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National Negro Business League

Annual Convention to Meet in "City of Brotherly Love." Lively Sessions Centering Around Election of President Anticipated.

BANKER BROWN BOOM IS BEING BOOSTED

(By Associated Negro Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 5.—The Annual Session of the National Negro Business League, aside from the program of unusual proportions prepared for the occasion, promises to make things very lively in the election of officers for the ensuing year.

At the convention in St. Louis, Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, was elected president. He succeeded J. C. Napier, the well known banker of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Moton's selection by the nominating committee, of which Perry W. Howard of Jackson, Miss., was chairman, came about only after several days of heated discussions and clever maneuvering by his friends. At one time, it looked as if the committee were going to nominate Dr. Emmett J. Scott, the national secretary, and Secretary-Treasurer of Howard University. Thereupon, the Moton following threatened to carry their fight to the floor of the convention. Matters were adjusted, however, and the report of the nominating committee was adopted unanimously.

The year has been marked with but slightly more activity, and general achievement, so far as the general public knows, than the previous year. It was decided to open national headquarters in Washington, but this was only accomplished in a modest way, a few months ago. The scope of the activities is not nearly as pretentious as at first contemplated. Thereupon, the discussion of officers has become a lively topic among the delegates who are shaping their affairs to be in Philadelphia, August 15 to 20.

A group of the friends of E. C. Brown, the banker of this city, head of the firm of Brown and Stevens, and owners of the Dunbar Theatre, are grooming him for the head of the Business League, and have begun an active campaign in his behalf. Biographies containing detailed accounts of Mr. Brown's career, are being distributed, particularly among the newspapers, and the facts are set forth that he will make an ideal president, "for the organization should have a business man for president." It is claimed.

The friends of Dr. Moton, who has a large following, particularly in the South, which furnishes the largest array of delegates, are letting it be understood, that they intend to back the successor of Booker T. Washington for another term in the office of president of the Business League. They state that he has been as active as any official could be under the circumstances, and that he is known to have a program, which he will enunciate at the convention, that will place the organization in the very front rank of national achievement.

During the life of Booker T. Washington, the success of the Business League was built up around his marvelous personality, and as the founder he was always president, and the election of officers was more or less a matter of form. With his passing, a new economic change has come over the nation and the race, and the opportunities for a strong, going national business organization were never brighter. The contest for office promises to be a new feature at the Philadelphia meeting, and is expected to precipitate more liveliness than anything that has occurred in the annals of the Business League's history.

RETURNS FROM AN EXTENSIVE SOUTHERN TRIP

Mrs. Jessie Hale-Moss, president of the Omaha branch of the N. A. A. C. P., returned Friday from an extensive southern trip. Mrs. Moss went as a delegate to the Eleventh Annual National Convention of the Association, which was held at Atlanta, Ga., in June. After the convention she visited points in Georgia and Louisiana. She spent some time at her former home in Ohio. Her mother, Mrs. Hale, returned with her from Ohio.

BROOKLYN TO HAVE COLORED ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(By Associated Negro Press.)
Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The Rt. Charles E. McDonnell, D.D., B. C., Brooklyn, will soon provide a church for the Colored Roman Catholic people of this borough. The Rev. Bernard Quinn, curate of the church of Our Lady of Mercy, who has been identified with work among the people of the race, and who has given considerable time to religious work among the people, as well as attending to his parish duties at the church of Our Lady of Mercy, has been assigned as rector of the new parish.

MOVEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 5.—The movement for law enforcement is spreading throughout the south. The unorganized majority sentiment against mob violence is being unified, organized, and made effective. The Law and Order League of Tennessee, with its branches in almost every county of the state, has led the way, and the co-operating colored league, with its equally wide organization, has shown the effectiveness of points of contact between the better elements of both races. One of the results is the growing good will and co-operation between white and black in this state.

Mississippi Mayor Makes Precedent

Causes Banner to Be Suspended Over Main Street of City Urging Co-Operation of Both Races in Meeting Acute Situation.

