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WHY THE NEGRO SHOULD VOTE FOR THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

The Negroes as well as other voters should vote for the Suffrage Amendment to be voted upon on October 10th., because it is right. In a free government the right to vote is not conferred, but an inherent right. And the strange thing about the matter is that right has been denied them so long in this free country.

The claim that women are incapable or unfit to exercise the right of franchise, is as ancient as the human family. It is the ancient divine right of kings that have obstructed every step in the march of progress from despotism to universal freedom. The same reasons were given as proof of the unfitness of the English people to have a voice in their government. It said that the barbarians (referring to the Americans) were unfit to be represented in the English Parliament and an army was sent across the ocean to teach the rebellious colonies a lesson and put them in their places. The same reasons were given against the abolition of American slavery, and to-day fully nine-tenths of the Negro citizens of this great country, although paying taxes on millions of dollar's worth of property are disfranchised because they are negroes. And yet, the colored voters of California are asked to vote against the enfranchisement of the intelligent tax-paying women of this great state, because they are women. If the Negroes voters of this state, agree to the above unjust proposition and vote against woman suffrage they will by their votes endorse the position taken against their race by the Tillmans and

Vardamans and will assist in postponing the day when their millions of disfranchised brethren in the South will regain their God given right of having a voice in the government which they are taxed to maintain. "The place for the woman is her home," is the favorite plea of all interests in California opposed to popular government.

The same interests in certain sections, say that the place for the Negro is not at the ballot box but under a task master in the cotton field. These same interests hate to increase his load by giving him the ballot. They think it is alright for him to pay taxes, build public roads and render to society whatever service it demands of him, but to say who is to enforce the law under which he has to live and the kind of a school building that shall cover his children's heads or whether his home, school and church shall be surrounded by saloons, and dens of vice and shame are matters that should not concerned him.

To say that the women of this state must be kept on a parallel with the defenseless disfranchised Negroes of certain sections of this country, is unmanly and the worthy men of this state in this age of enlightenment and progress, will hardly endorse by their vote so unworthy a proposition. There was a time when it was argued that God created men to be the slaves of kings and these men the slaves of kings in turn argued that God treated their wives and daughters to be the slaves of men. By the spread of intelligence, men disputed the former proposition and threw off the yoke of kings.

Is there Heathenism enough in the men of California to maintain the latter and deny the ballot to women?

The women should have the ballot because it is their right as citizens and tax payers.

They took the leading part in the progressive wave that overwhelmed American slavery and freed the Negro voters of this state.

The Negro cannot afford to ally himself with the interests that are opposing women suffrage. While there are doubtless some conscientiousmen opposing women suffrage, every combination for the propagation of vice, every combination gotten together for the purpose of illgotten gains, every political machine, every bribe giver and every whiskey dealer is working tooth and nail against the amendment. The fact that all the evil combinations of to-day are fighting woman's suffrage, is proof of woman's fitness to vote and should bring to the support of the amendment, every intelligent man of the state. If the Negro who has the ballot hopes to restore it to his millions of disfranchised brethren, he cannot ally himself with those evil combinations which seek to confine the ballot to the few they can handle, but he will have to vote for every measure looking to the extension of the ballot.

**PRESIDENT TAFT WILL NOT
SPEAK AT MEETING JIM
CROWING NEGROES.**

The universal protest that has been raised by the thoughtful colored men throughout the city

against the use of President Taft to promote a jim crow scheme, hatched by a small bunch of self-seeking, self-styled Negro leaders, is approved everywhere by the leading white citizens. These men say that in public matters no one has ever thought of discriminating against the Negro citizens and they are at a loss to know why Negroes should be the first to introduce the Jim crow idea. When the President reaches this city the Negroes will, with the other citizens pay him the homage due his high office. And will resist every attempt to humiliate the president and themselves by making the President the star actor in the hands of a few small self-seeking Negroes who are trying to draw the color line for personal selfishness.

Already these self-styled leaders are on the defensive and are claiming that the President has a special message to deliver to Negroes only. What this special message, is, they are not willing to divulge. If the President really had a special message to deliver to the Negroes that he didn't want the Germans, Irish and Jews to hear, the church selected for this secret message would not only be inadequate but a dangerous place for the president to speak as there are more than 15,000 Negroes in this city alone, while the church has a seating capacity for not over 800 persons. If these so-called leaders want the President to deliver a secret message to the Negroes, why didn't they rent the Shriner's auditorium instead of securing a frame building, that could easily become a death trap if a thousand persons crowd into it. We do not believe that President Taft can be hood winked into being a party in assisting these self styled leaders.

