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Great Gathering Of Grand Chancellors At Hot Springs, Arkansas.

By J. B. LEWIE

Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Green requested all of the Grand Chancellors to meet at the Pythian Bath House, Hot Springs, Ark., on Dec. 29th, 1924.

This meeting was attended by most of the Grand Chancellors and among them was our Grand Chancellor, Sir Julius A. Brown, of Charleston, S. C. Sir S. W. Green, also requested that a representative of the Lewie Printing and Supply Co., be present as at that meeting contracts for the handling of supplies to subordinate lodges in the several jurisdictions. This matter was not definitely settled at this gathering and same will be handled through the office of the Supreme Chancellor.

Our party arrived at Hot Springs, on the afternoon train of the 27th and stopped at the Pythian Sanatorium. The majority of the Grand Chancellors arrived on Sunday 28th. They were called to a business session in the Pythian Sanatorium at 9:30 a. m. on the 29th by the Supreme Chancellor. The Supreme Officers were present including Dr. E. E. Underwood, S. K. of R. & S. E. G. Tid- rington, Supreme Vice-Chancellor, and S. A. T. Watkins, Supreme At- torney.

Among the Grand Chancellors were: R. A. Biquint, Alabama; Harry Avant, Arkansas; W. W. Andres, Florida; W. T. Reid, Georgia; E. J. Tid- rington, Indiana; Rev. J. M. Andy, Ken- tucky; S. W. Green, Louisiana; E. B. Barco, Massachusetts; Lee Craw- ford, New York; Dr. Cha B. Wick- ham, Oklahoma; Julius A. Brown, South Carolina; Dr. J. P. Crawford, Tennessee; W. S. Willis, Texas; W. M. Reid, Virginia; I. G. Jutter, W. Virginia.

After the opening meet- ing that usu- ally characterize such meetings, the Supreme Chancellor read reports and other important papers furnish- ing the necessary information for business legislation of the body. One of the things discussed and acted upon, were: They agreed to put a mem- bership campaign and thank Grand Chancellors were to issue dispensa- tions at the same time; id at the close of the campaign, they are to report the results to the Supreme Chancellor, in order that the success may be known.

The Supreme Chancellor led that

in Chicago, Ill. Several of the Grand Chancellors spoke on this matter and the S. K. of R. & S. was instructed to have copies made of the above report and to furnish each Grand Chancellor with a copy.

There were three sessions of this gathering, one in the morning and afternoon of the 29th and also one Tuesday morning the 30th. It was fully brought out and discussed that the Pythians were not giving the expected patronage and cooperation to the Bath House as was expected. We expressed our slackness on the grounds that the Pythians and friends of South Carolina did not know of what they really had at Hot Springs but we did pledge our hearty support to advertise it among our people.

The Bath House and Sanatorium were erected at a cost of \$420,000 and is one of the finest and best furnish- ed buildings of America among our group.

They have all the necessary con- veniences to make one's stay there happy and pleasant. The rates and other information will be given in this paper from time to time.

While there we met Bishop Joshua H. Jones, of the A. M. E. Church, also his son, Dr. Gilbert H. Jones, President of Wilberforce University, his daughter and grand-daughter. They were stopping at the Sanator- ium. Bishop Jones was more than pleased to meet the folks from his native state, South Carolina. He was doubly glad to see me as we are from the same county of Lexington, S. C. There were several other visitors at this meeting, including Mr. Joseph L. Jones, Jr., President of the Central Regalia Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Supreme Chancellor Green is a remarkable character, plenty of wit, forethought and very positive in his remarks. He was able at all times to command the utmost respect and appreciation from the entire body.

After returning to South Carolina, several persons have expressed them- selves in regard to the Bath House and Sanatorium and they intend to visit it during this year. We hope for it a very successful season.

Mrs. Mayme Gandy McLeod mother-in-law spent the week- end with Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Chappelle.



SIULIUS A. BROWN

For the past several years Grand Chancellor Brown has di- rected the affairs of the Knights of Pythias in South Carolina. This is one of the most jurisdications in the country, numeri- cally and financially. Grand Chancellor Brown is widely and favorably known. He is a native of Charleston, S. C.

all Grand Chancellors were allowed to stipulate the admittance to these dispensations. They agreed to get up a calendar with- out of the Sanatorium and Bath Ho. with scenes of its environments and have them distributed throughout the various domains. A full re- port regarding the cost is also indebtedness of the Pythian sanator- ium and Bath House also one of the office building now under construction

Woman Sheriff Real "Six-Gun" Official

Kansas City, Mo.—Missouri's only woman sheriff can handle her six-shooter like a trooper. She is Mrs. Helica Akers, who was appointed sheriff of Shan-

DR. R. S. WILKINSON IMPROVES.

