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A NATIONAL DISCRACE. Innocent Negro Women Hanged and Burned. White Pulpits Silent.

One day last week a deserter of the United States army gave himself up in New York city. Two years ago this soldier had assisted in lynching a Negro in Pensacola, Florida, and said his conscience forced him to place himself in the hands of the law. Now that the authorities have a self-confessed lyncher, what will they do? They will be greatly embarrassed of course. Convictions for lynching have failed, not for the want of evidence, but for the reason that the courts refused to see the evidence. Now, what will be done in this case? They can say he is insane. Who would believe that conscience has anything to do with lynching? What if the American Nation could have an awakened conscience on lynching! Remember Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

The *Chicago Tribune* keeps tab on the bloody record. According to the *Tribune*, during 1911 there were 71 lynchings.

A Negro was lynched near Meridian, Mississippi, not long since because he assaulted a white man with a stick.

Three Negroes including a woman were burned near Savannah, Tennessee, about the first of December. Late dispatch sent out from Memphis tell the story:

"Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Two Negroes and one young Negro were burned to death by a mob of white land tenants, who objected to the occupancy of land by colored people, near Savannah, Tenn., yesterday, according to

meager reports received here today.

"The three Negroes were traveling to a gin with a load of seed cotton. They were waylaid, held up and tied to the wagon load of cotton, it is said, and the mob, after building a fire beneath the wagon, stood guard until the wagon was consumed. The Negroes' team consisted of two mules."

On January twenty-second three men and one woman, all Negroes, were lynched near Hamilton, Georgia. A well-to-do farmer was shot the day previous. These four tenants on the dead farmer's place were arrested. A mob gathered, hung them to trees, and riddled their bodies with bullets. Read carefully two significant paragraphs of the dispatch giving an account of this horrible deed:

"The Negroes protested their innocence to the last, but the mob would have none of it.

"No motive for the killing of Hadley, who was very popular, can be advanced by people here."

Note the absence of the usual confession. Admittedly the motive was not found, but someone must die. Four Negroes would do.

LET THE WORLD SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ASSAULT ON WOMANHOOD IS NOT GIVEN AS THE REASON FOR THESE LYNCHINGS.

And these are not picked cases. LYNCHING FOR ASSAULT ON WOMANHOOD IS THE EXCEPTION. Lynching is a murderous outburst of lawless race prejudice against a helpless people.

When will this great American

Nation take notice of the peril that every Negro faces daily? The guarantee of life for the average Negro American citizen is a mockery.—S. W. Christian Advocate.

EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ENDORSES MOB LAW

The Daily Observer of Charlotte, N. C. (white) in a strong editorial denouncing mob law strongly and condemns ex-president Roosevelt's endorsement of lynchings has the following to say:

"Another great man in this country, the same being Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States, in a recent article in the Outlook, of which he is contributing editor, made this weak and pitiful plea for the mob. 'Dreadful though it is for the mob spirit to be aroused in the community by such a crime, it would be even worse if the community did not feel the fury of indignation which produces the mob spirit.' This is encouraging the mob spirit and this is the sort of namby-pamby talk that has encouraged the 'fury of indignation' which has made the mob possible in this civilized land. With Governor Blease, in South Carolina in sympathy with the mob, and with Colonel Roosevelt in New York, excusing the mob spirit on the ground that it is produced by the 'fury of indignation' we must impress the law-abiding people of the United States as to one of the elements from which we must free ourselves if the law is to be respected

and its violation is to be punished." **DR. HILL PREACHES A GREAT SERMON**

In spite of the encouragement given the mob from time to time by ex-president Roosevelt a few colored men met and organized a Roosevelt Club in this city one evening this week.

Will wonders never cease? What are these gentlemen driving at anyhow? While we disagree with president Taft's southern Negro policy and some of his other policies, there is one thing to his credit—he has yet to endorse lynching. —Editor.

DUTY OF NEGRO MINISTERS

If the ministers of the gospel would set aside a time, free from selfish motives, and throw the church doors open to the people in a general meetin and preach a sermon on race unity, race patronage of business enterprises, and show to the masses their plain duty, they would be carrying out the plan of "Earthly Salvation" which would create an everlasting harmony with the spiritual plan. To do this the minister must be right; he must set the example; his sermon will have no effect if he tells the masses about race patronage and race unity tonight and in the morning calls the white grocer, the white coal dealer and the white laundryman to fill his orders for his household. No general plan of action is effective which has a negative strain.—St. Louis Central Afro-American.

Mr. Goodman Braye has removed his real estate and employment office to 134 North Spring Street. He will be pleased to meet his old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stepp took their departure on Thursday for an extended pleasure trip north and will spend some time visiting with friends at San Francisco and Oakland. While at Oakland they will be the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Addis, 1719 East 8th street.

