A POLICEMAN WHO TALKED TOO MUCH

And Started A Nasty Scandal About Prominent Chicago Matron.

AS A RESULT HE LOSES HIS STAR.

Colonel Midnight Has His Say About John G. Jones And Some Others

Covington, Ky.—You have never had a letter from me at this point since you have been in the world, but I want you to have one today, and I hope that you will be able to read it, and see what I have to say. I am just so full of things until I do not know where to start.

I have been much puzzled to understand why people like so much to spread things that are not true. This has been in my head day by day. Then the world seems to be on the order of tearing down and parading the faults of those who are less fortunate. They like to read of the errors of others until it falls to them and they want it suppressed. I got to Chicago just in time to hear something about a big scandal. Did I say scandal, well not that, but a Negro policeman saw a woman in the station, and she looked a little like one of the prominent women of our race in Chicago, and nothing would do that big mouth man,, but what he must go and put it out that the woman was arrested for shop-lifting in one of the big stores in Chicago. It spread like wild fire all over the country. It had been going the rounds for a long time before the man heard about it. It had gone all over the country. People sent special delivery letters to their friends telling them about a prominent woman being arrested for shop-lifting They bowed their heads in horror, and I don't blame them it it had been true. Just as soon as the husband heard of it, he got busy, and offered a reward of one hundred dollars for the man or woman who started such a rumor. Well this has been a hard winter, and any one was willing to go up and tell where he got the information, hence it was not long before the guilty person was found.

Now what happened? Well he was called before the police trial board, and in this he lost his star. He is now where he will not start a rumor on another woman, because there was a woman in the world that looked a little like her. Such men should be punished. How many innocent people have suffered because of the wagging tongues of some of the people in this world. Well I spent a few days around Chicago, having an "Old Aunt Dolly Time." I spent Sunday morning with Rev. J. F. Thomas, preaching at his church and from there I went out to Evanston, speaking for a club, out there Sunday afternoon and preaching Sunday night. Next found me in another part of the world. I went to the Baptist church Sunday night, and returned to Chicago, where I found my private secretary awaiting my arrival.

Now what happened? Monday morning I went out to see Chicago and Monday evening spoke in Glencos, returning to Chicago. I was indeed delighted to see so many people. I enjoyed looking around much. I visited many of my friends around Chicago. Met John G. Jones of indignation fame, and he told me that he was getting ready to make it hot for the National Negro Businses League when it meets in Chicago next summer. He showed me the list of officers of the "Anti-Business League Society," and declared that it was just the thing.

Well, Lawyer Jones is noted for this. He is a regular distroyer when he can, but I would like to have him show to the world one thing that he did for the uplift and betterment of his people. He is simply a fault-finder, and it is easy to be this. I have said before and I repeat it now that I am not a defender of Booker T. Washington. I have no connection with Dr. Washington nor have I any with Tuskegee Institute. I am as free as the air I take into my lungs, but I admire Dr. Washington, because of what he has done, and what he is doing. I know he is a human being, and like other human beings he may have made some mistakes in dealing with this race business, and who is it that can deal with it without making some mistakes? Then it is out of the question to please all mankind. It matters not what you may say or do, some will be dissatisfied.

Now here is an organization that is doing something. It comes together and talks about business methods, and tells each of the business men about business, and then the men leave full of inspiration and hope. Men tell how they have brought something out of nothing, and with odds against them how they have struggled to the top, and the the other fellow who was despondent, took on new courage and went on up. But here is a man who hopes to make the world know that he is in it by fighting an agency that stands for something. He hopes to get his name in the big papers and that is all. I hope the writers will not pay any attention to him. It is not sure that I will be in the Business League in August.

Now for other things. I spent a day in Indianapolis, Ind., reaching there early in the morning and remaining until the next morning when I started for Cincinnati, and then right across the river to this place. Of course this is a Kentucky town, full of Bourbon, and ful of inspiration for the young people. Upon reaching Covington, I went around the streets looking into the windows, and then I went to the Lincoln-Grant public school. Upon reaching the building, I was greeted by the principal, Prof. W. H. Fouse.

I am sure that I have not told you anything about Prof. Fouse, but he is one of the factors in the educational world of this country, and he has some standing in the educational system. He came into the world via Westerville, Ohio, where he attended the public schools and then went to Ottervein University, where he got his finishing touch, and enterd the school room as an instructor. Cordydon, Ind.. Gallipolis, Ohio, and Covington, Ky., are the places where he has labored. He has been in this place for the past four years, rendering excellent service. He is fortunate in securing a good real wife, for he won the hand and heart of a Kentucky girl, Miss Lizzie B. Cook, a graduate from the State University, Louisville, Ky., under the late William J. Simmons, and I am told that she was a classmate of Charles Stewart, but I do not know much about this. I do know that she is a brainy woman, and when brains come in contact with brains then something is bound to happen.

Prof. Fouse is as steady as an old shoe. He is not a noisy man, but a busy man. Associated with him in the school work are Misses Sallie P. Frazier, E. E. Webster, M. E. Allen, T. E. Young, L. B. Smith, M. E. Bell, E. V. Kaye, G. E. Reed, L. L. Cruchfield, Mrs. Jessie Anderson, Profs. D. McLoud, M. Fleming, S. R. Showes, and Miss C. Mickens. They work together.

