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## THE FARMERS' CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS.

Macon, Mo., Nov. 19, 1907.  
The farmers' convention at the Western College, Macon, Mo., was a marked success, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

The meeting was opened in religious form, led in prayer by Rev. E. D. Green. The president of the college delivered an opening address, setting forth the object and importance of the meeting, and pointing out the advantages which the agricultural department of the school will be to the race.

Splendid remarks were made by Mr. Craig Griffin of Macon county, O. T. Redd of Cooper county, Mr. Speed Daniels and many others made remarks favoring the permanent organization of the convention with a view to developing the agricultural feature of the college work; looking to a regular annual meeting for the purpose of relating facts and experiences and observation in a way to improve and advance the art and science of farming in all phases.

A committee was appointed on permanent organization, and the meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock on the morning.

The morning session of the second day was begun with singing by the convention and prayer by the president, and the work of the previous day was resumed.

A very fine paper was read by the representative of Marion county on "Dairying and Clean Butter Making."

"How Plants Grow" was discussed by the representative from Shawnee county, Kansas. "Soil Feeding, or Rotation in Crops," was presented by the representative from Macon, Mo. Shelby county representative told us about the "formation of the soil." The representative from St. Louis county discussed the "Disease of Plants."

A discussion on "Improvement of the Soil" was made by the representative from Monroe county, and "Grafting" was discussed by the representative from Sangamon county, Illinois.

At this juncture the convention adjourned for luncheon, and reassembled at 2:30 p. m.

The convention went into permanent organization by electing the following officers:

Mr. Craig Griffin of Macon, President; William Henderson, of Bunceon, Mo., vice president; J. H. Carter, Macon, Mo., treasurer; Prof. C. B. Johnson, of Callao, secretary.

Other interesting papers were read on "Poultry Raising" and "Floral Farming," after which the convention adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Judges were then selected to award the premiums on the products, cakes, butter and bread. About two hours were spent in hearing reports and speeches from representatives of 22 counties, which were immensely interesting.

The committee on resolutions made the following report:

Whereas, The idea of a farmers' convention at the Western College and Industrial Institute was conceived by our president, Dr. J. H. Garnett; be it

Resolved, That a standing vote of thanks be tendered him by the convention assembled, thereby expressing its gratitude for his thoughtful service and its approval of the movement;

Whereas, The farmers, in a measure compatible with the weather, have shown their interest by their attendance and exhibits; and

Whereas, The students entered so heartily and enthusiastically into the spirit and purpose of the convention; be it further

Resolved, That we thank them individually and collectively and recommend that all engage in a united effort to propagate and perpetuate the idea of a great farmers' convention at Western College;

Whereas, The need and usefulness of the convention to our industrial folk and to our educational plant at Macon, Mo., is so imperatively necessary; be it

Resolved, That this organization become permanent and meet annually at

the Western College and Industrial Institute on the first Friday and Saturday in November.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. B. JOHNSON,  
Chairman.  
I. L. GARNETT,  
R. B. JOHNSON,  
JAS. A. GAY,  
M. F. LEWIS.

## GREAT BEAUTY CONTEST HAS CLOSED!

Much Thanks to Be Extended to the Overflowing Crowd at Convention Hall.

The Rising Son Bows in Humble Obedience to the Will of the Great Body of Negroes.

We have found you at last! The Eureka of our hope! We shall earnestly strive to retain this confidence. When we started our Beauty Contest we had no idea it would meet with such approval as it did. But last Thursday plainly told us where the hearts of the black folks laid, backing a negro paper. Too much cannot be said of the occasion, as it was one of the grandest things that ever happened. In regards to the ladies we do not think anyone was disappointed. All was satisfied. Those receiving honors among the single ladies were Bessie Patterson, Alberta Wells and Edmonia Hubbel. Among the married women were Minnie James, Frankie Givens and Phillidella Mitchell. The first two leaders received, single, a silver manuring set, valued at \$25.00, German make; married, a handsome cut glass water set, valued at \$35.00 cut incog del Al. Mode. Those second the same an order for a \$10.00 photograph of themselves, life-size. Third, as honorable mentioned and running high.

At one time the crowd became so unmanageable that Mr. N. C. Crews got up and addressed it on the Rising Son, telling the object of the contest. The editor of the Rising Son was kept busy answering questions concerning the status of the affair. There were gains in all of the names in the contest from 50 to 100 votes. If you will notice we will give you name of the first ten ladies in the married or single list in their respective order, above the list, showing where the voting began before going to the hall:

### MESDAMES.

Married ladies:  
Minnie James, first.  
Frankie Givens, second.  
Phillidella Mitchell, third.  
Mary Rucker Green, fourth.  
Josephine Finney, fifth.  
John Lange, sixth.  
W. H. Hubbell, seventh.  
Hattie Adams, eighth.  
F. J. Weaver, ninth.  
Luella Reeves, tenth.

