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DO THE MINERS IN THIS FIELD WISH TO ORGANIZE?

In another column of this issue we publish an article from the Kanawha Citizen with reference to the alleged desire of the miners in this field to become affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America.

The man who wrote that letter does not express the sentiments of one-tenth of the miners in this field for here can be found the most thrifty and contented miners in the country. They do not have to strike to get what they feel they are entitled to, but the operators show them every consideration and do all that can be expected to prevent dissatisfaction. In this connection we call the attention of our readers to the series of articles on mining conditions being run in this paper, written by Hon. R. W. White, formerly managing editor of the McDowell Times. Mr. White is no doubt the best informed writer on miners, mining and labor conditions in West Virginia and every miner and operator will do well to carefully read the articles being written by Mr. White. They shed a light upon the cause of dissatisfaction and conditions which led up to it that cannot be had elsewhere. The miners in this field are not seeking the Union, but from time to time some organizer or agitator come through and attempt to make the workmen restless and dissatisfied, when they can have all grievances redressed without the aid of the Union.

Keystone Gun Club Hold Weekly Shoot

Jess Harman, Popular Young Man From Columbus, Wins Honors For Expert Marksmanship

The Keystone Gun Club held their weekly shoot Thursday afternoon with more than a dozen members present. Much excitement as well as amusement afforded the spectators ample enjoyment for the time spent on the hillside to see this most rival contest for supremacy in marksmanship. Before the target practice began everybody would have believed that Mr. Tom Massie was sure to be the winner when listening to the version of his expert ability to do. But you who read the score will please note who is who. Don't forget to take cognizance of the gentleman from New York in person of Mr. W. S. Cleveland, who had everybody to believe that he would even beat Mr. Massie in the bout. The score is as follows:

First—Mr. Jess Harman of Columbus, Ohio, perfect; didn't miss a shot. Second—Mr. R. K. Kirtley, the 40 lbs. man from the county seat, who was a close second to the Ohio gentleman. Third—'Billie' Burnett, the popular young business man of this city, gave the boys to know that he was on the ground. Fourth, in the race was Mr. W. T. Wright, while the 5th and 6th were Messrs. John Williams and James Wiggan with the rival contestants for the tall end in the persons of Messrs. Thomas Mangle holding 7th place closely contested by W. S. Cleveland of New York who deviously won the 8th place. Both of these gentlemen have good excuses in the fact that Mr. Massie had to use a borrow gun, while Mr. Cleveland was forced to quit on account of a sore shoulder. Thus it is the tale is told and the whole truth of it.

Rev. J. B. Evans, evangelist for the cause is very helpfully assisting in the revival now being carried on at the Wingfield Baptist Church, Beckman. Several conversions are being made as a result of his spiritual efforts.

NUTTER ELECTED GRAND EXALTED RULER OF ELKS

Attorney T. G. Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., Was Elevated to the Head of the Great Order of I. B. and P. O. of Elks of the World at Atlantic City

Order in Prosperous Condition—10,000 Elks Present at Annual Session of Grand Lodge and Over 5,000 in Parade and at Grand Ball on Million Dollar Pier—Greatest Gathering in History of the Order.

(By James Lightfoot.)

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 2.—The 14th annual session of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World was brought to a close with the election and installation of officers Friday afternoon.

The meeting in every way was the most interesting and brilliant in the history of the order. There was not a dull moment during the entire sitting which began with the annual sermon, preached at St. James A. M. E. Church by Grand Chaplain S. A. Avant, Sunday, August 24, to the election of officers Friday afternoon. Seldom has this great summer resort witnessed so many brilliant scenes as were witnessed during the sessions of the Elks. Thousands of the herd with their wives and friends from every section of the country and the Bahamas Islands began to pour into the city Saturday, Aug. 23, and continued to arrive until Thursday evening when the grand ball, the finest affair ever witnessed in this city, took place on the million dollar pier.

It can be stated with all candor that the meeting here was the grandest in the history of Elksdom and never before has such a throng graced the annual meeting of the Elks. It seemed that every city and town in the country sent representatives to the meeting and it is safe to say that at least ten thousand Elks were here during the meeting.

The gathering was representative of the best in the race. Men prominent in the professional, business and commercial world were present. They came from the Atlantic and the Pacific and from the West Indies Islands and added much to the gaiety of the occasion. Seldom has more representative body of men ever assembled and a new milestone was passed in colored Elksdom.

ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

The Grand Lodge was royally entertained by Lighthouse Lodge and the citizens in general. At the public reception Monday evening Mayor Riddle and Senator Walter Edge extended a most cordial welcome. Seldom have more hearty welcome been extended to a body of visitors.

The local committee under the leadership of Attorneys I. H. Nutter and Jas.