CANTON, MISS., August 5.—An unusual insignia that has never been seen in any Southern city and in fact no city in America is flying across the streets of Canton today. The insignia reads: "white and colored people, let's come together for the best interest of all." The move that is being made to bring a better understanding between the races is a result of the large exodus of Negroes from the state to northern cities. It is said that the State of Mississippi has lost over one-half of its colored population as the result of mob violence and that labor is at a premium for the farms and other minor occupations. This fact has caused the leading white people of the state to openly condemn the mal-treatment of the Negroes in Mississippi and a move is on to work for harmony among the races. Statistics gathered since the beginning of spring show that approximately 25,000 Negroes have left the state and each train is carrying loads to other sections. It is said that unless the exodus is stopped that the state will be unable to move the crop that has been made next fall. Another move that is being made to show the Negroes of the state that they are to be dealt with fairly in the future is that a large number of cities are preparing to build better schools for the Negro children.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

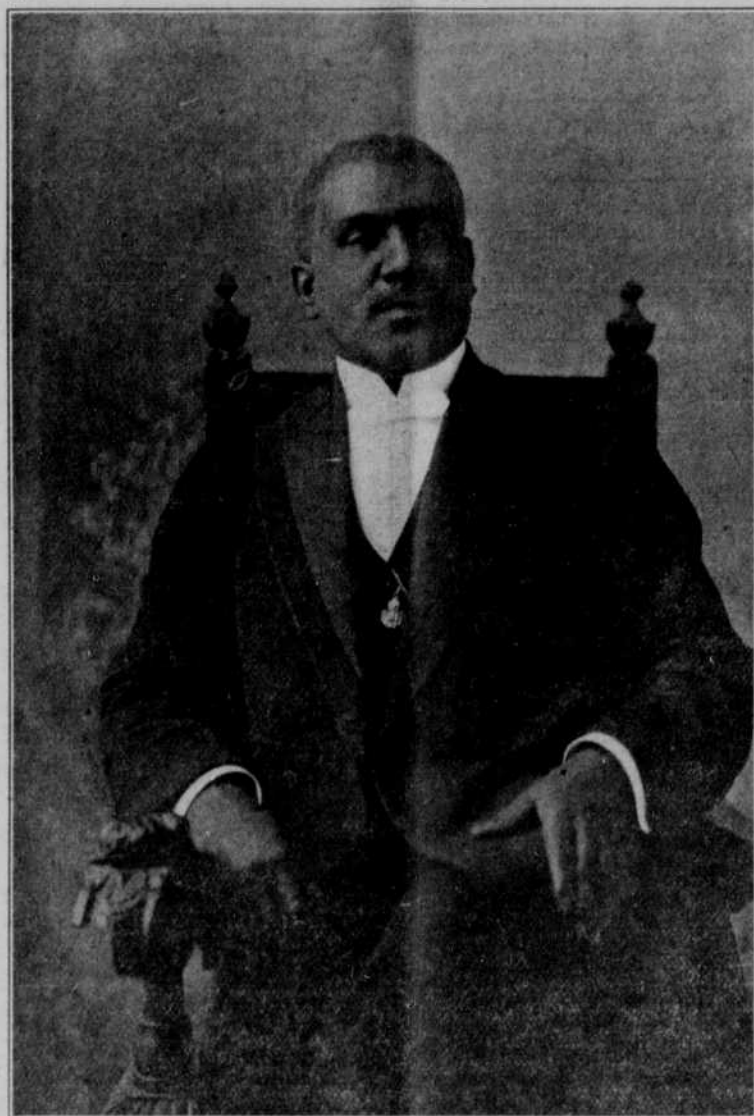
The Swatiska Racquet Club will give a three days tennis tournament August 11 to 13th on the grounds at twenty-eighth and Miami. On August 13th after the tournament the club will give a "Jinx" lawn social at the residence of the president, Miss Madeline Roberts, 2610 North Twenty-eighth avenue. The club challenges tennis players to enter the tournament and invites the public to attend the lawn social.

The Loyal theater was crowded at every performance of "The Homesteader," the popular movie, written and staged by colored folk, which was shown Monday and Tuesday night. Crowds were waiting outside of the Loyal for opportunity to enter. It is an attractive and well pictured story of western life.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shipman were week-end visitors from Lexington, Neb. The Shipman Bros. are railroad contract graders. They have a contract for grading twenty-one miles for the Union Pacific at Lexington. Thirteen miles have been completed. The Shipmans hope to return to their Omaha home the latter part of September.

BISHOP MATTHEW W. CLAIR WILL BE AN OMAHA VISITOR

Distinguished Washington Pastor Recently Elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and One of the First Members of His Race to Be So Honored by His Denomination Will Speak at Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, August 15.



