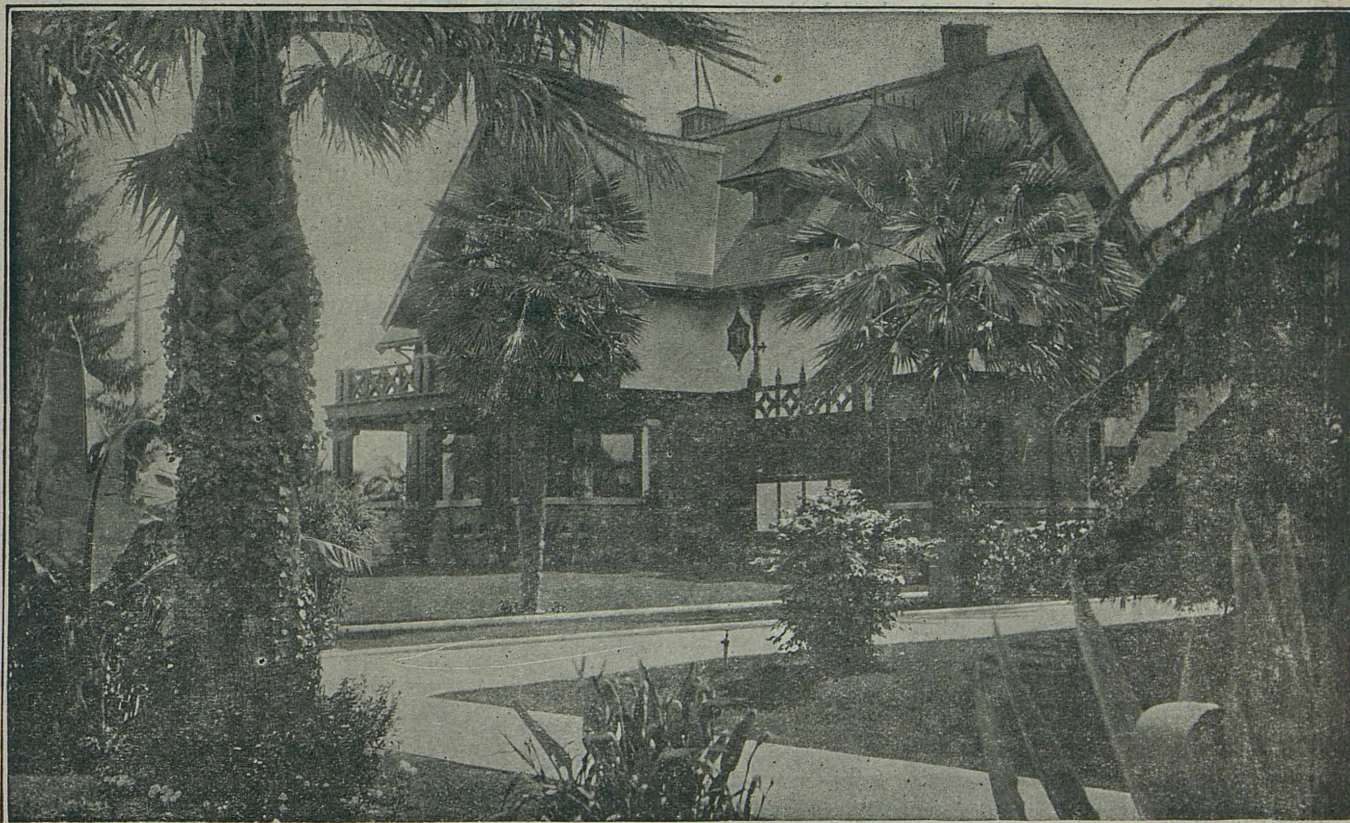


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TAFT HELPS LIBERIA

Administration Arranges for \$1,500,- 000 Loan for African Republic

Washington, July 26, 1911

Taft Aids Little Republic

The president has appointed Reed Paige Clark of Vermont, as general receiver of customs for the Republic of Liberia. This is literally true because the Liberian government has indicated that any person selected by the president would receive the appointment. Clark has been familiarizing himself with the details of custom administration and will start for his post in September. The amount of the loan to Liberia is \$1,500,000, the capital being supplied by international agreement by American, British, French and German bankers. In addition to the American receiver general, there will be customs receivers of the four nationalities, selected by their own governments. The contract will become operative as ratified by the legislature at Monrovia. The State Department feel that in lending its assistance to the consummation of this loan an old excuse for the occupation of Liberian territory, which might have become permanent, was taken from the hands of covetous colonial officials and the little republic given a chance to preserve its American heritage of freedom and independence.

