill. J. Frank McDonald, D. D., Orator.
- Ill. Wm. H. Brown, Hospitaler.
- Ill. Geo. C. Cole and Ill. Jas. Olmstead, Exp.
- Ill. Anthony Dickens, Guardian of the Robes.
- Ill. Frank Williams, Sentinel.

The funeral services were held from the Second Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, and the following program was rendered: Music.....Choir  
Scripture Lesson.....Choir  
.....Rev. Wm. H. Thomas  
Allen Chapel

Music.....Choir  
Prayer.....Rev. F. Jesse Peck  
Topeka, Kas.  
Solo, "Jesus Is All the World to Me"  
.....Mrs. Edmonia H. Brown  
(By Request)  
Biography of John Lange.....Prof. J. D. Bower  
Music.....Choir  
Remarks.....Rev. Dr. Myers, Prof. R. T. Coles  
Music.....Choir  
Sermon.....Rev. S. W. Bacone  
Music.....Choir  
Masonic Ceremony.....Choir  
Graham Lodge No. 85, A. F. & A. M.  
Grand Master N. C. Crews, presiding, assisted by Grand Lodge Officers and John Lange Lodge, U. D., A. F. & A. M.  
Pythian Ceremony.....

.....John Lange Lodge No. 68, K. P.  
Benediction.....Rev.  
Wm. H. Bots, G. C., Omaha, Neb.

The funeral was the most elegant and expensive ever seen in this city. The casket was metallic, costing five hundred dollars; twenty-two high powered 7-passenger limousines, all of the same color, were used to convey the family and friends to beautiful Highland cemetery where interment was made in the most beautiful lot in this cemetery. The grave was hidden with beautiful evergreens and Lillies of the Valley and for 20 feet around the grave the beautiful flowers received from every section of the country, were profusely strewn, giving it the appearance of a beautiful garden of flowers. Telegrams of condolence and sympathy were received from white and colored people throughout the country and among the prominent visitors in attendance were Prof. Wm. H. Jones, principal of the high school in St. Joseph, Mo.; R. A. James and daughter Miss Julia of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. A. R. Chin of Glasgow, Mo.; Richard B. Harrison, the eminent reader of Chicago; Prof. John H. Jackson, former President of Lincoln Institute of Lexington, Ky.; Harry Robinson of St. Joseph; Dr. E. S. Redd, pastor of Lange's church, Columbia, Mo.; Rev. W. H. Bots, D.D., of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Frank Smart of Maryville, Mo.; Mr. H. H. Walker, Grand Treasurer A. F. & A. M., St. Joseph, Mo.; Hon. W. W. Fields, Relief Secy., Cameron, Mo.; Rev. J. C. Owens and wife of Kansas; Past Grand Master C. H. M. Collins of Kansas; Mrs. Melissa Puell Cutler former Secy. of the Blind Boone Concert Co. and authoress of the book, "Blind Boone, His Early Life and Achievements" of Joplin, Mo.; Miss Margaret Boyd and the members of the Boone Concert Co.; and John W. (Blind) Boone, his associate protege and partner for 37 years, and his

family: Rufus W. Logan, Editor of the Professional World, Columbia; Mrs. Annette Officer of St. Louis and many other whose names our reporter was unable to obtain.

Blind Boone was deeply affected by the loss of his very dear friend but held up manfully until the body being lowered into the earth at the cemetery when he gave away to uncontrollable grief and had to be assisted by kind and loving hands to his carriage.

Mrs. Lange was lovingly cared for by her niece, Mrs. Charles H. Calloway, and her dear friend, Mrs. Frances J. Jackson, and bore her sorrow with a beautiful dignity becoming one who though having lost their dearest friend has the blessed assurance of knowing that they shall see them again.

"Where the sun never sets,  
Nor the sea never fades,  
But where the joys of eternity  
roll."

Many resolutions were submitted from various organizations, schools and churches and were referred to the family without being publicly read. Also hundreds of letters, telegrams and telephone messages of sympathy were received by Grand Master Crews and the family.