LAWYER T. G. NUTTER.

E. Lightfoot deserves the greatest praise for the most royal reception tendered the Elks and every delegate left feeling that Atlantic City is the greatest convention city in the world.

GRAND PARADE.

Judged from the viewpoint of enthusiasm, spectacular features and volume of martial music, the street parade held Thursday afternoon was one of the most remarkable ever witnessed at the resort. Ideal weather conditions, streets solidly lined with humanity, perfect police arrangements—all conditions surrounding the pageant were just what they should have been, and those having the pageant in charge are due great credit for the orderly manner in which it was conducted. The lines began forming at 10 a. m. in the vicinity of the Colored Elks' Home, North Carolina and Artie avenues, and two hours later the pageant headed down Rhode Island avenue and into Atlantic. Thousands of members of the race and white citizens cheered the marching hosts on, and the score of bands in the line of march supplied music, and plenty of it.

NUTTER HEADS ORDER.

The chief interest of the convention centered in the selection of the Grand Exalted Ruler. One of the fiercest battles in the history of the order was staged by the forces led by T. Gillis Nutter, of Charleston, W. Va., and those led by Armand Scott, of Washington, D. C.

These two gentlemen were backed by an array of brilliant and able men who were on to every trick of the game, and it was a case of Greek meeting Greek and the matting of wits by pastmasters, and there was an air of uncertainty until the last ballot was counted, and when the Grand Exalted Ruler Pace announced the vote of 90 to 85 in favor of T. Gillis Nutter, of Charleston, W. Va., one of the wildest demonstrations ever witnessed took place. Men yelled and screamed and laughed and cried, and the body almost to a man rushed to Mr. Nutter and lifted him upon their shoulders and marched around the spacious Fitzgerald's Auditorium amid deafening cheers. Suddenly a great thud was heard and silence fell upon the convention. It was indeed a sad spectacle which faced the assembled host. Mr. Scott had fallen in a faint and three doctors, Mills, of Norfolk, Atkinsons of Hampton, and Jones of Richmond, were standing over his prostrate form administering stimulants. It was a scene long to be remembered. Mr. Nutter rushed to Mr. Scott's side and did what he could to cheer him. The profound sympathy of the convention went out to Mr. Scott for all recognized that an excellent brother had been defeated but not disgraced. Mr. Nutter tendered Mr. Scott the position of Grand Legal Adviser which he had so honorably filled the past year.

Mr. Nutter has been a member of the order for the last five years and during that time has been elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, the position next to Grand Exalted Ruler, for five successive times by acclamation, having been elected in St. Louis, Detroit, Washington, D. C., Boston, and Dayton, Ohio. His campaign was managed by his brother, I. H. Nutter, the brilliant attorney of Atlantic City, Attorney James S. Lightfoot, also of this city.

The following officers were also elected: George Bates, Newark, N. J., Grand Secretary; James T. Carter, Richmond, Va., Grand Treasurer; Stuart T. Hoyt, Boston, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; James Starkey, Cleveland, Ohio, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; Mr. Dixon of Chicago, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; W. H. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn., Grand Inner Guard; S. B. Nobles, of Boston, Grand Master of Social Session, and S. B. Gillins, Princeton, N. J., Grand Chaplain.

The report of the grand secretary Geo. E. Bates, of Newark, showed the lodge to be in a most prosperous condition. In two years the lodge has been brought from the position of thousands of dollars in debt to that of many thousands of dollars in the treasury and no debts.

At the morning session the grand lodge conferred a signal honor on J. E. Lightfoot, of this city, by appointing him chairman of the publicity bureau.

After a fierce contest Norfolk, Va. was selected as the next meeting place. It is being predicted that the meeting in Norfolk will exceed anything ever attempted by the colored Elks and thousands of Elks all over the country have already started to arrange to have a large representation from the various lodges.

MARTINSVILLE, VA., NEWS

Rev. J. R. Jones, presiding elder of the A. M. E. Church, held conference here last week and preached an excellent sermon on Wednesday night.

Mr. Scott, True Reformer, Chief, paid off the death claim, \$125.00, of Mrs. Hannah Jones Sunday evening. We are pleased with the True Reformers here as they are paying their death claims on time.

Rev. F. W. Penick of High St. Baptist church preached a very able sermon Sunday afternoon at the A. M. E. church here. Penick, though a young man, is doing much good in Martinsville and we feel proud of him here and hope that he may continue to be successful in his work here.

Mrs. Lucy Turner and children who has been visiting at Walnut Cove, has returned looking well.

Miss Annie Martin is home visiting her mother.

Messrs. Benj. Teuty, James William and Rosel Cobb of Winston, N. C. were in town a few days visiting Mr. Lee Penn.