Spot Where Lincoln Stood

A donation of \$10 toward buying a marker to designate the spot at Fort Stevens where Abraham Lincoln stood, exposed to the fire of the Confederate soldiers during the war, has been made by the Legion of Loyal Women of this city. The members of the Legion say they regard the incident as a most important one in the history of the United States.

Corrothers for Bishop

An effort will be made at the approaching General Conference of

the A. M. E. Zion Church, to bring about the election of the Rev. S. L. Corrothers as one of the bishops of the Zion church. The Rev. C. C. Alloy will be supported for the editorship of the Star of Zion. These decisions were reached as the result of a meeting of the Zion ministers.

Will Educate Children in France.

Mrs. William H. Lewis, wife of the Assistant Attorney General will leave next month for France where she will educate her children.

Dr. Evans Emancipation Orator.

Dr. Wilson Bruce Evans, principal of the Armstrong Manual Training School will be the orator of the day at the annual emancipation celebration at Cleveland, Ohio. This is considered the greatest annual meeting in the Buckeye State and Dr. Evans who was born and educated in Oberlin, just thirty miles from Cleveland, and who has made a name for himself in the educational world is an ideal man for orator of the day.

Scarborough at Universal Races Congress.

Dr. W. S. Scarborough, president of Wilberforce University, passed through the city recently en route for New York, where he took a steamer for Europe. Dr. Scarborough will be one of the speakers at the Universal Races Congress at London.

Will Locate in Jacksonville, Florida

John A. Langford, builder of the True Reformer's building in this city and for several years, located here as architect and builder, will leave Wilberforce University and locate in Jacksonville, Florida.

Taft's Wisdom in Retaining Furniss

President Taft showed great wisdom in retaining Minister Furniss at his post in Port-au-Prince. Haiti is just now almost in a state of anarchy, but Furniss, the trained diplomat is able to keep the situation well in hand. It would have been impossible for an un-

trained man to have handled the matter.

Mr. Murray Gets Tuskegee Appointment.

Mr. Nathaniel A. Murray, a recent graduate of Cornell, who is in charge of the school gardens of the Washington public schools has been appointed to a professorship in the famous Tuskegee institute of which Dr. Booker T. Washington is principal. Mr. Murray has the degree of B. S. Agr.

WESLEY CHAPEL

The Hall Jubilee concert given at the church July 26th was a splendid affair in every way a success. The Hall singers have a great future.

The Parsonage committee concert held under the management of Madams Stout, Stewart, Sellers, Brown, Beal, Gatson, Greer and others was well attended. The proceeds paid off the entire parsonage indebtedness.

The Fourth quarterly conference of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church was held on the second. A good showing was made by every department of the church.

Miss Beulah Bronson is engaged at the Y. M. C. A. as typewriter and stenographer. She is a student of the Poly High School.

A membership reception will be given at Wesley chapel Monday night, the 7th. All members are cordially invited to be present. Come out—get acquainted!

Attorney G. Woodson Wickliffe returned Wednesday from San Francisco where he went to look after the interest of a client. The trip was a success.

Miss Mary Dickerson, critic teacher in the normal school in Washington, D. C., is visiting in this city. She is being shown around the city by Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Outlaw. She is the guest of Mrs. Foster on Bonsallo street.

ABOUT CHILDREN

Continued from Last Edition

If children partake of meals in houses away from home they improve the opportunity to stuff themselves with the choicest of what is in sight, and even ask for things not set before them, with all the coolness of a millionaire at a public hotel. They butter their cakes and pies and appropriate cream and sugar as personal property. They will criticise your table setting, crowd around you while you cook and be sure to be on hand if there are extras in line of deserts. In fact they nose into everything, criticise everything and give you plenty of old-fashioned "sas" if you venture to suggest that they act differently.

