

Columbia, Convention City.

Mr. Editor:—There is always something of interest in Columbia, to our people and we are just a bit surprised that the colored public is forced to rely on the white press for the news, that is of interest to our group.

Our secret organizations all or practically all, have headquarters here and as a result, there is always something doing of interest to our people. The same is true with the A. M. E. Church and while, because Allen and Benedict are situated here, there are happenings of more or less general interest.

But last week, was an unusual interesting week. The "Older Boys Conference" met here and a great conference indeed it was. One would have to attend to grasp its importance. Hundreds of young men from all over the state, mingling with matured minds and discussing with them subjects that had to do with the future of our people, with an intelligence that was truly surprising.

Prof. Duckett of Benedict was toast-master, and our distinguished citizens Mr. I. S. Leavy and Prof. C. A. Johnson well cared for Columbia's interest in their welcome addresses.

Dr. Randolph and Tobias' addresses will ever live in the hearts of their hearers. Session closed Sunday night in a halo of glory.

But, I had not intended, to write at length of this event, nor at this late hour, could I do it justice, but thought that our people should not always have to rely on the white papers for the truth of the happenings among them.

The State Fair Directors and Stockholders met on the 18th as published. Reports were made by both Treasurer and Secretary. The unusual thing was that the board met both before and after the Stockholders' meeting. Perfect harmony prevailed, even to the smallest detail and yet, neither of our papers carried this together with the other incident cited above.

Columbia is still a Convention City.

Allen University Basket Ball Defeats Benedict Team

Allen and Benedict girls played some "in and out" basket ball on A. U.'s Campus Saturday evening, with Allen winning over Benedict team by a score of 30 to 15.

The contest got off with a lively start keeping the scores tie until A. Dawkins shot a field goal that gave the "Gold and Blue" a 9 to 7 lead. For a short time there were many baskets ringing on both sides. The first half ended with the scores reading 13 to 11 in favor of A. U.

The second half saw many baskets missed by B. Washington of B. C., some were easy and some others difficult.

A. Dawkins made many excellent shots and her floor work was creditable. C. Ruth and C. Weir did some good work guard.

B. Washington played a pretty game for the losers.

G. Pew and I. Palmer showed up well as guards. Referees—H. Baumgardner and Miss Carol. Reporter, Osmona LeVallie.

local officers of the Association are busy working out plans for

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Teachers are asked to register in advance in order that the records may be properly made up before the convention meets and that each one will get a certificate entitling him to reduced rates over the railroads, a copy of the Bulletin carrying the programs of the general and sectional meetings and other matter. Teachers who enroll in advance will be mailed their assignments, ten days before the meeting begins.

This year those attending will find most of the time given to the group meetings—but the general meetings planned will be the best ever had. Three eminent white educators will speak to the convention—Dr. Chas. Judd, of the University of Chicago, Miss Mabel Carney, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, and Mr. E. T. Franks of the Federal Vocational Board of Washington, D. C. Among the colored speakers will be Dr. D. H. Sims, of Allen; Dr. H. Pearson, of Claffin and Professor Gordon B. Hancock of Richmond Va.

The Secretary states that already he has received an enrollment of 100 per cent from Dillon, Sumter, Marion, Beaufort counties. Clinton, Laurens, Pendleton, Moncks-Corner, have enrolled all of their teachers. Aiken is doing fine.

Dr. A. J. Collins Given Verdict.

In the Richland County court Dr. Collins, Tuesday February 24th, was given the verdict by the jury, after a deliberation of about ten minutes, in the case of Julia Walker vs. Dr. A. J. Collins. In this case the plaintiff, Julia Walker was suing Dr. Collins for damages in the sum of three thousand (\$3,000.00).

The plaintiff, Julia Walker represented by Attorneys J. H. Cooper and J. E. Edens, while Dr. Collins was represented by the well known colored Attorney N. J. Frederick. Dr. Collins is much elated over the verdict, as he knew that the case had no merit to begin with. The case grew out of the refusal of Dr. Collins to refund money, deposited as part payment on dental work contracted for, part of which, had been performed.

