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CITY NEWS.

Wm. Gross of Keokuk who spent a few days here returned home Tuesday.

Mr. G. H. Cleggett has moved his barber shop to the Army Post.

Mrs. F. G. Goggins who has been sick for the past week is convalescent.

Miss Martha Jackson left last Monday for Cedar Rapids to remain indefinitely.

The **Carnation club** met Thursday the 13th with Miss Ardella Carr, and last Thursday with Mrs. Louise Crews.

Rev. W. S. Brooks, D. D. of Chicago, Ill., will preach at the St. Paul's A. M. E. church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Jones of Montezuma, Ia. is here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cleggett.

Mrs. Lewis Blagburn left last Monday night for Mobile, Ala., for about a month's visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. J. Jackson has several good furnished rooms for rent at reasonable rates, for gentlemen only—1209 Cherry street.

Mr. and Mrs. David Boamer are entertaining Mrs. Heywood Hall of Omaha, Neb., and Miss Pate of Galesburg, Ill., as their guest this week.

I. L. Brown of Marshalltown was in our city last Sunday. He had just returned from attending the Grand Masonic lodge at Cedar Rapids.

Miss Marie Bell who has been at the hospital undergoing an operation, is much improved. She is now at home and able to go out, which is good news to her many friends.

BARNES MEN'S OUTFITTER
317 5TH STREET

The **Bryon Bros. Concert Co.** was royally entertained Wednesday evening at the Country Golf Club by the St. Paul's A. M. E. church choir.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gould entertained a few friends last Saturday evening complimentary to Mr. Wm. Gross of Keokuk.

Miss Jessie Walker of Marshalltown and **Miss Mattie Walker of New York** were in our city Wednesday, spending the day with their father. They were enroute to Portland, Oregon to attend the Exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stewart of Chicago arrived in our city last week and expect to make this city their future home. Mrs. Stewart is the daughter of Mr. Carl Anderson the barber at 329 Third street.

A special entertainment will be given at **Corinthian Baptist church**, Friday evening, July 28. Mr. Mills will with his stereopticon carry us through the famous Yellowstone Park. Admission 10 cents.

BARNES MEN'S OUTFITTER
BASE BALL

Des Moines vs. Omaha, four more games of this series, today, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Pueblo will be here for four games beginning next Tuesday.

The **Old Settlers annual picnic** will be given Thursday, August 3, at Union Park. Every body invited to come and bring their baskets well filled with eatables. Come and enjoy yourself at least once this year. By order of committee.

Miss Nettie Franklin of Bedford, Ia., has been appointed by Governor A. B. Cummins as one of the census clerks in the capitol. This is a commendable and worthy appointment and we congratulate Miss Franklin. This makes three colored persons on the state census—Miss Fannie Walker and E. W. Thompson.

A large party from **Carbondale** surprised the home of Rev. T. L. Griffith last Friday night and loaded his table with gifts. Only two of the party were members of Rev. Griffith's church. In addition to the presents the party brought ice cream and cake and all were served. Mr. and Mrs. Drew and Mr. Brown were the leaders. Rev. Hoehle, pastor of the Carbondale church, was in the party.

MODERN SLEEPERS, M. & St. L. Ry. Modern Sleepers now running on the Minneapolis and St. Louis Ry., between Des Moines and Minneapolis and St. Paul, Berths and tickets at 512 Walnut street or Union Station.

The **Imperial Orchestra**, assisted by some local talent, gave a concert at the Corinthian Baptist church last night. Besides several selections by the orchestra the following solos were rendered: Soprano solo, Mrs. O. F. Watts; piano solo, Miss Bertha Allen; tenor solo, Henry Warwick, violin solo, O. J. Gauss; soprano solo, Miss Marguerite Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ellison entertained members of the A. M. E. church choir and a few other friends last Wednesday night, in honor of the Bryon Troubadours. During the evening some excellent solos, both vocal and instrumental were rendered, after which refreshments were served. It will no doubt be some time before so many good musical selections will be heard again.

