

WOODMEN RE-ELECT  
ABNER AT DENVER

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Chicago, Ill., Denison's Band, ten cars occupied by Supervising Deputies, Fort Worth Band, seven floats, symbolic of the Uniform Rank and the Brush Burners and Juveniles, Denver Court of Calanthe, Olinger Cadet Band, Denver Lodge No. 39 Band, I. B. P. O. E. W., Elk Officers, four cars of Juveniles. The parade was reviewed by Supreme Officers from the reviewing stand at 24th and Champs Streets.

**ABNER'S ADDRESS**  
Vice Supreme Commander H. L. Billups, presided immediately upon the opening of the session, at which time the Supreme Commander made his annual report. The report was a masterful plea for a new and progressive program which covered the questions of salary advances and pensions for field workers of the Order, amendments to the constitution, erection of a Home Office Memorial Building, more careful handling of local camp funds and the development of the Uniform Rank, Green Cross Corps and the Juvenile Department. Dr. Abner closed his address with a beautiful eulogy dedicated to the late Supreme Commander.

The electrifying effect of Dr. Abner's address was instantly noticeable at its close. The little tea-pots of opposition that had developed mostly in designing newspaper articles during the past few weeks prior to the Convention melted away and he was unanimously elected the Supreme Commander for the next four years. Strong men leaped from the audience and snatched Dr. Abner from his feet and placed him high upon the altar of the Church as the Supreme Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of the Supreme Camp for the Supreme Commander.

The Supreme Clerk L. H. Lightner then made his report. The records showed that almost one half million dollars had been added to the reserves of the organization, since the last Quadrennial Session the Order has 58,764 members, assets totaling \$1,247,219.40. First mortgage loans \$176,335.09, accrued interest on loans \$13,438.15, annual income \$2,271,569.

**Thursday Session**  
The various reports of other officers were heard by the Convention Thursday morning, together with a report of the National Worthy Guardian. The afternoon sessions were consumed in legislation along more progressive lines and in keeping with recommendations of various officers in their reports.

**GEORGETOWN NEWS**  
Mrs. Rosa Graves of Charleston and children are visiting Mrs. J. N. Robinson.  
Messrs. James Prioleau and Louis Boone motored to Manning Sunday to visit relatives and friends.  
Miss Miriam Vanderhost of Charleston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dunmore.  
The Elks entertained the "Smarter Set" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dunmore.  
Mr. Alexander Brown was called to Charleston on business last Wednesday.  
Miss Inez Anderson has returned home after visiting Jacksonville, Fla., and Wilmington, N. C.  
Mr. A. A. Alston motored to Darlington and returned Saturday with his children.  
Miss Alma Mott of Charleston is visiting Mrs. T. W. Brown.  
Mr. Lawrence Dunmore made a flying trip to Florence on Tuesday.

THE K. OF P. GRAND LODGE  
AND ITS WONDERFUL IMPRESSION UPON NEWBERRY

By E. Philip Ellis, Pastor of Miller Chapel A. M. E. Church.

We do not write of this affair to outwrite others who have already written. For some of the best writers of the race and order have already written upon this affair. But as a citizen of this city (Newberry) and coming in contact daily with other citizens both white and colored and hearing them express themselves in such glowing terms of the Grand Lodge session here I felt that it would be an injustice to the order should one fail to broadcast the verdict of Newberry relative to this meeting.

