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DECISION FAVORS E. P. JONES.

National Baptist Convention Controversy Settled by a Judge in Chicago.

Chicago.—A decision rendered in the courts of this city the second week in January by Judge Smith sustained the demurrer of Attorneys Walter M. Farmer of this city and William Harrison of Oklahoma City, recognizing the National Baptist convention, of which the Rev. E. P. Jones, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., was elected president. It will be remembered that during the month of September, 1915, the Baptists held a convention in this city and divided into two parts over a charter got out by seven men.

A majority of 150 or more votes in the convention showed that the strength of the convention was against the charter, whereupon the Rev. Dr. E. C. Morris, president, and his followers left the chair, and the convention immediately elected Dr. E. P. Jones and an entirely new set of officers. The incorporated convention led by Dr. Morris got out an injunction to prevent the Jones people from using the name National Baptist convention.

The case has been hanging fire for some time. The decision by the court is far-reaching, as it tears down and virtually eliminates the incorporated faction as a national body. The contest was sharp and prolonged. Able counsel represented both sides, but in the demurrer offered by the attorneys for the Jones faction every contention made and the five points of law presented were upheld.

President Jones was reached by wire in Philadelphia and expressed himself as being well pleased, declaring that he knew the will of the majority of the Baptists would be sustained. It is said that this decision puts the incorporated faction to rout. It is learned that President Jones will call a meeting of his advisers, consisting of the chairmen and the secretaries of the various boards, together with the elective officers, to meet in Nashville at an early date.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE NEGRO

Davis Writes Thrilling Poem In Memory of Dr. Washington.

The "Battle Hymn of the Negro" was written by William H. Davis of Washington and is dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. Mr. Davis is the official stenographer for the National Negro Business league, in which position he has rendered valuable service.

The "Battle Hymn of the Negro" is to be sung to the tune of Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The hymn:

Our eyes have seen the glory of a Booker Washington.

He has fought a swordless battle for the cause of right and won.

He has made his race respected, though his life on earth is done

His truth is marching on!

CHORUS.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
"Our Booker Washington!"

We have seen him in the watchfires of our race's bitter woes

Beating down the flames of prejudice and making friends of foes.

We have heard his forceful pleadings, and our racial progress shows

The work of Washington.

We have heard his loving gospel urging "Brotherhood of Men."

"Mutual helpfulness" his doctrine, preached by action, tongue and pen.

Whites and blacks should live together—not as enemies, but friends,

For God is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that would never call retreat,

Prove yourselves useful Americans and never fear defeat.

Oh, be swift our souls to answer, make the victory complete

Of Booker Washington.

In the hills of "old Virginia" he was born in poverty,

With ambition in his bosom, even "up from slavery."

As he died to lift men higher, teach our children then to see

The truths of Washington!

STATE TEACHERS TO MEET.

Virginia Educators Arrange Fine Program For Session at Danville, Va.

Danville, Va.—Plans are being perfected by a committee for the entertainment of the State Teachers' association and the School Improvement league, which will hold a joint meeting in this city for two days, beginning on Thursday, March 2. The officials of

these two organizations are arranging a program for the various sessions to be held, which will be most interesting and helpful to the delegates and visitors, who are expected to attend in large numbers.

The features of the meeting this year will be a department for school principals and a department for teachers of industrial branches. These departmental sections will take up for discussion subjects which directly concern school principals and industrial teachers.

Mr. R. C. Stearns, superintendent of the department of public instruction, will be one of the chief speakers at the public meeting. Other prominent educators thus far secured for this event are Major Robert R. Moton, state supervisor of education; Arthur D. Wright, Dr. Lewis B. Moore, dean of the Teachers' college at Howard university; Dr. George P. Phoenix, vice president of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural institute, and Professor John M. Gandy, president of the normal school at Petersburg, Va.

Missouri Masonic Relief Board.

The Masonic fraternity in Missouri has always given special attention to relief work among its members. Among the members of the relief board at St. Louis are Grand Master Nelson C. Crews, W. H. Dixon, R. A. James, Crittenden Clark, Harry Walker, W. H. Jones and William W. Fields.

Where King Jugurtha and St. Paul Were Immured.

The reputed place of St. Paul's long imprisonment, the Forum, is the center of the noblest ruin of Rome. Not far from the center of the busy, noisy, modern city rise the scarred ruins of her ancient glory. Here are the temple of Saturn, with its eight columns; the often copied three columns of the temple of Castor and Pollux, the arch of Septimius Severus, the temples of Vesta and Caesar and many other famous ruins, and beyond are the palaces of the Caesars. Not far away is the magnificent column of Trajan, 147 feet in height, around which run reliefs of the emperor's wars, containing, it is said, over 2,500 sculptured human figures.

Close to the entrance to the Forum, this most wonderful collection of the ruined monuments of ancient times, is a small church called the Church of St. Giuseppe del Falegnani. Under this church are two dungeons, an upper and a lower, called the Mamertine prison, and from a hole in the upper chamber prisoners were lowered into the noisome hole below, sometimes to perish miserably of starvation, as did Jugurtha, king of Numidia, with whom schoolboys become so familiar in their first year of Latin.

In this dungeon, uncounted thousands of Christians believe, St. Paul and St. Peter were immured, and every year on the night of the 4th of July representatives of all the churches of Rome assemble by torchlight and "in solemn silence kneel in front of the traditional pillar."—Christian Herald.

ART WORK IN WOOD.

A Striking Cameo Effect and How It Was Produced.

"I saw a new thing in the art line the other day which surprised me and, I may also say, pleased me," said an art resort dilettante in a group of kindred spirits. "It was what the artist called a wood cameo, and it was something I had never seen before.