When in Clarinda, Iowa, stop at R. E. Wilkinson for good room, meals, short-orders and lunches. 301 Grant street, No. 9. Half a block from depot.

The **Brownies** were defeated in all the games they played last week. As usual the visiting team always has to beat the umpire as well as the players, and this was especially so at Bayard, as the umpire was secretary of that base ball club and about six of the players were members of the Iowa State league. The Brownies play at Mento today and at Dallas tomorrow.

There will be regular services Sunday morning at the Union Congregational church. Morning service by pastor; evening sermon by Rev. G. O. Thompson of Baltimore, Md. At the Men's League the subject, "Owning a Farm" will be discussed by Mr. Blair of South Dakota, who with his brother owns 1000 acres of Dakota land. Every man should come and hear him.

Mr. B. P. Blair of Fairbanks, S. D. is in our city this week visiting with Mr. J. C. Wright. He is one of the colored pioneers of South Dakota, having moved there with his parents 22 years ago, where they have lived ever since. He and his brother own 1000 acres of the good table land of that state within two miles of the Missouri river. They have a natural spring that never goes dry. He is anxious to secure colored families to move to South Dakota now and get land before it is too late. He will speak next Sunday afternoon on the advantages of South Dakota before the Men's League of the Union Congregational church.

Miss Pearl Bruce left last week for Oakville, Canada, where she will make her future home it may be that the wedding bells will ring in that city long.

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Mrs. Alice Jackson and sister, Miss Lillie Smith of Chicago, arrived in our city last week for a visit with their cousins, Mr. William and Miss Olive Smith. They are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith of 844 Sixth avenue. Miss Lillie Smith is a teacher in the public schools of Chicago and is a very accomplished young lady, she expects to spend most of her vacation here while her sister will return home in a few weeks.

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Denver	79	48	31	607
Sioux City	72	40	32	556
Omaha	73	29	34	534
Pueblo	74	24	50	324
St. Joseph	73	23	50	315

BARNES MEN'S OUTFITTER
317 5TH STREET

To Reclaim Everglades. There is a movement in Florida to reclaim the Everglades, which comprise 3,000,000 acres of marsh and o lagoons, covered with primeval forest trees. It is proposed to drain at least the more accessible marshes and clear away the trees and tangled semi-tropical vegetation. It is believed the lands, if once thoroughly reclaimed, would be very fertile and valuable.

THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

Held Session at Cedar Rapids July 11, 12 and 13—Largest Delegation in Years.

Cedar Rapids, July 12—The 18th annual session of the Masonic Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Master, L. L. Brown of Marshalltown. After being duly opened the committee on credentials was appointed as follows: T. H. Sturgis, J. W. Bland, and G. A. Johnson. After the committee's report the appointed grand officers took their stations: W. D. Claybrook, Grand Chaplain; G. L. Suter, Grand Register; T. H. Sturgis, Grand Senior Deacon; J. W. Bland, Grand Junior Deacon; S. L.

issue. It was very excellently rendered and pleased the large audience.

THURSDAY MORNING

The meeting was called to order by Junior Grand Warden. The continued reports of committees were made and freely discussed until 11 o'clock, when the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year: Wm. Milligan of Cedar Rapids was nominated and unanimously elected for Grand Master. S. L. Tiggs of Burlington and C. C. Allen of Davenport were nominated for Deputy Grand Master. Tiggs was elected. David Thomas of Buxton and Z. A. Taylor of Ottumwa were nominated for Senior Grand Warden. The former won.