As a race who have just emerged from bondage and meriting the many complimentary sayings as the representatives of the Grand Lodge did here in July last, they should at least know them. It is true that we need to congratulate ourselves upon the official staff of this grand order. Sir Julius A. Brown G. C. is simply a genius. As a parliamentarian he is almost perfect. As an executive ruler he cannot be excelled. And why he is always re-elected with out opposition is because the order has sense enough to know that it cannot improve itself in that position. Sir T. H. Henry P. G. C. is indeed an impressive character. He is thoughtful and a fine student of fraternal statutes and as a rule when he puts forth a measure in the Grand Lodge it often goes without challenge. Sir E. F. Floyd is indeed a good fit for G. V. C. He is a fine Christian gentleman and works in perfect harmony with the G. C. in promoting the Grand Lodge interest. Sir J. B. Lewie is an expert printer. He operates a printing plant of his own. This office prints anything from a circular to a hard back book. Now what man in the order is better qualified for G. K. of R. and S. than he? What is the use of opposition to Sir R. S. Wilkinson for G. M. of E. when scores of us of the order would rather risk him with our monies on his honor simply, than some others under a \$20,000.00 bond. Hon. N. J. Frederick has merited a reputation that every law firm in the state of S. C. acknowledges and respects. Now how could we afford to weaken ourselves in legal estimation by changing in that office. Who would not be proud of Dr. C. W. Birnie our Grand Medical Registrar. There is no physician in the state more popular than he. Sir J. N. Finley Grand Marshall, H. P. Crawford G. O. G., J. S. Blocker G. I. G. are the right men in the right places. They reflect credit upon themselves and the order. Sir I. M. A. Myers, Asst. Sec. End. climaxes the record when it comes to keeping minutes. He can be easily styled as the Grand Lodge Stenographer. The Finance Committee of which Hon. Charlie H. Dannelly shines is a mighty force in this wonderful machinery. The Grand Lodge says that Hon. Dannelly must receive special consideration at its next session. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances in which Sir Finley plays such a unique part is always a helper in time of need. Sir S. L. Finley knows what to recommend and how to support his recommendation. He like Sir Dannelly will be heard when he calls upon the Grand Lodge for anything. Sir George H. Hampton is indeed a good campaign manager. See him when you anticipate running for Grand Lodge recognition. Sir T. J. Miles suddenly proved himself to be quite an interesting figure in Grand Lodge circles in Newberry. You will do well to reckon with him also. Sirs J. E. Thomas, E. A. Adams, J. C. McCallan, U. S. Rice are without doubt brilliant stars in the Grand Lodge constellation. Of course they belong to that class of brain. Sir N. C. Nix is a power within himself. He is not always on the floor but where he moves he carries everything his way. Dr. Rowe, Esq. Moorer and Col Thomas of Orangeburg are men of power and influence in the Grand Lodge. Of course there are others whom time and space forbid our stating.

The Grand Lodge impressed Newberry in its opening preliminaries on Monday evening. The speech of Dr. Sims has been the city talk ever since. Prof. G. W. Howard crowned himself with glory. Dr. Goodwin convinced Newberry that he is an entertaining speaker. Dr. C. C. Johnson sustained his reputation as a gifted orator. The address of Dr. Davis was indeed grand to say the least. Mrs. Scott's address on the part of the Grand Court was an excellent treat. The Grand Lodge impressed Newberry in its conduct and department. In our homes the representatives were simply ladies and gentlemen. They seemed more like members of our families than our guests. Upon the streets cultured and refined were they and proved that they belonged to that class of the well behaved. The officers here, the business men and all the white people say a better crowd never assembled in this city. This they say without reservation.

The Grand Lodge impressed Newberry in its memorial services on Tuesday evening. Prelate Mance was at his best in presiding at this service. His management of the same was simply fine. Sir Sol Guignard G. M. at an immortalized himself in handling his part of the program. All praise to him. Dr. D. A. Perrin preached a sermon for the occasion that will be forever remembered in Newberry. The local committee was more than pleased with their selection.

The Grand Lodge impressed Newberry in its parade and drill. Our Uniform Rank reflected credit upon themselves and the entire Negro race in their dignified march through the city of Newberry. Our white people here say it was the best they have ever witnessed. The drill at the fair ground was simply a wonder. Gen. McGhee is without doubt a blessing to the race and order. May he live long to benefit this race of which he is so much in demand.

The Grand Court and its impression upon the city of Newberry was same as that of Grand Lodge. Their session at the A. M. E. Church was profitable in every respect. The re-election of Maj. Roper as G. W. C. was a step in the right direction as well as the replacing of all the other officers. Maj. Roper is a wonderful character and to our mind he is well fitted for the position he occupies. It is true however some young and ambitious man would desire to succeed him. But it appears to an outsider that when that position is to be filled with other than the present incumbent a worthy woman should be chosen. It appears from an outsider's observation that too many men compose the Grand Court at any rate. It looks to an outsider that the ability of our talented women could better be exhibited if fewer or no men were among them. Both the Grand Lodge and Court considered the churches in which they met and also the sextons in a financial way. To say it was highly appreciated is putting it mildly. We had the peculiar honor of placing Newberry in nomination for the Grand Lodge at Spartanburg; one year ago and therefore everybody may imagine how we feel now when such an impression is left upon our city by that body. Not only do I speak for myself alone but for others who fought at Spartanburg in interest of Newberry for the Grand Lodge. Sirs W. M. Davis, E. F. Floyd, J. B. Morgan, T. A. Williams, W. R. Reeder, Geo. S. Scott, T. G. Crosson, J. B. Jiles, Ellick Chappel, R. G. Gilliam, H. C. Clerky, J. W. M. Giffey, Willie Bates, J. Y. Mays, Will Glenn, and some others were among the busy advocates at Spartanburg.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Deas of Santa Barbara, Cal., is paying a visit to our city.  
The Youth Improvement Club was entertained by Miss Harriet Gordon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Williams. After the new officers were installed by Mr. J. W. Wilds, Jr., a social was had which lasted until midnight.  
Mr. W. H. Brown and son left the city Monday and will join his wife and daughter in New York City where they will make their home. They motored up.  
Dr. B. H. Eaton left for a short visit to Hendersonville, N. C.

