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CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW HALL

"Labor crowned with success" could have been emblazoned on the shield of Building Laborers Union No. 1 on last Monday night in justice to the unremitting efforts they have made to build the hall located at 2233 to 2237 Arapahoe street, extending from July, 1909, up to this time.

It is unusual for a labor union to go into building single handed, and here in Denver only one other union besides this one of hod carriers has its own home, and that building is nothing compared to this. Yet such was the confidence of No. 1 that it undertook the building and has been able to complete, despite a period of financial depression unprecedented in this section. The long nights of planning and the dark days of toil have been crowned with success.

Late in last year it was expected that the building would be completed by Contractor A. J. Fitzpatrick by Jan. 7, but it took a few weeks longer than expected because of the unusual cold. The committee in charge of the building arrangements decided to celebrate the opening, which was done Monday with Denver out to do the builders honor. While something had been known of the size, the finish and excellence of the hall, the public could hardly realize that the handsome ball room 44x83 feet was a realized fact. With its brilliant lights, metal ceiling, polished maple floor, stage, convenient dressing rooms and general accessibility, it was a revelation. Then when they went to the first floor and found a banquet hall, just the thing Denver has long needed, also metal ceiled, conveniently arranged, with service rooms adjoining well lighted and ventilated, enthusiasm ran high. Then they were escorted still further to the basement, where the union has its lounging rooms, where the visitor could not but be astounded beyond the power of words to express.

The two store rooms in front of the banquet hall were not shown on Monday evening, but several persons are bidding for them and doubtless they will soon be shown to their best advantage.

A program of speaking opened the evening's festivities. The orators who were introduced by Master of Ceremonies A. J. Fitzpatrick, were C. W. Young, Victor Walker, J. W. Jackson and Attorney Lewis. President Saul Herndon opened the meeting, introducing the master of ceremonies. The speakers strove to express their appreciation of the work the union had done in accomplishing such a work, and oratory was poured upon oratory in a flowing tide. Applause was frequent, all the speakers being generously received. Then at last the dancers who had waited long for this occasion were turned loose and the dreamy waltz and sprightly two step were exhibited in the new temple dedicated to the terpsichorean art. The crowd grew and grew with each passing hour, until at the close it was a whooper.

With this auspicious beginning the Building Laborers held their grand opening of their new building, which is to be known as Eureka hall, located at 2235 Arapahoe street. The union will keep a man upon the premises for some time yet to come and all persons who desire to be shown the premises will have him for a guide.

He will also be the agent who will furnish terms for the rental of the hall. Application can be made to him at any time.

Thus began the one building project in which the people of Denver have long been interested. Several entertainments have already been billed for it, a dancing school is to be opened, and rumors of many future dates at it fill the air. The union is to be congratulated upon its erection of a substantial building of this class. It is more to be congratulated upon the exceptional stamina which they have exhibited in going ahead with a work which long ago seemed to be too difficult, and just as labor is what makes success worth while, so they have the more honor that the way has been hard and the journey long.

LIZARD HEAD PEAK STILL STANDS.

Shall the mountain come to Mahomet? In the West sensational newspaper writers seem to be determined that it shall, if the prophet happens to be near the foot of the peak. Of late we have read numerous stories of sliding mountains, slipping mountains, the demolition of the cross on the Mount of the Holy Cross (which was conclusively proved untrue), etc., etc. And to these was recently added a plausible tale to the effect that Lizard Head (altitude 13,156 feet), one of the most striking peaks in southwestern Colorado, on the Rio Grande Southern railroad, had yielded to the force of gravity and toppled over—or at least a great portion of it. But, alas for the credulous newspaper man! The railroad superintendent now states authoritatively that the published report of the accident was due to a joke perpetrated on the daily press, which innocently published the item; and it being a most attractive calamity, the news was reprinted candidly throughout the land. However, the huge head still stands, nose upward, and having never been scaled, presents a tantalizing challenge to American mountain climbers. Who will be the first on the summit?

Rev. Lena Mason and her secretary, Miss Hall, are stopping with Mrs. W. C. Williams.