Parents are largely at fault for these conditions and will be held responsible at the judgment for the lives of their children, developed as the natural results of such lack of proper training. Christian people are as guilty as any along these lines. In fact, the children of prominent Christian people of all denominations and professions are among those who are the most lawless. Not all of them, thank the Lord, but some of them. Even some Holiness people seem to think they must let their children do as they please, and that to restrain or punish them would be an indication of a lack of grace on their own part.

The old Puritan way of controlling and holding children to rigid lines was more of a success than the modern "moral suasion" way. It developed honest men of moral courage and backbone filled with sterling qualities of right and justice for all; while the modern way develops self-indulgent, selfish, soft characters, who can not stand self-denial and hard work; who can do nothing unless they "feel like it," and who care practically nothing about how much work they make their parents or others, just so they can have their own (to them) "sweet will and way."

There are some things parents should teach their children and not only by precept, but also see,

and insist and enforce upon them. One is that they have a share and responsibility in the life and care of the home. They should have certain tasks to perform commensurate with their age and size, and should be compelled to do them without being coaxed or hired. Otherwise they will develop the idea that the world owes them a living, whether they work or not. They should not be allowed to carelessly or thoughtlessly make work for their parents or others. They should be taught to take their share of the worst of things as well as their share of the best of things. They should be taught to respect their neighbor's property and his rights. If they are allowed to visit they should be taught to sit down quietly in the room where they are invited, until invited to do something else or ready to go home. They should be taught to keep out of all rooms where they are not invited to enter. They should be taught to come home before meal time, unless invited to remain, and not to sit or stand around and eye things in a manner that makes an invitation a necessity.

(To be continued)

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Y. M. C. A.

The management of the Y. M. C. A. are sending out notices calling the attention of subscribers to the building fund that their first payment is due. The manner in which the subscribers are responding, is indeed gratifying. This action shows that the people who subscribed toward the building fund meant just what they said. Every prompt response to the notices increases the enthusiasm. Let the good work go right on.

WILL NOT TAKE THEM TO AFRICA

Rev. J. D. Gordon's attention was called to *The Liberator's* suggestion that he take a certain non-evolved bunch to Africa. With emphasis he said, "No! What Africa needs is brain, she has enough of uncultivated muscle already. Thus one fond hope is blasted.

The Etheopian Steamship Company has not been heard from yet.

Miss L. B. Wilson a member of the faculty of the Western university at Quindaro, Kansas is visiting the city. She is the guest of Miss Fingers.

Miss Richley Ross of Bakersfield is the guest of Mrs. Fingers. Miss Ross is a student of the Western University.

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SOUTHERN CHIVALRY DEAD

The attempt of the members of the Georgia Legislature to make use of the white women of that state to cheat the negro out of his ballot is the strongest proof yet given, that Southern chivalry is dead. The men who take their women into their confidence and allow them to share their efforts for the promotion of noble causes are laying the foundation for the production of chivalric posterity. But the men who will use their women to assist in the promotion of fraud are wanting in all the attributes of manliness. The man who sits in idleness and lets his

wife, while bearing his children, support the family, is not near so reprehensible and dangerous to posterity as the man who would humiliate his wife and curse his posterity by making her a party to crime. It is time for the good white men of the South to throw the arm of protection around their women and allow them to be no longer humiliated by office seeking demagogues. To get office the same demagogues invented a cry and associated the fair names of the white women of the South with some of the most disgusting crimes known to man—crimes that had never been committed, merely to get into office by creating a sentiment adverse to the colored citizens. Think of an amendment to the constitution of a great Southern state, requiring two white women to swear that they would trust a negro man after dark, before the said negro be allowed to register. Suppose, for instance, the same rule applied to white men, if the white women swore truthfully, the great body of white men would be disfranchised. In proof of this assertion, look at the large mulatto population in the South.