A PASTOR'S SUPPORT OF JIM CROWISM

On being informed that the people were supporting *The Liberator* in its opposition to the attempt to close public places to the race, the pastor of the First A. M. E. Church grew angry, roasting *The*

Liberator from his pulpit and stated that all who didn't want to come down and hear the President's "Special" message to Negroes, could stay away. This attempt by a few self-seeking Negroes to draw the color line during presidential visits, has aroused a feeling of intense resentment among Negroes throughout the city and county, and protests are heard on every hand. And we feel safe in saying that 98 per cent. of the Negroes will take the pastor's advice by staying away from the church and go up town and hear the President as they have always done heretofore and where he can be heard. It is also stated that President Taft has placed himself in the hands of the Jim crow committee and that the Chamber of Commerce and no other organization in the city can keep the President from delivering his "Special" Jim crow message. As to which will have the greater power over the President, the Jim crow committee or the other organizations, is a small matter. But there is one thing that the self respecting colored men and women will do it is to stay away from a meeting that stands for Jim crowism.

A SUFFRAGE MEETING AT SANTA MONICA

A suffrage meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Moxley 621 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, Cal., on Friday, Sept. 22nd. Mrs. Moxley is a committee woman for Los Angeles County and chairman of the fourth precinct in Santa Monica. Among the speakers were Mrs. Force Parker of Venice, Cal. and Mrs. Slater of Santa Monica. There were present a large number of ladies who manifested their interest in the cause of woman suffrage by forming a club. The club has taken up active work to secure the adoption of amendment four (4) granting equal suffrage, which is to be voted October 10th.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

A GREAT DAY COMING

The ladies of the city will hold a rousing suffrage meeting at the People's Lyceum, 1209 Central Ave., Sunday evening October 8th, 4 o'clock p. m. Among the speakers will be Mrs. J. W. Moxley of Santa Monica. Mrs. Moxley is an able speaker, well known and popular. The Women's Political Equality League will send a speaker. The complete program will be published in *The Liberator* next week.

Mr. Hamilton White paid Sawtelle a visit this week.

Mr. C. Pullam and wife, of Denver, Colorado, are guests of their daughter Mrs. J. Higgins of 1012 Santa Fe Avenue.

Holland Lodge of F. and A. M. was recently organized with Mr. Morgan T. White as W. M. and Mr. John Bowman as S. W. and Mr. F. B. Alexander as J. W. Other officers will be elected at the next meeting.

Mr. J. L. Edmunds Jr. has given up his position at Duarte to take charge of the circulating department of *The Liberator*. The growth of this department has been so rapid of late as to require the constant attention of Mr. Edmunds. The fact that the circulation has increased from week to week without solicitors, shows how the people appreciate the work the paper is doing.

The revival meetings conducted by Sister Dollie Lewis at Wesley M. E. Church are producing great results. The number of conversions are increasing with each week and the audiences show a growing interest,

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hardwick a merchant of Cleveland, Tenn., are in the city. They are making a tour of the Pacific coast having visited Seattle, Portland and San Francisco.

Miss Lena May Edmonds of Sawtelle is a student at the Hollywood High School.

Miss Ethel Carroll, one of our prominent and much esteemed young ladies, became the bride of Claude Vaughn on Thursday evening last at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Carroll of 1329 East 33rd St.

The parlors where the bridal party were stationed was prettily decorated for the occasion, the colors being white and green. Rev. Hill was the officiating clergyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn were the recipients of many pretty and useful gifts.

Mr. I. S. Watts leaves on Monday for a few days visit to friends in Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Haley of East 33rd Street is spending several days visiting her old home in Hanford.

Rev. Father W. T. Cleghorn left on Friday last for a brief visit to several of the cities in the Southern District.

Arch Deacon Marshall of the Episcopal District preached in Father Cleghorn's stead on Sunday last.

Mesdames Helen Stevens and Grant Buch have opened a restaurant near the Southern Pacific Depot.

Mrs. Robert Jones of East 33rd Street who has been on an extended visit to relatives in Texas has returned home.