It was our good fortune to hear Dr. Hill's sermon, "The person and Office of the Holy Ghost" in a spirited soul stirring manner the choir and congregation sang "Joy to the World the Lord ha Come."

This was followed by some popular selections after which Dr. Hill taking for his text: Acts. 2nd Chapter 37th verse, preached an able sermon, harmonizing several portions of the Scriptures that seemed to conflict to the delight and idification of his hearers.

"Before the coming of Christ it was God the Father who watched over the world while the Holy Spirit by inspiration gave the world the Scriptures through the prophets and other inspired men. To reconcile men with God, Christ sojourned thirty years on earth and left that the comforter—the Holy Spirit—might come. And now the human family is living under the guidance of the Holy Spirit," said the doctor. He sustained this and every position taken by numerous references. In his usual way, Dr. Hill made what would be a dry subject so intensely interesting that the enthusiasm of his audience knew no bounds at times.

Every seat in the auditorium was taken and it would be hard to find a more interesting congregation than that of Mount Zion. More young people attend that church in proportion to its membership than any church in the city. The same may be said in regard to their intelligence. In the things that go to make up a desirable church membership and all around citizens, few of our city pastors have accomplished more in a like period of time than has Rev. Hill.

There is talk of moving Mount Zion to some location offering a wider field for its services. This is a splendid idea and means much for all who come within the scope of its influence.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

MRS. HALL PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary E. Hall one of our oldest citizens and mother of Messrs. Issac and Carl Hall, died at Ocean Park on the 6th. She was a Roman Catholic and was respected for her consistent life.

Mrs. Maud Lee Williams, daughter of Mrs. George Lee of West 36th Place is the guest of her mother. Mrs. Williams has been teaching in the city schools at Atlanta, Ga., for a number of years. She comes here to reside permanently. We extend her a cordial welcome.

Mr. Joseph M. Walker, the tailor, has been forced to enlarge his quarters so as to handle his increased business. 459 Central avenue.

The Western Baptist has made its appearance again. Rev. Arline of Pasadena is editor. Rev. Arline is a bright young man full of energy and enthusiasm. He will make that journal what it ought to be.

Beginning Sunday, February 11, Rev. R. H. Wade will occupy the St. Paul Baptist church pulpit each Sunday morning. J. W. Cole, pastor.

Mr. George E. Watkins a prominent newspaper man of Oakland was a caller at our office this week. Come again brother Watkins.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Kenchin are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a son. Mother and son are doing well.

STOP THE LIBERATOR

We received an unsigned note from some one, at 831 San Pedro Street, requesting the discontinuance of *The Liberator*. The writer's request will be granted with pleasure if the name is sent.

The Colored Ministers Federation of Los Angeles county, one of the most formidable organizations among the colored people of the Southwest, held an important business meeting in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association. When the gavel of president Rev. J. D. Gordon sounded calling the gathering to order at 10 o'clock, there were nearly half a hundred of the most prominent clergymen and laymen of Los Angeles county present. Notable among the laymen present who are prominent in public affairs were Editor Jeff L. Edmonds, Sr., the veteran editor of the *Liberator* and G. Walter Snell. One of the most advanced moves of the session was the merited election of Rev. Dr. J. Gordon McPherson, one of the best known Negro press representatives in the country, formerly editor of the "California Forum," as secretary of the Religious and Publicity Bureau for the decimation of Religious information relative to the colored people of Los Angeles and Southern California.

The men's forward movement of which Prof. T. A. Greene, general secretary of the Y. M. C. Association was given new impetus. This promises to be one of the greatest movements ever launched in the world's history in the interest of the laymen. Within a few days the committee selected from among the prominent laymen of the several churches will be announced. They hope to enroll at least 3,000 men and boys from among the best of the Christian manhood of greater Los Angeles. *Forward* is the battle cry. Let the enthusiastic pastors arouse their men to action. This is the one Big Opportunity of life, so grasp it now.

Among the several pastors that reported excellent services were the Rev. J. A. Cole of St. Paul Baptist church; Rev. A. J. Norris of the East Side C. M. E. Mission; Rev. J. H. Redd of A. M. E. church at Furlong Tract; Rev. J. A. Trimble, Boyle Heights Baptist church; each of them reported

a fine day throughout. At 11.30 o'clock president Gordon introduced presiding elder Rev. Jas. A. Stout of the colored M. E. church as the speaker of the hour, who delivered one of the most forceful and practical addresses upon that important subject: "The Minister and Politics." The speaker held his hearers spell bound and many times was interrupted with outbursts of applause by the enthused auditors. The address showed careful preparation and research into politics, both ancient and modern. The conclusions reached that as politics are the science of government it is the duty incumbent on the part of the ministry, to enter the great political arena and play their part in the battle for common decency and civic righteousness. The address was enthusiastically endorsed and the speaker highly complimented.