OGDEN, UTAH, NEWS.

Mrs. Alice Nesbet entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Sunday Rev. and Mrs. B. McCully, Mrs. Henry and Mr. Williams.

Mr. Heagelar was operated upon Saturday morning.

Mrs. Douglass has been called to the bedside of her father in Nebraska.

Mrs. Sam Smith is confined to bed.

Mrs. Samuels is slowly improving.

The Peak family will be at the social at the church Valentine night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith will move into their beautiful residence this month.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

The Ladies' Aid society meets with Mrs. M. Thomas on Minter avenue this week. The ladies are piecing a quilt.

The cottage prayer meetings are proving a success. This week the Methodists meet with Mrs. Ellis on Friday night. The Baptists meet on Wednesday night at the church. All are invited. Please bring your Bible.

Next Tuesday evening there will be a patriotic program rendered at the Baptist church. The management is sparing no pains in making this entertainment a success.

Rev. Fant is expected here some time this week.

The Sabbath school is improving. We had three new joiners last Sunday. Sermon last Sunday, Galatians 6:7. Subject, "What Shall the Harvest Be?" delivered by Brother T. M. Russell.

MRS. J. C. CLARK.

QUEEN CITY MUSICAL ASSOCIATION.

The chorus will make its second appearance during the Lenten season in the rendition of Witte's great cantata, "Gethsemane to Calvary," in several of the churches of the city. Members are requested to be regular in their attendance at rehearsals.

NEW LOCATION

THE STATESMAN announces its change of location to 926 19th Street, just one block from its old location. It is between Curtis and Champa streets on 19th street. The eight years that we were at our old location brought us many friends and patrons, whom we hope to be better able to serve now that we have larger quarters. We invite the public to visit us.

NOTES OF THE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH.

The revival fires are still burning in Zion. Last Sunday there were 11 added to the church, six of whom were for baptism. This brings the total number for the water up to about 60, and nearly 100 accessions in all. This has been undoubtedly one of the most remarkable meetings ever held in the city, owing to the fact that the methods were strictly scriptural, there being a total absence of noise, frenzy and excitement to which we have so long been accustomed. The day has come when men are taking the Word of God seriously. If God has said that He saves the man who accepts Christ by simple faith in His death and resurrection, surely there should be no hesitation on the part of any man in taking God at his word. He that believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.

The baptismal service will be continued next Sunday morning. The pastor hopes to see every candidate ready to enter the water at that time. There are yet about 20 to "take on Christ by baptism."

Last Sunday afternoon the church enjoyed the most delightful covenant and communion service held for some time. As a result of the successful conclusion of our meetings, spiritual fervor ran high. A large number was fellowshiped into the church.

The Men's Bible class has resumed its studies after three weeks' suspension during the meetings. A small number only were present this week, but we hope to see all the brethren at next Tuesday's meeting. The lesson began with the call of Abram and is now covering one of the most interesting and instructive sections of the Old Testament. For the next lesson the men are asked to read carefully the 12th, 13th and 14th chapters of Genesis. After the close of the lesson the pastor will conduct a class for personal workers for half an hour. All those who are seeking to become skillful in the use of their Bibles in winning souls are requested to remain.

The Sunday school officers are now preparing to plunge into another effort to force up the membership of the school. The plan is to double the membership and attendance by Easter. Dr. Ford has been appointed superintendent and a Home department is soon to be organized. Our school will then be modern in its construction and will do a larger work.

The choir is preparing a cantata, "The Last Seven Words of Jesus," which will be rendered near the Easter time. Madam Faulkner plans to make this a musical treat which the Denver public will not forget for a time to come.

The Willing Workers will give an entertainment on St. Valentine's day, Feb. 14th, at the home of Mrs. White, 2420 Emerson. Dinner will be served during the entire afternoon and a program will be rendered at night.

The Tuskegee Annual Conference.

At the recent annual conference of colored farmers held at the Tuskegee (Ala.) institute reports were read which showed that during 1911 the colored farmers contributed half a billion dollars' worth of produce to the wealth of the south. Dr. Booker T. Washington in his usual diplomatic way asked how much of this amount remains in the bank and in homes to the credit of the race. The conference was attended by a large number of white farmers and other business men.

