

PYTHIANS CAPTURE THE CITY OF BALTIMORE

Bethel A. M. E. Church Throws Wide its Doors To Visiting Pythians

TWENTY BRASS BANDS IN LINE OF MARCH

Major General Robert R. Jackson of Chicago Leads the Parade. Maryland Men Receive Much Unseated in Convention-Army Maneuvers at Military Camp.

L. O. WILSON AND M. T. WHITTICO MAKE GREAT FIGHT FOR JEFFERSON AND MITCHELL.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Latvale Street, Baltimore, Md., was crowded daily with delegates and visitors of the Supreme Lodge, the Fifteenth Biennial Session of the Supreme Court of Calanthe and the Seventeenth National Encampment of the military Department of the Knights of Pythias of America.

At the opening session Grand Chancellor Watty of Maryland, introduced the Supreme Chancellor Greene of Louisiana, who introduced Mr. A. S. Goldsborough, who welcomed the delegates and presented the key of the city on behalf of the mayor. He was replied to by Grand Lecturer L. M. Mitchell of Dallas, Tex. Chancellor Harry S. Cummings spoke in behalf of the citizens of Baltimore. Rev. J. U. King responded in behalf of the fraternity. Dr. J. M. Stoney of Augusta, Ga., replied. At this time the Grand Chancellor announced that the Governor was to speak, but having no word from his Excellency, the presiding officer was unable to explain the cause of his absence.

Dr. S. S. Jolly delivered a brilliant address in behalf of the uniform rank and swept the audience with his matchless oratory. Replied to by Judge Morris of Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Ernest Lyon, Librarian Counsel General, made a few timely remarks.

NIGHT SESSION.

The evening session was omitted and the Trustees of Bethel Church tendered the Grand Lodge delegates a grand banquet. Mr. Wm. Fitzgerald acted as toastmaster. Addresses were made by Supreme Chancellor S. W. Greene, Supreme Attorney S. A. L. Watkins, of Chicago, Grand Worthy Councilor Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, Hon. Roscoe Conkling Simmons, editor of the Memphis "Sun" and Hon. H. M. Sinclair of Cambridge, Md.

MARCHED IN GLAD ARRAY.

Cheered by everybody in Baltimore, which lined the sidewalks from curb to building line, the Knights of Pythias, in session in Baltimore, held their great parade last Friday a. m., marching through a large part of the city and incidentally tying up nearly all the car lines in town.

It was really a big parade—one of the biggest that has been held in Baltimore in a long time—and one of the best from the standpoint of marching as well as of spectacular display.

The more than 1,000 members of the uniformed rank of the order, in camp at Westport, their regiments spick and span and without a speck of tarnish on their gold lace, came to town with their bands and joined with the Baltimore members of the order in making a line that was several miles long. In the line were companies from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, North Carolina, Nebraska, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Texas, Oklahoma, California, Kentucky, Va., W. Va., Massachusetts. The Chicago delegation numbered 150, and with it was a band of 50 pieces, one of the biggest colored bands in the country.

DRUM MAJORS ARE EXPERTS.

There was no little rivalry among the various companies as to which should make the best showing in the parade, and those which could not compete in point of number tried to make up by the excellence of their marching. This rivalry among the companies was reflected in the bands, and there were more fancy stunts done by the drum majors with their bearded and bearded batons than have been seen in Baltimore for many moons. They were twisted and twirled and tossed high in the air, caught up and tossed again, the bands all the time keeping time, and the marchers keeping in perfect step, while the throngs of men and women and children shouted their approval.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SPEECH MAKING.

The delivery of the biennial address of

Supreme Chancellor Greene and the election of officers in the Supreme Court of Calanthe were the features of the session of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and the Supreme Court of Calanthe. Two remarkable women addressed the Supreme Court. One was Carrie Tuggle, founder and president of Tuggle Institute, Birmingham, Ala., who worked as a tailor for a number of years, and C. J. Walker, of Indianapolis, who worked in the rice swamps of Louisiana and the cotton fields of Mississippi, but is now in the head of a large manufacturing plant in Indianapolis, and came to the city in her own automobile.

