

THE BRETHREN DREW REVOLVERS.

Riotous Scenes at the Meeting of Colored Masons of Illinois.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 9.—[Special.]— The Grand Lodge of Colored Masons of Illinois and jurisdiction assembled in Peoria this morning in its twenty-second annual session. There are present delegates from all parts of the State from Chicago to Cairo. Soon after coming to order at 10 o'clock Theodore W. Jones of Chicago, a member of the Grand Lodge who had been expelled from the order by Most Worshipful Grand Master H. L. Bartholomew, attempted to come into the lodge, and a row resulted. Angry words and blows were exchanged and revolvers drawn, until finally the police were called in to quell the disturbance. They let Jones go and arrested Deputy Grand Master Thomas Smith of Chicago and Grand Tyler Henry McClain of Chicago. The expulsion was for a period of ninety-nine years for unmasonic conduct in divulging secrets of the Grand Lodge. It has been revoked for the present, but the matter will come up again before the session is over. George N. Bailey of Braidwood, State Grand Lecturer, has also been suspended by the Deputy Grand Master for three years for violation of the Masonic laws. The session bids fair to be stormy, and no work has as yet been done beyond the reading of the Grand Master's report, which was tabled.