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MECHANICS BANK READY TO REOPEN

AWAITING AUDITOR'S REPORT--UNFORESEEN DELAY EMBARRASSES--DEPOSITORS ANXIOUS TO HELP INSTITUTION.

Baptist Ministers Active--White and Colored Folks Rallying.

The only cause of the delay in the reopening of the Mechanics Savings Bank is the delay in receiving the report of the audit company, which the receivers temporarily acting employed to audit the accounts of the Mechanics Savings Bank from the time of their last audit. They are now completing this work and the report will be ready for filing certainly by the first of next week, when by mutual agreement the bank will be returned to its previous management. In the meantime, the colored leaders have been active and the white people have been anxiously helful. Members of both races speak well of the Mechanics Savings Bank and all anxiety as to its future has disappeared.

CLAMORING FOR PAPERS.

The mass-meeting at the City Auditorium is now admitted to have done "a world of good" in informing the public relative to the actual situation of affairs. In the meantime the Planet has been issuing daily extras, which have been readily purchased by both white and colored people. The slow-moving cylinder press was not able to meet the demand made upon it and supply the large number of news-boys clamoring for the issue to satisfy the people. The depositors of the institution have philanthropically showed but little concern about the outcome, feeling satisfied that their depositors were amply protected by the bank's assets.

THE DECREE.

The following extract from Judge William A. Moncure's order will explain itself and give an accurate insight into the general situation:

"And it being represented to the Court that the closing of said bank by the plaintiff was because of the presence in its assets of obligations of the Bonded Realty Company Inc., amounting to the sum of $83,500.00, which are not secured to the satisfaction of the plaintiff and it being further represented to the Court that there is a reasonable prospect of the defendant being able, within a short time, of satisfying the plaintiff as to said obligations of the Bonded Realty Company, Inc., and as to the entire solvency of said bank, it is further ordered that said receivers be authorized and instructed to report to the Court, at the earliest possible date, together with a statement of the assets and liabilities of said bank, such offers and plans as may be submitted to them by the defendants, or others on its behalf, with a view of satisfying the requirements of the plaintiff and effecting a prompt discharge of said receivers, and the return of the assets of said Mechanics Savings Bank of Richmond, Va., to its proper authorities."

BAPTIST PREACHERS UNANIMOUS

The Baptist Ministers' Conference of Richmond and vicinity met Tuesday, July 25, 1922 on call of its President, Rev. Evans Payne, D. D., pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church to take action relative to the matter. The meeting was called to order shortly before 12 o'clock. President Payne reviewed the situation and announced that when he heard of the affair, he immediately warned his people to suspend judgment assuring them that their money was safe. He gave his reasons for his belief.. At the conclusion of his remarks, Rev. Z. D. Lewis, D. D., moved that a committee of five be appointed to draft resolutions concerning the matter. This was seconded by Rev. T. J. King, D. D., pastor of the Fifth St. Baptist Church, and the following committee was appointed by the chair:

Rev. Dr. Z. D. Lewis, Rev. C. A. Cobbs, Rev. I. H. Hines, Rev. W. B. Ball, Rev. T. J. King.

COMMITTEE REPORTED.

The committee retired and after consuming some time returned and reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted on motion of Rev. R. O. Johnson, D. D., pastor of

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BANK READY TO OPEN.

A leading financier notified John Mitchell, Jr., President of the Mechanics Savings Bank that as soon as the audit at the Bank was completed arrangements could be made to secure the necessary money to satisfy demands. The auditors will complete their work this week. The necessary assets are now available to meet the demands of the Banking Division and with these assets deposited, all reason for further closing of the institution will have disappeared.

CORALEASE A. NORRELL GONE.

Impressive Services—Remains Interred in Woodland Cemetery.

Coralease A. Norrell, daughter of A. V. Norrell and Kate E. Norrell is dead. She had been a lingering sufferer and with a vain hope that the change would save her life, she was removed not long since to St. Phillip's Hospital, where all the medical skill possible could be vouch-safed her. Despite all of this, she died in that institution, Friday July 21, 1922 at 1:15 P. M. The funeral took place Sunday, July 23, 1922 from the residence of her parents, 1015 N. Seventh street. Rev. W. R. Howerton, pastor of the Third St. Bethel A. M. E. Church, officiating assisted by Rev. C. D. Caffee.