The lodge was called to labor at 8:30 and the newly elected Grand Master announced the appointed grand officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

- W. Grand Chaplain, G. E. Green, Enterprise, U. D.
- W. Grand Register, John VanCamp, Mt. Olive No. 17.
- W. Grand S. Deacon, John W. Logan, Dubuque No. 29.
- W. Grand J. Deacon, Z. Taylor, Golden Star No. 4.
- W. Grand S. Steward, E. E. Jones, Maple Grove No. 16.
- W. Grand J. Steward, C. C. Allen, Hiram No. 19.
- W. Grand Sword Bearer, Wm. Fine, Newton No. 8.
- W. Grand Standard Bearer, H. E. Jacobs, North Star No. 2.
- W. Grand Marshal, H. E. James, Albia Star No. 26.
- W. Grand Master of Ceremonies, H.

Grand Lodge Notes.

The Parlor City is a great place for conventions—nice people, clean streets, very quiet city; except those miserable old cars that ran past our hall.

There were more Masons and more lodges represented in Cedar Rapids than any session since the organization of the Masonic Grand Lodge in Iowa.

Grand Master I. L. Brown makes a good presiding Master; in fact he retires this year conscious of the fact that he has made the Iowa jurisdiction prosperous.

Many of the old land marks of Iowa masonry were here, viz A. A. Bland of Keokuk, J. H. Shepard, Geo. H. Cleggett, E. T. Banks and Wm. Conson of Des Moines, John Brooks of Burlington, E. C. Thomas, Wm. Milligan, W. S. Raspberry and John VanCamp of

year the last Grand Lodge office." A peculiar incident.

There were more strong and able representatives at this session than any previous session. Nearly all present own their homes and are thrifty citizens.

Oh how that Buxton Band and their base ball team disappointed us all in the Rapids by failing to come.

The roll call showed nine deaths since our last communication.

"Oh that miserable conflicting new Code," says one member, "it caused much heated debate and some perspiration."

On to Burlington next year is the watch-word.



Wm. MILLIGAN, Cedar Rapids, Grand Master.

It is indeed with much pleasure that we present to the people of Iowa and the great Northwest Iowa's newly elected Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge, William H. Milligan of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is without doubt one of the hard workers, well trained by years of experience for the difficult position he now assumes. For the past ten or twelve years he has attended the Grand Lodge and held some grand office; though modest and unassuming he has never crowded himself forward, but by honesty, sincerity and true manhood has won the respect of the brethren. His election was unanimous which has never before occurred in this jurisdiction. He owns a beautiful twenty acre farm just outside of the city limits, which is planted in strawberries, cherries, apples, plums and other berries. He also owns a large apairy and is considered authority on bee raising and strawberry growing.

Tiggs, Grand Senior Steward: W. S. Bryson, Grand Junior Steward; Wm. Burrell, Grand Sword Bearer; J. M. Logan, Grand Marshal; H. G. Williams, Grand Master of Ceremonies; Calvin Wheeler, Grand Pursuivant; W. H. Raspberry, Grand Tyler.

The following committees were appointed: Dispensation and Charters—J. F. Harris, Wm. Burrell, and H. T. Elliott. Returns of Lodges—G. L. Suter, Harrison Gould and E. C. Thomas. Accounts—J. W. Bland, S. L. Tiggs, and Frank Bennings. Appeals and Grievances—T. H. Sturgis, H. L. Williams and Z. A. Taylor. Obituaries—J. H. VanCamp, Thomas Rawleigh and W. P. Wade. Grand Master's Address—G. H. Cleggett, E. T. Banks and Wm. Burrell. Rules—Harrison Gould, John VanCamp and W. P. Wade. Adjourned for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Master read his annual address, which was good, and showed the Grand Lodge in a prosperous condition. Other grand officers made their annual reports. The lodge then went in a body to visit the white Masonic library and museum, the finest in the world. Many courtesies were extended by the custodian, Mr. Joseph E. Marcomb who is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, white. This library contains the first and original masonic writing and constitution, extant, also the original book containing the proceedings of the first Grand Lodge ever organized in England. Then there is some of the Aldrich collection, shield and old guns captured during the Boxer's uprising in China. One visiting Cedar Rapids should not fail to visit this great library.

