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A Happy New Year

EARTH IS ENOUGH

By Edwin Markham

WE MEN of Earth have here the
Stuff

Of Paradise—we have enough!
We need no other thing to build
The Stairs into the Unfulfilled—
No other ivory for the doors—
No other marble for the floors—
No other cedar for the beam
And dome of man's immortal dream
HERE on the paths of every day—
Here on the common human way
Is all the busy gods would take
To build a Heaven, to mould and
make
New Edens. Ours the stuff sub-
lime
To build Eternity in time!

"ALL THE PEOPLE GETTING TOGETHER"

By Lincoln Steffens

I have successively pinned my faith to three hopes of salvation for the city. First, hope in salvation of the city through one good man, a man exerting such an influence for righteousness as will galvanize the whole municipality into righteous life.

But I saw that good men die, and that their ideals do not live forever after them.

Then I thought that salvation would come through all the good people banding together and fighting shoulder to shoulder. But I found that it wouldn't work. The hypocrisy that permeates the ranks of those whom it is conventional to call the good people always works disaster to such movements.

Lastly, I have come to hope in all the people getting together. I am convinced that it is the only way. That is the idea of the social center movement.

REV. R. C. BEDFORD DEAD. A FRIEND OF TUSKEGEE GONE

Rev. R. C. Bedford of Beloit, Wis., whose sudden death from heart trouble occurred in this city Sunday, had been for years one of the moving spirits of the Tuskegee Institute, over which Booker T. Washington presides. Bedford was secretary of the Board of Trustees, and manager of the institute's finance department. He was also trustee of the several affiliated schools, and has done much for the elevation of the colored race. He was born in England; graduated from Beloit College in 1872 and was ordained a preacher in the Congregational church. A widow and several children survive. John, a son, is connected with the government Forestry Service in Montana. Mrs. T. D. Woolsey of Beloit, is a daughter.

LIBERIA INSTALLS PRESIDENT HOWARD

Crowds Witness Ceremony of In- auguration of Successor to Bar- clay

(By Associated Press Leased Wire)
Monrovia, Liberia, Jan. 1.—
President Daniel Howard was in-
augurated today as chief executive of

the republic of Liberia, succeeding President Barclay, who for eight years had occupied the office.

President Howard, after taking the oath, read his inaugural address in which he expressed satisfaction that the protracted negotiations in connection with the finances of the country had been brought to a conclusion through the sympathetic interest of the United States, Great Britain and other powers.

Crowds of citizens came from all parts of the country to greet their new president and Monrovia was full of life and color. Natives of various tribes came from the interior, their primitive garb contrasting strongly with that of the women of the city, who were dressed in Arabian costumes of vari-colored silks.

IMPORTANT TO WOMEN

For the purpose of voting at the presidential preference primary in May, early registration is a matter of importance to all who are not at present registered. This applies especially to women residing outside the city of Los Angeles. All the 85,000 Los Angeles women who registered for the municipal election will be entitled to vote at the May primary, whether re-registered or not. But the registration of women in the smaller cities and in the rural districts has been scant. It will be necessary for every woman who wants to vote at the presidential primary, but who is now unregistered, to become registered without delay. The county clerk calls attention to

the general statute under which registration for any given primary or general election closes 30 days before such election is held. This would cause registration for the May primary to close April 14.

Another point to which particular attention should be given by women residing in the smaller towns and districts is that school elections take place on the first Friday in April while municipal elections in all sixth class cities take place on the second Monday in April.

Dates of Elections

The presidential preference primary will be held Tuesday, May 14.

The state and local nominating primary will be held on Tuesday, September 3.

The general, or presidential and state election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Talks on Beauty -or- How to Improve our Personal Appearance Martha Kenall-

HABIT:—ITS RELATION TO PHYSICAL TRAINING

In looking for physical perfection it is not a question of how large or how small but how symmetrical; two persons may be of the same height nearly the same weight and still vary greatly in apparent size, as one has large bones and the other small, it would be reasonable to say that the weight should be the same but both frames should be well covered, easily rounded, every muscle active and flexible. Then we are on the road to physical perfection. It is on the same principle as a circle, no matter how large or how small it still has its regular proportions. Most of this symmetrical development depends on

continued activity that aims to develop health and general efficiency more than mere strength.