Music was furnished by Madame Fannie Payne Clarke and the Third St. Bethel A. M. E. Church choir. She leaves a mother, father, three brothers, five sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The pall-bearers were. Active, W. Cary Trueheart George Petersoi, L. D. Paige, L. V. Eggleston, Robert H. Scott, R. A. Cole Leroy E. Ragland, and Edward A. Baker. Honorary: Robert Archer, Jr., Linwood Archer, John Threat, William Greene, James Randolph, Robert Coutts, and Jack Wyche. The casket was a magnificent one of couch design The floral designs were numerous and costly and well filled the front parlor, where the remains rested..

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Trueheart of Atlantic City, N. J., and Mrs. Ethel Johnson of the same city, also Miss Mamie Greene of New York were here to attend the funeral. Floral designs reached here from Staunton and New Yor kCity. The remains were conveyed to Woodland Cemetery, where on the hill just over from Rev. John Jasper's monument and adjacent to the handsome section of Dr. R. E. Jones, all that remained of Coralease A. Norrell were laid away. John Mitchell, Jr., superintended and handled the lowering device and as the casket slowly disappeared below the surface, Rev. W R. Howerton proceeded with the ceremony.

This ended, the St. Luke Order conducted their ritualistic ceremony. Then the solemn congregation retired and Coralease A. Norrell was left to sleep until the sounding of the "last trump.'"

Funeral Director A. D. Price officiated.

SIMON ELAM ACQUITTED.

(Preston News Service.)

Van Buren, Ark., July 26.—The acquittal of Simon Elam last Thursday met with popular favor here. Elam was charged with shooting and killing John Slade in Elam's restaurant several months ago.

Great Women's Convention Here.

Many Prominent Speakers From All Parts of the United States

Delegates and Visitors to be Royally Entertained by Local Committee.

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs meets in Richmond, Va., August 6-7-8-9-10-11, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. All meetings open to the public. Mass meeting Sunday, August 6th, 3:30 P. M., at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Noted women, including Miss Hallie J. Brown, president; Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Mary Church Terrell, Mary Bethune, and others, will speak at the mass meeting.

The general meetings of this Association will be held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Judah and Leigh Streets. Departmental meetings will be held in the afternoons at various colored churches in the city. Night meetings will be held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Local women have been busy for several months perfecting plans for this large delegation. Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes is the general chairman, with the following women associated with her: Mrs. Margaret R. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Ella O. Waller, treasurer; Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, advisory chairman; Mrs. Mary E. Carter, chairman of entertainment. Mrs. Susie B. Williams is assisting Mrs. Carter by looking after the transportation. Mrs. Bettie G. Cousins, chairman of the Committee on Homes; Mrs. Annie E. Blackwell, chairman of Hospitality; Miss Eugerth B. Johnson, Badges and Banners; Mrs. Bettie Muse, business manager of Local Program; Mrs. Roberta Daly and Mrs. Edith Bradford, Committee on Churches; Mrs. Lelia Williams, Ushers and Pages; Mrs. Bettie Forrester and Mrs. Lucy Chiles, in charge of trip to State Normal School at Petersburg; Mrs. Evans Payne, chairman of Committee on Ministers' and Bishops' Wives, together with the following committeewomen: Mesdames S. S. Sparrow, Mattie Tyler, Louisa Alien, Ida Charity, Harriet E. Thompson, Rosa DeWitt, Carrie C. Hawkins, Hannah Johnson, Fannie B. Johnson, Estelle C. Jackson, Charlotte Blackwell, Artena J. Miller, make a strong working team.

The art exhibit under the supervision of Mrs. Lavinia Johnson Garnett will be the most magnificent collection of needlework ever seen in this city. All States ar sending in their collection, which will be added to the Virginia collection and will be on display at 00 Clay Street, the new clubhouse for colored women, which has been recently purchased by the Council of Colored Women at a cost of $25,000. Mrs. Maggie L. Walker is the president of the club. The Friends' Asylum for Colored Orphans, Old Folks' Home for Colored People and the Home for Working Girls are all putting on a few touches here and there and making their institutions presentable.

The music for all occasions is in charge of Madame Sevilla Ellen Briggs, assisted by Mrs. Louise Tilton Deane.

Monday night, August 7th, is Richmond night. This meeting will be held at the City Auditorium under

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OPEN LETTER TO HON. PATRICK KELLY

Detroit, Mich., July 14, 1922.
To the Hon. Patrick H. Kelly, N. C.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I was much interested in what you had to say in opening your campaign for Senator in the State of Michigan, regarding human rights as compared with property rights. I have read every report of your opening speech of last Saturday.