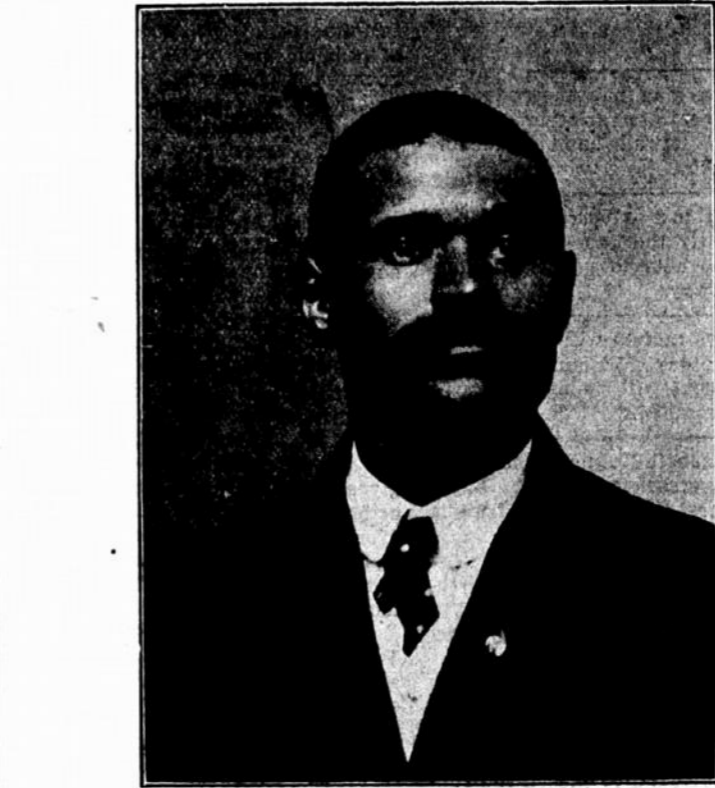
In the evening the citizens, under the supervision of their local lodge, Mt. Olive, gave a reception to the Grand Lodge delegates. A large crowd was present. The program was well rendered with the assistance of the A. M. E. choir which furnished music. An enjoyable time was had.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened on time. The reports of the different committees were read and discussed, also many points in the new Code, speeches and various discussions were indulged in.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was taken up by the various reports. In the evening the memorial of sorrow was held in the hall. The program rendered was as published in our last week's



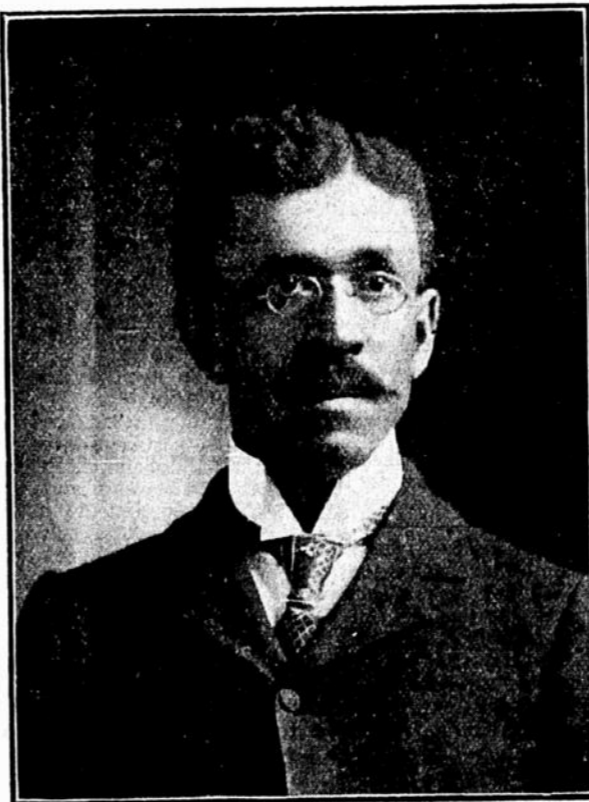
The above cut represents Mr. S. L. Tiggs of Burlington, one of the young men who has made the fastest progress of any man in Masonry, was elected Deputy Grand Master on the first ballot. He is W. M. of his local lodge, Sumner Lodge No. 3. He joined this order about 4 years ago and is now a 33 degree man. He is one of the few of our race that is doing something for our race. He is a letter carrier and has been for more than ten years. Mr. Tiggs recently purchased a beautiful farm about two miles from town and has gone into the dairy business. He has 50 head of milch cows, 8 head of horses and several hired hands. His industrious wife delivers milk while he delivers mail. Thus our race goes on one by one.