In a recent communication from President Wilkinson, of the State Col- lege, he states that he is much im- proved. Dr. Wilkinson is now in New York recuperating from recent illness. For the past two months, President Wilkinson has not been in the best of health and it was thought best that he leave his post of duty for awhile. His improvement proves the wisdom of the move. His many friends throughout the state as well as those elsewhere will rejoice to know that he is on the road to com- plete recovery.

non county by Gov. Hyde when her husband died, leaving the office vacant.

She has bobbed blond hair, wears knickers and carries a vanity case filled with powder and rouge along with ammuni- tion for her six-shooter.

Demonstrating her gameness she has escorted five convicted criminals to the state peniten- tiary at Jefferson City and has made the usual routine arrests of a small town sheriff.

As a sideline, she is an auc- tioneer. She has cried more than 100 sales since becoming sheriff, which swelled the Akers family coffer more than \$3,500.

Silence Not Golden.

Aged Negro Refuses to Tell White Man Where Money Was Hid. Shot in Head.

Lonzo Kennedy, aged Negro, almost paid for his life by refus- ing to tell where his money was concealed, according to the report received by Officer C. B. Dheher, when he went early yes- terday morning to the house of Kennedy on Wayne street.

A white man had come to his house, the Negro said, and de- manded of the Negro some mon- ey supposed to be concealed about the place. When Kennedy re- fused to tell the hiding place, the white man fired, accord- ing to the Negro, the bullet strip- ping some skin from the Negro's head. Kennedy's screams drove the invader away.

Mr. George P. Reese.

Mr. George P. Reese, a re- tired barber and well known citi- zen of Columbia died at his home 1312 Park Street, last week, af- ter a week's illness. He was born in Columbia 77 years ago. He was a member of Wesley M. E. Church and a member of the Mutuals for 36 years. He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Sallie Reese, one sister Mrs. Jeantie Reese-Jones of Ithaca, N. Y., two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Reese-Macon of Columbia; Mrs. Jennie R. Williams of New York; 5 sons, Eugene V. Reese, Geo. P. Reese, Jr., of New York City; Willie, Jerome and Frank Reese of Columbia; four grand-sons: Masters George P. Reese, Jos- eph C. Reese, Andrew J. Wil- liams, of New York, and Thomas Edward Reese of Columbia.

The funeral was held at his residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral was largely attended by old citizens and acquaintances.

The Society of Good Thinkers.

Hear ye, and heed ye, the Edi- torial staff of the Palmetto Leader and the Business Man- ager, hereby give birth and bring into being a most dis- tinguished order, with a member- ship of all thinkers. From time to time the noble members of this Society, also the readers of The Palmetto Leader appreci- ating the undoubted merit of the above paper have sent in their subscriptions or caused their friends to send 'em, there- by displaying a heart of gold and a willing spirit.

The only pre-requisites for membership with the Society of Good Thinkers is to look well, think well and subscribe to The Palmetto Leader, or get sub- scribers.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Cards are out announcing the opening of Dr. W. Swan Rhodes' office, Jan. 15, 1925, for the prac- tice of Medicine. At 1323 1/2 Assembly St., Columbia, S. C.

Miss Sarah B. White

The community and the entire city was shocked on Jan. 3rd to learn of the death of Miss Sarah B. White.

Miss White's illness was of short duration, so much so, that before the neighbors were aware that she was sick, her gentle spirit had been wafted into that Heaven of Eternal rest.

Her funeral was held at Lad- son Presbyterian Church of which she was a faithful mem- ber, Monday evening, Jan. 5th at 3:30 o'clock.

The many and beautiful flow- ers and the crowded church spoke in mute words of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The pastor, Rev. I. D. Davis officiated assisted by Rev. E. A. Adams, Rev. Moore, Rev. Farmer, Rev. Dillard and Rev. G. W. Long of Cheraw. Rev. Long spoke in touching words of Miss White as a teacher in the Pee Dee Section some few years ago and of her efficiency as a teacher and a constant christian. He also brought words of sympathy from that community in which she had once lived and spread her sweet personality.

