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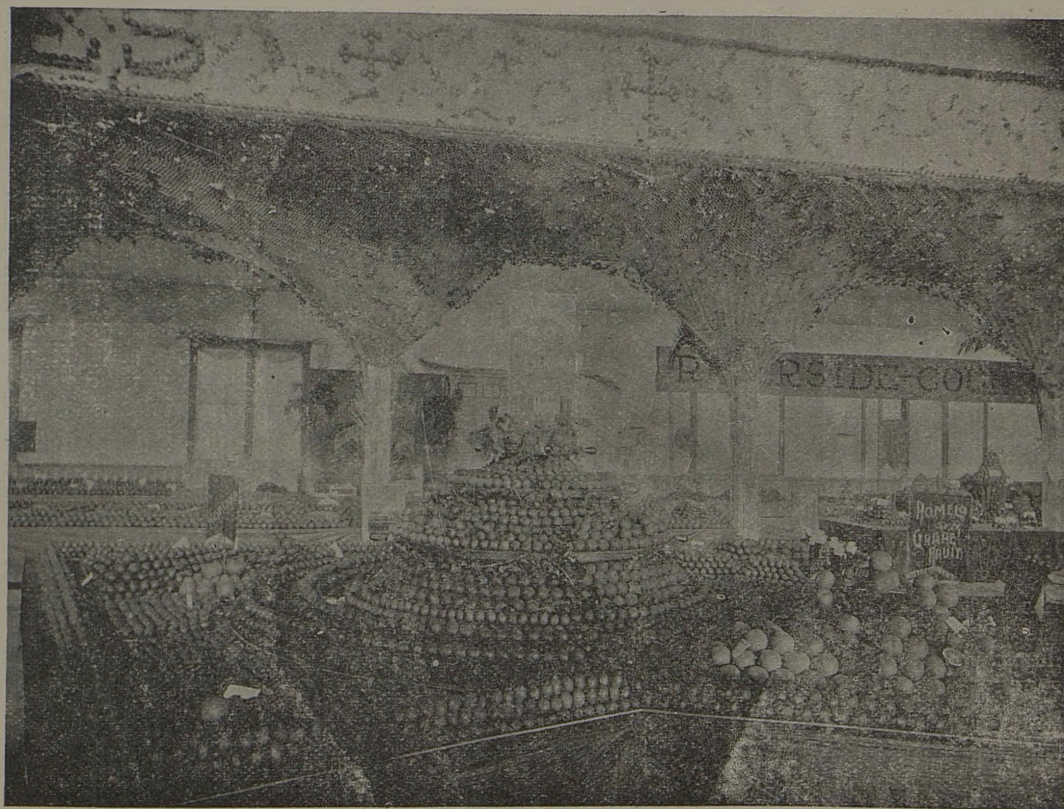
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**Woman's Suffrage.**

Suffrage speeches, it appears, must be made sooner or later by every famous man. Among those who have spoken publicly for the movement are such men as David Starr Jordan, Professor John Dewey, Professor Earl Barnes, Dr. Max Eastman, Edward S. Griggs, Dr. Stephen Wise, Dr. Flexnor, Ex-Governor Adams of Colorado, Governor Wise of Michigan, and Baron D'Estournelles de Constant. Mark Keppel, County Superintendent of schools of Los Angeles, favors woman's suffrage. He writes "I am in favor of votes for women because the ballot is an effective means of self protection."

Baron D'Estournelles de Constant, who is in America in the blessed cause of peace, maintains that for the furtherance of universal peace, the votes of women are indispensable. In the following ringing words he espouses the cause:

"Not a few people of a certain type are becoming greatly alarmed at the progress of the feminist movement; they see it in nothing but disorder; it is to them but one more shocking innovation; they speak of it with the same scorn that their fathers spoke forty years ago of social reforms, of modern music, of dirigible balloons. Let them talk; the scoffers will soon change their attitude; to defend the cause of woman is to serve the cause of peace. It is an act of voluntary control, the stronger giving way before the weaker; man grows and becomes a civilized being in proportion as he becomes less brutal and domineering."