The above cut is that of Mr. Luther D. Lowrey, one of the youngest Worshipful Masters of the jurisdiction. He is W. M. of Mt. Olive Lodge No. 7, of Cedar Rapids, which entertained the Grand Lodge so nicely. He is a young man, a High School and college graduate. He is in the carpet cleaning industry and is meeting with success.

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T. H. STURGIS, Junior Grand Warden, Sioux City.

The above cut is a true likeness of Mr. T. H. Sturgis, one of our trusted and successful citizens of Northwestern Iowa, and has been employed by the government for the past 15 years. He was born in Eufaula, Ala., January 11, 1857. He worked with his father at the wagon and blacksmith trade until 1883; coming to Yankton, S. D., he learned the plasterer's trade which he followed 7 years, afterwards moved to Sioux City and entered the postal service as a letter carrier 15 years ago. He was the first colored man thus honored in this city, and has made one of the best men in the classified service. Mr. Sturgis was married March 13, 1878 in Alabama. He is an active Masonic worker and is Worshipful Master of Decatur Lodge of Sioux City and at Cedar Rapids last weeks was elected Junior Grand Warden on first ballot. He is a pleasant, unassuming and very intelligent man to meet.

T. H. Sturgis of Sioux City and C. C. Allen of Davenport were nominated for Junior Grand Warden. Sturgis was elected.

Wm. Conson of Des Moines and A. A. Bland of Keokuk were the nominees for Grand Treasurer. The Gate City man won.

Wm. Gress of Keokuk and H. K. Hillion of Omaha were placed in nomination for Grand Secretary; the Omaha man won by a narrow margin.

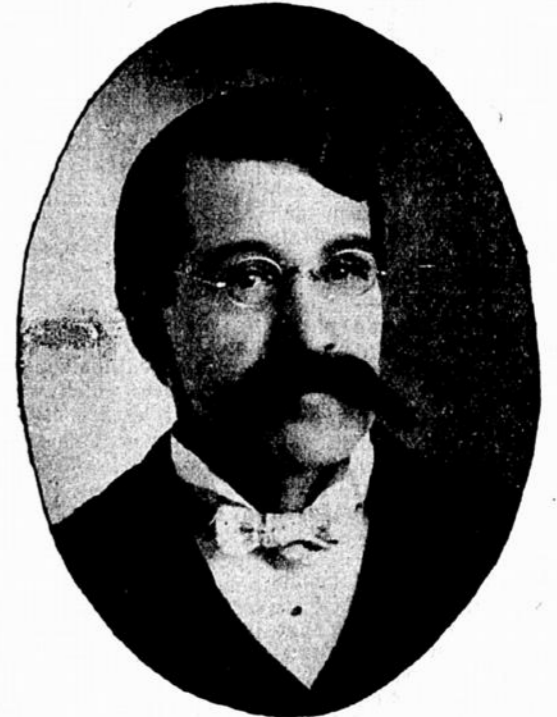
E. T. Banks of Des Moines and W. T. Elliott of Ottumwa were the nominees for Grand Custodian. Banks was elected.

EVENING SESSION.