The Supreme Court elected the following officers: R. L. Barnes, of Georgia, instructor; Jessie D. Robinson, of Missouri, inspector; M. J. Hazlewood, of West Virginia, orator; Connie A. Carl Illinois, register of deeds; A. D. Keys of Texas, receiver of deposits; Fannie M. Costly, of Alabama, escort; Cora Allen of Louisiana, senior directress; Lula B. Reed, of Florida, junior directress; Anna J. Wallace, of Mississippi, conductress; M. J. Wollenberger, Arkansas, assistant directress; Bertha Reed, Indiana, herald; John S. Fielding, of Ohio, protector; Lu La Summers, of Kansas, lecturer; N. A. Prince, M. D., of Texas, medical director.

DISPLACE SUPREME KEEPER

Most of Friday's sessions were taken up with the reading of long and tedious reports, among which was that of the supreme keeper of records and seals, which brought forth many sharp retorts and comments. The present officers of the Supreme Lodge came in for a sharp attack in the biennial report, which savored of extravagance on the part of the officers who have charge of the finances of the lodge. The report of the records and seals committee resulted in the displacement of C. K. Robinson, the supreme keeper, who had held the position for the past 17 years, and the election of Dr. E. E. Underwood, of Kentucky, in his stead. Before this change was made there was some lively discussion.

The report of Supreme Master of Excellence John A. Young showed the order to be in a flourishing condition, with a balance of \$5,000 in bank.

The following officers of the Supreme Lodge were elected for the next two years: S. W. Greene, New Orleans, re-elected supreme chancellor; General Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, Ohio, re-elected vice-chancellor and head of the Supreme Court of Calanthe; Rev. A. H. Newton, Camden, N. J., supreme prelate; John Young, Pine Bluff, Ark., supreme master of exchequer; L. M. Mitchell, Austin, Texas, supreme lecturer; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankfort, Ky., supreme keeper of records and seal; George A. Watty, Baltimore, supreme master-at-arms; Dr. J. Ward, Indianapolis, supreme medical director; S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago, supreme attorney; J. C. Lattie, Winston-Salem, N. C., supreme inner-guard; H. A. Jones, Jacksonville, Fla., supreme outer-guard; R. R. Jackson, major general uniform rank.

Thursday evening hundreds of the Knights were taken on an excursion down the Bay on the steamer Latrobe, and at night the uniformed members of the military department of the order held a competitive drill in Richmond Market Armory.

The West Virginia delegation stood with the mother state and made a great fight to save Virginia and her illustrious son, John Mitchell, Jr., editor of The Richmond Planet. Grand Chancellor L. O. Wilson made a brilliant speech nominating J. Rupert Jefferson for Supreme G. C. and ably did Editor M. T. Whittico second the nomination. The fight made by these two distinguished Knights for the honor of West Virginia and Virginia was able and brilliant, and even though they failed to land Jefferson or save Mitchell, they made their presence felt and received unusual consideration.

WOMAN'S AUXILIAR NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Nashville, Tenn.—Spruce Street Baptist Church on Eighth ave. North has been selected as the place of meeting for the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention to meet in this city September 17-22nd. This was finally decided upon this week when Miss N. H. Burroughs, Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the convention, the Rev. T. L. Hallon, pastor of the Spruce Street Church, and Mrs. M. Florence, a prominent worker in the Woman's Convention, looked over the church, its surroundings and conveniences. The selec-

tion of the Spruce Street church as a place for the commemorating of the Fifty Years of Freedom and the holding of the sessions of the women will also add to the importance of the meeting, from the fact that this is looked upon as the mother church of Negro Baptists of Tennessee and especially Nashville. The church was organized and owned a house of worship before the war. This celebration in connection with the convention will have surroundings that will not only be inspiring but historic. Miss Burroughs stated that she expects to have an unusually large amount of paraphernalia, such as badge, buttons and other convention matter, on hand. The Woman's Convention badge is an emblem of the world with their motto: "Women arise, He calleth thee." There is a bar in the regular badge known as a membership badge; but this year there will be a soviet badge with the word, "Delegate" simulated, except in those cases where the persons are really delegates. Arrangements for some of the leading speakers throughout the country have been made by the women. Among those who already have been set down is the Rev. John E. White, D. D., Atlanta, Ga., one of the leading members of the Southern Baptist Convention. Then there will be Mr. Weatherford, a prominent white worker of the Y. M. C. A. located in this city, Mrs. Maggie E. Walker, President of the St. Luke's Savings Bank of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. C. S. We'll Secretary of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., Augusta, Ga., and the Rev. Albert W. Moore, D. D., of Philadelphia, will deliver special sermons.