LA JUNTA NEWS.

Mrs. Frances Leontine Prince gave her recital to a large and appreciative audience. Her interpretation of Dunbar left nothing to be desired, while her rendition of Shakespeare was pleasing and instructive. Nothing but praise from both races was heard after her recital here.

Rev. and Mrs. Watson spent several days in La Junta before going on east.

Mrs. J. E. Grant is suffering from la grippe. We are glad to report she is better.

Thomas Carney, who has been receiving treatment at the Valley hospital, is able to be out again.

Among the enjoyable social events last week was the reception given by the Harmony club ladies to husbands and friends. Smiling, bright faces and beautiful gowns mingled with the club decorations, made the scene beautiful, while the good program, the interesting games and the elaborately delicious menu helped to make the occasion one long to be remembered.

Mrs. Maggie Burnett of Raton is visiting Mrs. James Scott.

Hubbard Chapel.

The services were well attended, both morning and evening. Sunday, Sunday evening being "trustee day," we missed the popular sacred concert, but enjoyed instead an excellent sermon on "The Lime Light," by the pastor.

The A. C. E. League, under the leadership of Miss Hattie Berry, is doing a good work. The league is improving in attendance and interest, and a great spiritual good is hoped for through this source.

The Woman's Mite Missionary society met last week with Mrs. Vernon, and this week with Mrs. Thomas Carney. Both meetings were well attended and profitably enjoyed. The ladies are preparing for a bazaar in the near future.

The Sunday school enjoyed a visit from the county superintendent Sunday morning. He said truthfully that he noticed great improvement since the last visit and encouraged the school greatly by his inspiring remarks.

The Dunbar Literary society, with Mr. James Scott as president, grows better every week. An interesting as well as instructive program has been prepared for next Tuesday night and will be enjoyed as only such programs are.

NOTES FROM GRAND JUNCTION.

Our little old church was all aglow last Sabbath morning, when God came along and got into our class meeting. It's a street talk this week. He is having more to do with us here lately any way.

The Mite Missionary society, under the leadership of Sister L. A. Morris, is doing a great work commendable.

Big rally on hand at Handy's chapel A. M. E. church, which has six weeks to prove itself. Five clubs are out at work. Mrs. Fant, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Thorpe, Brother Henry Clay, Brother Joseph Smith, and they are working like Turks.

Big celebration of Lincoln's birthday on hand for Feb. 13. Fostered by Prof. T. P. Langon.

Big time at the concert on Feb. 14. Many tickets are already sold, to the benefit of club No. 3, Mrs. Thorpe, leader.

DENVER PERSONAL MENTION

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TESTIMONIAL A SUCCESS

The testimonial which was tendered Mrs. Octave Dishman by the choir of Shorter church on Wednesday night as a tribute of love and esteem, was well attended. The Shorter auditorium being seated. The choir was seated in its lost a pleasing escort of honor for the participants on the program, and furnished the opening number. After remarks by Mrs. Gertie Ross, who is organist, in which she told of the good work Mrs. Dishman has done in the ten years she has instructed the choir, the program began. Miss Lela Rice in an organ solo, the Peerless Trio in selections, Mrs. Mabel Fallings and Mrs. Willis Parque in readings, Miss Jennie Hicks in song, Miss Noia Townsend on the piano, and the Aeolian Trio, three ladies, in song were the other participants besides Mrs. Dishman. They were all generously applauded and especially Miss Hicks.

Mrs. Dishman made a most charming appearance in a white gown of Russian lace over mousseline, relieved with touches of chanticleer maline. Her personal charm is always great, and she was at her best on this occasion. Her first number was by LeCid Massenet, "Then Weep O Grief-worn Eyes," followed by "Thou Brilliant Bird." Her closing selection was "Silent as Night" by Brohm and "Florian Love Song" by Godard.