In all the countries of Europe, excepting England, men are compelled to spend from three months to twelve years in the army; they always show the effects of this discipline in their steady eye, springy swinging step and martial bearing. America is meeting this demand for training in her West Point, her Annapolis. And every city boasts of its military school for boys. The effect of all this is that the person so trained accomplishes more with a less expenditure of energy, has greater endurance, greater poise (something that gives dignity because of perfect control) and he stands out—looks different—from the crowd of humanity that has not had it. In the female colleges and particularly in Seminaries and private schools a similar training is going on to meet the need of the gentler sex. All of us would be better for this finishing touch but all cannot be so fortunate. We can, however, set ourselves to forming habits that will be helpful and pleasing. Habit is a mental path over which our actions have traveled from time to time and each time travelled the path gets deeper until a groove is formed. Anything becomes a habit when it is enacted or gone through with so many times that it can be accomplished without direct thought. Let us begin to get the habit of a better carriage, sitting correctly, getting up from a chair easily and gracefully and standing correctly. We don't need a teacher for these if we use our eyes and PRACTICE, PRACTICE until it becomes a habit. The weight should be on the ball of the foot, shoulders back but not up and chest high, abdomen in and knees straight. Now assume this position and then relax enough to take the stiffness out of it and start walking with the idea of giving your chest, not your head or your shoulders or your stomach, to the world. Let the limbs swing from the hip putting the weight of the body always on the ball of the foot.

THE FOOL'S PARADISE HEARD FROM

EDUCATION AND EDUCATED NEGROES DENOUNCED

That cesspool of ignorance and venality known as the Forum and better known from its actions as the "Fool's Paradise," named its chief and near chief last Sunday. Most of the time was spent in extoling the unlimited knowledge of the chief. Not to be outdone in bidding for the favors of the chair, lawyers Tylor hopped up and added to the levity of the occasion by stating that the chief possessed a judicial temperament to an exceedingly high degree. This brought the president to his feet. He, all through the siege, had sat wreathed in smiles like a school boy in knee breeches at a school exhibition where the said boy was the leading star. He proceeded at length to testify to the truthfulness of all that had been said concerning his superior knowledge and statesmanship. He said that he could hardly suppress the joy it gave him to know that his wisdom and rare statesmanship had been discovered before his death—a pleasure that so few of the world's statesmen ever enjoyed.

Jones Shows Fight

The nomination of A. J. Jones for vice-president called forth the first serious remark. Mr. J. W. Coleman arose and objected to the nomination on the grounds that Jones was incompetent. Mr. Jones scrambled to his feet and snorted like a wild buck, and in self-eulogy he outdid the president. He said he could draw his check for a larger sum than any other Negro in the city. He said he could buy a whole hog-pen full of Negroes like Coleman. Mr. Jones regards himself as the Rockefeller of these parts. All things considered, to say that any man, outside of the insane asylum, is incompetent to preside at the Forum's meetings is certainly putting a very low estimate upon his

ability. Mr. Jones realized this and roared like an African lion. He finally subsided and the meeting was thrown open for thoughtless talks. One young man, prominent in Y. M. C. A. circles got the floor and opened a tirade of abuse upon educated Negroes. He said among other things that the colleges were ruining the Negroes and that college bred Negroes were filling the penitentiaries. His false and insulting statement provoked such a storm of applause that the sargeant—at—arms had to restore order.

In the crowd taking part in that mess were the secretary of the Colored Y. M. C. A., a college man, lawyer Tylor from Harvard and a number of high school students. It was not the speaker, but the applause his insult elicited showed the character of the crowd composing that body.

The man who made the statement and many of those who applauded him are members of the Y. M. C. A. If that's their view of education and educated Negroes, why build a hundred thousand dollar Y. M. C. A.? Why allow the Negro boys and girls attending the high schools to continue?

How any man claiming to be educated can visit that place from Sunday to Sunday and listen to such stuff is beyond comprehension.

O, yes, to say that a man of Mr. Jones' caliber is not competent to preside over the Forum is enough to make him fight.

TAYLOR THROWN DOWN

That bunch treated lawyer Taylor so cool after it leaked out that he was a candidate for the legislature, that he made himself scarce. In making their emancipation program they ignored Taylor entirely. Attorney Tyler, although occupying the seat from which Taylor has been kicked, was also overlooked in the program-making. Now if Tyler can convince them that the time he spent in school was so much time thrown away, he

will prove his fitness to lead them. Will he "come across?"

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mrs. Le Roy D. Barnett left on the 25th of December for Detroit, Michigan to attend the funeral of her father who died suddenly. Mr. R. C. Davis, Mrs. Barnett's father, was one of the most prominent men in that city.

The memorial services held at the Mount Zion Baptist church were attended by a large audience. The services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Hill, pastor, in a very impressive manner.

The Emancipation services held at Wesley Chapel on the first were attended by a good sized audience. The crowd was much smaller than that of two years ago, due very largely to the policy of those who were in charge. A narrow prescriptive policy may gratify those pursuing it, but it does not build up the best interests of the community.