That you have given much study to many of our problems, chiefly those affecting taxation, is plainly apparent, you also treat on what you call "Newberryism," and concerning it say, "The people of Michigan mean to set the State right in the eyes of America," etc. You also demand the enforcement of prohibition acts; you suggest an amendment of the Esch-Cummins Transportation Act; you referred to our navy, to Federal taxes, to transportation problems, and, in fact, to almost everything else mentioned in the Republican national platform, except some legislation such as the Dyer bill affords, to set the nation right in the eyes of the world, as well as to set "Michigan right in the eyes of America."

Did you purposely omit to tell the people what you were doing in Congress to stop the great national mob law evil, or was it an oversight?

Since I wrote you my last letter several lynchings have been reported from various parts of the country, the stories of lynchings are mentioned in the press almost daily, and I must assume that by this time you have read the wonderful brief in support of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill prepared by the Hon. Morefield Story, formerly president of the American Bar Association, and that you, like myself, are now convinced that the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill is constitutional. I confess that I was a little in doubt myself as to the authority of Congress to pass the desired legislation, but that doubt has been completely dispelled after reading Mr. Story's great brief. This brief was filed with the Senate committee after the Dyer bill had passed the House; it was published serially in the Richmond Planet, of Richmond, Va. I presume the Senate committee had it printed, but if you have not already received a copy, nor have read the brief, and it is not accessible, I shall be glad to procure you a copy of the same.

You may think that the only people in Michigan interested in abolishing mob law are of Negro persuasion, but I assure you that if that is true you are entirely wrong in your conclusions, for there are many thousands of white voters in this State who abhor the practice of mob rule in America, which we, ourselves, so recently escaped an example at Jackson, but it strikes me that human rights come first unless you have a true interest in every citizen in his constitutional rights, I for one shall be actively opposed to your election to the most august representative body in the world, the United States Senate.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

(Preston News Service.)

Chester, S. C., July 27.—During the heavy rain and electrical storm at Van Wyck last Monday, William Crawford was killed by lightning. Crawford and others working in a brickyard took shelter under the eves of the Van Wyck Depot when the storm came up. A bolt of lightning struck the chimney of the depot, passed down inside the building and out by a post under the building by which Crawford was sitting. He received the full force of the bolt with fatal results. The others were shocked. A brother of William Crawford was shocked unconscious and remained so for several hours, but is reported recovering from the stroke. The depot was set fire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

CLAIMS KLAN ORDERED AD. CONTRACT CANCELLED.

(Preston News Service.)

St. Louis, Mo., July 27.—According to reports, Robert I. Young, of St. Joseph, Mo., candidate for nomination for United States Senator on the Democratic ticket, says: "I received a notice from the Klu Klux Klan to remove a campaign advertisement which I had contracted for insertion in the Jewish Record, a local Hebrew language newspaper. The reason given in the Klan letter was 'because the Jew is after the almighty dollar and to hell with the country."

It is said that officials of the paper announced that suit will be filed against Young to collect the sum of money due the paper under the contract.

FIREMAN HURT IN WRECK.

(Preston News Service.)

Shreveport, La., July 27.—David V. Evans, fireman, was severely injured when Texas and Pacific train No. 42, eastbound, collided with a wrecking train near Lucas, La., about ten miles from here, last Thursday night. The engineer and three members of the wrecking crew were injured slightly.

LIFTING AS WE CLIMB.

Office of the General Local Committee of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Richmond, Virginia.

To All Club Women:—

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs will hold its Thirteenth Biennial Sessions in Richmond, Va., August 6-11, 1922.

The Women of Richmond and of Virginia are putting forth their best endeavor to make this meeting the best ever. Our slogan is "Let all trains lead to Richmond, August 6-11.

All of the local committees are busy "putting over" the work which has been assigned them to do. We are looking forward with fondest anticipation to your coming. It is earnestly requested and hoped that all delegates to the National and all visitors will kindly send their names at once to the Chairman of the Home Committee, Mrs. Bettie G. Cousins, 1022 St. James Street, Richmond, Va. Board and lodging $1.50 per day. (Two meals.)

Mrs. Ora B. Stokes, Chairman General Committee, 210 W. Leigh St.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Secretary, 621 N. Eighth Street.