The following resolutions were presented by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.:

Whereas, it hath pleased the Grand Master and architect of the Universe Saturday morning, July 22, 1916, to summon to the Grand Lodge above Brother John Lange, the oldest living Grand Junior Warden of Missouri and jurisdiction having been elected to that exalted position 26 years ago; and

Whereas, amid the extensive preparations for the Golden Jubilee of our most worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri and jurisdiction to be held in Kansas City the week of August 9, 1916, Brother John Lange was arduously working as chairman of the committee on distinguished visitors; and

Whereas, only a few weeks ago he presented to the lodge recently named for him a silver mounted mahogany gavel, the most unique emblem of its kind in the entire jurisdiction; and

Whereas, Brother John Lange was ever foremost in every civic movement and in everything that pertains to the uplift of the race in particular and to all things that was for the good



PROF. HARRY ROBINSON.

Prof. Harry Robinson, President of the Missouri Northwestern Colored Hospital and Orphanage, established for the care of orphans and dependents of the race on the 9 1/2-acre farm near Saxton station is one of St. Joseph, Mo.'s most progressive and best known citizens. For more than 40 years he has maintained the largest and most exclusive hair establishment in that city and is an importer and manufacturer on a large scale of theatrical and masquerade costumes, toupees, wigs and human hair switches. And in addition has a large hair dressing establishment as well as an elegant barber shop in that city. He is striving to raise \$2,750.00 to pay off the debt on the Hospital and Orphanage and is asking friends and members of the race to help in the big rally which will take place Sept. 22.

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of his home and adopted city; and

Whereas, Brother John Lange, in his travels up and down the length of this country almost annually stood unwaveringly for the highest in Masonry, giving of his ample means without stint that Mason's banner should not trail in the dust but remain unfurled to be breeze on that high pedestal that is peculiarly its own; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the assembled officers and representatives of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri and jurisdiction do now in meek submission to this great loss that Masonry has sustained in the death of Brother John Lange and that we solemnly mourn his departure not as those without hope but with the blessed assurance that if we are faithful we shall rejoice him.

Resolved, that our great monument to him will be in keeping with the ever growing memory of his virtues and excellencies and striving to imitate them.

Resolved, that we extend to his bereaved widow and the other members of his family our deepest sympathy and ever standing ready to offer those things that Masonry teaches and commend them to the Heavenly Father and his Son.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy be sent to the family.  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge,  
By Wm. H. Dawley, Jr., G. Registrar.

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### K. OF P.

The Knights of Pythias and the Court of Calantha of the five grand divisions held their 33rd Annual Session in Macon, Mo., this week. After the preliminary ceremonies Grand Master J. H. Williams of the U. B. F. and Grand Master T. B. Watkins of the Odd Fellows were introduced and delivered brief addresses. A large representation was in attendance and the interest centered around the lecture of officers.

### KNIGHTS OF TABOR.

The Knights of Tabor and Daughters of the Tabernacle, one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the state, presided over by Prof. A. R. Chinne of Glasgow, Mo., is holding its 41st annual session this week in Mexico, Mo. Our correspondent writes that there is a large representation present that the financial reports are good and that they are being royally entertained by the citizens of Mexico. A large delegation headed by Prof. Herriford and Miss Maude Olden went from this city. We will give full account of the proceedings next week.

### HOW DID YOU LIKE OUR EXTRA?

The editor desires to give to the business manager of the Sun, Miss Wills M. Glenn, credit for having gotten out our splendid extra last Saturday morning announcing the death of John Lange. Mr. Lange died at 9:06; the editor was enroute to St. Louis and single handed and alone by 11 o'clock Miss Glenn had 1,000 extra copies of the Sun in the hands of Colored newshoys being sold upon the streets. How is that for hustle and enterprise?

In the vernacular "what it takes to make a great Negro newspaper, the Sun has got it."