

"PINK" V. T. WHALEY SLAIN

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buying business.

In Republican political circles the Negro was regarded as a power.

Reports generally credited here were that Whaley employed private detectives to ascertain who had sent him the threatening letters that resulted in his leaving the county. That these reports had been turned over to officers investigating his death was a rumor here today.

Another report, unconfirmed, was that two or three men wearing masks were seen here Saturday night, about the time Whaley was shot, in a light touring car without a license plate. The automobile is said to have left here in the direction of Columbia.—The State.

N. A. A. C. P. REBUKES EDITOR.

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Advancement of Colored People do not stop their activities.

"I am calling the attention of the National Crime Commission and the Federal Postal Authorities to your threat."

The editorial which brought about this letter from the N. A. A. C. P., is as follows:

"MISSOURI'S LYNCHING.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with headquarters in New York is in a frenzied fury about the Excelsior Springs lynching. It denounces 'the ruffians' and 'murderers' and demands action. Lynching is a bad thing. It is deplorable and cannot well be defended, yet it would be well for the Advancement society to go more deeply into the question. With all its terrible wrath it says not a word against the Negro rapist. The society would do better if it made war on rapists. As it is the impression must prevail that the society is half in sympathy with such Negroes. The Negro rapist must understand in Missouri as well as elsewhere, that the law's delay is not for him. If he is caught in an attack on a white woman he will be lynched. That is the rule. It is bad that conditions are so. The ideal way would be to try a rapist a few days after the crime and hang him within six weeks. That's John Bull's way and it's a good way.

"If such senile organizations as the Advancement and other societies don't stop their activities in the behalf of criminals lynch law is quite likely to be extended. There is no doubt that the whole situation is a most deplorable one but with it all the manhood of Missouri will protect its women one way or another until the law is able to do so."

ELKS' CONVENTION IN RICHMOND.

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ample places to eat at reasonable rates, and plenty of amusement. The city was turned over to the Elks for the week. They were granted every courtesy that could be hoped for; Jim Crowism, segregation and prejudice if it existed in any manner here previous to the coming of the convention, was cast to the four winds. Visiting Elks sat anywhere they wanted to sit on the street cars, frequented any place they happened to pass and was given service whenever they demanded it. According to records there was not the slightest disorder on the part of the visitors and no friction at all between the races. There might have been an abundance of whiskey here but there has not been

recorded but two drunks out of the fifty-thousand visitors and forty-thousand home folks. Many visitors, particularly those from the North who had misgivings about the South, or some parts of it, have been loud in their praise of the treatment accorded them while here.

The twenty-sixth anniversary services were held at the Fifth Street Baptist Church Sunday night. Among the prominent speakers were J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, Henry Lincoln Johnson. Monday noon marked the opening of the first public meeting, held at the Rayo theatre. E. Lee Trinkle, governor of Virginia delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the state. His talk was well delivered and very much appreciated. He brought down the house when he intimated in his speech that he too was an Elk. Someone in the audience yelled

"Hello Bill" the Governor smiled in acknowledgement. Henry L. Johnson in responding to the governor's speech, informed his hearers that this was the first time in the history of the fraternity that a chief executive of the state had come out to extend a welcome in person. He mentioned the fact that in Boston, Chicago and in other places where the Elks had held its convention these officials had always sent either a substitute or their regrets. The Mayor of the city extended welcome on the part of the city, to which J. Finley Wilson responded. Wilson in his response seemed to forget that he was only responding to the welcome of the Mayor, for he turned his talk into relating what he had done for the Elks' fraternity, and how much it had grown under his administration. Some one in the audience said that Wilson had sung his swan song by making his campaign speech at the wrong time. Some are of the opinion that that very thing will defeat him for the position of Grand Exalted Ruler. Many of his little tricks were thought to be out of place, particularly when he came into the meeting after it had gotten well under way and interrupted the speaker by jumping up on the stage from the floor below and shaking hands with nearly everybody on the stage. Then in the line of march the day of the great parade he started off behind the column in an automobile and drove recklessly thru the center of the parade until he reached the head. Much criticism was heaped upon him for this stunt.