BOOKER WASHINGTON GETS  
IN SEASONS TOGS

Squad Soon To Report For Practice.

Candidates for the Booker Washington High school football team are scheduled to report for practice September 7, at 4 o'clock.

Booker Washington High school has never faced brighter prospects for the fall sport and it is a certainty that Booker for the high school champion. Washington will be a contender ship this year.  
Look out Darlington, Chester, Florence, Marion, Greenwood, Sumter and State College Hl. Capt. Whittaker is going to lead the Booker Washington Tornadoes to victory.

PROSPERITY, S. C.

Special to The Leader  
Crops are very good in sections, but we are in need of rain, very badly. Cotton is beginning to open. Our people are very busy now gathering up their fodder on good days. Meetings are being conducted all over the country. I have been very busy since June, helping the different brethren in their meetings with great success. We have just closed one of the best meetings ever witnessed in this place. The matchless orator and thinker, Dr. J. C. White, conducted this meeting for me. We

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L. C. CRAFTON, D. D.

BENNETTSVILLE NEWS

Bennettsville, Aug. 24—The Marlboro county farmers are certainly hauling a plenty new bales of cotton. The meeting closed at Shiloh Baptist Church with quite a success. Rev. W. R. Monroe from Darlington, S. C., certainly made sinners get on a move. Many souls came to Christ Sunday. Rev. S. S. Youngblood, pastor of Shiloh, had quite a time when the large number of souls was received in the church. Praise God in the highest. Quite a happy surprise to the many friends of Bennettsville to see Miss Eubirdie Gandy of Raleigh, N. C., pass through the city on her vacation trip to Florence, S. C., where she will visit her classmate. She will spend a few days on her return home. Mrs. Bessie Pouncey had quite a delightful trip to the beach in Wilmington, N. C. While there, she visited many of her relatives and brought many of the sea shells with her, which was quite a treat to all, especially the children. This means a great treat to Mrs. Bessie Pouncey. Miss Rose Bell Sanders of Fayetteville, N. C., is spending a few days with her grandmother, Mary Sanders and family. She is looking fine. Prof. James McEddie is in the city for a few days as his business matters keep him on the go from home. He called to see the reporter and family Sunday P. M. They all were delighted to see him, and to hear of his wonderful progress for as all know Prof. is a splendid worker. Call again soon. Mrs. Marie Wadel is making a wonderful progress in her insurance work. It will pay all who can to join with her. The revival meeting conducted at Macedonia Baptist church by Rev. W. C. Williamson, pastor of Mount Hermon Baptist church, Durham, N. C., spent a number of years together in school in Columbia, at Benedict College. But we have just learned to know him. He is one of the greatest gospel preachers of this country. We had great crowds from Monday night until Friday night, both day and night, composed of both colored and white people. Monday night his text was "What shall I do to be saved." At times he would carry his audience away on his oratorical sway, and men would be heard in the audience weeping as babies, who would come up and confess their sins. Thursday night his text was, "All things are ready now, come." This was a great sermon. Wednesday night he preached on leprosy and sin, and strong men came forward after the sermon and accepted Christ as their Savior and friend. Thursday night Christ was accepted as the true Savior of all mankind. This was a soul-stirring feast to all who heard it.

The Valley of Dry Bones

Dr. White showed all who had not accepted Christ were dry bones in the wilderness and invited them to accept the word of God and be made whole. This was indeed one of the best sermons I have ever heard by mortal man, so much so that our trial justice of the town said never a man spoke like that man. The house was crowded to its capacity with as many on the outside. He will be with me in Ninety Six, S. C., to conduct on Monday night. We are my meeting in Bethlehem Baptist Church on next week, beginning expecting great things in Ninety Six on next week. I shall give a full write up of both meetings after next week.  
Our finances were very good. We raised during the meeting for all purposes the amount of \$92.78. Thank one and all for their donations. Dr. J. C. White is always welcome in Prosperity to all the people, both white and black.

