

**GROUND BROKEN AT MOBILE.**

For Main Building of National Negro Fair—Impressive Ceremonies Mark Epoch-Making Event — President Newsome's Inspiring Address—Past, Present and Future of Great Race Enterprise Graphically Told, Special by National Negro Press Bureau.

Mobile, Ala., August 12.—The breaking of ground for and the beginning of the main exhibit building on the track set apart for the National Negro Fair was one of the most important events in the history of the race in this section of the country. A large crowd, gathered from the city and suburbs and many neighboring towns, witnessed the impressive exercises. The ground was broken with a nickel-plated spade wielded by Rev. H. N. Newsome, the energetic and resourceful president of the National Negro Fair Association. The implement that thus figures so prominently in the forthcoming exhibit of the progress of the South's strongest industrial factor, was presented by Mr. Paul Schmoll, the contractor, who is to work in conjunction with Mr. John A. Lankford, of Washington, D. C., the supervising architect and constructing engineer of the massive enterprise.

The program was an elaborate one, and particular pains were taken to have every element of power and performance in the South represented, to indicate the widespread interest that is being aroused among the people at large and to show that it is the intention of the management to throw open the honors, emoluments and moral force of the great Fair to everybody who cares for the future of the race.

**WHAT THE FAIR AIMS TO ACCOMPLISH.**

President Newsome formally broke the ground, following the ceremony with an earnest and eloquent plea for the united support of the Negro people, saying among other pertinent things:

"Dear Friends:—We are here to break the ground and begin the main exhibit building for the National Negro Fair. We do not intend to stop until we turn the attention of all America to this spot, and bring Congress to our aid with an appropriation of \$250,000. We are an integral part of the great and productive Southland, and here in the very heart of the nation's garden plot we will erect temples to which all may come and witness the evidences that justify our claim to honorable recognition as co-workers in the upbuilding of our common soil. Further, we expect to make this the most attractive, important and historic spot on earth for our race by collecting from all parts of this country, Cuba, the West Indies and Central America the handiwork of the Negro people, and center it on this spot for exhibition, to prove to America and the entire civilized world by tangible objects that we are really constructive, progressive and serviceable citizens. We are not looking for 'social equality,' nor are we encouraging such seekers to come into our midst. All we want is a man's chance in the struggle for existence, and we will give incontrovertible testimony of our worthiness of the world's respect. We are now making an epoch in the history of our race. Let us combine our resources; let us come together and invest our mites in this national project and make it the success it ought to be—and can be made, if we so elect. A little from each will make much in the aggregate. Remember, brethren, we have plenty of white friends who live within a stone's throw of us all, who are ready and waiting to encourage and help us if we will just show a disposition to help ourselves. We are not only asking the colored people of the South to join in and make this Fair a success. It is truly national in scope and a cordial invitation is extended to our millions throughout the land and to our neighbors in the promising lands just outside our borders."

Enthusiastic addresses were also delivered by George W. Sims, treasurer of the Fair Association; Rev. J. E. Lucas, F. H. Leavens, J. A. Allen, of New Orleans; Dr. W. F. Brown, Albert Boyd, Alex. Robinson, Capt. Louis Slade, Contractor Schmoll, Mrs. Susie E. Newsome and others. Their remarks were applauded to the echo. The National Negro Fair Quartette made up of Misses Eloise Dudley, Henrietta Clifton, Eula Bonner and Lucy Phillips, furnished music for the occasion and was highly complimented by all.

**PRESENT STATUS OF THE ENTERPRISE.**

The projectors are greatly encouraged by the progress that is being made and the Fair will open in schedule time this fall. Thirty acres of land on the commanding plateau between Mobile and Whistler have been bought and a good fence built. Plans have been drawn for the twelve big buildings by Architect Robert R. Taylor, superintendent of industries at Tuskegee, Ala., and Supervising Architect John A. Lankford, who has erected some of the largest and finest buildings in the country, is perfecting his final arrangements for constructing them. The Association has already

let a contract for the erection of the main building, to cost \$10,363, and it will be completed by October 1st at the latest, together with many booths and supplementary structures for concessionaries.

