

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of The Negro National Business League

HELD AT INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH IMMENSE CROWDS OF MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ATTENDED ITS SESSIONS.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, CHARLES BANKS OF MOUND BAYOU, MISSISSIPPI, DR. GEORGE C. HALL AND JULIUS F. TAYLOR OCCUPIED SEATS SIDE BY SIDE ON THE PLATFORM, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ON THAT SAME EVENING MISS ST. CLAIR WHITE THE RISING YOUNG STAR IN THE MUSICAL WORLD FAVORED THE VAST AUDIENCE WITH A VIOLIN SOLO.

DR. GEORGE C. HALL, PRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

REV. E. J. FISHER, PASTOR OF OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH OFFERED
UP THE OPENING PRAYER FOR BOTH SAINTS AND SINNERS
ALIKE.

REV. A. J. CAREY, PASTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, OFFERED PRAYER AT THE EVENING SESSION.

ATTORNEY S. LAING WILLIAMS DELIVERED THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE CHICAGO NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE. W. PRESTON TAYLOR OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE AND HARRY T. PRATT OF BALTIMORE, MD. RESPONDED TO THE ADDRESS.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE WIZARD OF TUNKEGEE, WAS WELL RECEIVED. IT CONTAINS MUCH SOUND ADVICE TO THE COLORED PEOPLE ALONG BUSINESS LINES.

THURSDAY EVENING, JULIUS ROSENWALD, PRESIDENT OF SEARS, ROEBUCK AND COMPANY, WAS THE STAR SPEAKER AND WHEN HE AROSE TO SPEAK HE WAS GREETED BY THE LARGE AUDIENCE WITH THE WAIVING OF HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN FLAGS.

MANY SUBSTANTIAL COLORED BUSINESS MEN AND WOMEN SET FORTH THEIR VARIED EXPERIENCES IN CLIMBING UP THE LADDER TO SUCCESS.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock the Negro National League of the United States started in to hold its Thirtieth Annual meeting at Jackson, Miss. The Church, Church street. At each and every session the church which will seat in round numbers two thousand people is crowded to overflowing with a multitude and hundreds of people at each session was turned away, many of the most prominent men and women from throughout the country attended the three days sessions.

Booker T. Washington, Charles Banks of Mount Bay, Mississippi, Dr. George C. Hall, and Julius F. Taylor, occupied seats by side on the platform Wednesday evening.

T. Schaffer, Dr. C. C. Massie, P. F. Schaffer, Dr. C. C. Bishop, C. C. Loring Williams, Dr. N. C. Croker, William R. Cowan, J. Madison Vance of New Orleans, L. Philip Alston of Boston, Mass., William A. Wallace, Andrew J. Oxford, J. Alexander.

W. H. W. I. head engineer for the United Fruit Company at that point which has more than one hundred million dollars invested in that line of business. J. C. Napier, register of the Treasury, Washington D. C., T. Andrews of Sumner, La., were others occupying seats on the platform.

His neighbors as being worth \$50,000. He is an ex-slave, and far advanced in years.

Several other delegates from the southern states, related their experiences, in accumulating some of the world's goods, and set forth their wealth ranging from \$25,000 on up to a \$100,000. But it is not only Terry, Dr. C. C. Massie, who is only 35 years old and who worked for some years in a shoe factory in that town while his wife, Mrs. Terry, worked at the railway station for \$90.00 per month. Both of them saved their money which they used to start a shoe retail store. His subject was "What I have accomplished as a real estate dealer," and it developed that he now owns real estate in his own name, which is worth \$60,000.

On that same evening Miss St. Clair White, the rising young star in the musical world who has already won two and wears two diamond medals which have been awarded to her for her artistic playing on the violin, favored the vast audience with a violin solo to its great delight, so much so that she was

called to render a second number.

Dr. George C. Hall, President of the Chicago Negro Business League, presided over the program. Rev. E. J. Fisher, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church offered up the opening prayer for both the saints and the sinners alike. Rev. A. J. Carvey, Pastor of Institutional Church offered prayer at the conclusion of the service.

William D. Williams delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Chicago Negro Business League and its citizens in general. Rev. W. Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tenn. and Harry T. Frost of Baltimore, Md., responded to the address. Mrs. Day, president of the league, then introduced the speaker.

Lawrence H. Furber, of this city, gave a short and interesting talk, on real estate business, and William D. Neighbors, cashier of the American Bank, led off in the discussion of the subject.

The first on the program, at the Wednesday evening session, after prayer by Rev. A. J. Carvey, was the annual address, of the great visionary, Theodore Roosevelt, on the subject of "The task, which was set before us," which was given with great advice and wisdom to the colored people along business lines. It is printed in full in another column of this paper.

Andrew J. O'Rand, of Chicago, was the



CORNELIUS J. DOYLE,
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Illinois.

first on the program at the Wednesday evening session. "Managing motor car machine shop" was his subject which he ably handled, and he brought out many interesting points touching upon his efforts to secure and hold positions as a first class Colored machinist.