W. Williams, Clinton No. 21. W. Grand Pursuivant, J. F. Harris, Golden Star No. 4.

Grand Tyler, W. H. Bird, Sumner No. 3. Committee on Foreign Correspondence—G. H. Cleggett, N. S. No. 2, G. L. Suter, Eureka No. 20, J. H. Shepard, Chr., N. S. No. 2.

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H. K. HILLION, Grand Secretary, Omaha, Neb.

It is a pleasure for us to present to our many readers one of the ablest and most undaunted masonic workers in the Northwest, who was elected Grand Secretary on first ballot; although he did not come to the Grand Lodge asking any honors, but his local lodge and home delegates came as a unit pushing his merit and qualification. He is a good book-keeper, a careful business man, highly respected, and for the last 15 years a worker without any of the Grand Lodge honors. He is the man who led in the Missouri controversy, bore the blunt, has been vindicated by the masonic world. His wife is one of the best known Eastern Star workers in the Missouri division. He has held all the honors of his home lodge, Rescue No. 25, and at present its secretary. With his ability he will make one of the best Grand Secretaries Iowa ever had.

Cedar Rapids, Calvin Wheeler, I. L. Brown and George Suter of Marshalltown, Z. Taylor and J. F. Harris of Ottumwa and Henry Jones of Albia were a few that were there.

Cedar Rapids is in need of some more young ladies, at least by the time we come again. Every lady, says a young gentleman visitor, was a Mrs.

The Masonic Library is a great building, beautiful in structure and filled full of ancient masonic relics, also minutes of all of the colored Grand Lodges of America.

There are only two countries in the civilized world where Masonic Grand Lodges does not exist—Russia and Austria.

E. T. Banks said, "Sixteen years ago in Cedar Rapids I was elected to the first Grand Lodge office, and here this

BELLINGHAM, (Wash.) NOTES.

The Sunday School elected the following delegates to attend the convention: W. H. Bryant, Sunday School; Mrs. E. Leannear, Ladies Aid Society and Mission ary; and O. Stallworth the church. The convention will be held in Everett from July 27 to 30, and it is expected that there will be about 100 delegates present. The Sunday School gave a grand picnic on the 15.

Mr. N. Smith who has been sick for the past month is able to be out. While talking to Mr. Smith he stated that he was home sick, and it is thought as soon as he can get rid of his property, he will return to his home in Missouri. If you want the BYSTANDER call at 1810 Elk street or phone Black 8301, Thos. L. Cate.

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NEGRO MASONRY.
HOW UNITED GRAND LODGE CAME TO BE FOUND.

Much Mooted Question Discussed from Standpoint of the Negro—Authority Came From England in An Authority Came From England in An Day.

Today the United Grand Lodge (colored) of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Iowa convened in Cedar Rapids in annual convention. The position of this and similar bodies throughout the United States, in relation to the general fraternity, is a matter of considerable interest and is greatly misconceived.

The Gazette has sought some information upon this subject, but finds considerable difficulty in securing brief, but comprehensive statements. So far as white Masons are concerned there is objection to even discussing the matter, and, unfortunately, but few members of the Grand Lodge have given the subject necessary study. In this dilemma recourse was had to the exhaustive report made upon "Negro Masonry," by Wm. H. Upton, of the Grand Lodge of Washington (white). This is it, it is claimed, the only work bearing upon the subject which presents the cause of colored Freemasonry fairly.

History of Colored Masonry.
 On March 6, 1775, fifty-eight years after organization of the premier Grand Lodge of England, Prince Hall and fourteen other colored men were initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in an army lodge attached to one of the regiments quartered at Boston, under General Gage. These were at once given a tentative organization. That is, they were given authority to assemble as a lodge, to "walk on St. John's day," and to bury their dead "in manner and form." Such authorization, while it would be considered irregular at that date, but being without warrant or charter from a regular grand lodge this body did not "work" until authority as a regular lodge was received from England. The Mother Grand Lodge of that country, upon receipt of request from these colored men, issued a warrant, bearing date of September 29, 1784, for African Lodge No. 459. Owing to mischance and negligence this was not received in Boston until April 29, 1787, and the lodge was duly constituted May 6, 1787. This body remained upon the English register until the union of Grand Lodges in the country—following the great schism—in 1813. At that time all lodges in the United States were erased from the rolls of English Masonry.