California suffragists have limitless respect for the women of Washington and their work for and with the ballot. As the campaign methods of the Washington women are being taken under serious consideration by California women, and applied wherever they are consistent with conditions. One of the results of woman's suffrage in Washington is the Quiz Congress. It is under the supervision of men and women and was organized in Seattle where

Mayor Gill was pushed off the scene of ignominious action by the woman vote. The purpose of the congress is to ascertain the views of candidates for public office, upon public questions, by means of public questioning. The questions are pertinent and uncompromising. Among them are the following: "What would you do about a restricted district?" "What would you do to prevent the 'Third Degree'?" "Do you favor the recall principle?" "Do you favor the initiative and referendum?" The questions and answers are on record and are open to the public at all times.

**Dead Line Crossed.**

White tenants of ten six-story apartment houses extending from 107 to 145 West 135th street have been notified that hereafter the flats will be occupied exclusively by colored people. The flats are on the north side of the street, and have been called the "dead line," as representing a boundary beyond which colored tenants could not go. When the houses were built five years ago the office displayed a sign reading: "We guarantee that these houses will be rented to white tenants only." St. Philip's, the richest colored church in America, is responsible for the change. The church owned \$450,000 worth of property in Thirtieth street, but when it moved up town to the splendid edifice on 134th street, the downtown property was sold. The church bought the Thirtieth street property seventy-six years ago for \$9,000, and now it has increased in value fifty times. Nail & Parker sold the old church site in West Twenty-fifth street a few years ago for \$140,000.—New York letter in Boston Guardian.

**Anniversary Celebration—Tercenary of King James Version of Bible.****Young Men's Christian Association Promoting Great Popular Demonstration Next Sunday—Brotherhoods in Procession—Prominent Ministers Will Deliver Addresses.**

Under the auspices of the Men's Brotherhood of the Young Men's Christian Association, elaborate arrangements are under way for the proper observance of the three hundredth anniversary of the King James edition of the English Bible, Sunday afternoon.

Throughout the civilized world these celebrations will be held, and it is the desire of those promoting the local celebration that it be fitting for the great Christian city of Los Angeles, whose denominational Christian associations are the largest in the world, and where there are probably more church organizations than in any other city of like population.

They have assured co-operation of all the brotherhoods of the city, the senior men's classes, all the ministers, the Bible Institute, the Church Federation and of many other agencies.

At 2:30 p. m., a procession will form at the Young Men's Christian Association, under the lead of a brass band. After holding an open-air meeting at some point not yet determined, it will march to the First Methodist Church, where the celebration will end in a great mass meeting.

In the procession will be the members of the various brotherhoods, the ministers in automobiles, members of the Fishermen's Club, and sundry other persons, each carrying a Bible, making a striking demonstration. The main floor of the church will be reserved entirely for men, the galleries will be thrown open for women.

Among the speakers at the mass

meeting will be Rev. William MacCormack, dean of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral; Dr. William Horace Day, pastor of the First Congregational Church; Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of Temple Baptist Church; Dr. Charles Edward Locke, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and others.

#### Booker T's Wife.

**She Rode in a Pullman in Three Southern States and Railway Men May Be Prosecuted.**

MEMPHIS, April 18.—(Exclusive Dispatch.) As a result of charges emanating here yesterday in railroad circles that the "Jim Crow" laws of Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee had been violated, officers of the Cotton Belt Railroad and the Pullman Company may be prosecuted.

The wife of Booker T. Washington, the noted negro educator, alighted from a Pullman car yesterday. Charges were made that she had been smuggled through from Paris, Texas, in the drawing room and the charges are made that as there are white passengers in the same car that the "Jim Crow" laws in three States were violated. Great secrecy was maintained and Mrs. Washington left the train here only long after its arrival.

Her effort to get taxicab service failed, each white chauffeur refusing to carry her.

#### If You Are Looking for a Park for Picnics or Private Parties Do Not Overlook Seal Gardens.

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#### Knights Templars Annual Sermon.