W. A. Wallace, of this city intelligently discussed "Ten years as a baker." He related how he and his wife Mrs. Wallace, first started in to make bread a day in a small kitchen store. But now they are baking 50,000 to 75,000 loaves of bread each year which they sell to many grocery stores on the south side, and are paying ten per cent. for the stock, employing 6 to 8 persons.

J. Alexander, Mackenzie, Port Antonio, Jamaica, B. W. I. set forth in a most intelligent manner, his "Twenty years experience as general engineer for the United Fruit Company" one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world.

Dr. J. H. P. Coleman, of Washington, D. C., who is a regular licensed druggist, was the only woman on the evening program. She elaborated upon manufacturing hair preparations, and also urged the many ladies present to wear plenty of hair; even if they did not have it of their own, they should strive to make themselves beautiful and attractive in every conceivable way.

J. Andrew Williams, Tampa, Fla., was next on the program, and "Cigar manufacturing" was the theme of his subject and it was well worth listening to.

The last speaker of the evening was Philip Allard, of Boston, Mass., who has held for many years a responsible position, with the Outcure Chemical Company of that city, and he is one of the active members of the local league of Boston; and he urged upon the audience the necessity of the need for others for a living; "to always make their services valuable and indispensable to those employing them, as the surest method of securing an increase in wages, as his wage had increased \$500 in one year, without asking for it one year, without any striking, and he said, in one of the most important branches of the chemical department.

Thursday morning, J. H. Phillips of Montgomery, Ala. and A. L. Lewis of Jacksonville, Fla. at considerable length discussed the "Developing Industrial Life Insurance and the two companies represented by them have made remarkable progress in the last seven years the time that they have

Governor Charles S. Deneen's Eloquent Oration Delivered

AT THE DEDICATION OF THE MONUMENT TO THE SOLDIERS AND
SAILORS OF ILLINOIS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES.

AT THE MEMORABLE BATTLE AT VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

THE ADDRESS IS FULL OF LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM AND IT IS WORTHY TO BE READ.

BY ALL OF THOSE OF ANY RACE OR NATIONALITY WHO LOVE
FREEDOM AND JUSTICE.

The following eloquent oration was delivered by Gov. Charles S. Deneen, at the dedication of the monument to the soldiers and sailors of Illinois, at Vicksburg, Miss., in the fall of 1908 and it is full of patriotism and interesting reading:

We are met here today to dedicate to the soldiers and sailors of Illinois these enduring memorials of their participation in the campaign which culminated in the siege and capture of Vicksburg. Upon these stones have been written the story of the part they took in the prolonged and stubborn contest of soldierly bravery and military skill and strategy. The outcome of this struggle marked the turning of the tide of battle in favor of the Northern arms; but these monuments are erected in no narrow spirit. They are the champions' armor of victory, and they stand as an everlasting testimony to the heroism of the Illinois soldier.

In all ages and regions of the world, man has ascribed to deeds of valor the meed of praise. The feelings which prompt the observance of these ceremonies lie deep in the well springs of the human heart, and it is in deference to sentiments as old as the race, and to a custom hallowed by the usage of the centuries that we have gathered here to-day.

To the exalted admiration of mankind for that high patriotism which offers itself as a sacrifice upon the altar of the common welfare, have been raised upon the world's most splendid

great a sacrifice.

Towards the accomplishment of this result, our State freely gave of her best blood and it is altogether fitting that as representatives of Illinois, we bear record for all time the part which Illinois had in this achievement.

In the Northern army there were engaged in this siege 150 regiments of infantry, 19 cavalry and 66 batteries of artillery. Of these Illinois furnished 54 infantry, 15 battery and ten cavalry organizations, a total of 73. Of the total Union losses killed, 10,000 were captured, and 80,000, the number of Illinois were 2403. These simple figures more eloquently proclaim that here the

To this sentiment, the Greeks, more than twenty-four hundred years ago, elevated upon the battlefield of Marathon, a funeral mound, beneath which were buried the soldiers of Athens who fell in the great battle which a handful of Greek patriots tried to wage against the hosts of the Persians. The columns of the two formations (one for each of the Athenian tribes) were erected, and six hundred years later on these columns the historians and antiquarians could still trace the honored names of those whose glory it was to have fallen in the struggle for Greek liberty and independence. The columns have long since perished, but the funeral mound still marks the spot where these noble heroes of antiquity won.

Strangely close is the parallel between the dedication in which we are engaged to-day and that which was engaged in so long ago upon the old Greek battlefield. Here, as there, to each military organization has been

each military organization has been erected its separate memorial, while for all stands this magnificent monument, in which, secure from the ravages of the seasons, the name of each soldier here is graven, to remain his solemn due. It gives

Nor is the parallel confined to the method of the dedication, but extends to the results which flowed from the events commemorated. Just as the triumph of Greece at Marathon was

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SPIRIT OF UNITY PREVAILS.