Prince Hall, the first Master of African lodge, was a man of considerable prominence and acknowledged ability. He served in the American army during the revolutionary war. He was until the time of his death a zealous and well-informed Mason. As early as 1792 he was vied Grand Master, and without doubt or question by his white contemporaries, did from that date exercise the functions of a Provincial Grand Master. Just here is the weak point in the genealogy of colored Masonry. It has been asserted that this lodge without authority erected itself into a governing body. But an examination of the records of other and white Grand Lodges in those early and confused years of the American republic reveals that several bodies of whose legitimacy and continuity there is no question were simply outgrowths of some particular lodge. Indeed the ancient theory, and to some extent the practice of the craft was, that a lodge possessed all powers, not only to make Masons, but to authorize a sufficient number of brethren to assemble and organize as a lodge. The example of "Mother Kilwinning lodge," of Scotland is directly in point.

Organize in Philadelphia.
 Provincial Grand Master issued his license to thirteen colored men, who had been made Masons in England and Ireland to "assemble and work" as a lodge in Philadelphia. Another authority is provided in the same year in 1808 these three lodges joined in forming the "African Grand Lodge" of Boston, afterwards known as the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge" of Boston, afterwards known as the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts." Next, in 1815, there was organized the "First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." The "Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania" was afterwards formed. In 1897 these three united in organization of a National Grand Lodge, and from one or the other of these sources all colored Masonic bodies, throughout the world, derive their authority.

Their Status in Question.
 For many years the status of negro Masons was no questioned by the whites, and examination of lodge records show that the latter were frequent visitors in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts up to and including the year 1833. The latter objection, hinged, not upon question of color, but upon, says Mackey, "supposed illegality of the charters." The same author thus sums the status of those bodies—a sufficient stowing for the objectors. "Admitting even the legality of the English charter of 1784, it cannot be denied that the unrecognized self-revival of 1827, and the subsequent assumption of Grand Lodge powers were illegal, and rendered both the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and all the lodges which emanated from it clandestine." Yet in matters of accurate history but few Masonic scholars will allow Mackey as authority. This phrase of the subject has been carefully traversed by the opinion of evidence and the rules of credibility, joined to an encyclopedic Masonic knowledge, gives him the final word of authority in this controversy. He holds and proves that dormancy of lodges does not destroy Masonic existence. In fact several American Grand Lodges, whose status is now beyond all question passed through like periods of dormancy, yet were revived with question and at once resumed all former rights.

The question of legitimacy of these colored bodies, as they exist today, lies not with their work nor even with regularity of their origin, but almost solely in connection with the so-called "division of jurisdiction." For instance, it is held in Iowa that organization of the Grand Lodge (white) in 1844 precluded the formation of any Masonic lodge within the territory of the commonwealth except it receive dispensation or charter from this authority. The dogmatic

assertion is made in such case that "whenever three lodges have formed a grand lodge in any state it has sole, absolute and exclusive jurisdiction in that state, no other grand lodge whatever can lawfully interfere with this jurisdiction, and can not establish lodge in such state, nor continue any authority over bodies over which it might properly have exercised prior to the organization of such grand lodge therein."

This doctrine has been held to apply in the case of Prince Hall grand lodge. But it is conclusively proven by the researchers of Upton and English Masonic scholars that a time in question this theory of exclusive jurisdiction was unknown. The fact that this colored body did not join with the white lodges of Massachusetts at the time of formation of that grand lodge cannot be held to affect its regularity.

