# COLUMBUS FOLK ARE PROGRESSIVE

## Pythians Solve Housing Problem at Ohio Capital.

## VICTORY FOR LOCAL ORDER

**Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee Puts Quietus on Wild Rumor of Inadequate Accommodations For Delegates and Visitors to Mammoth Pythian Encampment In August.**

Columbus.—The problem of securing sufficient homes and hotel accommodations for the delegates and visitors to the great meeting of the Knights of Pythias to be held in this city in August is rapidly being solved by the supreme lodge local committee here. The gathering marks the eighteenth biennial session of the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias of the World and the eighth biennial session of the encampment of the uniform rank department and also the sixteenth biennial session of the Supreme Court of Calanthe.

The problem at first appeared a little difficult to the executive committee, but it quickly decided upon a plan, under which the city has been divided into districts and two or three members of the committee assigned to work in each district. As a result of this system, which has been operated with a high degree of accuracy, accommodations for more than 15,000 persons have already been secured. The committee is directing a progressive campaign, and records at headquarters show that accommodations for more than 15,000 people were reported as early as June 1. When the cards are all tabulated, which are due to be filed July 10 to [illegible] homes for over 25,000 persons will [illegible]

[illegible] people of this city more [illegible] were able to accommodate adequately the B. M. C. [illegible] organization of the Grand United Odd Fellows, which brought to this city some 25,000 or 30,000 visitors, although there were rumors then that the colored people would not be able to take care of such a large convention. The colored citizens of this city a little less than seven years ago accommodated the national Baptist convention, the largest of its kind among our people.

The colored people of Columbus will accommodate adequately and comfortably the Knights of Pythias and the members of the Court of Calanthe and visitors who will attend this convention. All of the subordinate lodges and courts of Calanthe and the Columbus chamber of commerce have contributed money to help make the supreme session and encampment a success. The colored people in general are cooperating with the local committee in the furtherance of the cause of making the session a successful one. The citizens' committee, consisting of representative prominent members of different fraternal orders of the city who are not members of the Knights of Pythias, have accepted positions as members of the citizens' committee and are cooperating daily with the executive committee.

When the B. M. C. and the national Baptist convention convened in this city seven years ago it has been [illegible] the colored people of this city were not able to accommodate the enthusiastic throng of people. [illegible] Lee was in charge of the catering department of the Spring Street branch of the Young Men's Christian association, he has been granted permission by the committee of management of the Spring Street association to use the main auditorium for dining purposes during the week of the convention. More than 150 people will be taken care of at one time under this new arrangement. Professor J. H. Jackson, the executive secretary of the Spring Street branch of the Young Men's Christian association, reported that he will be able to accommodate some fifty or seventy-five men with rooms.

Special notice has been received by the local committee that the Missouri brigade uniform rank, over 700 strong, in a splendidly equipped special train, with a commissary car attached, will leave St. Louis Aug. 14, at 11 a. m., over the B. and O. Southwestern railroad for this city under the command of Assistant Adjutant Frank Ferguson and Brigadier General William H. Butler. A similar notice has been received by the committee that the Pittsburgh brigade uniform rank, over 600 strong, will leave Pittsburgh in a special car Aug. 15.

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Professor J. H. P. Brock, principal of the school, is a graduate of Dickinson college. When he took the examination in Philadelphia two years ago for the position of supervising principal in the public schools he obtained the highest average of the large number of men taking the examination.

# W. R. VALENTINE HONORED.

**Citizens' Union of Montclair, N. J., Dines Brilliant Young Educator.**

BY WYATT EUGENE TYLER.

Montclair, N. J.—The Citizens' union of this town tendered a splendid reception in honor of Professor and Mrs. W. R. Valentine on Thursday, July 1, at Leach's hall, which was attended by many well known men and women who are interested in the educational work of our race. Professor Valentine has recently been appointed principal of the Bordentown (N. J.) industrial school, a state institution for the education of colored youth. The function was one of the most notable held by the Citizens' union since it entertained Dr. Booker T. Washington and participated in Labor day lists on the occasion of his tour of the state.

The program, which the committee on arrangements had prepared, was delightfully carried out, the speakers being the presidents of the [illegible]

W. R. VALENTINE.

[illegible] Mandolin [illegible] Osborne [illegible] state [illegible] dress of welcome [illegible] J. C. Lowe [illegible] the church [illegible] ern, Barber [illegible] F. J. Handy, George [illegible] member of the [illegible] school, Mr. C. A. [illegible] Mr. W. H. Foster [illegible] high praise [illegible] Professor Valentine's success.

The committee [illegible] reception, consisted of [illegible] named persons with R. W. Tate, Esq., as chairman, Harrison Tate [illegible] and Moses N. Bowen as [illegible]

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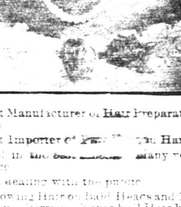

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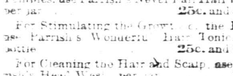

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