BACK FROM VACATION

It is said that God made the country and man built the city.

We read that man was placed in a garden with the instruction to keep it.

It is most refreshing to get back to man's first abode, the paradise, the garden under the trees, close to nature's cathedral to hear the melodious chimes as they are wafted by the gentle air, to the weary toilers of earth.

It has been my good fortune to go back for a vacation to the home of Mr. Hezekiah Whittico I entered eleven years ago when I first made my debut as a minister, and among the people many of whom then received me cordially and heard me gladly. Many of the faces seen then are silent no more. Many voices heard then are silent forever; yet they live in the hearts left behind, which is not to die.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Davis, has his and his good people spared no efforts to make my visit and stay among them both a delight and a profit to me. Rev. Davis is doing a splendid work among this people—if by giving of one's self to a cause is the price of success. Rev. Davis is hesitatingly paying the price. He is a prepared and consecrated man, and if it is his good pleasure to remain on that field there will be many to rise up and call him blessed.

As a result of a revival service held at Holmes Memorial, ten souls were brought into the church to take up their cross and follow their blessed Master.

If you are tired and need rest go to the country.

If you think that the Negro race is dying out, go to the country.

If you think a man can't live on the farm if he will work, go to Ridgeway, Virginia.

If you think young people have all forsaken the church, go to Holmes Memorial church, Ridgeway, Va., and these thoughts will be eradicated.

I am back again to lend my aid to everybody and everything that is moving on or up towards man's best interest and highest good, remembering always to try to follow the words of the poet:

"Give to the world the best you have. And the best will come back to you."

REV. R. P. JOHNSON.

GREAT EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION-SPEECHES, PARADE, FEAST AND BASE BALL GAME

There will be a great Emancipation Celebration in this city on the 22nd day of this month under the auspices of the McDowell County Colored Republican Organization.

The greatest parade ever seen here will take place at 10:30 a. m. in which at least three bands will participate. After the parade, speeches will be delivered on the grounds by some of West Virginia's most distinguished sons.

Hon. Edward Cooper will be the speaker of the day and will be introduced by a speaker of note whose name will be published later.

After the speaking, a lunch will be served every person present who wishes to eat while the bands render music.

A base ball game will follow and those who wish to depart on trains 1 or 10 can do so.

Great preparations are being made to make this the greatest day in the history of Keystone and momentous in the political history of West Virginia.

A full and complete program will be published later.

MODERN LIGHTS

(By S. B. Moon.)

We cannot help from wondering how old the world was when the first complaint was made about the baseness of the present and the glory of the past. The world (if we are to believe the perennially blossoming prophets of pessimism) is fast going to the dogs. The "growlers" of to-day say that when they were in their prime things were different and better. If we of this day and generation venture to doubt the correctness of such a view, the vials of wrath of the wisecracks are uncerkered and we are deluged with the fiery fluid. The excellence of the past and the degeneracy of the present is a delusion that is passed from father to son and from generation to generation as an everlasting inheritance. The wise fathers of the present cannot forever live upon this earth. The time will come when they shall pass to their reward or whatever awaits them across the dark river. Then, we who are now the unworthy sons of the present will thereupon ascend the throne of the fathers and bewail the weaknesses of our own offspring. We shall have the profound satisfaction of telling our sons that when we came along the world was one hundred per cent better than the day of the younger finds it. We shall get our revenge upon the sining generation for the humiliation put upon us by the wise old croakers of to-day, who are now laying their innings, and we are taking the punishment. Love is sweet, but revenge is sweeter, and such a revenge as we shall take upon the young hopefuls, who shall not be before we die—our revenge we say, shall be so glorious and self-satisfying that the glutinous revenge of Logan, the Mingo Indian chief, will, in comparison therewith, look like a sick man's broth. The past will continue to be hallowed and the present to be damned as long as age is esteemed as a badge of wisdom and youth is regarded as an unflattering indication of folly and wickedness.

