

# THE MONITOR

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## Pullman Porters Meet in Convention

Sessions Held in Pullman Building and Delegates Guests of Company.

Organize for Fraternal Benefits. J. W. Long Addresses Body.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 12.—The first annual convention of the Pullman Porters' Benefit Association was held in the committee room of the Pullman company at Adams street and Michigan avenue Wednesday, November 3, with twenty-one delegates present representing the seven zones in the United States. The delegates were A. A. Wells, A. L. McDowell, J. W. Duncan, A. S. Barnett, M. Meridith and A. O. Taylor of Chicago; T. M. Blanton, Philadelphia; J. M. Brown, New York; H. L. Curtis, Jersey City, N. J.; F. C. Fane, Waverly Williams, New York; G. R. Price, Boston; R. L. Williams, San Francisco; T. R. Webb, Denver, Colo.; J. W. Stanley, Portland, Ore.; P. Parker, Cincinnati; W. Richardson, New Orleans, La.; A. May, Atlanta, Ga.; John Hammond, St. Louis, Mo.; C. H. Thomas and William Jarrett, Kansas City, Mo. Other visitors were T. E. Graham, San Francisco; J. W. Long, Omaha, Neb., and Mr. Mebane of Buffalo. Temporary chairman and secretary were Mr. Arthur Wells and Mr. T. R. Webb, respectively; permanent chairman and secretary, Mr. A. S. Barnett and Mr. J. M. Brown. At the caucus meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. building Tuesday a most cordial welcome was extended the delegates by the executive secretary of the Y. M. C. A. The Pullman company made arrangements for the accommodation of fourteen delegates at the "Y," which act of kindness was thoroughly appreciated by the visitors. During the sessions addresses of welcome and encouragement were made by Mr. L. S. Hungerford, general manager of the Pullman company; Mr. W. T. Ransom, general superintendent; Mr. Roy Kramer, Mr. Dean, vice presidents; Mr. Louis Taylor, treasurer, and Mr. Runnells Jr., son of the president of the Pullman company. Each official of the company expressed his delight at the interest displayed in this movement being made toward the uplift of the Pullman employees and the exceeding amount of intelligence prevalent at the sessions. It is the first time for a body of Afro-American employees of the company to meet in the offices of the company and share the hospitality extended to them. Messrs. Taylor, Hungerford and Ransom were constant visitors during the sessions, Mr. Taylor offering his aid to inform the body on matters pertaining to benefits and insurance. Very able and instructive addresses were made by Delegates A. S. Barnett, J. W. Long,

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## Do You Believe in a Propaganda of Race or Religious Hatred?

"One purpose of the play is to create a feeling of abhorrence in white people, especially in white women against colored men."

THOMAS DIXON.

"No matter how many artistic and historic features the play may have, its ultimate result will be to intensify prejudice and thereby do great and lasting harm to both races."

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.



MISS ALLIE B. FREEMAN

Who will appear in a recital at Grove M. E. Church for benefit Old Folk's Home.

## J. M. Turner, Former U. S. Minister to Liberia, Dies

James Milton Turner, former United States minister to Liberia, died Monday, November 1, in Ardmore, Okla., according to telegrams received by relatives in St. Louis. Turner went to Ardmore from St. Louis about a year ago to collect a judgment of \$5,000 rendered in his favor in a land suit. His death is believed to have been caused by injuries he received shortly after his arrival in Ardmore, when he was crushed by the walls of a building which was wrecked in an explosion. Turner was one of the most prominent Negro Masons in the United States. Arrangements were made last night by his lodge to bring his body to St. Louis for burial. He was 75 years old.

He was appointed by President Grant to the post of minister and consul general to Liberia, which he held for two terms.

## Major John R. Lynch Visits Washington

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—Major John R. Lynch, author of that thrilling book "The Facts of Reconstruction," is the guest of Mr. Shelby J. Davidson, 1911 Thirteenth street northwest, and is being visited daily by many of his old friends who remember him pleasantly as a member of congress, auditor of the navy department and paymaster in the United States army. Although on the retired list as an army officer, Major Lynch is hale and hearty and has not been confined to his home by illness since 1883. He takes an active interest in everything that pertains to public affairs, especially the questions that affect the race, and is the best posted man in the country on matters political.

Major Lynch is well known in Omaha, where he was stationed for a number of years.

## Favor Opposing Dixon's Photo Play

Meeting Sunday Afternoon in Grove Methodist Church Appoint Committee to Take Action.

ADOPT SUITABLE RESOLUTIONS

Efforts Made to Secure Promise of Theatre People To Eliminate Scenes.

A mass meeting was held Sunday afternoon at the Grove Methodist Episcopal church to take action against the production of "The Birth of a Nation."

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor of the church. The Rev. John Albert Williams was chosen chairman and Mrs. Henry W. Black, secretary.

Speeches were made by M. F. Singleton, Dr. J. H. Hutten, G. Wade Obee, A. N. Wade, the Rev. Messrs. Logan and Phelps, Mrs. H. W. Black and Mrs. J. Moss. The tenor of the speeches was to the effect that in Omaha, as elsewhere, race prejudice seems to be on the increase, and that therefore it was imperative that united action should be taken against every agency responsible for this condition. The photoplay in question is, by the testimony of hundreds who had seen it, undoubtedly had this tendency, therefore efforts should be made to prevent its production if possible; if not to have eliminated from it the most objectionable features.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted as follows (the preamble reciting reasons for the action being here omitted):

Resolved, That the colored citizens of Omaha, in mass meeting assembled, protest against the presentation of the photo drama "The Birth of a Nation" at the Brandeis theatre or at any other public place of amusement in the city of Omaha or in Douglas county, or in the state of Nebraska, because of the reasons herebefore set forth.

Resolved, That we appeal to all fair-minded, justice-loving people of the city to sustain us in this protest.

Resolved, That we call upon the press and pulpit, the city and county officials, the Commercial club, the Woman's club, the Equal Franchise club, the Knights of Columbus, the Hebrew Benevolent society and such other organizations, civic, fraternal and charitable, whose sympathy and good will may be enlisted to assist us in making this protest effective.

Resolved, That a committee of nine persons be appointed by the chairman of this meeting to exhaust every legitimate and lawful effort to prevent the appearance of this prejudice-producing play in our city, namely:

By associating with themselves an equal number of representative

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