### MISSSES.

Bessie Patterson, first.  
Alberta Wells, second.  
Edmonia Hubbel, third.  
Ethelene Wilson, fourth.  
Emma Collins, fifth.  
Maud Olden, sixth.  
Corrienne Bettis, seventh.  
Cordalla Seymour, eighth.  
Ida Foster, ninth.  
Ella Jacques, tenth.

## THE NEGRO PATRONS OF THE PARISIAN CLOAK COMPANY.

We were glad to note last Thursday the great number of Negroes who were at the Parisian Cloak Company buying something. There were about 25 or 30 at one time. They all received a square deal and good treatment. Mr. Harsfeld, the president, sees to it that every one of them can get an equal chance for their money. What more can you ask. The Parisian Cloak Co. has become a regular advertiser of the Rising Son. Let more Negroes each day be in full attendance at this very satisfactory store.

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## KANSAS CITY, KAN., NOTES.

Miss Inez Link of Topeka was the guest of Miss Mabel Madison for three days.

Sick List: Mr. Vohies, Mrs. Ella Robinson, Mrs. Roach and Ensley. Miss Effie Gant and Mrs. Pauline Freeman are able to be up and about. Sewing circle of First Baptist church will meet at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Burdette, 722 Everett.

Mrs. Ida Moseley left for St. Paul Minn.

Mrs. Fannie Anderson is the guest of Miss Eula Brown at Waverly, Mo. Mrs. Katie Inor of 312 Nebraska avenue, and Mrs. Marietta Dixon have been quite ill at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sims served a delicious Thanksgiving dinner at their home, 1023 New Jersey avenue. Those present: Rev. Bowen and family, Lawyer Henderson and wife, Mr. Squire Lee and wife and Mrs. Stella Broad.

Miss Florence Smith is now Mrs. Florence Montague. Married Nov. 29. There was a surprise party given in honor of Miss Inez Link of Topeka, Kan., at residence of Mrs. Fannie Teavault. Thirty-six were present.

There will be a rally at the Metropolitan Baptist church Sunday, December 8. E. C. GANT, 614 State.

## THE SILVER LEAF CLUB.

An Organization of High School Girls and Boys, Which Should Be Broken Up.

On Thursday night, Dec. 5, a reporter visited a ball at Arlington hall, 18th and Harrison streets, given by members of the High school called the Silver Leaf club. People coming were supposed to be admitted by invitation, but this was not so, for any one having 25 cents could come, as was seen by the reporter. We do not hold the teachers of the High school responsible for such dances. They danced until about 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning. Oh, such hours for boys and girls attending school who have their lessons to get. The parents of the children should take note of such affairs and put a check on them. Especially on our young girls. To think of school children having public balls and allowing questionable characters to attend! Such contact for our girls! We speak not for the majority, for they consisted of the club itself. The parents should be more stringent with their girls. Upon the younger generations much depends. How are we to build up strong men and women by allowing the younger people to run loose? Just to think of girls, possibly coming in about 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning, saying she had stayed all night at Miss C. B.'s or any other girl's house. How can you prove she stayed there unless by strict inquiry, or just to take her word. These things are sadly deplored. Will we get any relief from such. Look at the manish young boys. What is to be done? Parents, be careful what you allow your daughter to attend. Such clubs must be broken up. They must be opposed. Where are your wives coming from if you allow your girls to become grown before they are and spoiled at an unseasoned age? True there were two or three elderly ladies at the dance, but they could not control 80, 90 or 100 girls and boys. No use locking the door after the horse has been stolen. No use tightening up on your girl after she has been ruined or misled. These things must be looked after, and it should begin now!!

## MOST OF THE NEGROES HAVE SAVINGS AT THE UNION NATIONAL.

Many Negroes have their bank accounts at the Union National Bank. This bank has increased its deposits. Those having money there need have no fear. The bank is on a solid foundation and Mr. W. H. Seeger, one of the directors, is an able financier. During the entire financial stringency he, with the rest of his colleagues, is carrying on through the trouble.

## FOR CORRECT AND EFFECTIVE DRESSMAKING CALL ON MRS. HUFF, 2303 HIGHLAND. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

## ENTERTAINED.

Mr. and Mrs. William Payne - 2315 Woodland avenue, entertained a few of their friends Thanksgiving day. The house was nicely decorated for the occasion in Oriental trimmings. The table was decorated and set in ancient style. The guests of honor were Colonel Winfrey of Chillicothe, a well known orator and civil service gentleman; Edward Jones of Chillicothe, a well known business man, and a few of Kansas City's best colored gentlemen and ladies. After dinner the party was entertained by music and games.