Mrs Ella O. Waller, Treasurer, 1110 W. Leigh St.

Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Chairman Executive Committee, 110 E. Leigh.

Mrs. Nary E. Carter, Chairman Reception Committee, 515 St. James Street.

Mrs. Annie E. Blackwell, Chairman of Hospitality Committee.

THE MECHANICS SAVINGS BANK.

((Richmond, Va., Voice.)

The trouble at the Mechanics Savings Bank has caused quite a little excitement this week, but from all appearances the trouble is about over and the bank will re-open in a few days.

The depositors need have no fear for every dollar on deposit is safe..

When the bank re-opens do not draw your money out, as this will hurt the bank more than anything else. Instead of lining up to draw your money out, line up to make new deposits and increase those you have there.

Do not talk about the bank except to say a good word for it.

The Mechanics Bank is all right. It will not fail. It must not fail.

PLEADS FOR HER SON.

(Preston News Service.)

Montgomery Ala., July 28.—Mrs. Mollie Stoudemire, mother of Charles Stoudemire of Birmingham, who is sentenced to be hanged for the death of J. W. McDowell here Friday, pleaded with the state board of pardons to show mercy to her son and recommend that the death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. Little information regarding the crime was given the board by Mrs. Stoudemire and a final decision was postponed until the boy's attorney, P. H. Bell of Birmingham, can appear before the board on behalf of the boy.

SECOND BAPTIST, SOUTHSIDE.

Rev. W. A. Randolph was in charge all day. The attendance was very good. Our pastor, Rev. E. E. Smith will preach all day Sunday. By request the Pastor will preach a special sermon at 11:30 A. M. from the subject, "Who will consecrate himself for the service of the Lord?"

Rev. W. A. Randolph will serve us until the Pastor takes charge on the third Sunday in August.

ARCHDEACON BASKERVILLE'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Charleston, S. C., July 20, 1922.
Mr. John Mitchell, Jr.,
311 North Fourth Street,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:—I was greatly distressed to learn some days ago of the closing of the Mechanics Savings Bank, of Richmond, Virginia, of which you are President, but I am happy today however, to learn through the pages of "The Richmond Planet," Extra 2, of the 18th inst. that the said bank will open for business at the expiration of ten days.

I am delighted to see what a strong array of white and colored citizens have come to your assistance. This shows your sterling and impeachable character in your business and official relations. Please accept my heartfelt congratulations.

With warm greetings and wishing you continued success in your business, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
E. L. BASKERVILLE.

HON. JOHN E. BRUCE STILL HAS FAITH.

New York City, July 25, 1922
Dear John Mitchell:

You ought to know that all your true friends (and I count myself one of them) sympathize with you in your present temporary embarrassment and have full faith in your business honor and integrity, that they do not feel alarmed about the outcome because they know that you are the soul of honor and believe that you will emerge from your present difficulties with credit to yourself and the race. You have more friends than you know, John Mitchell, and they will not permit you to fail. TRUST GOD. Look up and not down.

Sincerely,
BRUCE GRIT.

PRESIDING ELDER M. E. DAVIS OFFERS HIS SERVICES.

Portsmouth, Va., July 24, 1922.
Mr. John Mitchell, Jr.,
President, Mechanics Savings Bank,
Richmond, Va.

My dear friend and brother:—I heard little more than a week ago on my return from Ohio, that the doors of the Mechanics Savings Bank had been closed, you can't imagine how much it grieved me. I could not believe that there were any irregularities about it. I soon straightened up and said, that whatever should be the difficulty or whatever be required to open the doors again, John Mitchell would do it, for I have confidence in his honor and ability to do big things and I thank God that I see things coming to pass.

I rested in the faith that I had in you and your many friends, white and colored, in and about Richmond. I am at your command for everything in my power.

Sincerely yours,
M. E. DAVIS,
Presiding Elder of Portsmouth District, A. M. E. Church.

FAMOUS EGPYTIAN SENDS BEST WISHES FOR A VICTORY.

New York, 25th, July, 1922
Mr. John Mitchell, Jr,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Friend Mitchell:—I am pained at the news of your reverse. But I am heartened at your having weathered the storm. I am overjoyed to learn that your friends, black and white, have rallied to your assistance. God is good! God is great! I know that He will help you. Be brave, press forward, and all will be well. My thoughts shall ever be with you, my good friend. So are my sincere good wishes.

Yours as ever,
DUSE MOHAMED ALI.