Notable Gathering at St. Paul Chapel, Where Reception Was Held—Joint Encampment of Knights of Pythias and Taborians—Forward Movement in Business and Politics.

By CHARLES S. HUNTER.
St. Louis.—The colored people of St. Louis, filled with the infectious progressive spirit of this western metropolis, are making history. Long prominent in the educational world because of the splendid equipment of its schools, conspicuous in religious circles by the magnificence of its churches, its colored population is now experiencing a business and political awakening that augurs big things for the future of the race in this section.

The latter part of July hundreds of representative citizens, business and professional men from all the churches and scores of visiting clergymen from the Fifth Episcopal district of the A. M. E. church gathered at St. Paul chapel to welcome Bishop H. B. Parks to the district.

It was a notable gathering—notable not alone in the fact that all the colored evangelical churches in the city vied with each other in extending cordial greetings to the distinguished churchman, but because of the dominant note of racial unity sounded by all the speakers in an effort to foster every possible agency for racial betterment and uplift.

Secret Society and Political Notes.
Another big event was the sessions of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias and Knights of Tabor. These gatherings have brought together hundreds of representative men and women from all parts of the state. The unique features of the occasion were the joint encampment of their uniform departments at Kluksburg park, joint participation in the monster parade and a union competitive drill and military ball.

In politics the black voter is evidencing his growing sense of racial consciousness by bringing out candidates for nomination for state senator and congressman of the Twelfth congressional district, the second richest district in the United States, the Wall street district in New York being first in wealth.

The voters are very optimistic and feel sure that the enthusiastic support which will be given the candidates will have a twofold moral effect, inasmuch as it will tend to inspire respect for the Negro politically, as well as make him more fully conscious of his own power when exercised as a unit.

Real Estate and Banking Interests.
The most notable event in business circles is the organization of a bank, capitalized at \$200,000, in which some of the foremost men of the race locally are interested.

Realty investments are active. New business ventures are being launched weekly. The Osborne Printing company has installed a cylinder press upon which will be printed the Western Star of Zion, a publication created by the recent general conference of the A. M. E. church.

Feeling that the church should have a part in the selection of proper amusements for the people, St. Paul chapel, under the splendid leadership of Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, has projected a monster terrace garden which will afford enjoyment and pleasure for all who desire such diversion.

Influence of the Press Recognized.
The spirit of harmony and thrift is in the air; a new Negro is forging to the front, and, recognizing the grinding, crushing competition of American industrial life, he is realizing that thoroughness and solidarity of purpose alone can warrant any measure of success in the struggle of life.

In the furtherance of this new racial propaganda the Argus, the Advance, the Central Afro-American and the Western Star of Zion, our best publications, are rendering yeoman service.

This is evidence that the power of the press is still vital in molding public sentiment and in creating an atmosphere in which reforms must necessarily thrive and develop good fruitage.

Competent Man on Staff of Y. M. C. A.
The Young Men's Christian association in Indianapolis, Ind., is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Joseph C. Hayes on its official staff. Mr. Hayes is a native of Terre Haute, in which city he received his earlier education. He was also a student at Wabash university in Nashville, Tenn., for three years. Mr. Hayes is fond of athletics and music. His special line will be in the membership department.

Musical Productions of E. C. Melvin.
One of the busiest composers in Pittsburgh is Edward C. Melvin, whose special line is piano and violin composition. "Musings" one of his last piano pieces, is attracting wide attention. Mr. Melvin is young, ambitious and self-reliant. It is estimated he will some day rank with these musical productions have

WOMEN DEPLORE LYNCHING.

Northeastern Federation Believes Government Can Stop Mob Violence.

The committee on resolutions at the recent meeting of the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs held in Jersey City, N. J., made the following report, which was adopted:

We, the resolutions committee of the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs, assembled in Jersey City, N. J., in the Lafayette Presbyterian church, beg to submit for your consideration and adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we unanimously express our gratitude to the Entertaining club, the Afro-American Women's Industrial league, also to the Art club, which so ably assisted them, and to the mayor of the city for his cordial words of welcome; also to the pastor and members of the Lafayette Presbyterian church.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the little pages and to all those who for their sacrifice and perseverance, thereby making it possible for these graduates to reach the desired goal.

Resolved, That we deplore the steady increase of lynchings and the continued apathy of the United States government in not enforcing the constitution even when women and children are being lynched.

Resolved, That we urge the United States government to do anything it deems best for the protection of American citizens, we feel set 6 and others similar of the constitution make it possible for the government to do anything it deems best for the protection of American citizens.

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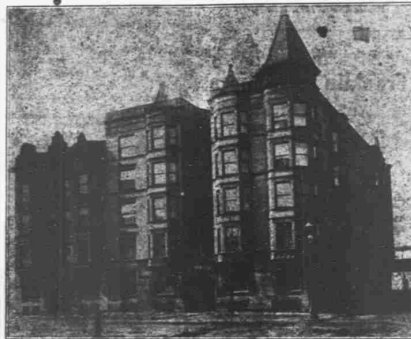
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