Rev. Dr. E. Wesley Kenchin of Wesley Chapel M. E. church was given a warm reception on entering the meeting. Dr. Kenchin is the honored vice-president of the Federation and is held in high esteem by his ministerial colleagues. Dr. Kenchin reached the city a few days ago from a tour throughout the state where he addressed great audiences in company with many speakers of international note at the religious parliaments of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The topic for the next meeting Tuesday morning will be a question "How far can the church conform to the world in amusements." Speaker Father W. T. Cleghorn of St. Phillips Episcopal church.

Secretary J. Gordon McPherson is arranging for a luncheon between the pulpit and the press to take place at the close of the session. Let the press and pulpit be bought together in this mid-day luncheon. All who wish to take part will notify the secretary by postal card or phone. This luncheon will be followed by one between the pulpit and the bar; also the pulpit and the doctors.

Let the pulpits of greater Los An-

geles see to it that the Federation shall become a power for moral uplift.—Church Reporter

Rev. McMickens of the Christian Church was the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon the greater part of his remarks were devoted to the efforts of colored people in business.

Mr. Edward Golmon, a missionary from Liberia, Africa, in the city for a few days he will speak in Pasadena Sunday afternoon and he will fill engagements at Riverside, Duarte and other points in Southern California. before he leaves.

The Masquerade Ball given by the Sojourner Tenth Society at Washington and Central Hall of Monday last, drew a large attendance of merry makers and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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Lincoln-Douglas Memorial services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1209½ Central avenue, Feb. 11th. These services will be held under the auspices of the People's Lyceum. Judge Henry C. Dillon and Prof. J. C. Moore will deliver addresses. Everybody cordially invited. A good program has been prepared. The addresses will both be able, Judge Dillon being one of the most entertaining speakers in the city.

Ladies and G. A. R. veterans are especially invited.

TOO MANY FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

In his very able address Sunday afternoon Attorney Ceruti said that the Negroes can get on handsomely with fewer fraternal organizations. He deplored the lack of commercial organizations and depicted the results of the absence of such organizations. As an example he showed that the Negro with his one horse wagon formerly controlled the transfer business; how the foreigners seeing that there was money in it and organized companies and which took charge of the business.

What is true in the transfer business is true in other lines. The time has come when colored men should engage in something besides caring for the sick and burying the dead.

FOOL'S PARADISE QUIET

The "limber-jaws" at the Fool's Paradise (Forum) learned for the first time, last Sunday that, if ten men put ten dollars each in a pot, they would have enough to open a soup joint. Immediately three of four of them jumped to their feet and thanked Heaven for at last sending a man to town with sense enough to tell them how to go into business. Thereupon four "limber-jaws" threatened to lay ten dollars each on the table and open a bank. When the money was called for, their enthusiasm underwent a sudden cooling and not a dollar came to the surface. This proved a mighty setback to the gentlemen offering the suggestion. As he expected to witness the launching of a new business the day following.

The chief of the "limber-jaws" relieved the embarrassment of the speaker by declaring the jaw whoop ended.

EXPANDING

Attorney Walter R. Taylor wishes to announce to his many clients, friends and the public generally, that owing to his increased and growing clientele, he has been

forced to seek larger quarters; he has therefore moved into suite numbers 206-8, the same floor and building, the Wilson Building, just across the hall from his old office, where he will be better prepared to accommodate the public.

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.

This mammoth edition will be mailed to every part of the civilized world and will be a perpetual memorial of Negro achievement.

At a meeting held at 105 East First street a Roosevelt Club was formed with the following officers: W. E. Easton, president; J. Gordon, McPherson, Vice-president, W. B. Coleman, secretary; H. Ballinger, treasurer; and J. Thos. Norris, chairman executive committee.

Resolutions endorsing Roosevelt were passed. The organization proposes no interest in local politics other than to aid and sustain other racial organizations in defeating means and men who are indifferent to the colored man's rights.

(What has Roosevelt done that merits the unsought indorsement of the Negroes?—The Editor.)

AMONG THE CHURCHES OF GREATER LOS ANGELES

"I was glad when they said to me let us go into the House of the Lord."

Strangers and those without a church home will receive a warm welcome at these churches, the pastors and officers will be glad to meet you at the close of any service.

