

White Caps

Have Organized and are Secretly at Work in our City

Three weeks ago there were several secret and suspicious meetings held at a certain hall in the city, and so mysterious was the conduct of those who went in and out that no little attention was attracted. It was thought to be merely a committee which was discussing plans to secure legislation, but latter developments have changed that belief as it would now appear that a regular band of White Caps has been organized in the city, as the following note received by the Salvation Army would indicate:

To the Salvation Army, North Lansing, Mich:



You are hereby notified to evacuate the town at once. (Signed)
COMMITTEE OF WHITE CAPS

One other letter has been received by a certain townsman, in which dire vengeance is threatened in the wishes of the organization are not immediately complied with.

Information has also reached us that a certain female who figured so prominently in a recent scandal which culminated so tragically has received the compliments of the White Cap fraternity, but the party denies the receipt of any such notice. **State Republican**
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If anyone doubts the existence of the White Caps they need only consult Charles Wheatley, of North Lansing, who was victimized. He was captured and taken to a remote part of the city by a gang of men unknown to him, when the soft side of the stave was industriously plied upon his person where it would do the most good. **State Republican**
3/22/1889

THE WHITE CAPS
Are After the State Stationer—Frank, Get Your Gun.

The following was found in one of the waste baskets at the Capitol this morning:
Office of the White Caps.

To Frank Albright:

You have warning by this note to conduct yourself properly before ——. We are onto you. Behave or we will meet you at some unexpected time.

WHITE CAPS

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(Editors note Frank T Albright was the Stationer, for the Michigan House of Representative 1889-1890.)

Editors Note: This is the last mention of the White Caps I have found. They either faded away or were disrupted by the local police.