The ruling element of the white South have been engaged for forty years in devising tests by which the negro could be permanently cheated out of his vote, thus far they have proved failures. This late Georgia test shows the extremity to which the progressive negro has driven the non-progressive white.

Would the chivalric Lee or Jackson or Stevens or Toombs have resorted to such despicable means to get office? But Lee and Jackson and Stevens and Toombs and all Southerners of their day and type are dead and with them Southern chivalry seems to have perished from the earth.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AMONG THE JAPANESE

Walking east on First street from Los Angeles to Alameda street, we were surprised to note that the entire distance, nearly, if not a

half mile were occupied almost entirely by Japanese business houses. Every department of business being represented. Knowing that the territory covered was only a small part of the Japanese business houses in the city, we begin to realize how far the negro is falling behind in business enterprises. The Japanese business men of this city, not only supply every need of their people, but their houses on Broadway, Hill and Spring streets cater to the millionaire classes of this city.

After thinking the matter over a little, we took a stroll in the colored centers of population and found a number of small restaurants, barber shops and shoe cobblers. We have it is true a few poorly patronized grocery stores here and there. Of our restaurants there are possibly two up-to-date. Although our people buy fifteen to forty thousand pairs of shoes annually there is not a negro shoe store in the city. And in spite of their dressy disposition, there is not a negro dry goods store. In a locality largely inhabited by colored people, we visited a white and colored grocery store in the same block. The colored grocery store was run by a refined colored woman. She had a complete stock of groceries and an air of neatness and culture pervaded the whole place. When we called she had two customers one white and one black. On leaving there we called at the white man's grocery, less than a half block away and found it crowded with negroes awaiting their turn to be waited upon. The prices charged at the two groceries were identically the same. Why the negroes who couldn't be waited upon at the white man's grocery store didn't go to the colored store and purchase their groceries for the same money and go home, we could not understand. What is true in this instance is painfully true in too many others.

The white man employed three salesmen, all white, the colored store had only one. If the colored store had half the negro trade of the locality, it would furnish posi-

tions for two or three negroes, It is passingly strange how willingly the negro will spend his money so as to furnish employment for other people, while sending his own children, after they graduate from school, his sons and daughters to the most menial positions. Why it doesn't occur to the negro to patronize his own enterprises and thus create positions for his own children, we fail to understand. Another thing we do not understand is, why the religion of Jesus Christ does not create in the hearts of the negroes the same love for each other that the heathen religion creates in the hearts of the Chinese and Japanese for each other.

The good book says that he who does not provide for his own house is worse than an infield."

HAD ENOUGH OF IT

Last Sunday one of the non-evoluted at the Zoo addressed the president and lifted above his head an open copy of *The Liberator* as if he intended to comment upon it. The president called the member to him and urged him to say nothing against the paper, saying, I don't want to draw any further fire from that paper. I've had enough of it. I have faced regiments of hostile Phillippinoes and I discover that they were far less troublesome than a hostile newspaper even though it is no bigger than your hand. The attack was called off.

The keepers of restaurants should instruct their waiters not to cough over their customers food. To have the waiter habitually coughing over your food while waiting upon you has a bad effect upon your appetite. It never occurs to some of them to turn thier heads when they have a coughing spell. The waiters action in this respect is not a crime but it is some what annoying.

Miss Cordelia Edmonds, daughter of the editor who has been confined in the hospital since last Friday is getting along nicely.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE NOT A POLITICAL QUESTION SAYS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NON-EVOLUTED.

KANGAROO HOP AT THE ZOO

*"Where ignorance is bliss,
'Tis jolly to be wise."*

I have seen the negro in the Brazoires river bottom in Texas where he was remote from civilizing agencies such as are found in cities and towns, viz.: schools, books, papers and magazines. I have gone to his churches, his dances and debating clubs. I have seen him in the Arkansas cane brakes of the swamps of the lower Mississippi river bottom where the opportunities to attend schools and well organized churches had never crossed his path; for the larger part of them had never seen a town. And yet, the discussions that are now taking place at the Forum are on a par with those I heard among the primitive debaters in those far away cane brakes. That the above statement is true of persons living in this city of schools, churches, public libraries, newspapers and magazines, it is difficult to believe.