OMAHA is to be favored with a visit from the Rt. Rev. Matthew W. Clair of Washington, D. C., one of two colored men, the first of their race to be so honored by their denomination, recently elected as bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church at the General Conference held in Des Moines, Ia. For many years there has been a demand for the election of colored bishops in the Methodist Episcopal church. The question has come up repeatedly and several times it looked as though leading candidates would be chosen. It remained for the last General Conference to grant this merited recognition. Two were chosen, the Rev. Matthew W. Clair of Washington, D. C., and the Rev. Robert E. Jones, men of character and scholarship and well qualified for the position. Bishop Clair will visit Omaha, Sunday, August 15. At 11 a. m. he will preach at Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. Twenty-second and Seward streets. At 3 o'clock he will address a mass meeting of the citizens, churches and congregations in the interest of the Colored Y. M. C. A. At this meeting Mr. W. H. Higgins of Chicago, son-in-law of the late Rev. M. C. B. Mason and a Y. M. C. A. official, will also speak. All who are interested in the welfare of young Negro manhood are invited to be present at this meeting. At 8 o'clock Bishop Clair will speak at the Methodist Church, at Thirty-second and U streets, South Omaha, of which the Rev. W. C. Conwell is pastor. And it is expected that other opportunities will be given the people of the city to meet Bishop Clair. Bishop Clair, who is a graduate of Howard University and Morgan College has been recognized as a man of scholarship and a preacher of great power for many years. His whole pastorate has been passed in the Washington conference. For 18 years he was pastor of Asbury M. E. church Washington, D. C., from which position he was elected bishop. During the last year of his pastorate he built a magnificent new edifice at a cost of \$100,000. There is a story current to the effect that some years ago a leading Washington newspaper offered a trip abroad to the most popular minister at the national capital. When the votes were counted the winner was the Rev. Matthew W. Clair, but when it was learned that he was a colored man there was some hitch in carrying out the program. His popularity, however, was shown in the voting.

WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB TO HAVE MEETING

Large Attendance Is Urged to Hear Speakers On Suffrage Amendment.

The Douglas County Colored Wednesday night, August 11th, at Co-Wednesday night, August 11th, at Columbia hall. All members, girls of 21 or over, are urgently requested to be present. There will be speakers on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska to be submitted to the people at a special election September 21st. Also information on the full right of suffrage for women. This is of vital importance to the Negro. Don't fail to attend. J. ALICE STEWART, Pres. JESSIE HALE-MOSS, Sec.

PRESIDENT KAFFIR CHEMICAL LABORATORIES TAKES BUSINESS TRIP

Miss Madree Penn, president of the Kaffir Chemical Laboratories, Inc., manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, medicines, toilet preparations, and other household necessities, left Thursday for Kansas City, Mo., and other points in the South and South-

CO-OPERATIVE LEAGUE HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

(By Associated Negro Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 5.—More than 1,000 delegates, representing every county in the state of Tennessee, were in attendance at the first annual meeting of the People's Co-operative League recently, held here in the chapel of the A. and I. State Normal. The objects of the League, which has local branches in fifty-five counties, is co-operation along all lines making for racial betterment and inter-racial amity and good will. A cordial reception has been accorded the plans and ideas of the League by members of both races and white leaders in various counties have recognized the value of the organization.

THE MILLENIUM DAWNING IN TEXAS

(By Associated Negro Press.)
Paris, Texas, Aug. 5.—The special grand jury drawn to investigate the recent burning of two colored Americans, held on charges of murdering a farmer and his son, reported five indictments for first degree murder and adjourned. In its report it was stated that many of the witnesses examined could not positively identify any of the crowd at the burning as ringleaders. The names of those indicted were not made public pending the arrests.

Chamber of Commerce Takes Wise Action

Would Give Race Better Housing Conditions, Particularly in Farming Districts and Would Provide Better Schools.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 5.—The Memphis Chamber of Commerce created a Farm Development Bureau when the bottom dropped out of the cotton market in 1914. The bureau has since steadily advocated diversified farming and a better lease system for colored tenants. It has secured co-operation from the state university and the county agricultural and canning agents in providing speakers for meetings arranged at the colored school houses of the county.

These meetings last four days each, include lectures, demonstrations of improved methods of farming, talks on school improvement, and the bettering of home and community life in the country—including the building up of understanding and co-operation between the races. Prominent business men of Memphis take part in the meetings.