The annual sermon of the Knights Templars was delivered by Rev. J. T. Hill at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon of the 16th inst. The splendid edifice was packed to the door. The knights arrayed in their splendid regalia and tall hats made a fine appearance. A finer looking group of men would be hard to find and their parade in charge of captain general Reynolds attracted an immense crowd along the streets.

Dr. Hill, the scholarly pastor of Mt. Zion Church delivered an eloquent sermon. A fitting conclusion to one of the most brilliant secret society functions in the history of the city.

#### The Easter Services.

The Easter services were observed throughout the city. The colored churches were everywhere well filled. The Wesley Chapel Sunday School rendered a splendid programme to the largest audience in the history of the church. The Sunday school room and other departments were thrown open and made into one vast Auditorium, were packed to the doors. The galleries which encircle the building were also crowded to their utmost capacity. Old Wesley showed a disposition to return to her former self. Superintendent T. A. Green feels greatly elated over the splendid greeting given the Sunday school.

The battle the other day at Agua Prieta, has awakened president Dias to the fact that he has a serious revolution on hand. His previous denials to the contrary not withstanding. There is eminent danger of the revolution spreading throughout the Republic, as there is general dissatisfaction

among the people with the Dias administration.

One of the surest ways for the colored people of Southern California to make themselves comfortable for the future is to invest their money in real estate. The immense profits derived from money invested in real estate ought to induce every young colored man to invest his surplus cash in land. To put money in the bank at three per cent when that same money will earn from twenty-five to fifty per cent invested in lands is a waste of time and capital.

The opportunities offered by Los Angeles to acquire an education are unsurpassed by any city in the country. There are day schools and night schools, public and private schools, universities and colleges within the reach of every youth within the city. The Polytechnic Night school gives any youth who desires it, an opportunity to learn any trade he may select. For a business education the L. A. High Night School will equip you free. The public libraries contain thousands of books that you may read for the asking. Under the circumstances, what a crime it is to be ignorant.

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### Receives Another Hard Blow.

The attempt to unionize the city, by hoodwinking the negroes into the labor unions, received another hard blow at The Forum last Sunday.

The experiences related by colored men, who have been stung by membership in the labor union forms an interesting chapter.

Take for instance the treatment of the colored Cooks and Waiter's union of Chicago: These men were receiving from 15 to 25 dollars per week as cooks and waiters. They were making money and well satisfied until a white walking delegate came along and told them that they

were working too cheap; that they just as well earn five dollars a week more; that all they had to do was to demand an increase and walk out in case of refusal.

He assured them that if they went on a strike, all of the white unions would also, go on a sympathetic strike if their demands were not granted.

One fine evening as the hungry white patrons poured into the restaurants by the thousands for dinner, the colored cooks and waiters taking their hats walked out leaving the hungry people to go without their dinner. Instead of going on a sympathetic strike as they promised, white union cooks and waiters took the negroes places and the negroes' have been striking ever since. A number of them are following their old occupations in this city. If you want to raise a storm, speak to them about joining the union.

### It Was Alright.

The remarks of *The Liberator* relative to the long winded harangues delivered at The Forum every Sunday, were endorsed by thoughtful men both old and young. The practice of certain young men of taking up the time of The Forum attempting to discuss subjects that they know nothing about and have not tried to know is a reflection, not only upon them, but upon The Forum. If *The Liberator* was to publish word for word, the speeches of these same young men, when they saw them in print they would be as mad as the proverbial wet hen and accuse the paper of slandering them. And yet, they expect educated young men and women who read and think to spend two precious hours each Sunday afternoon, listening to them. This waste of time keeps thoughtful people away from The Forum, lowers its dignity and defeats its object—that of disseminating information.

It is believed that this condition could be greatly improved or remedied if the presiding officer made evident his capacity for exercising proper discretion.

It is the duty of every young person to educate himself. If you can't go to day school, go to night school. Read history and biography. Devote at least two hours a day to reading and studying. Read the lives of Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Toussaint L'Overture, Booker T. Washington and similar characters. What they did by self culture, you can do. But you can't do it by talking to hear yourself. Think it over.