"That it was wood did not appear as it hung on the wall, and I asked him for particulars. It was about a foot square with an oval center, containing a bas-relief of a Greek goddess. The square was in ebony and mahogany and the head in white wood.

"He had secured his cameo effects by first building up his square with the three layers, glued and pressed so tightly that there were no marks of cleavage, and had cut through them exactly as cameo carvers cut through the usual shell cameos. The ebony front was plain, but finely polished, and the entire effect was excellent.

"He told me it was his first finished work, though he had been practicing for two years, and, while he was not entirely satisfied with it, there was considerable consolation to him in the fact that he had an offer of \$100 whenever he wanted to dispose of it."—New York Sun.



Hon. A. B. White Announces Himself For U. S. Senator

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF BERKELEY COUNTY:

Friends:

When one stops to consider that in 1912 the highest vote cast for a Republican nominee for a state office was 132,513 one can readily realize the physical impossibility that confronts a Republican candidate, in the course of the next four months, to get in touch with all of the members of his own party, either by letter or meeting them personally. It would be a pleasure to me to write and have the opportunity of meeting every Republican in the state and have a heart to heart talk before the primary. I shall endeavor to get in touch with the Republican voters in every honorable way and intend to make an extensive speaking tour and I desire to extend to all a most hearty and cordial personal invitation to attend any meeting I may address in their vicinity in order that I may have the privilege and pleasure of greeting in person as many as possible. It is hoped that no one will become offended because of not receiving a personal letter but, on the other hand, I hope to receive the hearty support and active co-operation of my friends, as well as all who may feel kindly toward my candidacy. I want to assure one and all that I shall sincerely appreciate all efforts in my behalf.

It is needless for me to say that I have been a Republican all my life and am proud of the fact that in the past I have had the pleasure and opportunity of speaking and participating in every campaign since 1881, fighting for the cause and for the principles of the Republican party in its struggles in West Virginia, commencing my efforts when we were in a hopeless minority and conditions most discouraging. For eighteen years I conducted an ag-

gressive Republican daily newspaper.

When I was honored in 1900 by being elected Governor of our State I received a majority of 18,572 or over 6,500 more than has ever been received by a Republican nominee for the gubernatorial chair. It was an honor conferred upon me for which I have always been duly thankful and as to whether or not I sincerely endeavored to be faithful to the trust imposed and to serve the people to the best of my ability I leave to your decision. My past record is an open book, both as a private citizen and a public servant, and I ask as one of your number, if you think me trustworthy and possessing the ability to serve you in the high office of United States Senator, that I may be honored at your hands by receiving the nomination for that position.

I announced my candidacy on July 28th, stating that providence permitting, I shall be a candidate and ask the people of our State to honor me by an expression of their confidence at the polls, regardless of who else may also become a candidate for the office of United States Senator. Allow me to emphatically say that I shall not be a candidate of any faction, class or interest. I shall ask and hope for the vote of Republicans of all walks of life and shall welcome and appreciate the support of all, and if nominated and elected, shall consider the rights of the people and endeavor to give fair play and a square deal to all. I now repeat that I have not become the candidate of any faction but am making my appeal to all of the Republicans of West Virginia and I have been amply assured and feel convinced that my candidacy tends to promote harmony within the ranks of our party. I want to see the

SENTRIES FOR CHURCHES.

A Custom Forced by Native Feuds in the Melanesian Islands.

In the Melanesian islands the natives carry on feuds with a more relentless hatred even than the vendettistes of Corsica. In these islands Christianity has been made, at least in outward aspect, the religion of the people.

That it really does mean something to the Melanesian is evidenced by the reply I received from an intelligent old chief when I asked him why he did not become a Christian.

"I'm to be," he said, "when I kill the devil who kill my boy five years ago."

So relentlessly are these feuds carried on that it is the custom for a native of wealth with a grievance against another, but who finds it impossible or inexpedient to kill his enemy and secure his head himself, to hire a professional murderer and pay him upon the delivery of the head.

Republican party entrenched behind the "Fortress of Harmony" and whether I am successful or not in my efforts I shall labor in season and out of season to that end, as I have done in the past.

In making their nominations every Republican should bear in mind that "Yesterday's successes belong to yesterday, with all of yesterday's defeats and sorrows; the day is here; the time is now" and put his shoulder to the wheel and interest himself in nominating the men as standard bearers who will bring success and continue to make possible future victories.

My only platform is Republican principles and the pledge to endeavor to live faithful to the trust, and it is upon the question of ability and availability for the party's future that Republicans must submit their case for the decision of the members of their party.

I shall be pleased to hear from all and earnestly ask for and hope that I may be honored with your support, which will be greatly appreciated.

Very cordially yours,
ALBERT B. WHITE.

Parkersburg, W. Va.

February 1, 1916.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Ex-Governor Albert B. White was born September 22nd, 1856; graduated from Marietta College, Ohio, with honors, in 1878; was in newspaper business in Indiana prior to purchasing the State Journal of Parkersburg, which he bought in 1881 and made a daily out of it two years later and remained its editor until retiring in July 1899; served as U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue for West Virginia from 1889 to 1893 and again from July, 1897, to January, 1901; served as Governor from 1901 to 1905; State Tax Commissioner from April 1st, to December 31st, 1907; at present is engaged in manufacturing business at Parkersburg; President of National Editorial Association of the United States, 1887-8.

In November, 1900, his majority was 18,572 over John H. Holt; his majority still stands as the highest ever given a Republican candidate for Governor, which majorities were as follows; 1896, Atkinson 12070; 1900, White, 18572; 1904, Dawson, 9,083; 1908, Glasscock, 11,833, and 1912 Hatfield, 8,770,