"In a recent talk," writes one of these men, "I stressed the fact that better treatment of the Negro was to the interest of the white people; and that where that treatment was not yet satisfactory the colored people should recognize that it was due to mistake rather than to deliberate intention. Some had failed to realize the importance of the colored man if the community was to develop; but all would recognize it in time. Every year shows an improvement."

BLACKSTONE WAITERS HONOR WAITRESS

Miss Lulu Williams, the lone waitress at the Blackstone hotel, was tendered a banquet and reception Friday evening, July 23, at the Monarch cafe, by the crew of the hotel. Covers were laid for eight. The table was profusely decorated with choice flowers. The menu consisted of the delicacies of the season. At the close of the dinner Miss Williams was presented with a beautifully engraved wrist watch from the Blackstone hotel waiters as a token of their esteem. J. W. Shields, the head waiter, making the presentation speech.

JOINS MONITOR STAFF

George H. W. Bullock, until recently director of Community Service, has joined the Monitor staff. His duties will be chiefly connected with the business department, but in addition to this he will be responsible for certain literary and editorial work on the publication. The Monitor believes itself quite fortunate in securing Mr. Bullock's services.

WHO WILL TAKE DELEGATES??

The Masonic Grand Lodge convenes here the latter part of this month. Persons who will take delegates at \$2.50 per day should telephone J. H. Glover, Webster 2255.

Churchmen Condemn Mob Violence

The Bishop of Mississippi, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Georgia and Other Prominent Religious Leaders in South Would Stop Dastardly Work of Mobs.—Demand Justice for Negro.

PULPIT BECOMING OUTSPOKEN FOR RIGHT

GREENSBORO, N. C., Aug. 5.—An unusual number of prominent white churchmen, ministers and laymen, have in the last few weeks spoken before large audiences of their own people in behalf of the Negro.

The Bishop-Coadjutor of Mississippi at his recent diocesan convention, made a telling speech against mob violence in general and that of his own state in particular and urged his hearers to uphold divine and human law by putting a stop to this crime. The Roman Catholic bishop of Georgia recently published a strong appeal for legal and economic justice in that state without regard to race. Dr. Alexander, of Atlanta, representing the Interchurch World Movement before the Southern Methodist women in their annual Council, urged wider recognition of the Negro's rights and privileges, and the obligations of white Christians to give the Negro child better care and fuller opportunity. Dr. Blackwell of Virginia, president of Randolph-Macon college, speaking before a Methodist conference, laid on Southern white Christians the obligation for ending mob violence and making race clashes impossible.

Dr. Blackwell especially commended the inter-racial conferences being held in most of the Southern states, as a means of better understanding of the Negro and the causes of his unrest. He urged the protection of colored people from racial influences by a policy of open justice and sympathy from their white neighbors, to whom they should be able to turn for the righting of any wrong imposed upon them.

Bishop Bratton of Mississippi, in his address as president of the Southern Sociological Congress, declared Christian ethics the only solution of race problems for white or black; and in closing the conference he made a moving appeal to the Negroes for patience and faith in the growing body of white men and women who are determined to work out relations between the races in harmony with Christian principles.

The Southern Baptist Convention in May took an equally pronounced stand. The convention especially commended the inter-racial conferences already referred to, and urged active co-operation with them. These are but a few instances of many. Church leadership is especially strong in the South; and nothing is more promising in the outlook for inter-racial harmony than this movement in church ranks.

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. PICNICS AT LAKE MANAWA

Special cars took a large number of men, women and children to Lake Manawa last Thursday for the annual picnic of St. John's A. M. E. church. Games and the various amusements provided by the management furnished all ample opportunity for enjoyment. A pleasant time was reported.

IS AWARDED PRIZE FOR RELIGIOUS ESSAY

Mrs. Luda B. Moore Writes Treatise That Impressed Sunday School Congress.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 5.—Mrs. Luda B. Moore, prominent church worker, was agreeably surprised when notified by the Rev. A. Connelly, of Paducah, Ky., that she was awarded one of the 35 gold handled umbrellas, valued at \$25, given in the national contest for written essays on "Religious Works." These prizes have been awarded for the past five years by the Baptist Sunday School Congress.

Mrs. Moore chose for her subject "A Thorough Knowledge of the Bible and Spirit of Christ," two essentials in the life of Sunday school teachers, which the author read before the congress in Muskogee, Okla.

The concise, forceful wording of the composition, its masterful and clever delivery, well deserved the recognition received by Mrs. Moore.