### The Seal Garden Park.

The Independent Order of Elks have leased Seal Garden Park and thrown it open as a pleasure ground for colored picnics and outings. Only the best of order will be maintained. We feel certain the colored people will appreciate the advantages offered. It fills a long felt want. Read their announcement in this edition and arrange your picnic dates.

### The Forum.

Though the audience at the Forum last Sunday was smaller than the previous one, the interest in its proceedings was none the less lively. Miss Brown was there looking as calm as the gentleman man she had put so completely out of commission. Although there were a few sly glances between the former belligerents, the gentleman showed no inclination to renew hostilities. This closed one of the most laughable incidents in the history of the Forum.

Two of the most note worthy speeches of the evening were those delivered by Messrs. Scott and Williams, two young men who by practical study of current events are up to date on the questions that are engaging Public attention. The person who reads, shows it in his talk, in his face and by his actions. Men who read, think ;and the men

who think, furnish the motive power that runs the machinery of human progress.

The speech of Mr. Scott of a half hour was listened to with rapt attention. He urged the negroes to stay by the people who are employing them. He gave the names of several manufacturing establishments that have colored apprentices learning trades, never before opened to negroes. It is only open shop companies that give colored boys opportunities to learn useful trades.

Lieutenant Williams delivered a forceful address urging the colored men to educate themselves. He advised them to carefully study both sides of every question before reaching conclusions. He called the attention of the young men to the splendid schools of this city, both public and private, to be found on every hand, where any man with ambition could educate himself. And that men who have not enough ambition to educate themselves, will be forced to take a back seat. That the day has come when only the learned and experienced will be heard.

Mr. G. Walter Snell, the well known orator whose able speeches in the last city campaign did so much to rescue the colored vote from the clutches of the machine and lined it up for good government, also addressed the Forum in his usual logical way. He is an uncompromising champion of the open shop, whose addresses are always listened to with the most respectful attention.

It was a young man's day; the time taken up by those who are devoting their spare moments to study and thought.

#### Japanese Farmers.

Of Japan's 45,000,000 people, 30,000,000 are farmers. The whole body is supported by a cultivated area of but 19,000 square miles. Every foot of soil is utilized; the farmer is a specialist.

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The programme rendered by the Golden Rule Literary Society last Friday evening was a good one. Mrs. J. W. Bundrant rendered a solo to the delight of the audience. The quotations given in response to the roll call showed a wide reading by the members of the society, and were on the whole intensely interesting. But the main event of the evening was the old fashion spelling match. The contest was exciting from start to finish, the contestants acquitting themselves nicely. The words selected for the match were made up of those usually misspelled.

Miss Senola Maxwell, president of the Douglass Literary Society, carried off the honors of the evening as the best speller. A short address was delivered by the editor of *The Liberator*, his remarks being confined to the benefits young people derived from reading the bible that it should be thoroughly read and re-read by every young person. He recited many passages from the Old and New Testament to show the classic character of that grand old book and deplored the fact that novels and trashy literature are in too many cases supplanting the grand old book in the home.

The presence of such men as J. Y. Bernard, J. D. Groves and many ladies and gentlemen of like character was inspiring.

#### The Douglass Literary Society.

The Douglass Literary Society entertained a splendid audience with a debate: "Resolved that the back to Africa movement is best for the negro." The Affirmative: Mr. J. T. Norris and Miss M. E. Brown. Negative: Messrs. E. Hall and Junius Stevens. The addresses on both sides were remarkable for the ability displayed by the disputants. The subjects from both view points had been carefully studied and much information relative to conditions in this country and Africa was imparted. Al-

though Mr. Norris and Miss Brown put up a splendid fight, the judges awarded the victory to the negative. Miss Brown is well known on account of her eloquent reply to Mr. Gordon's speech in The Forum some time ago.

#### The Young Men's Assembly.

The debate between the Young Men's Assembly and The Douglass Literary Society which was scheduled to come off on the 21st was postponed until the 28th. It will take place at A. M. E. Church.