But of a truth this hoax, which each generation plays upon each succeeding generation is losing ground. The world is coming to realize as it has never realized before that of all fools, old fools are the biggest fools. Maturity of mind and body are surely lessening the distance which has hitherto separated the cradle of infancy and the high pedestal of manhood's estate. As better and more efficient methods of procedure have come into being and use in almost every line of human endeavor, so, too, has the waste of the valuable years of youth under the delusion that the mind can not be strong enough for the world's warfare until a certain age is reached, grown gradually less as the world has progressed. The old is strong and is dying hard. 'Twas naught but this superstitious reverence for age that caused the farmers of the Federal Constitution to put in that instrument the provisions requiring a representative in congress to be at least twenty-five years old; a senator of the United States to be thirty and the president to be thirty-five years of age. The generation that is coming after us will surely consign those age worshipping provisions to the rubbish pile by proper amendments, should the present generation neglect to perform so obvious a duty. A few years hence, and our descendants will regard as a great joke, that in our time a man was not permitted to vote and was not required to pay taxes until he had reached the great age of twenty-one years.

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W. VIRGINIA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW

On the 21st day of February, 1913, the West Virginia legislature enacted a new law, an example of progressive legislation, known as the Workmen's Compensation Act, which Act went into effect May 22nd, and which is to become operative October 1st. This law is similar in principle to acts passed by several other states—Ohio and Washington in particular—and is administered by the Public Service Commission, which Commission was also created by the same legislation.

As this new law affects practically every employer of labor in this state, it is the earnest desire of the Commission to get a copy of the same in the hands of all such employers, to the end that they may protect themselves by paying into the fund, and at the same time secure the benefits of the act for their employees.

The principles of this act were held constitutional by the Supreme Court in a decision in 1911, which said (speaking of the Washington Compensation law) "that the act violates no provision of either the State or Federal Constitution."

This act provides certain prompt financial aid and relief to the injured workman and his family; or, in case of fatal accident, to his widow, children or other dependents, as the case may be. It also does away entirely with the unsatisfactory suits for injury between the employer and employee.

We submit for your careful consideration and comparison the following figures taken from "Boyd on Workmen's Compensation." These figures are approximate:

The first year's operation

of the Workmen's Compensation Act in the State of Washington shows a premium income of nearly \$1,000,000.00. Paid to workmen on beneficiaries..... 445,000.00

Surplus and reserve..... \$ 355,000.00

Before this law went into effect in Washington, under the casualty system, the liability companies collected in premiums—

From manufacturers \$ 600,000.00

Paid to injured workmen (nearly) 100,000.00

Difference \$ 500,000.00

Compare this also:

The expense to the State of Washington for administering that \$100,000.00 was \$ 108,000.00

The expense to the liability companies for handling the \$600,000.00 was, approximately 200,000.00

Is there anything we can say that will speak louder than these figures?

A very important feature to the employer is to be assured that he will not be harassed by expensive litigation and possible financial ruin by some successful claimant for damage! More important still is the certain knowledge of workmen and their families that in case of accident to the provider for the family, in the course of his regular employment, that prompt medical aid will be furnished (hospital and nurse if necessary), and in income while the employee is unable to attend to all duties necessary to his work; and, what the writer considers still more important than all this, is the certain knowledge that our state authorities, by means of carrying on the business of the Workmen's Compensation Fund, will come in such close contact with the cause of practically every accident occurring within the state, will take steps to prevent a recurrence of such accidents, most of which are caused by lack of knowledge of the danger on the part of both employer and employees connected with the work in which they are both engaged.

All employees who have not already done so are requested to communicate with the Commission. Address all communications to the Public Service Commission, Workmen's Compensation Fund, Charleston, West Virginia.

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COAL MINERS IN N & W FIELD FAVOR ORGANIZATION

Coal Miners in That Region Are Tired of the Conditions That Exist in That Field and Are Enthusiastic for Organizers to Get to Work Soon

(Kanawha Citizen)

Thomas Cairns, president of the United Workers of the Kanawha district, stated last night that a result of the recent announcement through the Kanawha Citizen and other newspapers that a campaign was about to start with a view to the organization of all the coal fields of the state, the local offices have been deluged with letters from miners in the Fairmont, Norfolk & Western and Pocaontas fields asking that trained organizers be sent into these fields.