At the special request of Hon. George W. Taylor, member of Congress from the Mobile district; Hon. F. G. Bromberg, formerly member of Congress, interested himself in the undertaking as adviser, and suggested that it be broadened so as to include the exhibits that may be made by Negroes of the West Indies, Cuba and Central America. The United States Congress has been asked for \$250,000 to aid the Fair, and from the strong representations and industrial arts, there is every reason to believe that this aid will be cheerfully extended at the next session. Hon. G. W. Taylor is in thorough sympathy with the movement, and agreeing fully with the various suggestions that have been made to him, has consented to draft and push through a new bill for an appropriation, to serve to embrace the broader features here noted and to bring about the realization of all the plans so effectively conceived by President Newsome and his band of co-workers. Besides being an exposition of what the Negroes have accomplished in the arts and industries, and an instructive lesson in their relation to agriculture, abriculture, forest preservation, mining and manufacturing, fisheries irrigation, etc., in which the federal Congress has a natural interest, the enterprise will be an occasion for the white people of the South to extend a word of encouragement to the thrifty and law-abiding colored citizen who is honestly striving to better his material condition and to become a more potent factor in the development of the commercial and business prestige of the South. The Fair is to be a "go," and President Newsome is again urging the Negroes everywhere to subscribe for the stock that is on the market, even if only \$1 can be paid on the shares, which are placed within the reach of all. Dr. Newsome, who is pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, one of the largest congregations of Mobile, is a reliable man, and those who will kindly address him at 555 1-2 Dauphin street, will learn how they can best aid this epoch-making enterprise.

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To the Public:

I should feel that I was ungrateful to many kind friends, colored and white, of this community, as well as of Nashville, if I did not in some proper way make an expression of my feelings and that of my family, showing our great appreciation to so many friends and acquaintances who have expressed the greatest sorrow for the family in the calamity that has come to us recently, in the passing away of our loving child, Maggie. Simple words cannot show the intense feeling of our hearts, nor can language however expressive portray how keenly we feel this terrible affliction. Therefore in this sad hour it is comforting to know that we have the sympathy of loving friends. In fact, this thought brings to our hearts unspeakable joy and if it be possible assuages to some extent our great load of sorrow. We therefore take this occasion to assure our friends that we appreciate as we should the many tender words that have come to us personally as well as is attested by many written expressions of grief. These we can never forget.

The friendly and sympathizing comments of the local and Nashville press touching the character of the deceased, we are sure are deeply appreciated and we believe, too, are fitting tributes to the merit and virtue of the departed. Maggie lived not for herself but for others as well. This seemingly has been attested in this community where she was born and where she lived. Applying the thought on a larger scale the reflection comes that as with individuals so may it be with a race—"Virtue has its own rewards." In this death, though shocking to our nature, we may learn through it that "Life is what we make it;" that it matters not how humble we may be nor what station of life we may occupy, we should all live useful lives; that we should live up to the best that is in us, so that when death claims us it can be truly said of us, we have lived for a purpose; that we have exemplified in our lives and conduct the great purpose the Master has in creating us.

MRS. A. M. KELLY,  
J. H. KELLY.  
Columbia, Tenn., Aug. 4, 1908.

**EVENING OF PLEASURE.**

Misses Madeline C. Dunlap and Marion W. Merrill entertained a few of their friends at a social Friday, August 7, at the residence of Mrs. Hannah Caruthers, 919 Cumberland street. The house was beautifully decorated. Music and games were thoroughly enjoyed. Those present were Misses Virginia C. Steele, Ruth M. Love, Ida M. Mabrey, Mattie R. Scott, Alma Petway, Consuelo Merrill, Messrs. Ed Watkins, Valder Kelly, Samuel Harrison, Howard Watkins and Clifford Kelly. A two-course menu was served.

**APPOINTED INSTRUCTOR IN MUSIC.**

Miss Lizzie Wells appointed to an Excellent Position in Austin, Tex.

The appointment of Miss Elizabeth Sarah Wells to an important position in the Lone Star State is but another testimonial of the fitness and the push that has characterized quite a number of the recent graduates from the various schools of Nashville. A Globe reporter learns that Miss Wells has been given the position of instructor in music at the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for colored youth, which is located in Austin, the capital city of Texas. The position is an excellent berth. The salary is indeed a nice one. It will pay about \$900 per annum. Thus Miss Wells begins her music career under the most flattering circumstances. By going to Austin, and by entering what is no doubt the largest distinctively Negro state institution operated by any state in the South, she will have an opportunity to show her ability as an instructor of music.

