

South Side Notes

Mrs. Mason of Kalispell, Mont., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edith Mankins, 2505 N street.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, No. 9374, held their election of officers last Friday night. All the old officers were re-elected. This order and Household of Ruth, No. 8053, held a patriotic meeting Saturday night. The meeting was opened with "America"; prayer by Rev. Mr. Hatters; remarks by president of smelter, Mr. R. B. Price, on "Uplift and Unity of the Race"; closing remarks by E. G. Bryant, visiting grand master of Odd Fellows.

The Masonic lodge will have initiation Saturday night, July 6, at Odd Fellows hall, 4917 South Twenty-fifth street.

Among the delegates that leave Sunday night for Topeka to attend the grand session of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor are: Sir A. M. Herrold, D. D. G. M.; Daughters Rachel Herrold, H. P.; Sadie Stapleton, H. P.; Effie Saddler, H. P.; Lulu Roundtree, H. P.; Jennie Sellers, H. P.; Gertrude Ashby, H. P.; Lenora Gray, chairman of art department; Dr. Gordon, C. M., and wife; James Lewis, C. M.; Charles Kitchen, P. T.; Anna Gibbs, A. M., and others.

Representatives of the Household of Ruth, No. 8053, and Odd Fellows met July 2 at 4824 South Twenty-fifth street and organized an O. F. band. They will give their first recital Saturday, June 6, at the restaurant of Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, 4917 South Twenty-sixth street.

Back up those who are offering their all—buy War Savings Stamps.

Mrs. Craig has returned home from Kansas City, where she attended the funeral of her brother.

Mr. Riley Shafro, member of the Odd Fellows, No. 9374, is in Nebraska City organizing a number to be ready for grand lodge.

FIREMAN SAVES TROOP TRAIN

Discovers Dynamite in Coal in Nick of Time While Firing Engine and Frustrates Enemy Attempt.

Albany, Ala.—Nine sticks of dynamite were removed from the tender of an engine pulling a troop train here last week. A few of the sticks were exploded as a test, and the remainder sent to Birmingham to government secret service agents there. The troop train was composed of thirteen Pullmans, all loaded with soldiers.

The Colored fireman of the train found five sticks of the explosive in his shovel as he opened the door of the firebox to throw the shovel of coal into the furnace. The discovery was made sixty miles north of Montgomery, just after the engine had stopped to re-coal.

Immediately an investigation was started and in digging into the coal piled high on the tender more sticks were found.

C. E. RUSH SENDS LARGE CHECK TO SOLDIERS COMFORT COMMITTEE

Washington, June 17.—The largest personal contribution received by the National Colored Soldiers' Comfort Committee was received today from Chester E. Rush of Little Rock, Ark., secretary-treasurer of the Mosaic Templars of the World. Mr. Rush's check was for \$100.

ARKANSAS "HUNS" HANG MAN AND HACK BODY

Earle, Ark.—A mob composed of prominent white citizens of this city lynched Elton Mitchell Thursday night, June 13. It is said that his body was hacked into bits with butcher knives before it was strung up to a sycamore tree. The act of cannibals was prompted by Mitchell's refusal to work on the farm of Mrs. W. M. Langston without pay.

A Whirl With Roscoe Conklin Simmons

BY FRED C. WILLIAMS.

SOMETHING has happened! What has caused it I really can't say, but Texas has certainly changed her code. Fifteen days ago, beginning at Clarksville, thence on to Honey Grove, Paris, Longview and Henderson in northeastern Texas (that part of this great state that has oftentimes dealt with our race in anything but a pleasant manner), they received Colonel Roscoe Conklin Simmons, race orator of fame and much ability, with large, cheering and appreciative crowds of both races, the whites vying with the race in showing their appreciation of his remarkable oratorical ability, in which he showed remarkable deftness in calling the whites' attention to their shortcomings, which was always cleverly masked by some humorous expression.

Leaving east Texas, he journeyed to San Antonio, the Queen City of the Southwest, and in this most liberal city he was afforded the opportunity of saying just what he pleased. He spoke to a crowd that overflowed the city playgrounds, where the welcome address was delivered by the mayor of that city; thence on to Houston, where on the afternoon of Sunday, June 23, in the City Auditorium, which from time to time has housed speakers like Roosevelt, Bryan and McAdoo, it was left to Colonel Simmons to crowd to the point of overflowing its greatest seating capacity, which is 10,000. He was introduced by Dr. Theodore Bryant, a prominent race physician of Houston, whose eulogistic remarks inspired the colonel so well that he held his audience spellbound for the two hours in which he spoke.

The auditorium of the city hall, Galveston, was the scene of his next victory. On Tuesday night the Kyle theater of Beaumont was forced to hang out the "S. R. O." sign, for the numbers of both races struggling to hear this man, whom the Chamber of Commerce, through its secretary and manager, Mr. Brickly, was introducing to Jefferson county.