"The men in this section" says a correspondent from the N & W field, "are crazy for organizers and are ready to band themselves together under proper leadership and to strike, if necessary, for their rights. We want the legal rights and privileges that have been secured by our brethren in the New River, Paint Creek and Cabin Creek fields. Come over into Macedonia and help us.

The matter of selecting and despatching organizers will be taken up with National President John P. White, of the national organization and definite action will be taken in a few days.

WITH THE MINER AND OPERATOR; CONDITIONS STEADILY IMPROVING

Operators and Miners Doing Well Under New Agreement; Prospects For Prosperous Year in Coal Fields

(BY R. W. WHITE.)

McALPIN, W. VA., Sept. 1913.—It has been our privilege to visit more than twenty coal operations in the past week and the general condition shows a vast improvement in point of cordial relation between the operator and the miner over what it did even two weeks ago. There does not appear to be so much of a feeling of unrest in the coal field and it is given out that steadier time is being made now than was made a month ago, all of which is an indication that the matter is rapidly mending in every particular. One of the surest indications of the thrift and steadiness with which the men are working, was manifested on Labor Day, when there were but very few mines that closed down. Of course, the day was given and it was optional with the miner whether he worked or not, but the great majority of cases the miners ran full time the entire day and the miner came out in the afternoon and still had time to enjoy the greater part of the exercises on that day.

There is a growing and spreading feeling among the operators and the miners to the effect that they would like to be let entirely alone in their new relation and be allowed to go about their work in an undisturbed manner. The miner (and we have talked with hundreds of them within the past few days) feel that there should be an end put to litigation and strife and that it should not be continually kept up and especially when the keeping up of the same is only a detriment to him. The operator feels about the same way about the matter and between them they have about decided, and in many instances have already done it, to pay but little if any less to those who would attract them from their daily labor. This is clearly the reaction and it comes with good effect and at a very opportune time. Verily there is no disadvantage without there is some advantage and the advantage in the recent strike has been that it has brought the miner and the operator close enough to get together to transact their own business without assistance. Verily there is a new era dawning for both operator and miner, which they themselves are bringing about.

A very striking feature about the present situation and the peaceful settlement of the same, has been the part the good women and the wives and sisters of the miners have played in it. It would be surprising to the outside world to know just how interested these women are in the matter of their husbands and brothers remaining at work and doing well. And after all there is nothing strange about this for they are the ones who do the suffering when the hard times come. It is she, the women, and the little children who bear the brunt of the burden and therefore they, both of them, should have some say in the matter of its adjustment. We have noted with keen surprise, what interest is taken in the report out and the general condition of affairs by the women folk. They are as eager to read the daily papers and get the news, yea, more so, than the men themselves. In this matter they have been a silent force, working for good and they have demonstrated that they are a factor and a part of this affair and they have certainly contributed their share towards its settlement. They believe that there is little need in cutting off ones toes to spite ones face. They are a unit on better conditions when they can be had but they do not believe in forsaking and abandoning what they have, before they are sure they will secure something better. More power to be good women in this new relation of hers. She has done in this, what she always does at the proper time, stepped in and taught us a proper time, stepped in and taught us a real practical lesson in economics.

Any one who visited any of the recent Labor Day celebration speeches and listened attentively could not but help noticing the veiled attempt to further the plans for extended organization, when the occasion is supposed to have meant only a social outing, and interchange and renewal of profitable acquaintance.

In some instances there was no attempt made to conceal the fact, and business meetings were held aggrieved, considered wholly, rather than the day celebrated as supposed.

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Then again much politics was injected in speeches, state wide, but in a manner to deceive the unwary, yet to obtain a long cherished end. It is hoped that the U. M. Ws. will allow no political party in pursuit of place and power in this state.

These facts are so glaring to him who knows a thing or two, that we think to think we could be regarded, as a people, as being so easily duped. It is hoped that the U. M. Ws. will allow no political party to be wedded to it for it means the ultimate dissolution of both and neither are without its good points.

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