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NOTICE EXTRAORDINARY  
BISHOP BECKETT SPEAKS

To the Ministers and Laymen of the Seventh Episcopal District, Greetings:  
A wise and unerring Providence has brought us together. I am grateful to God for this opportunity for service. A great work has been done here in South Carolina. I found conditions better than I expected. I see no reason why we cannot pay the debt and go to the General Conference in 1928 without any encumbrances. That is my aim and I shall expect the cooperation of our constituency.  
The following table shows the dollar money raised by each of the several districts in S. C.:  
Edisto District—\$2418.00—4913 members, average per member about 49 cents.  
Beaufort District—\$1129.00—2483 members, average 45 cents.  
Aiken District—\$828.50—1906 members, average 43 cents.  
Charleston District—\$1723—3420 members, average 53 cents.  
Dillon District—\$1055.50—2366 members, average 44 cents.  
Florence District—\$1241.50—3223 members, average 38 cents.  
Marion District—\$1026.00—2576 members, average 39 cents.  
Sumter District—\$1787.00—4462 members, average 30 cents.  
Abbeville District—\$1024.25—2325 members, average 44 cents.  
Greenwood District—\$997.00—1781 members, average 55 cents.  
Greenville District—\$1039.00—2071 members, average 50 cents.  
Laurens District—\$1096.00—2400 members, average 41 cents.  
Wateree District—\$995.00—1856 members, average 53 cents.  
Manning District—\$1169.00—3370 members, average 31 cents.  
Orangeburg District—\$1425—4985 members, average 29 cents.  
Kingstree District—\$1966.00—4460 members, average 44 cents.  
Georgetown District—\$2570.00—5222 members, average 49 cents.  
Mt. Pleasant District—\$1887.00—4147 members, average 45 cents.  
The Columbia conference failed to hand in their statistics, but last year's report shows an approximate average of 42 cents per member.  
In reviewing the educational assessment I find that in the great majority of cases the educational assessments plus dollar money will not average a dollar per member. I was surprised at this, since Mississippi pays so much more per capita.  
The law of the church is plain—\$1.00 for or from each member. It is my ambition to live up to the law. Therefore, believing you are loyal and true, I am requesting the laymen, pastors and Presiding Elders to see to it that each charge will increase at least 25 per cent in dollar money at the ensuing annual conferences.  
Yours fraternally,  
W. W. BECKETT, Bishop.

C. certainly put the meeting over. Many, many souls were saved. Rev. Williamson was very kind to all. While in the city he took many afternoon outings. Thursday P. M. he took Misses C. D. S. and C. R. Sanders, Miss Rosie L. Laster to Mr. Pouncey's home, Blenheim, S. C. This was a real treat. On our way we stopped at the Blenheim Spring. This is a beautiful place. Mr. Pouncey is a deacon of Macedonia Church. Also Misses Annie L. Williams, Mamie L. Williams, and Lubertha Laster were with us for dinner. I will not mention the many, many nicely prepared dishes that were served for us. Words will not allow me to express my stay to these good people's home. When in the county, why visit Mr. and Mrs. Pouncey. Rev. Williamson preached his farewell sermon Friday night. This was a real time. Many, many of the people were delighted to have their beloved pastor, Rev. P. B. Mdo-dana walk into the pulpit just in time to hear Rev. Williamson preach his last sermon. He was on his way home as he went to Nashville, Tenn., for two months' of Summer School. He certainly looks the bloom of life. The many friends donated Rev. Williamson \$13.00 or more. Just a free gift. Come again Rev. Williamson. The reporter was delighted to have Mrs. Alice Spears, and her two sons, William and little Russel, Misses Beatrice and Alice Spears spend a short stay Saturday P. M. Mrs. Spears is always full of smiles. Beatrice Spears is a student in State College, Orangeburg, S. C. Mrs. Monroe was in the city Tuesday night attending the meeting. Mr. Clarence Abraham left Saturday P. M. for Hartsville, S. C. to spend a short while with relatives and friends. Mr. Charlie Stephens left Monday A. M. for New Jersey. Trust he will make good. Little Miss Sadie Laster spent the week end with her relatives in the city. Mr. and Mrs. McKay and family are her relatives. She called to see her past teacher C. D. S. Sanders. Miss Gertie M. Cunningham also called. Call again girls. Quite a large crowd of delegates was in the county last week attending the Women's Missionary convention at Saw Mill Baptist Church. This was one of the best sessions ever put over. Rev. Samuel Lomax was called to Clio Sunday to preach a special sermon. Trust he made good. We are delighted to have one of our special friends return home for a few days vacation, Miss Ruth McCollum of Washington, D. C. Miss Ruth is a graduate of Benedict College, and sister to Dr. L. M. McCollum. She is taking a special course in school. Mr. American Sanders is on the sick list. The McKenel girls, Gertrude and Anna, are still doing nicely since the death of their mother. Mr. Bingham Thomas arrived home for a few days vacation from Washington, D. C. When in the city and needing any work done along the line of dentistry, just call on Dr. L. McCollum. He is a real doctor.  
Mr. Zannie King is still improving since he returned from the hospital in Columbia. Miss Bessie Grace spent the week end with Miss Viola Simmon. (Miss) Callie D. Sanders, Repr.

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