ODD FELLOWS' JOINT COMMITTEE MEETS.

A joint committee of the several branches of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in Columbia, met at the Odd Fellows' Hall, last Sunday afternoon, at 4:30, for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual Thanksgiving Services which are to be held the second Sunday in May. The meeting was called to order by Colonel W. H. Coultry.

After the usual opening ceremonies the roll was called and the following lodges were represented by three members each according to the General Laws of the Order:

- Wayman Lodge No. 1339; Richard Allen Lodge No. 1876; Bulah Lodge No. 2083; Harrison Lodge No. 6068; Fred Douglass Lodge No. 7045; Past Grand Masters' Council No. 55; Columbia Patriarchs No. 228; Household of Ruth No. 895; Household of Ruth No. 1832; Household of Ruth No. 2822; Household of Ruth No. 5733; W. H. Rutherford Lodge No. 251; Past Most Noble Governors' Chamber No. 46.

The following officers were elected for the occasion: W. H. Coultry, Chairman; Robert H. Butler, Vice-Chairman; Chas. E. Anderson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Thomasina Caughman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ella Lowndes, Treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

- Committee on Arrangements:—T. E. Smith; Robt. Butler, L. W. Hill, Mrs. F. I. Singleton, Wm. Taylor.

- Committee on Programs:—J. B. Lewie, W. F. Strong, J. S. Wells, E. King, T. H. Mathias.

The next regular meeting of the joint committee will be held the first Sunday in April.

Colonel Coultry makes a splendid presiding officer, and the meeting showed that peace, harmony and prosperity prevailed in all their deliberations. At the next meeting, the place to hold our Thanksgiving Services and the participants on the program will be announced at the meeting.

We note elsewhere in these columns that Prof. W. H. Thomas, our Deputy is calling a joint meeting of the Knights of Pythias and auxiliaries, all of these are usually represented by five members from each lodge; and it is supposed that the presiding officers of the several local branches will see that they have a full representation.

Fraternal News.

The Fraternal Column has been omitted in the last two or three issues, but the demand has been so urgent that we shall endeavor to publish some fraternal news each week. Anyone having any Fraternal news for the good and welfare of their Lodges will kindly send it in, we will cheerfully publish it under this column.

NOTICE.

The Joint Meeting of all Pythian Lodges in the city of Columbia, will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 1st, to arrange for the annual Thanksgiving service which will be held on Sunday, March 29th. It is hoped that the usual committees will be present.

By order W. H. THOMAS, D. D. G. C., Richland Co.

DR. E. W. D. ABNER COMING

Dr. E. W. D. Abner, Denver, Colorado, the Supreme Commander of the American Woodmen will visit Columbia, S. C. and will give a lecture at Zion Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon March 1, at 4:00 P. M.

Dr. Abner is a speaker of national reputation, and Columbians will enjoy a rare treat to hear him. The heads of all secret and religious organizations are invited to come out and take a seat on the platform with our distinguished guest. The American Woodmen Camps of Columbia and Cayce will turn out in full. Special music by the Zion Baptist Church Choir.

The American Woodmen is the greatest Negro organization today on earth. Come out and hear the principles and policies explained. Mr. Edward Lott is the supervisor and deputy here. He is paying two claims today to Messrs. Thos. Kelly of Columbia and Spencer Guess of Cayce. Come, Admission free.

BEE HIVE LODGE No. 93, K. of P. Meets first and third Monday nights in each month.

- OFFICERS: W. S. Bookhart, J. H. Bookhart, A. O. Simon, C. E. Bailey, A. E. Walker, D. I. Stronman, H. W. Harrison, M. L. Lyles, Calvin Counts, Heughe Worthey, C. C. V. C. M. E. K. of R. & S. M. of A. Mr. of W. I. G. O. G.

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Palmetto State Teachers' Association Meets March 26th-28th in Columbia.

The annual convention of the Palmetto State Teachers' Association will meet in Columbia again this year. March 26th, 27th and 28th are the dates and Columbia is looking forward to the coming of the teachers as a pleasant event. The entertainment will be as good, if not better than before and the