I had not occupied my seat long before I began to see why the intelligent people who formally visited the meetings had given up in despair.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

A gentleman read an excellent paper advocating Woman's Suffrage, which proved to be something "wasted on the desert air."

On the conclusion of the paper, it was thrown open to discussion. Then followed a score of the most ludicrous attempts at argument I ever witnessed.

One husky fellow said: "I'm opposed to this here woman voting business," cause when the women's goes to vote who'll take care of the chulens and do the cooking? Now, if this here women's voting is going to stop the cooking, I'm agin it." A gentleman sitting not far from me

caused considerable laughter by stating that, "the speaker's wife was out in service."

There were many other speeches as grotesque and sinister as the above. But the climax was reached "when one big fat gentleman stated that he was opposed to Woman's Suffrage because the women when they got the votes might defranchise the negro men. If, however, the woman would promise him not to disfranchise the negro men and not allow themselves to be locked up in the jury rooms with men, he might make up his mind to vote for the amendment.

Mr. President! shouted a big fellow in the rear who was anxious to show himself, "I rise to the pint of order." "Breedin' trouble now," shouted another big fellow. "State your point," said the President. "My pint is, cording to resolutions dopted here some time ago, no politics is 'llowed to be talked here." "Your point is not well taken: Woman's Suffrage is not a political question so the speaker may proceed," said the president. This had the effect of knock out drops on the point raiser. After making a number of grimaces that give him the appearance of a chimpanzee, he took a seat.

The president's ruling made the man look silly, he seemed to be surprised to see how little he knew." Appeal from the president's decision shouted some one. "I don't want to start a revolution," said the point raiser and he subsided for the day. I naturally expected that objections would be raised to the president's ruling, for it did not seem possible that an audience of that size in an enlightened city like this would swallow that ruling. But it did!

I then began to make a study of the presiding officer and come to the conclusion that his thinking machine must be like Mr. Lincoln's steam boat story. Mr. Lincoln said, "The steam boat had a whistle that was larger than its boiler, so whenever the captain began blowing the whistle, the boat would

stop. The president's decision called to my mind a debate I heard in Wildcat Bend, Arkansas. Leaving the boat on the Mississippi river I spent a night on a big plantation in that huge bend in the river known as Wildcat. After supper the boys invited me to go out and hear a debate between the boys of the different plantations. The subject was: Which is the most serviceable to the United States, an ox-team or a railroad train." After listening to arguments that were amusingly picturesque for the speakers ignorance of the subject the judges retired and brought in their decision which was as follows: After hearing the arguments we find that the railroad train is of more service to the country than an ox-team. The winners attempted to applaud, but were silenced by the presiding officer, a dignified looking gray headed gentleman, who with the gravity of Chief Justice White of the U. S. Supreme Court, arose and said: "I am president of this order, the supreme judge of this here court and rise to set aside the verdict. How in the name of the Lord, you folks know the difference between a railroad train and an ox team when you have never 'seed' a train." "Now all of you know that a railroad train can't come through this mud and bring your victuals, but these oxen haul your meat and bread here every day. I therefore fling this whole thing out of court and the man who objects to my 'cision, will be flung out of court also." There were no objections.

The Wildcat Bend debate took place forty years ago. The Forum's discussion which parallels it, took place last Sunday.

"Where ignorance is bliss, it is not only folly but dangerous to be wise."

The discussions were characteristic only for their lack of thought and dignity. The remarks about women by many of the speakers were so obscene that they had to be called to order. While that body as now constituted, does not

reflect the sentiment of the thoughtful class of colored citizens, it is a menace to their progress. Either the good and thoughtful colored people will have to capture that bunch and evolute it or blot the plague spot from the face of the city.

Items of Local Interest

Mr. John H. King, medical student, addressed the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday. It was well received.

Miss Humphries, one of the New Orleans city teachers is in the city visiting her sister Mrs. A. Smith on Holmes Ave.

Messrs. S. P. Johnson, Chas. Stovall and Henry Busby are attending the grand lodge at Sacramento.

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