You cannot promote intelligence by putting it under a ban.

Mrs. Booth, a much loved member of the Eighth street Christian Church, passed to her reward last Thursday. She will be greatly missed as she was ever faithful to the cause of the church. She was the mother of Mr. George Booth, one of the leading young men and workers of that church.

ELKS ELECT OFFICERS

On December 27th, 1911, Golden West Lodge, No. 86, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, elected the following officers:—

G. Walter Snell, Exalted Ruler; Chas. S. Darden, Esteemed Loyal Knight; G. R. Loving, Esteemed Loyal Knight; W. A. Shields, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; L. P. Ashford, Esquire; J. W. Jackson, Tiler; Bro. Boone, Inner Guard; Fred Allen, Recording Secretary; Fred M. Roberts, Financial Secre-

tary; Rev. W. M. Shiply, Chaplain; W. M. Shelton, Treasurer.

THE LYCEUM PROGRAM

On January 7th, 1912, The People's Lyceum—Masonic Temple, 1209 Central Ave.—at 4 p. m. sharp, will render the following program:

1st paper—Mrs. J. C. Moore. The Negro Woman the Mother of Civilization.

2nd—Solo. Mrs. Mabel G. Walker. Davis.

3rd—Miss Bessie Bruington. Negro Children in the Public School

4th—Mrs. Allen, Allensworth. Race Progress in the City of Allensworth.

5th—Miss Bessie Williams, Violin Solo.

6th—Remarks.

There will be a grand leap year social at the Y. M. C. A. on the tenth. Everybody invited. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

We regret to learn of the destruction by fire of Mr. Ben Collier's home near Lomare, Cal. Mr. Collier was formerly a citizen of this city.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The Liberator extends to its happy and generous family of readers, best wishes for their success for this and succeeding years.

Twelve years ago, next April, The Liberator made its first visit to a thousand homes in this city and county, and received a welcome that has grown more cordial with each succeeding visit. At the demand of its readers, this journal changed its monthly visits to weekly visits and still the demand is made for more frequent calls.

We hope some day, by re-enforcing its editorial department with the infusion of new and more vigorous blood to fulfill every demand of a generous public.

For the generous support the people have given this journal we return our sincere thanks.

Happy New Year to all.

A MAMMOTH EDITION COMING

The twelfth anniversary edition of *The Liberator* will be published April 1st. It will be a mammoth edition and will contain hundreds of portraits of the leading colored men of the state. Ministers, lawyers, Doctors, Merchants and men who are making their marks in many callings. In men who have done things, California leads the Pacific Coast. Cuts of many of the splendid homes owned by the colored people will also appear. Churches, lodges, stores and offices of our business and professional men and women will testify as to the Negro's splendid achievements in this wonderland of the great west. How a mere handful of colored people in this city grew to 20,000 in 15 years, accumulating

millions of wealth will be graphically told.

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Full account of the New Year's ball will appear in the next issue. Those wanting extra copies must order them in advance.

THE PEOPLE'S LYCEUM ELECTS OFFICERS

At its meeting held last Sunday, the Lyceum elected the following officers:—J. Thomas Norris, president; Rev. E. F. Henderson, vice-president; Morgan T. White, secretary; J. L. Edmonds, corr. sec., Mrs. Della B. Snell, Treas; Rev. Jas. G. Edmonds, Chaplain.

WILL SPEAK AT THE LYCEUM

The Lyceum will entertain the public with a splendid program next Sunday the 7th. Miss Bessie Bruington, the first colored teacher in the city and teacher of the 52nd Street School, will read a paper. The address of the day will be delivered by Miss J. C. Moore.

Good music. The public is cordially invited. All seats free.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All wedding and social write ups occupying more than an inch space will be charged for at 35 cents per inch.

THE LIBERATOR'S FREE LOT CONTEST TO OPEN JAN. 1, 1912.

All persons wishing to enter *The Liberator's* Free Lot Contest must send in their names at once. Contest will open January 1, 1912. No member of the Editor's family or any person financially interested in this paper can enter the contest. All other persons are eligible and can get credentials on application. But each application must be endorsed by one or more reputa-

ble persons, certifying to the good character of the applicant.

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REV. KELSEY DEAD

Rev. Kelsey, pastor of the First Baptist church at Venice, died on the 30th of December. Death was due to dropsy of the heart. Rev. Kelsey was doing good work in the bay district where his untimely death will entail a lose to the community.