The parade, one of the most spectacular in the history of the order and by far the greatest thing Richmond had ever seen, was a complete success. The streets were lined with people hours before the parade time. It took the efforts of a dozen policemen in every block to hold the dense throng of white and colored people who had come out to see the great Elks' parade. It was half holiday in the city. Seemingly everybody had stopped work until after the parade, which was two and a half hours in passing through the white as well as the colored section of the city. Fully 25,000 marchers were in line when the parade got under way. Uniforms of every description gave the parade a glitter. This was no sombre military parade with rumbling caissons and dun uniforms, but a tenous, perfectly disciplined frolic shining with gold. Resplendent in royal purple and dazzling white. The colors of the order prevailed throughout. Every unit seemingly tried to out do the other consequently each unit looked the best, there being little to choose between any of the marchers in line. All uniforms looked perfectly new, each seemingly tailored to the measure of the individual wearer. It was a glittering glaring thing of indescribable beauty,

with music filling the air all around while the line about two miles in length passed through the cheering throng that lined the entire eight miles walk which ended at the fair grounds where a competitive drill was to have been held and prizes awarded. It was a gala day and many a convention follower said it was the grandest parade the Elks have ever made.

The following officers were elected for the next ensuing term: J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler; George E. Bates, Grand Secretary; James T. Carter, Treasurer.

PROF. STALEY LEAVES THE STATE.

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Originator of "The Wilkinsonian"—The First Edition of The College Annual.

In cooperation with the class of 1925 and Faculty Advisor Whittaker, Professor Staley, affectionately known as "The Little Napoleon," left as a memorial "The Wilkinsonian," 1925 College Annual. This edition was dedicated to President Wilkinson. Professor Staley considers this work as the crowning event of his labors at State College. Every alumnus and student of State College should be proud of "The Wilkinsonian."

Professor Staley did not confine himself to the walls of the school room; he made himself felt in the community life of the state. His work was not only shared by the students for the interest of the farmers and rural communities he held at heart. This can readily be borne out by the many instructive articles published and educational talks made at various public gatherings. He is a member of Lewis Adams Lodge No. 67, Free and Accepted Masons; Heman Lodge No. 30, K. of P.; and Epsilon Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Greek Letter Fraternity.

Professor Staley should make good in his new field of labor. Having taught at Tuskegee and State College, he has enjoyed rich experience. Being a college graduate of Morehouse College, he is endowed with cultural and classical background and a thorough knowledge of his race and the South. After receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts, he entered the College of Agriculture, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from which he finished with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Since graduating from Cornell, he has returned several summers, doing work towards his degree of Master of Science. This combination will fit him for the Directorship, which he will assume in the early part of September. "The Little Napoleon" carries with him the best wishes of his many friends whom he leaves behind in South Carolina, where he has given nine years of real service.

REV. J. C. WHITE WRITES TO THE BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD.

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day to this, there has been no question in my mind about where to go and which house I should order my Sunday School supplies. In 1915 a split took place in the National Baptist Convention in Chicago, over the ownership of the National Baptist Publishing House, (I was not there) and Dr. Morris and his followers went into the courts of the State of Tennessee and the Supreme court of Tennessee handed down a decision which I have a copy here upon my desk as I write these lines, stating that the National Baptist Publishing Plant was and is owned by the National Baptist Convention and held in perpetuity by the National Baptist Publishing Board. Ever since I read that decision I have been

satisfied. There is nothing for me to desert. I am getting value received for my money when I send my orders nito the Publishing House, and I am perfectly satisfied.

There is a little truth in the rumor that I contemplated visiting the National Baptist Convention in Baltimore this year, because I told several of my friends so, on the Morris Convention side. But that meant no desertion on my part. Whenever the day should come that I really believed the merits of the Morris Convention were superior to those of the Boyd forces why as a free and untrammelled Baptist I will walk right out and do what I think is best.