Mrs. Jones reports as having a splendid trip.

Robert L. Jackson is contemplating leaving shortly for Seattle.

Grant Buch spent several days in the foothills on a hunting trip and had the best sport of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Grasses and daughter, Miss Kate, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Foster on Bonfello Street are receiving a great deal of social favors.

Mr. and Mrs. Grasses are old residents of Oakland, Cal., and one of the leading families of that city.

Mrs. Grasses is one of the staunch supporters of the Old People's Home in Oakland and for several years has devoted much of her time and energy to its interest.

Miss Kate is one of our most renowned dramatic readers and has several years delighted large audiences with her dramatic and song recitals.

Hon. John R. Lynch a former congressman from Mississippi and later, paymaster in the United States army has married and retired from the army.

Editor J. J. Neimore of the Eagle who has been confined to his home for some days is out again looking after The Eagle.

Sister Dollie Lewis delivered an interesting lecture at the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday.

The New Age Magazine will make its appearance October 1st. Judging from its prospectus it will be a valuable addition to the newspaper circles.

Mrs. J. W. Moxley of Santa Monica will accept our thanks for two copies of the Woman's Club journal. This journal is published by

the colored women's clubs of this state. It is a neatly gotten up thirty-eight page journal. The articles are contributed by members of the various clubs and are well worth perusal. It also contains splendid half tones of the state officers. Miss Marie Simpson of Bakersfield, the editress, is a talented young business woman of that city.

The State Federation of Women's Clubs has published a cook book composed of recipes furnished by members of the clubs. It contains hundreds of recipes and should be in the homes of all who love good things to eat. Price 50 cents.

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THE WESTERN AMUSEMENT COMPANY will give a grand all star concert at the T. M. A. Hall, 231 So. Spring Street on Tuesday evening. The best talent in the city has been engaged which in itself is an assurance that the entertainment will eclipse anything of the season. See program in the next issue.

PASADENA

A representative of THE LIBERATOR will call upon subscribers and friends in Pasadena next week. Please take notice and be prepared for him.

THE LYCEUM

The audience that greeted Prof. Edmund Norton last Sunday and heard his lecture "Direct Legislation," were amply paid for their attendance. And for more than an hour, listened with intense interest only breaking its silence to applaud a telling point. Defining law, as a rule of action, he traced it from the family circle to the tribe governed by chieftans elected by its members, to patriarchs states and nations and the various governmental stages from savage tribes to civilized governments were portrayed in a manner that even a child could see them.

For want of knowledge of the science of government, people were ruled by chiefs, kings and persons with delegated powers and that kings and persons so elected by usurping their authority gave birth to despotisms or bad government. As the people constituting nations, became more intelligent and learned in the science of government, struggles to regain inherent rights by overthrowing despots were inaugurated and step by step these struggles have come down to us. By forcing King John to sign the "Magna Charter," the English people made the kingdom of Great Britian a limited monarchy, thus regaining rights that had been lost to them for centuries. Following up that victory and imbued with a desire for larger liberty, the Pilgrims braved the wilds of New England and laid the foundation for this mighty republic. This spirit brought on the Revolutionary War and gave the world the immortal Declaration of Independence. Not being fully willing to trust themselves, the people, by the establishment of the senate and the veto power of presidents and governors, kept in existence an arm of the kingly rule. Time and intelligence now demand the abolition of these relics of kingly power handed down to us from despotisms that existed 4000 years ago. He predicted that as the English people had practically abolished the House of Lords by

destroying its despotic power, so the American people, by the adoption of the initiative and referendum and recall will abolish the American Senate and the veto power. He made a strong plea for the adoption of the woman suffrage ammendment and many votes were won for the cause. Mr. Norton will again be heard at the Lyceum, the program committee having decided to have him deliver a series of lectures for the education of the splendid audiences that honor the Lyceum by their presence.

DEPUTY SHERIFF J. B. LOVING

Mr. J. B. Loving, our popular Deputy Sheriff is again at his post after an extended eastern trip. He attended the national meeting of the Grand Lodge of K. of P., E. and W. H. held at Asbury Park, N. J. The meeting was very successful financially and otherwise. \$8,000 in benefits being paid out during the last two years.

The uniform rank of the K. of P. was made a separate independent department by paying \$25 annually to the Grand Lodge. The U. R. will conduct its own benefit department.

