

NEGROES THANKFUL FOR AID TO SCHOOL

Passed Strong Resolutions at
Prairie View Congress.

President's Annual Address Delivered to Negro Farmers at Third Day's Session of Annual Meeting.

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PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas, July 26.—The third day's session of the Texas Colored State Farmers Congress opened Friday morning. At this meeting the president delivered his annual address to the farmers, in which he urged that they learn improved methods of farming and that more attention be given to correct man-aging of their homes and rearing their children. He urged the young men to stand for strict morality and pleaded with the fathers for a strong develop-ment of character in their sons and daughters. Prof. C. H. Waller, head of agricultural department, gave a very in-structive lecture on scientific farming. He named three ways of obtaining informa-tion on farming, namely, by observation, practical experiment and scientific in-vestigation. He urged that the colored farmers should learn farming in a sci-entific way. R. L. Smith, president of the Farmers Improvement society of Tex-ss, presented Mr. Johnson, a delegate from Huntsville, who exhibited a mini-ature bust of Professor Blackshear which he had carved. Mr. Johnson is an un-educated man, but seems to have a spe-cial talent for artistic work of this kind. The statue was presented to Professor Blackshear by W. H. Hightower.

B. L. BLACKSHEAR RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

On motion of W. H. Wilson of Brazoria county, E. L. Blackshear was unanimous-ly re-elected as president of the State Negro Farmers Congress. The congress in a body visited the canning plant which is still in operation and which will have canned over 12,000 cans of vegetables by the time the season is over. The officers of the farmers congress for the next year were elected and are as follows: E. L. Blackshear, president; Sully Smith Sr., Burleson county, vice president; W. H. Wilson, Brazoria, recording secretary; H. J. Mason, corresponding secretary; G. A. Mayo, Washington, treasurer; C. H. Wal-ler, State organizer, and D. Porter, as-sistant State organizer.

The agricultural department had pre-pared an old-fashioned barbecue at which the entire congress as well as the student body were given dinner. The afternoon session was addressed by Hon. J. D. Da-vis, State health officer, who spoke along the lines of need for greater sanitation and greater care as to health in the pre-vention of diseases. His talk was both interesting and instructive.

Judging from the interest manifested and the attendance, this is the most in-spiring session the congress has ever had and the outlook for great practical re-sults is encouraging indeed.

CONGRESS PASSED STRONG RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed:
Whereas, The thirty-fourth legislature passed and Governor James E. Ferguson approved the large appropriation, amounting to more than a quarter of a million dollars, for the maintenance of the Prairie View State Normal and In-dustrial college for the next two years; and

Whereas, This is the largest govern-mental appropriation ever made for a negro State institution by any State in the Union, be it

Resolved That we the members of the Texas Negro Farmers' congress, do here-by express our gratitude to the members of the thirty-fourth legislature and to the governor of Texas, Hon. James E. Fergu-son, for this act in behalf of negro educa-tion at Prairie View.

Resolved, further, That in view of Gov-ernor Ferguson's successful advocacy of the million-dollar rural school bill and for the compulsory education bill we recog-nize in him the greatest political force for the advancement of education which Texas or the South has produced, and

Resolved, further, That we urge upon our people everywhere to take the best possible advantage of educational oppor-tunities which improvements now going on in the educational system of Texas will afford to them to the end that the children of the negro race may be better prepared for usefulness and fully imbued with the spirit and desire to be of service to the State.

W. H. Wilson,
D. Porter.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO WHITE PEOPLE.

The meeting at which this second reso-lution was adopted was presided over by Prof. D. Porter of Brenham, who is also president of the Brenham Industrial col-lege.

Whereas, the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial college, established by the constitution of Texas and maintained by the legislature, is an indispensable insti-