Robert F. Gould, the greatest of Masonic historians, analyzing a similar case, says: "This step would not carry with it the stamp of irregularity as relating to the continued existence of a minority of lodges, large or small, which might decline to affiliate with the new organization. The status of these would be unimpaired by the act of the majority."

In the same connection, speaking of the American doctrine, Mr. Gould says: "Some of these authorities go so far as to maintain that if three out of ninety-nine lodges assemble and erect a grand lodge, the remaining ninety-six become irregular. This, of course, is a monstrous doctrine. The crux of the whole matter is thus expressed by Mr. Upton in his chapter upon the American doctrine: "But this much we may admit, that if such a law (of exclusive jurisdiction) existed in 1808, it must have been made by white Masons, for even if the negroes accepted such a law forty years later, the widest responsibility would hardly be placed on the negro lodges in existence in 1808 or any member of any of these lodges had, directly or indirectly, assented to any such doctrine as early as 1808. How then could that law be binding on the negro Masons? Will it be carried so far as to claim that white Masons could, at first, exclude the negro brethren from the lodge after their initiation, and then, having done this, proceed in these organizations, without the consent of the negroes to create a law that would bind negro Masons and render it impossible for them to continue their growth? Surely the proposition is too monstrous to be considered."

The same author takes up the question in detail as to later negro lodges and grand bodies and analyzes the proposition that the diffusion of negro Masonry in the newer states and territories is an unquestioned infringement, and that invading bodies are indisputably illegitimate. And of this he says: "The negroes having lawfully received the light of Masonry and being debarred from the organizations controlled by the whites, had both the right and the duty to provide ways and means to pass that light to their posterity; that as the white practically—and in many instances expressly—limited their operations to the white race, and the negroes practically limited theirs to the black race, there is no real conflict of jurisdiction between them; that most if not all of the so-called laws, with which their presence is supposed to conflict, the modern languages have been up by the whites, without their consent, and their rights to exist had never secured; that these laws are valid not only so long as they do not conflict with rights that are based upon the higher laws of the Masonic institution itself; and finally that the existence among the negroes of Masonry is lawful origin; its successful existence against the white form of opposition is practically a century of its existence and that as the intelligence, the morality, the ability and the consequent influence of the race increase, the inconsistency of position of the white organizations will become more and more apparent to all thinking minds."

Against the claim that negro grand lodges are clandestine this same authority gives apt argument. He says: "Authority From England. "If an American citizen 'jump' your homestead or mining claim, he does not by that act cease to be an American citizen, an the children on which he begets his heirs are not illegitimate because of the illegitimacy of the father. In like manner with the marriage laws—no one who marries another law he may violate. Just so, if England warrants a lodge in New South Wales, or Scotland, in Peru or New Zealand, or Hamburg, in New York; or if a lodge of Masons invades your 'territory,' England or the other lodges may be very unjust and unkind, and worthy of your hostility; but the invading grand lodges or their lodges do not lose any particle of their Masonic legitimate or clandestine, if the landmarks of Masonry are not violated—no matter what other laws or regulations or 'doctrines' are on raged. In the one case the man is a 'claim jumper'—but a citizen and the father of legitimate offspring; in the other the grand lodge is an 'invader'—but a regular grand lodge of Masons and the parent of legitimate and perfectly regular lodges and Masons."

The Gazette recognizes that the fact that this controversy is not one for the discussion in newspaper columns. It is believed, however, that presentation of the case from the viewpoint of colored Masons will be of interest—even to white members of the fraternity. It is not intended that this expert statement shall be accepted other than as a showing made by advocates of colored Masonry. To enter into the argument against their positions would mean becoming involved in a controversy where the writer would lack competency and knowledge and would be without adequate interest to our readers. The foregoing has relevancy because of the meeting now in progress in this city, and because many questions are asked as to the relation of colored Masons to their Caucasian brethren.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

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