On December 1 the members of the Clinicle Circle gave an informal reception at the residence of Miss Myrtle Lewis, 1826 Highland avenue, in honor of Miss Hazel Washington of Topeka, Kan., and Miss Irene Beard of Omaha, Neb.

The circle colors, red and white, with ferns and palms, were the decorations. Those present were:

Miss Irene Beard, of Omaha; Miss Bessie Patterson, Miss Pearl Chouteau, Miss Lottie Whittington, Miss Captola Wilson, Miss Myrtle Lewis, Miss Hortense Flood, Miss Edith Overs, Miss Zola Pigeon, Miss Ethel Gatewood, Miss Warneda Abernathy, Miss Willetta Mathena, Miss Mayzel Williams, Kansas City, Kan.; Miss Edith Millon, Denver, Col.; Messrs. C. Savage, W. Jacobs, Lawrence, Kan.; Ray Reed, H. Johnson, J. Crawford, W. Dawson, E. Green, Charles Hubbard, E. Steele, D. Emory, R. Wortham, E. White, A. Patterson, Roy Dorsey, F. Stewart, C. Davis and H. Collins. By special request Miss Overs and Messrs. Hubbard and E. White rendered solos.

## "Hypocrite" Defined.

Mr. Reid, the leader of the commonwealth Free Trade party of Australia, objects to being called in parliament by his first name. At a recent meeting there was a persistent Protectionist interjector, who at last called out: "Good old George!" Mr. Reid then foreshadowed him with his monocle, and jolly observed: "I have not the slightest objection to my friends calling me George, but when a man calls me George who would be glad to see me under a steam roller I call that man a hypocrite."

## What Father Does.

Mothers may talk, work, struggle to make their sons models by which to shape a new heaven and a new earth. But the boy's world is in the man who is his father and the boy believes that, whatever may be right on Sundays or at prayer time, the things that are really good, that really count in life are what father does. Moreover, it is what father does which defines the means with which the boy shall work, the sphere wherein his efforts shall be shaped. In a word, what father does is the beginning as it is the end of the boy's achievements.—Harper's Bazar.

## Force of a Cyclone.

Careful estimate of force of a cyclone and the energy required to keep a hurricane in active operation, reveals the presence of a power that makes the mightiest efforts of a man appear as nothing in comparison. A force equal to more than 400,000-horsepower was estimated as developed in a West Indian cyclone. This greatly exceeds the power that could be developed by all the means within the range of man's capabilities. Were steam, water, windmills and the strength of all men and animals combined they could not even approach the tremendous force of this mighty power.

## Reviving an Ancient Game.

One of the recent revivals is the ancient game of bowls, which now bids fair to take once again a leading place among the sports of Merrie England. As a matter of fact, it is just as good a game to-day as it was in the time of Raleigh or in the remote Anglo-Saxon times. From a medical point of view we have nothing but praise for this most excellent of recreations. It provides open air exercise and amusement for old and young, it is admirably fitted for many invalids, and above all it is one of the best of what may be called natural opiates.—Medical Press.

## SPECIAL.

Hatfield, Miss., Dec. 7.—The Thirty-second annual communication of the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Mississippi, was held here during the past week and was attended by over 1,000 from all parts of the state, and many distinguished and prominent visitors were present. The delegation was composed of doctors, lawyers, bankers, merchants, preachers, farmers, planters, business men, and working men—all united to better the condition of the race.

Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., of Greenville, Miss., is the Grand Master. He is one of the most noted men of the race in the United States. In addition to being at the head of the grand which has a membership of 11,900 in Mississippi, he is also financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal church, handling over a hundred thousand dollars every year for the church. The Stringer Grand Lodge is noted for its financial standing. It owns 1,000 acres of land in the Delta valued at \$40,000, and has a large bank account to its credit. The membership and finance have greatly increased under Dr. Lampton. In token of appreciation for his faithful service, Dr. Lampton was presented with a handsome gold watch, from London, England, which cost \$1,000. It is unique, and especially adapted to a Mason, because one can tell the time in the dark as well as in the light. It strikes the hour, then the minutes past the hour by touching a spring. John W. Strauther, of Greenville was chairman of the committee that made the selection. The presentation was made by L. J. Weston, of Greenville. It was decided to raise the membership to \$700.

The report of Hon. E. E. Perkins, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Benefit Association, showed the receipts of the department for the past 12 months to be \$166,380.10, paid to widows and orphans, \$117,460.27, and a cash balance on hand of \$48,919.83. This did not include the grand lodge funds collected during the year which amounted to \$5,000, and the Grand Master paid over to the Grand Lodge \$1,118, the amount collected for charters and dispensations.