The Wesley Chapel Literary Society which has been dead for more than a year, has suddenly come to life and will meet at Wesley M. E. Church every Tuesday evening. Arrangements are being made for a lecture course and other interesting features and every thing will be done to entertain members and visitors. Miss Carrie Stovall, president and Miss Carrie Whities, secretary.

#### The Intermediate League Gives a Social.

The Intermediate League of the Wesley M. E. Church gave a very enjoyable social on last Friday the 14th inst. The League was greeted by a large audience, which enjoyed the interesting programme rendered. Mr. J. A. Jackson, League president, delivered a masterly address dwelling mainly upon the importance of the young people taking advantage of the splendid educational advantages now offered them. "That opportunities to do things come only to those who are fit themselves, in other words the contract to build a palace, is let only to the man who has acquired sufficient architectural knowledge to build it. It makes no difference what wages a position pays, the young man or woman who have failed to fit themselves to fill it will gain nothing by the opportunity it offers. Every young man and woman should learn how to do some one thing well."

Messrs. L. Beeks and J. C.

Williamson also delivered splendid addresses which elicited generous applause.

After serving refreshments the meeting adjourned.

#### Many New Subscribers.

As the result of our visit to friends in that section of the city, lying between Central Avenue and Tennessee street, and Ninth and Fourteenth streets, more than twenty new subscribers were added to our list. Our people in this section own many splendid well furnished homes and are prosperous and happy. We met many of the citizens who made us welcome and readily subscribed for *The Liberator*, paying a good amount of cash. We spent some time pleasantly at the splendid home of Mrs. J. W. Williams of 1220 Birch street where we met Misses Bessie and Mabel Williams, both talented musicians. Short but pleasant calls were made at the homes of Madames Davis, Groves, McGee, McDonald, Johnson, C. Elgin and McDowell.

The noon hour found us at Hill's restaurant and home bakery 1328 E. 14th street where we enjoyed a splendid home cooked dinner. The dinners furnished by Mrs. Hill are not surpassed anywhere. Whenever you are down that way call in and be convinced. All of the housewives in that neighborhood who are too busy to cook, just order their dinners from Hills.

Senator Lorimer's troubles are not yet over. His seat in the senate came high from a monetary standpoint. There was a time in the Roman history, when a senatorial toga cost as much as Lorimer paid for his. This great nation of ours is making history at a rapid pace.

#### White People Make a Good Investment.

On a recent visit to a section of the city that has a big colored population, we were surprised at the number and elegance of the homes owned by them. Everywhere were modern cottages, surrounded by well kept grounds. The interior furnishings were even more elaborate. The furniture being the best and latest styles. Fine pianos costing all the way from \$200 to \$800, costly carpets and rugs of the latest patterns cover their floors.

#### Fair Play A Splendid Investment

Only a few years ago, the bulk of our present colored population came here from the South without money, in search of better things and were not disappointed. The kind hospitable white people of this great city received them kindly, employed them at good wages, treated them as men and women, furnished their children the best educational advantages offered anywhere. Whether as defendant or plaintiff, they were and are treated absolutely fair in the courts. The offspring of such treatment is good citizenship. Feeling perfectly safe, the colored people planted themselves.

#### Gets Their Money Back.

With the wages they received from white employers, the negroes bought lots from white real estate dealers, lumber from white lumber men and hired white carpenters to build their cottages. This done, white furniture dealers furnished their homes with the best they had. Then the music dealers sent out thousands of pianos and other musical instruments, the machine agent, the insurance solicitor and that army of other solicitors that infest the city, made profitable visits to the negroes home; to say nothing of the tax collector. The cost of these homes and furnishings run into millions for there are thousands of them. And yet the monetary value of these homes and

furnishings cannot be compared to the lasting benefits derived from making good citizens. Besides the above the negro feeds and clothes himself well which adds another big item to the business of the city.