Mrs. Dishman possesses a rare dramatic soprano voice and she stood before her audience erect, peerless, radiating power and confidence. Her selections were carefully chosen and displayed to a remarkable degree the wonderful range and flexibility of her voice. In the Florian ballad she was truly great, and used the fire and depth of her wonderful voice in thrilling her audience. Mrs. Dishman personified ability that has triumphed and is carrying with her east the best wishes of all Denver, which is assured that her tour will be one of conquest, a success that must come to artists who are thorough and well drilled in the scientific precision of their skill.

The choir did itself proud in honoring its instructor thus and at the same time gave Denver an opportunity to hear its favorite soprano as a soloist. She left the city Thursday for New York, where she appears next week in the Pre-Lenten recital, the great musical treat of the metropolis. She will remain in the East six weeks before returning home.

The patrons of the testimonial were several of the musical and literary clubs of the city, including the Self Improvement club, Taka club, Life Line club, Sunshine club, XX century Art club, Carnation Art club, Pond Lily Art club, Azalia Hackley Choral club. A number of prominent citizens also were recorded as patrons.

TWO DIVIDENDS IN ONE FAMILY.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 1, 1912.

The Western Life & Accident Co. Dear Sirs: We take pleasure in thanking the company for checks received from them for \$55.65 and \$21, covering dividends on our policies carried in your company. Recommending them to all persons who are desirous of taking out the best and up-to-date policy in the way of a health and accident and dividend policy. Very respectfully,

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Johnson, 761 Grant street.

HEAR THE PEERLESS TRIO AT WEST BROTHERS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING. NOTHING FINER. LATEST MUSIC HITS. MUSIC AT WEST BROTHERS FRIDAY EVENING OF EACH WEEK.

NEW PASTOR COMES TO CAMPBELL.

Rev. R. L. Pope of Montgomery, Alabama, is the new pastor of Campbell A. M. E. church. He comes to the city this week to take up the work of the church, bringing a reputation as a church head that is enviable even in the South, where churches and ministers are to be counted by the hundreds. He is a speaker of power and a pastor of wide experience. What esteem he holds in his former conference can best be judged by the fact that he is one of the delegates chosen to attend the next general conference, being elected among the first in his conference, and has been paid the additional honor of being mentioned for one of the high general officers.

Campbell church to which he comes is to be congratulated upon its good fortune in getting a pastor so well approved, and of such personality. He will reach the city in time for the services Sunday.

RECEPTION TO FATHER BROWN.

Rev. Father Brown, the new pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, was warmly received at the service last Sunday morning. He is not unknown in the West, having been over the Topeka church for eight years. He was happy in his choice of subject and manner of delivery. His work having begun most auspiciously, was further helped by the reception he received at the hands of the members and friends on Thursday evening when he was the guest of honor at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Contee. The spacious parlors of their home were filled with an ever-changing crowd of friends who delighted to welcome him.

OPPORTUNISM AND IDEALISM.

The debate before the Sunday Alliance, participated in by C. W. Buford and C. A. Franklin, brought out a number of persons Sunday who were given views on the political and industrial problems which the Negro in America faces. The debate was without judges, each speaker doing his best to make the most of the horn of the dilemma which he chose as the one best calculated to do the race good. Mr. Buford has a considerable reputation as a student of sociology and is a rapid fire political debater. His opponent defended industrial efficiency as the most potent factor in race advancement.

THE MINISTER'S WIFE.

That laughable little playlet of boarding school life, will be repeated at Central Baptist church Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society. The cast of characters is as follows:

Scene: A room in Mrs. W. A. Moore's boarding school for girls. Principal, Miss Catherine Lenoir. Students—Miss Corinne Brown, Mrs. Gracie Catlette, Mrs. Minnie Williams, Miss Lucile Smith, Mrs. Parson, the Minister's Wife. Miss Espanola Gwyn. Program begins at 8:15. Admission 10 cents. Mrs. R. W. Kelley, chairman. Rev. A. D. Williams, pastor.

Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association will meet at Zion at 3:30 Sunday p. m. The attendance has been very good. Great work is being done among the young men. We expect a good crowd at the men's meeting Sunday. All are welcome. Dr. De Frantz, president. Bert Patrick, secretary.