Prof. Johnson from Booker Washington High School also spoke of Miss White as a teacher and of her splendid work dur- ing the ten years that she had taught at that school. After which Miss Florence Benson read resolutions coming from the teachers of Booker Washing- ton High School. The choir sang beautifully the while, and the solo, Face to Face by Miss Daisy Roach, was sweet and touching. The Pall bearers were Prof. Dendy, Prof. Madden, Dr. J. E. Watts, Mr. Henry Allen and Mr. Bowling.

Miss White leaves a mother, a sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her. The body was laid to rest in Ran- dolph Cemetery under a bank of sweet flowers, then to await the sound of the trumpet that will call her from her long sleep. Sleep on dear one, Sleep on and take thy rest, Lay down thy head upon thy Savior's breast, We loved thee well but Jesus loved the best. Good night, Good night, Good night.

Liberty Life Insurance Company

Result Of Migration.

Gillespie's Company Now Employing Over 600 Workers in Four States.

BY LESTER A. WALTON

(In the New York World.)

Although the Negro migrant dur- ing process of assimilation often occasions temporary embarrassment to those of his race who have enjoyed long residence in Northern commu- nities, it is nevertheless true the ex-odus has been chiefly responsible for the development of a stronger race consciousness, resulting in the or- ganization and expansion of Negro business enterprises in the North. The Liberty Life Insurance Com- pany of Chicago is illustrative of what has been made possible since many thousands of field-hands have settled in large industrial centres above the Mason and Dixon Line.

Up to a few years ago the dozen or more Negro insurance companies were in the South. Notable among them were the North Carolina Mutual at Durham, which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary this year, and the Standard Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga. The com- pany of any consequence farthest North was the National Benefit As- sociation with home offices in Wash- ington.

The Liberty Life Insurance Com- pany has come into existence since the Chicago riot in 1915. At the time Frank L. Gillespie, its founder and President was associated with a white insurance company both as a superintendent and a member of the Board of Directors. With the Negro population of Chicago and environs rapidly growing, Gillespie conceived the idea of organizing a large old- line legal reserve company to be owned and operated exclusively by Negroes. The state of Illinois re- quires a deposit of \$100,000 for the protection of future policyholders. Gillespie set about to raise this sum, finding the task a difficult one. Those who invested their money were some- what skeptical of the venture, and

gages on property owned by Negroes; has more than \$6,000,000 of life in- surance in force and resources of more than \$300,000.

The company gives employment to more than 600 Negro men and women in the four states in which it oper- ates and owns its own home office building. The new annex building of the Liberty Life Insurance Company Grand Boulevard and 35th Street, was formerly opened to the public Monday, Dec. 15.

Frank L. Gillespie was born in Osceola, Ark., and passed the early years of his life in Memphis. Later his family moved to St. Louis, where he attended high school. After re- ceiving training both in and out of classrooms, Gillespie selected Chicago as the home of his adoption. Prior to 1916, when he joined the agency force of the Royal Life Insurance Company, he was engaged in the real estate business and other av- enues of endeavor.

Last August at the annual meet- ing of the National Negro Insurance Association in Chicago a compliment was paid Mr. Gillespie in the North by electing him President.

FRATERNAL NEWS

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, O. E. S. was royally entertained at their first meeting in the New year, Jan. 5th, at the home of Mrs. C. D. Saxon, 1127 Page St. Installation of officers for the en- suing time was one of the most important factors of the meet- ing. Rev. Jas. Johnson, Royal Patron officiated. The business being concluded the meeting was closed to meet with Mrs. C. S. Simons 1407 Richland Street the first Monday in February.

A delicious fruit salad course and hot cocoa was bountifully served.

Rev. Jas. Johnson, Royal Patron Mrs. E. B. Lewie, Royal Matron Miss Helen Redick, Secretary.

The following Courts of Calan-



PROF. I. M. A. MYERS

Prof. I. M. A. Myers is a schoolman well known all over the State. He is the principal of Howard School of Columbia, S. C. Prof. Myers is an active worker in all movements looking to the uplift of our group. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, having for a number of years been the efficient Assistant Sec- retary of the Endowment Department. He is also the Secre- tary of The Palmetto State Teachers Association.

many others doubted his ability to carry to a successful issue the first project of its kind ever attempted by Northern Negroes.

Within two years Gillespie raised the \$100,000, and the Liberty Life Insurance Company was organized and began writing insurance in Au- gust, 1921. To-day the concern has a paid-in capital of \$200,000, more than \$150,000 invested in first mort-

the under the jurisdiction of South Carolina have been in- stalled for the ensuing year for upper Richland County.

Pride of Columbia No. 55, at Columbia, Mrs. R. A. Henry, W. C., Mrs. Bertha Foggie, Reg. of D.