While in the east Mr. Loving met his cousin Capt. W. H. Loving, whom he had not see for many years. Capt. Loving is head of the Philippine Band and is in Washington preparing to visit the musical centers of Europe in the interest of his band; the government paying the expenses.

Mr. Loving was reelected Adjutant General of the K. of P.'s as were all of the National Grand officers. Mr. Loving is serving his third term as deputy sheriff having been in office ten years.

NOTICE: Subscribers and friends indebted to this journal will greatly aid the work the paper is doing by remitting amount at once or be ready when a representative visits you. We are sending you the best paper published in this country and feel sure that you appreciate the service.

The coming social season promises to eclipse all past seasons and the different clubs, sororities, church organizations and private individuals are all working and planning to have a brilliant season.

The approaching holidays will give attention to several of the sewing clubs that are now being formed and no doubt some startling features will be shown at the church bazaars and fairs.

The Rescue Masonic Club which was formed in July past for the purpose of forming a new Masonic Lodge was instituted into a full Masonic Lodge on Friday last, when forty-six candidates were led into the mystery of Masonry with Morgan T. White as Worshipful Master.

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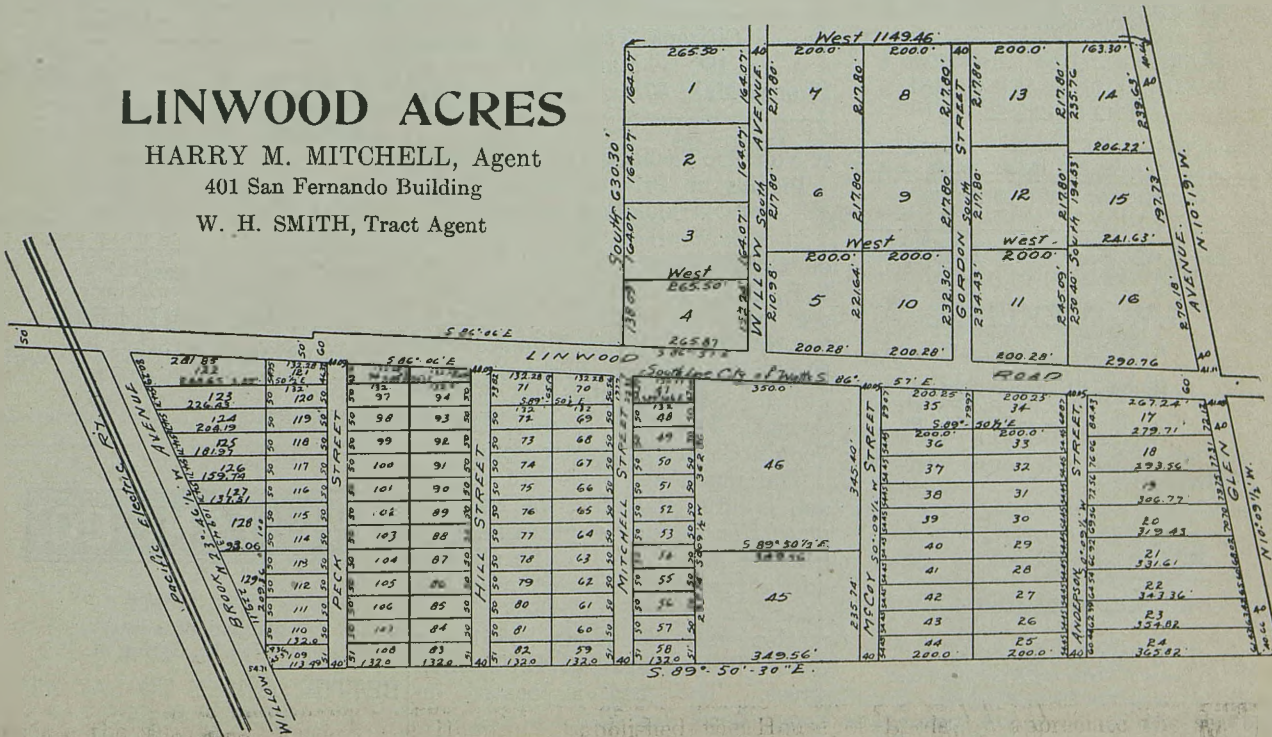
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