Mr. James Hale, of Roanoke, Va., was in town visiting Miss Mary Early.

Rev. G. O. Wing, of Danville, Va., passing through here, stopped over for a few days visiting Mrs. Sallie Early.

Mrs. D. E. Pannell and family of Danville is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Early.

Jacob Staples has sold his home on High Street to the T. G. Burch Real Estate Co.

Mrs. N. B. Tomack of Danville is in

town visiting Miss Mary Early.

The home of Miss Victoria Bousman was sold Saturday to the highest bidder, Richard Stultz, agent of the Southern Aid Society, bought it for \$400.00.

Mrs. Savannah Hairston is on the sick list.

GOLDEN RULE NEWS

Bramwell, W. Va.

Sept. 3, 1913

Mr. Editor:

It has been some time since I have said anything to the public about our work. So please allow me a little space this week to say that the Golden Rule Association is still moving on.

We visited Excelsior Association at Williamson Tuesday night, Aug. 26, and had an interesting meeting, found the members alive and at work. The outlook for the Association under the leadership of Prof. L. D. Dawson and Mrs. Rosa Rucker is bright.

On Wednesday, 27th, we went to Thacker where we were met by Agent Wm. Yates, Mrs. Akers and Rev. N. H. Hayes and others who had the children together; and we set up a splendid Nursery numbering in all, thirty two bright boys and girls. We left them in the hands of Mrs. Blanche Akers and Miss Millie Yates as instructors. The people of Thacker are strong Golden Rule members.

On Sunday, 31st, we spoke for Coalgate Association at Coalwood. The Association and Nursery turned out and made a splendid showing. There we found the people real enthusiastic in the work.

Prof. G. S. Miller has made two trips to Tams. Now he has a strong club there which will be set up as an Association on September 9th.

The old Associations and Nurseries are sending in good reports and new applications for membership from all over the fields. So the work is moving on.

Yours for success in I. V. & T.

REV. R. H. McKOY

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION CELEBRATION

Now Going On In Philadelphia, Pa.

The Emancipation Proclamation Celebration which officially began August 18, with the opening of the National Negro Press Association and completed its first week with the National Negro Business League, yesterday launched the Tennis Tournament. Players from New York, Baltimore, Atlantic City, Washington, and other points have joined Philadelphia players and are contesting for the championship of the race. Beautiful courts have been specially constructed on the Exposition grounds at Broad and Oregon avenues, in front of the Manufacturing Building. Drs. Shove and Howard are in charge. When the tournament closes the athletic meet for the field and track sports will be held. More than 200 leading athletes will take part among them being Howard Drew, the famous sprinter from Springfield, Mass., Cabell of Harvard and others.

NURSES' CONVENTION

Tomorrow the National Negro Nurses' Convention will meet as a part of the Emancipation Celebration. Nurses from all parts of the Continent have already arrived.

GRAND OPENING

The group of seven buildings erected by colored workmen are nearing completion and present a beautiful aspect, such as was never before seen in Philadelphia. They will fully completed in time for Governor's Day, September 15, a red letter day. The historical pageant which will include something like 10,000 persons, a large number of floats representing historical scenes in the career of the Negro race in America, showing the progress of fifty years, will be the greatest feature of its kind, thousands of dollars having been spent to perfect it. After the Pageant, Governor Tenner, of Pennsylvania, will speak with distinguished men, white and colored.

CONGRESSES

The day previous, however, Bishop L. J. Coppin, will preach the Emancipation Sermon at the grounds, at 3:00 p. m.

The Religious Congress will be held on September 16 and 17. Prominent Methodists, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and others will take part. Two features will be the Symposium by representatives of these denominations on the "Progress of the Negro Church during fifty years" and "The Moral and Religious Progress of the Race". September 18 and 19 the Sociological Congress will bring together leading scholars such as Drs. W. E. B. DuBois, Kelly Miller, G. E. Haynes of Fisk University, R. R. Wright, Jr., W. H. Crozman, Munroe Work, etc. At the Medical Congress on September 22, 23, and 24 there will be present such eminent physicians and surgeons as Drs. C. V. Roman of Nashville, Dan Williams, G. C. Hall of Chicago, and Kenny of Tuskegee. Dr. R. Wellesley Bailey has charge of arrangements for the Medical Congress.

John Pannell Killed by Falling Slate

Tuesday of this week, in the mines at Rolle, John Pannell while digging coal met with a fatal accident. Slate fell on him and killed him instantly. He leaves a wife and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his untimely death. He was one of the oldest miners on the above named operation, having been there over 17 years. His remains were shipped to his former home in Rocky Mount, Va. for interment, accompanied by Walter Pannell and other relatives. He belonged to the Gilliam Lodge, No. 8037 G. U. O. of Old Fellows.

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