Now, it would not be out of order for me to tell you that many improvements have been made since Prof. Fouse has been in charge. Domestic science under Miss L. L. Crutchfield, commercial department, an orchestra, and an annex building at a cost of $3,500 and many other improvements that I will not have time to speak of this week, but you may expect to hear from me another time,..

Send all mail for me to 621 8th street, Louisville, Ky.

J. O. Midnight.

Mississippi Will Have But One Grand Lodge

Attempt to start Another Grand Lodgs Fustrated in Court

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Jackson, Miss.—According to the decision of the courts of Mississippi there will be but one Masonic Lodge, and that is the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge of which W. A. J. Morgan is Grand Master, and Charles Banks, of Mound Bayou, is secretary and treasurer of the Masonic Benefit Association.

Some time ago a few office seekers in the grand lodge failing to be elected to office attempted to organize another lodge in which they would have office. They went at it. Called to order others who were disgruntled and through promise o fat offices induced them to go into the organization. It was then that the Stringer Grand Lodge spoke up, and asked the courts to issue an order restraining them from taking the name. Date for trial was set. In the mean time the affairs of the Grand Lodge were looked into. Experts examined the books of Charles Banks the efficient secretary. Upon hearing the judge declared that the affairs of the office of the secretary were honestly and intelligently conducted and issued an order restraining the use of Masonic Grand Lodge by the Stringer.

In sending out the announcement to the craft, Hon. Chas. Banks says: "With malice towards none and charity for all, we will continued to do business at the same old stand and with your undivided support will land you in good trim at the 1912 Grand Lodge."

Pythians Start Loan and Investment Company

The Pythian Loan and Investment Association has been incorporated. Its object is to buy and sell houses and lend money on approved security. The capital stock is $100,000 divided into shares of $1 each. Meetings will be held every Friday night at Pythian Hall, 1138 Druid Hill avenue.

The officers are: W. I. Butler, Jr., president; W. R. Parker, vice president; William E. McKimore, secretary; Wiliam B. Brown, treasurer; W. Ashbie Hawkins, attorney.

Celebrate Fifth Anniversary of B. Y. P. U.

The fifth anniverary of the Baptist Young People's Union of the Cooperative Baptist Convention was observed at Macedonia Baptist Church from Sunday of Tuesday evening of last week, when it ended with a banquet.

Revs. D. G. Mack, A. B. Callis, and G. R. Waller were among those who dlivered addresses at the opening session Sunday afternoon. At the other sessions Revs. R. T. Reed, W. M. Aleaxnder, P. C. Neal, W. W. Allen, W. A. Creditt of Philadelphia, and S. S. Wormley were among those who delivered addresses. Dr. F. N. Cardozo, Mr. W. E. Watts, and Rev. D. G. Mack were among those who responded to toasts at the banquet. Mr. Thomas F. Jones was toastmaster

The officers of the union are: W. W. Jones, president; H. H. Jones, Mrs. H. Spriggs, and L. A. Jackson, vice president; S. H. Brown, Miss Emily Carter, and Mrs. V. Smith, secretaries; Delaware Williams, treasurer; Rev. S. S. Wormley, State organizer; J. E. Jones, chairman of the executive committee

Mrs. Martin Tendered A Reception.

The Women's Mite Missionary Society of Allen A. M. E. Church, along with a number of members and friends of the church, tendered Mrs. Rosa J. Martin a reception last Friday night.

A special program was rendered with Mrs. Mary F. Handy presiding. Mrs. Martin was presented a handsome silver tea set, after which a collation was served in the lecture room of the church. Mesdames Mary Handy, Minnie L. Gaines, L. S. Flagg, S. M. Johnson, Emma L. Norris, E. L. Stepteau, R. E. Ford, and J. P. Powell were among the ministers' wives present.

The committee of arrangements follows: Mesdames M. Oliver, chairman; M. Bowen, recording secretary; H. Wells; financial secretary; M. Lee, E. Guy, E. Cook, M. Holland, and S. Stansbury.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hayns gave a reception at their home, 1340 N. Carey street, Thursday evening of last week. The many guests present enjoyed themselves in various diversions until a late hour.

Dr- Lyons Banquetted

A recepton was given to Dr. Ernest Lyon, pastor of John Wesley M. E. Church, and the officials of the church Wednesday evning.

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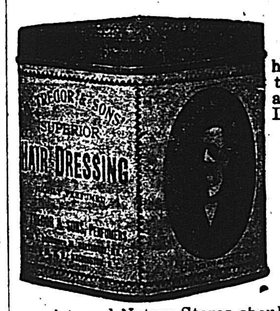

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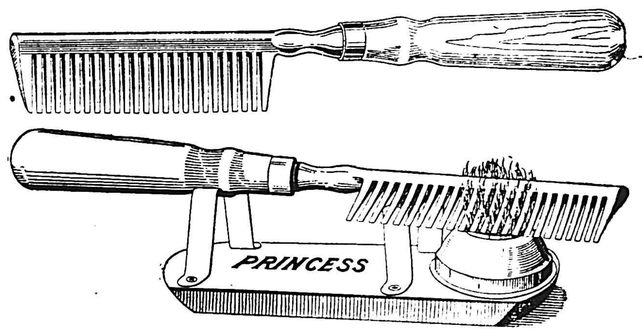

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