Orange, the last stop in Texas going east, was the scene of a scramble between the races for the seats of advantage in their efforts to hear the message of peace and harmony that the colonel was bringing to the Southland. From the opening of the welcoming address by the mayor of the city to the closing remarks of the speaker of the evening the audience voiced its approval by applauding continually.

At Lake Charles, the first of his two engagements in the state of Louisiana, he spoke to a crowd of over seven thousand most appreciative hearers with a large sprinkling of whites. It was here the mayor of the city did the unheard-of thing (that is for Louisiana) of introducing to a public audience a speaker of the race, where from the steps of the county courthouse he held his hearers spellbound.

Shreveport, the second stop in this state, was a repetition of the night before at Lake Charles, where the party was met by automobiles at midnight and found themselves whirling across the state line into Texas again, along the road to Marshall, where his last speech was delivered to a highly appreciative audience in the chapel at Wiley university, whose president, Dr. Dogan conducted this lecture tour for the colonel, in which he spoke to over 150,000 people in the twelve different cities visited.

OUT OF TEXAS INTO LOUISIANA

Beaumont and Port Arthur Found Progressive and Interesting by The Monitor Representative, Who Passes Out of Lone Star State.

BEAUMONT proved quite interesting from two standpoints: First, the wonderful growth of the city in modern homes, business and public buildings, with its miles of paved and shelled streets and roadways, against that of makeshift wooden shacks and streets, ankle deep in mud or dust, according to the season, and all of this change in a little less than a dozen years. Secondly, the increased advantages to the race in business, possessions, labor and residences.

Today you will find race men engaged in all lines of business too numerous to mention. A large number of professional men, supporting two large and finely equipped drug stores, the People's and the Eureka. I mention these because they both managed by polite, capable and progressive business men, who always find time to receive the stranger and help him promote his business, which courtesy they tendered The Monitor representative to a point of huge success.

Beaumont is located on the Nature river, which has been deepened by dredging, making it navigable to large ocean-going steamers. It has five shipbuilding yards, running to their fullest capacity; ten railroads connecting it with the eastern Texas lumber industry, and located within easy hauling distance of a large tract of virgin

forest, 100 square miles of short leaf pine that has not as yet felt the bite of the woodman's ax. Truly a great country!

The Monitor was well received here and gives promise of being widely read by all classes.

I spent a day at Port Arthur, twenty miles away on the gulf, where I journeyed on that most convenient interurban railway, which was more than satisfactory. This is a new town, founded by the late John W. Gates, better known to newspaper readers as "Bet You a Million" Gates.

Back to Beaumont, making quick train connections, I next found myself in Orange, my last stop in the Lone Star state.

The next morning, bright and early, I made my entrance into the state of Louisiana and was greeted at the station in Lake Charles by my friend, Dr. Hayes, who introduced me into an interesting circle of business and professional men, who proved their appreciation of my visit by the business they gave me before sending me on to Crowley and their mutual friend, Dr. Ennis, who received me in true Southern style and introduced me into that select circle of business men compris-

ing the Crowley Civic and Industrial league, containing the best race men of this rich and productive rice belt.

I am continuing my journey eastward to New Orleans.

PYTHIANS GROWING RAPIDLY IN TEXAS

Houston, Tex.—Grand Chancellor W. S. Willis of Waco was given an enthusiastic ovation by 500 Negro Pythians when he reported to the Grand Lodge in the recent session here that 2,050 new members had been added to the order since June; that six new lodges had been organized and three reinstated, and this in the face of many young Negroes answering the call to the colors.

WOMEN FORM UNION IN NEW JERSEY

Woodbury, N. J.—A "Domestic Union" has been formed in this city by the Colored help, with headquarters in the southern end of the city. Prices have been fixed which are to be strictly adhered to, as many housewives can attest. Under the new schedule the wash women demand \$2

a day from 8 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon, including breakfast and lunch. The former price was \$1.50. Regular servants will give a week's "notice," and those who have been receiving \$5 a week are to insist on \$8, with one afternoon a week and every other Sunday off and "company" two nights each week. Girls acting as child's nurse are not connected with the organization, but have been urged to ask for more pay.

TOLD HALF OF ARMY ARE NEGRO TROOPS

With the American Army in France, June 13.—Among the 400 Huns captured by American marines at the cleaning out of Belleau woods, northwest of Chateau Thierry, were six officers, a major, a captain and four lieutenants. Their ignorance of true conditions was astounding. They confessed that he kaiser was teaching his forces that half of the American army was composed of Negro troops. The prisoners were poorly clad and some had pieces of bread tied to their uniforms with string. They said they were glad to be captured and some of them said they were going to the United States after the war.

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