The following officers were elected: Rev. E. W. Lampton, of Greenville, Grand Master; W. A. J. Morgan, of Shelby, Deputy Grand Master; B. J. Lacy, of Shiloh, Grand Senior Warden; G. S. Goodman, of Holly Springs, Grand Secretary; T. J. Wilson, of Meriden, Grand Treasurer; E. E. Perkins, of Edwards, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Benefit Association.

## KANSAS CITY, KAN., NEWS.

Resolutions of Sewing Circle of First Baptist church in honor of deceased member, Mother Louisa Downs, 74 years old, died of paralysis at the home of her son, Mr. James Downs, 422 Haskell, Dec. 3, 1907. Our friends we meet here this afternoon to pay our last tribute of respect to all that is mortal of Mother Down. The silver chord has been loosened, and the golden bough has been broken. The spirit of our Mother has gone to its long home. So today whilst we meet here in deep sorrow yet we are sure that we are ready to say: God's will be done. She lived a consistent Christian and was always ready to do whatever was assigned to her hands. The afternoon of Thanksgiving day Mother Downs was in our midst greeting us with smiles. To the sorrowing grief stricken loved ones our heart goes out in the deepest sympathy. We commend them to the God of all grace and comfort and pray that they one and all might meet here at last in that fair land where no tears are ever found, no heart is ever broken, and that our loss is heaven's gain.  
E. B. HILTON,  
E. PORTER,  
Committee.

Mr. Henry Sims is seriously ill at his home, 1023 New Jersey.

"They say the marriage will be soon."  
Mrs. Carrie Thompson, of Denver, Colo., is the guest of Mrs. Chas. Ash. Mrs. Fannie Anderson reports a

pleasant time to Waverly, Mo. Mrs. Ella Robinson is up and about again.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Knok, of Muskogee, I. T., have permanently located in this city  
Correspondent—E. C. G.

The members of the Old Folks' and Orphans' Home Association desire to thank most heartily the kind friends who so generously responded to their Thanksgiving appeal. Especially are they indebted to the public schools and churches.

The following is a list of donations: Manual Training High School, \$13.25  
Lincoln High School, 17.20  
Lincoln School, 8.25  
Douglas School, 12.17  
Attucks School, 12.00  
Attucks School, Rosedale, 2.23  
Garrison School, 8.03  
Bruce School, 4.25  
Allen Chapel, 6.75  
St. Augustine Mission, 3.20  
Central Christian Church, 1.00  
Vine St. Baptist Church, 3.01  
Centennial Church, 1.40

Total, \$92.59  
Provisions were sent by Manual Training High, Lincoln High, Attucks, Attucks, Rosedale, Bruce, Penn and Thatcher Schools.

St. Augustine Mission and Second Baptist Church, Messrs Robert Schells, and Rosambloom; Mesdames Betty Scott, A. Jones and Callie Edwards each has donated a ton of coal this autumn. The Association also desires to thank the public for the splendid patronage given to the Bazaar recently held at the Vine St. Auditorium.

A full report of the affair will be given at an early date.

Encouraged by the universal liberality of the community, it is the intention of the Association to erect in the spring a new Home which will be a credit to the Negro population of Kansas City. As the benefit request which has been reserved for that purpose is wholly inadequate for the erection of such a building, it is hoped that the public will continue to contribute to the Home that the request may be kept intact and also largely augmented by generous subscriptions.

MRS. C. E. CUMMINGS, Pres.  
VICTORIA E. OVERALL, Sec'y.

## A STATEMENT FROM W. DAWSON IN FAVOR OF W. T. WASHINGTON FOR CLERK IN ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

To the Public:  
I hereby announce to all my friends who supported me for the position in the Engineer's Department that I am now out of the race and turn my support to Wm. T. Washington, whom I believe is the strongest Negro for the position. Thanking my friends for their support of me, I am,  
Yours truly,  
WILSON DAWSON.

H. SANCHES MARTINEZ.  
THE MEXICAN PHOTOGRAPHER RECEIVES ANY KIND OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND ENLARGING PICTURES AT HIS RESIDENCE, 628 TRACY AVE. BELL PHONE M-3427. MR. SANCHES MADE THE PICTURES FOR THE TWO LADIES, MRS. GIVENS AND MISS WELLS IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST. HE DOES GOOD WORK AND SHOULD BE PATRONIZED.

R. C. Martin, who died last Sunday morning, has left a gap in our midst. His was a life calm serenity, and yet those who knew know him to be a man of distant habits, yet on meeting him he always had a smile for his friends.

This paper is growing into a broad and progressive Journal for the benefit of all the Negro people. We fight for right with all our might.

FOR SALE.—Two rooming houses, one seven room furnished, another ten room newly furnished. Gas and water in both houses. Sell or rent 780 Main and Grand.