It is hoped that Rev. Kelsey will be succeeded at once by a

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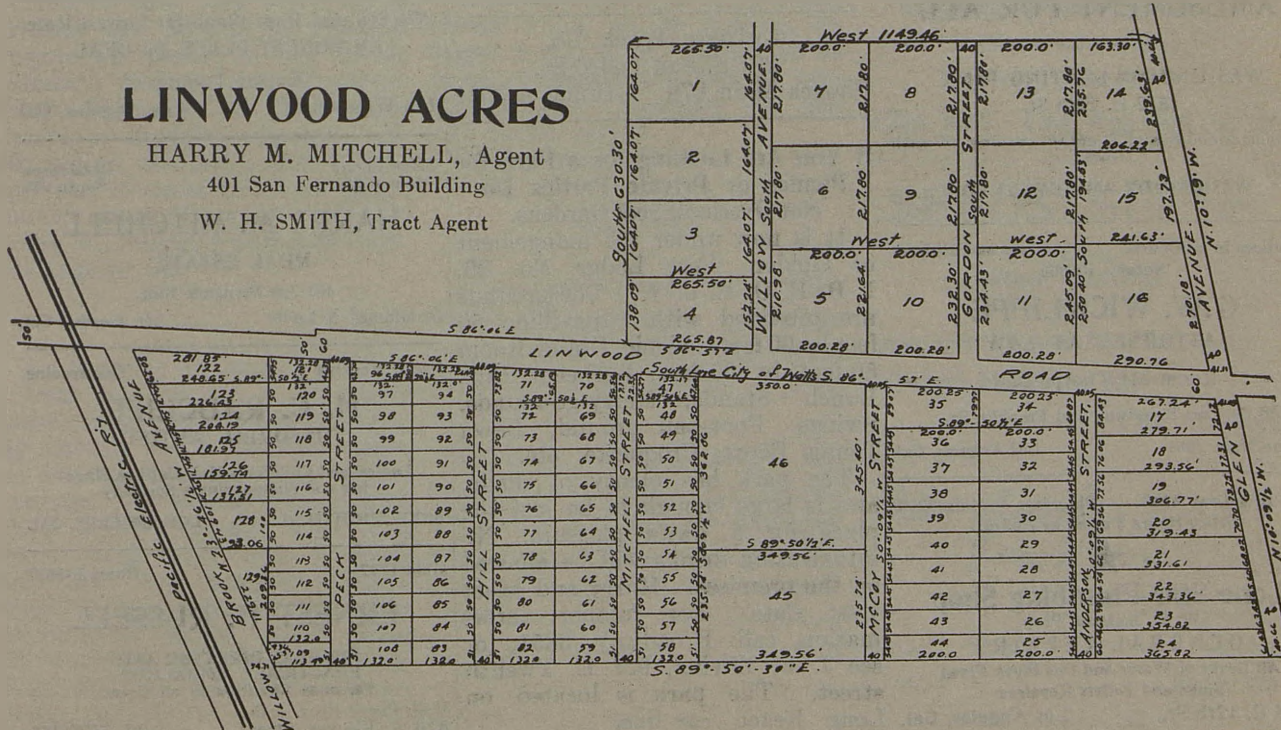
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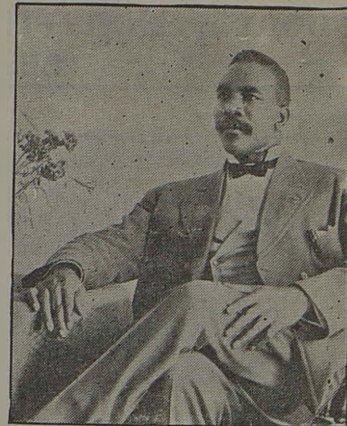
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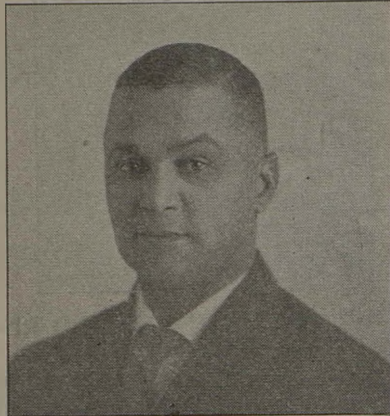
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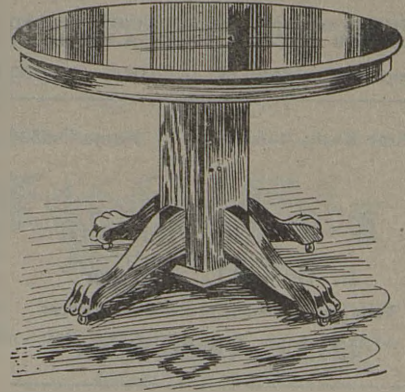
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