Second, as to my election as President of the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention at Laurens, the vote given me there, cannot be interpreted as an endorsement of my proclivities as a Boyd man. In fact the man who made the foremost speech in my nomination was my old friend Dr. A. A. Sims, one of the strongest Morris men in this state, and the Rev. Dr. S. J. Rice, who so ably seconded my nomination, and whose speech gave me all the votes from Beaufort to Lexington is a very strong Morris man. Take the vote at Laurens, the Morris men supported me to the man from Greenville to Charleston. On the other hand some of my Boyd friends gave me the worst thrust of all. And did everything within their power to encompass my defeat.

Therefore in the light of these facts, I refuse to allow J. C. White, as president of the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, of South Carolina, to use this office for partisan purposes. As an individual I am a Boyd man, a supporter of the National Baptist Publishing Board, an admirer of Henry Allen Boyd. But as President of this Convention, I shall administer the office without leaning to either side. In other words, a Morris man will have at all times as fair a show with me, as will a Boyd man. Accredited representatives from both National Conventions will be heard in my Convention, if it be within my power to do so, only I shall refuse to allow them to discuss their issues before our body. Tell of the merits of his proposition but he has no right to precipitate an ugly affair in our State by discussing the demerits of the other fellow's proposition. I am not going to attend either one of the National Baptist Conventions, in this year of grace 1925 for economic reasons.

I love, and respect Baptists on both sides of this controversy. My prayer to God is, that we all might be one again, even as Christ and God are one. As to the State of South Carolina, we have too much at stake to continue this worthless contention, Morris College, is the biggest thing that the Negro Baptists of America own, neither one of the National Baptist Conventions own such a plant, as we own in this State. No Negro Baptist school on the American continent is up to her standard; why should we leave off this all important work to chase the histle downs of National Baptist ownership. Our Mission work in this State is suffering because of the lack of interest.

I favor union of the Baptist forces and not disunion. I favor the physical union of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention and the Cooperative Baptist (New State) Convention in this state. It ought to be done. These two conventions in this state is a challenge to the sincerity of our Christian profession. I believe the two National Baptist Conventions can and ought to get together.

And whether we get together or not, I shall not be a party to

the matter of keeping them apart by useless agitation and pratisan rulings in my association and convention.

I am one who is happy to subscribe himself as a lover of all Christians.

J. C. WHITE,
Columbia, S. C.

OUR VISIT TO MORRIS COLLEGE.

On Tuesday of this week, with Mr. John Henderson and my wife, I visited Morris College, at Sumter, S. C. I was much impressed with the buildings and surroundings of the college. Dr. Starks is doing a great work at Morris College. He is indeed the right man in the right place. I write this to let those know who have not seen it, that wonderful progress has been made since the founding of this institution.

Success to The Palmetto Leader.

REV. J. P. CORBETT.

MRS. GREENE ENTERTAINS FOR HOUSE GUESTS.

Mrs. R. J. Greene entertained Monday at 4 p. m., friends of the Social Glide Club, of which Mrs. Greene is a member on Richland St., honoring Mrs. Henry Washington and Miss Alethia Barnes.

The guests were first ushered into a room where they were served with a delightful course

of punch. At the hour of 5 p. m. a colorful miscellany of mid-summer garden flowers blooming in the room given over to the game, and after fun a sweet course was served in motif of Brown, White and Gold

The honored guests were beautifully dressed. Mrs. Washington wore a gros de Londres of Alice blue and Miss Barnes wore Charmeuse dress of pink. Other guests present were Little James Greene, brother of Mrs. Washington.

SUPREME LODGE K. of P.

South Carolina and Columbia were well represented at the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias that convened in Louisville Kentucky, from the 18th to the 22nd. Prominent Pythians from all over the state took advantage of this rare opportunity to visit the Supreme Lodge while in session. Some of those from the state were: Col. Julius A. Brown, Col. T. H. Henry, Prof. S. L. Finley, Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, Atty. N. J. Frederick, Prof. L. A. Hawkins, Sir J. B. Lewie and Dr. N. C. Nix.

Mrs. R. A. Henry, city, Mrs. F. E. McGhee, Aiken; Mrs. B. H. Fisher, Beaufort; Mrs. L. B. Long, Cheraw; and Mrs. Julius A. Brown of Charleston attended the meetings of the Grand Court.

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