As tax payers the negro assists in bearing the burden of the state; as a law abiding citizen he lends strength and dignity to the community. And whatever the white man has done to aid and encourage him in his struggle for higher and better things, has been for the white man a good investment. All the negro wants is an opportunity to develop himself and the community that gives him the opportunity, makes a good investment. The white people of Los Angeles have treated the negroes in a manner that they can always depend upon it that the negroes will not desert them in the hour of need.

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**Tell Them To Stand Fast.**

A white man, an employee of one of the big mercantile houses of the city, a man well known to the colored people for his untiring interest in their advancement, discussing *The Liberator's* battle for industrial freedom: said: "this city cannot be unionized without the aid of the colored men, tell them to stand fast, stand by the people who employ them. Just as they hold the balance of power in the labor situation of this city, just so they hold the balance of power in this great country of ours." "If they learn to stand fast, study the problem confronting the people they, the negroes, can bring about their solution in a manner that will redound to the lasting peace and prosperity of all the people. A great destiny awaits our colored citizens. Tell them to stand fast."

The Llewellyn Iron Works which was partially destroyed some time ago by dynamite placed there by the hand of some miscreant, is an open shop, and employs several colored men. One of the young molder apprentices is a colored boy. What is true of this establishment is true of others that are operated by non union employees. In this entire city there is not in the union shops a single colored apprentice. Unionize this great city and the opportunity to learn trades will be closed to every colored youth within its gates.

To deny any young person who desires it, an opportunity to acquire a trade is a crime not only against the unfortunates so handicapped, but against society.

Mr. J. W. Jones has reopened his dye works and tailoring establishment at 150 W. 35th street, where he will be pleased to meet all his old friends. Dyeing, cleaning and repairing promptly and thoroughly done. Work called for and delivered.

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Mrs. L. Williams of 1245 Hawthorne street is merrily entertained by a bouncing boy a month old. Mr. Williams thinks that he is the smartest boy in the city.

Mr. E. A. Adkins recently of Alabama has opened a shoe shop at 1315 1-2 E. 12th street. He solicits the patronage of all persons in need of shoe repairing.

Mr. S. B. Carr, a prominent Pasadena politician was a visitor to the city this week. He heartily endorses *The Liberator's* position on the negroes and the Labor Unions.

The entertainment given at Elk's Hall for the benefit of Father Cleghorn's church was a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan White of Pico Heights have the sympathy of this journal in the loss of their invalid daughter.

Mrs. S. Smith, 52 street, Fulong Home Tract, is erecting a modern 6 room cottage; the same to be completed this month.

General Secretary Green of the Y. M. C. A. attended the "Setting Up Conference" of the city secretaries at Mt. Washington Hotel, Wednesday, April 19th.

Mr. William McClure is one of the most efficient chauffeurs in the city.

The Louisiana people met in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A., Wednesday evening and organized a Louisiana club. Mr. J. James was elected president.

Mr. Lewis Lowe, a Furlong Tract resident and a high school student of much promise, died of typhoid pneumonia last week.

*The Liberator* would be glad to see more of our young folks in the High and Normal Schools.

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Easter day was ideal and every church in the city was crowded.

Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church is expecting its new pastor soon.

Mr. Hugh H. Gordon left Monday for Riverside, having been called there on account of the illness of his mother.

It is a pleasure to the many friends of Mrs. E. G. Hill to note her permanent recovery after so long a period of illness. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are among our best and most substantial citizens.

Many eastern people are taking advantage of the home seeker's train from that section and every train brings them in by the hundreds—many of our own people are among the number.

Walter R. Taylor, A. M., L. L. B., of the Washington, D. C. bar, arrived in the city this week to locate here for the practice of law. He is accompanied by his wife and at present is located at Mr. R. McDowell's, 806 E. 18th St.

Mr. Taylor comes with high endorsements, a more extensive report of which will appear next week.

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Rev. Andrew Park, editor of the "Independent," a religious weekly publication, will address the Y. M. C. A. Sunday, 3 p. m. All men are invited.

Revs. Tillman of the First A. M. E. Church, Pasadena, and John-son of the Friendship Baptist Church of the same city were in Los Angeles this week.