The old time revival spirit is moving among the churches. Sister Dollie Lewis, the noted evangelist, is swaying large crowds nightly at the A. M. Zion church and Evangelist J. Gordon McPherson is holding forth at the Harmony Baptist Church at Furlong tract. Enthusiastic crowds gather nightly. Many sinners are flocking to the anxious seat and several accessions have been made. Sunday was a high day at the A. M. E. Zion church, corner Pico and Paloma streets, Rev. W. J. J. Byers, pastor. The rally service in the afternoon was largely attended, the services being under the auspices of the Minister's Federation. Rev. J. D. Gordon presided and Rev.

Dr. J. Gordon McPherson delivered the principal address from the theme "One thing lackest thou" He was followed in short sermonettes by Sister Dollie Lewis, Rev.'s C. H. Anderson, J. A. Biglow, D. L. McMickens, G. M. Tillman, E. W. Kenchin and others. Mrs. J. A. Fingers was awarded a beautiful cut glass water set for raising the largest amount of money. The Ministers' Federation was out in a body and made a lasting impression for good. Prof. Howard and Wesley Chapel choir sang.

Sunday will be a big rally day at Phillips Colored M. E. Church Newton street, Rev. S. L. Harris, pastor. A great platform service will be held at 3 o'clock under the auspices of the Ministerial Federation. The pastors with their congregations will attend in a body and Rev. Dr. J. D. Gordon of the Tabernacle Baptist Church will deliver the principal address followed by short sermonettes from ministers present. The choir will render special music for the auspicious occasion.—Church Reporter

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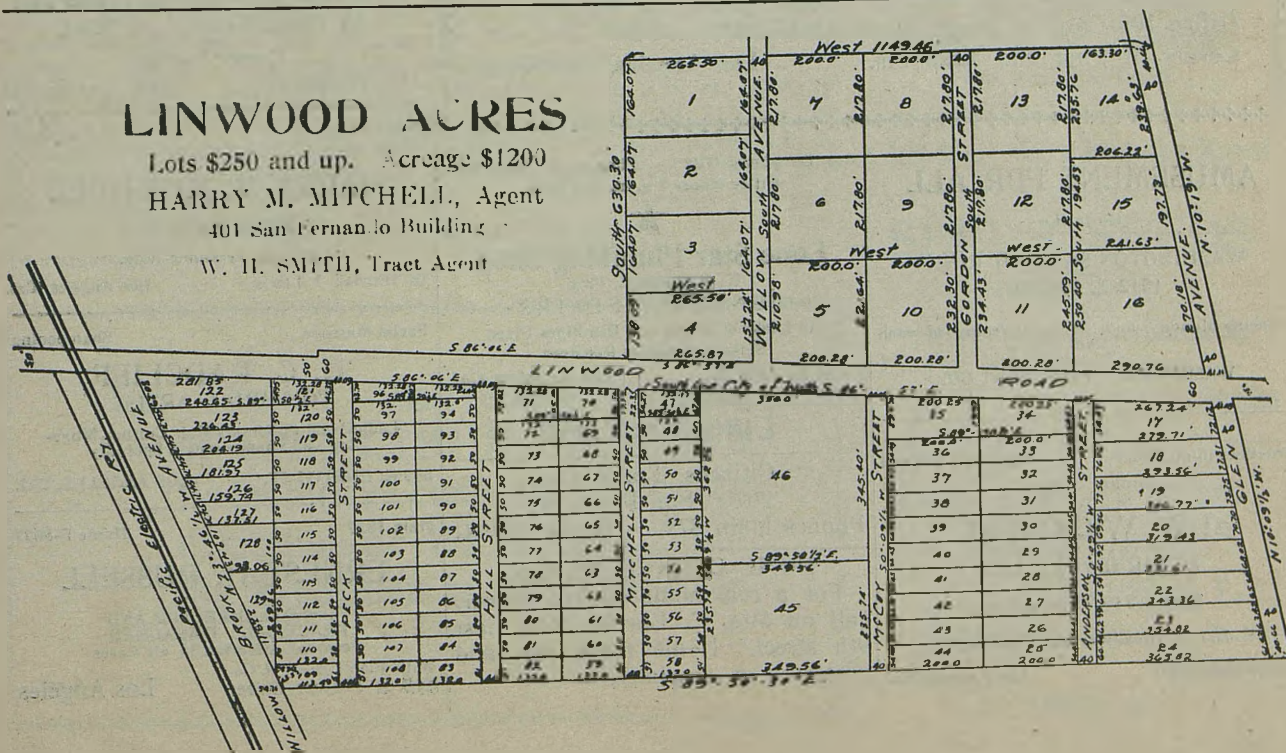
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