Prof. H. S. Thompson, the superintendent of the institution, notified Miss Wells of her election last week. She contemplates being in Austin not later than September 1, in order to prepare for the opening of the school year, which begins September 15. It will be remembered that Miss Wells for some time was instructor in music at the Tennessee School for the Blind, located in this city, and that she left the school in order to complete her course in music. She finished with high honors with the class of 1908, and her recital was one of the enjoyable occasions of commencement week.

Miss Wells was one of the active members in the Wednesday Evening Musical, an organization that devoted itself entirely to the study of music. She is also one of the popular young ladies of Nashville, the sister of Mrs. S. H. Brown, and daughter of Mrs. N. J. Anderson, of 131 Fourteenth avenue, North. Her family connections in this city rank among the oldest in Nashville.

**MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The fourth annual convention of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society, Tennessee Annual Conference, convenes at Mt. Juliet Wednesday and Thursday, August 26, 27. It is hoped that every Woman's Mite Missionary Society in the conference will be represented by delegates. The pastor and good people of Mt. Juliet are making ample arrangements for the entertainment of this convention. There will be good sermons, papers, prayers, songs, etc. There will also be discussions on these subjects: "The Spirit of Missions," by all presidents of W. M. M. societies; "The Influence of a Consecrated Life," by all delegates. Since last convention the following named missionaries have been aided:

Nashville District, Dr. T. W. Haigler, Presiding Elder.—Revs. M. C. Church, \$6.50; A. Thornly, \$5.00; T. D. L. Ledbetter, \$4.00; J. W. Talley, \$3.00; J. M. Webb, \$3.00; C. H. Williams, \$3.00; W. C. Henderson, \$3.00; E. E. Keys, \$1.50; total, \$29.00.

South Nashville District, Dr. G. L. Jackson, Presiding Elder.—Revs. J. G. Stanford, \$4.00; W. H. Adams, \$4.00; Isaac Alexander, \$4.00; M. K. Britt, \$4.00; D. W. Binford, \$3.00; G. W. Bond, \$3.00; C. C. Campbell, \$2.00. Total, \$24.00.

Columbia District, Dr. J. Q. Johnson, Presiding Elder.—Revs. A. T. Cooper, \$3.61; G. W. Perry, \$2.00; J. P. Sebastian, \$2.00; G. W. Gummer, \$1.00. Total, \$8.61.

Shelbyville District, Rev. H. L. P. Jones, Presiding Elder.—Revs. A. J. Polk, \$3.00; D. W. Wells, \$3.00; Edmund Brothers, \$3.00; J. H. Upshaw, \$3.00; A. J. Leath, \$3.00; M. D. Ivory, \$2.00; A. D. Nelson, \$2.00; W. G. Miller, \$2.00. Total, \$21.00.

To Rev. G. W. Darts, Conference Missionary, \$5.70.

Last year the Nashville District raised \$48.13—Woman's Mite Missionary money.

The South Nashville District, \$59.70.

The Columbia District, \$11.60.

The Shelbyville District, \$24.20.

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**MARRIAGES**

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Mrs. Lucy Crowder entertained a number of young people at her residence, 1007 South street, on Monday night, August 10, in honor of her little cousin, William Garrett. The reception room was appropriately ornamented with flowers and growing plants. Miss Bessie Watkins furnished the music for dancing. A tempting ice course was served. Those present were Miss Bessie Thompson, Edd H. Bay, Lillian Banks, Hattie L. Druce, Lucile Centre, Matilda Bostick, Henrietta Floyd, Annie Lee Bedell, Willie May Bedell, Eliza Crowder, Julia Cury, Mattie Claybrooks, Mary Floyd, Messrs. Thomas C. Perkins, Andrew Wisner, Paul Thompson, Willie E. Prim, Lee Wisner, William Garrett, Boa Crowder, John Crowder, Georgia Irvin, Dave Prim, Sam Floyd, Pink Ramsom, John Bell Claybrooks and Willdee Crowder.

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