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The Negro's Interest best preserved by voting NO on New Charter

VOTE NO

The New Charter submitted to the voters next Tuesday, December 3rd, for their approval or disapproval, is the most dangerous proposition ever presented to the citizens of this city for their endorsement. If by any mischance it should be adopted, this new charter would build up the most despotic machine that ever cursed an American city. Under the machine created by the new charter should it carry, seven men, commissioners, who would owe their appointment to the mayor, would have the appointment of 7000 employees.

Of the seven commissioners, four would constitute a majority and consequently rule the city. With these 7,000 appointees, the big four would have in their absolute control 35,000 voters with which they could keep themselves in power perpetually.

If the New Charter is adopted the civil service will be suspended for six months and all civil service employees will be put on probation for six months. At the expiration of that time the whole or any number of the civil service employees can be dropped from the list and their places filled by friends of the commissioners.

The Door of Hope.

With the Door of Hope already closed to them where will the Negroes stand if the new charter is adopted? This proposed new charter is the creature of Lissner and his Good Government bunch. What have they done for the colored voters for elevating them to power? Dismissed all Negro em-

ployees from the city parks; put all teams owned by Negroes out of the employ of the street department; have juggled the civil service examinations so as to keep all Negroes out of the public service; dropped all Negro deputy clerks at the City Hall, except those employed by the City Clerk, L. A. Handley, who is a Democrat; have closed the nurse training school of the County Hospital to Negro girls simply on account of the color of their skins.

Will the Negro men and women voters vote to increase the power of the Lissner bunch by voting for the adoption of the Lissner charter? No, a thousand times no. It is a sacred duty every Negro voter owes to the city, himself and children to go to the polls Tuesday and vote against that Lissner charter as he would a pestilence. Vote no! and see that your neighbors vote no.

REAPING THE WHILWIND

White Men Becoming Walking Arsenals

The dastardly attempt of anarchist Riedelbach to blow up the police station together with the threat of another anarchist to murder president-elect Wilson, simply shows how cheap the press of the country has made human life by its laudations of brutal mobs when their victims were Negroes. The practice of the public press to make heroes of mobs and mob leaders, has incurred the bitter enmity of Riedelbach for its failure to make a hero of him. He now threatens to blow

the press out of existence for its seeming contempt. It is very difficult to see why he should be condemned for attempting to kill a lot of innocent people, when for the same thing a mob would be spoken of as a public benefactor. He fails to see why a murder committed by a hundred men, who form themselves into a mob, is any different from the same crime committed by a single man. Hence his displeasure at the little consideration the press has given him.

After all, this man, Riedelbach, is the legitimate offspring of the mob spirit that has been built up by the press of the country. The difference between him and the mob is that the members of the mob are too cowardly to commit their crimes single-handed; whereas Riedelbach was so eager to kill innocent people that he was willing to die with his victims-- which is just the reverse of the cowardly mob. The press and the pulpit of this country have been diligently sowing the wind for a long time; now that the country is beginning to reap the whirlwind should surprise no one. Crime is contagious; and, like a deadly contagious disease, will propagate itself without encouragement. All it needs is to be introduced into a community and then left alone.

The American people will yet learn that the only way to protect the lives of those high in their social and political circles, they will have to make the lives of their humblest citizen *absolutely safe*. The white murderer, who will murder a defenseless Negro, will blow up a "Times" office, or shoot down a Roosevelt without

provocation. The attempt to blow up the police station with hundreds of people, shows that life in this country is its cheapest commodity. While the insane are manufacturing bombs to blow up public buildings with their inmates, mobs composed of the sane are lynching defenseless Negroes. The sacredness of human life does not depend upon race, color or nationality. The price put upon the life of the humblest member of a community will ultimately become the price of the life of its highest member. This law is as inflexible and as eternal as is the Omnipotent God.

A COLORED HERO OF TWO HOTEL FIRES LOSES HIS LIFE AFTER RESCUING 15 PERSONS.

After rescuing 15 persons from the burning St. George Hotel, thus saving their lives, Mr. Julius Malone lost his life in his attempt to rescue another, a lady, that he supposed to be upon one of the upper burning floors. Mr. Malone, who was engineer of the building, took charge of the elevator, and began the work of rescue as soon as the alarm of fire was sounded. Visiting each floor, and by assuring the panic stricken guests that all would be rescued, he did what he could to allay the panic. Taking a hysterical lady in his arms, he brought her down several flights of stairs to safety. Believing that there was another lady on one of the upper floors of the burning building, he ordered the elevator boy to make another upward trip; the upper floors being a mass of flames, the boy refused to make the trip, and deserted the elevator. At this the proprietor and others pleaded with Malone not to make the attempt; but he insisted upon making the trip to save a woman he supposed to be on the burning floor. On reaching the fire-swept story the elevator stuck, forcing him to make his way down as best he could. Being overcome by heat and smoke, on all fours he dragged himself down the stairway to the

main floor, his clothes having been burned off. He was hurried to the hospital and died shortly after his arrival.

Mr. Malone had been in the employ of Mr. Lesser, the proprietor, for 23 years and came with him to this city from Birmingham, Ala., two months ago. He was 38 years of age and leaves a father and mother in Alabama.

Mr. Malone was in a hotel fire once before and displayed the same heroism that cost him his life. He was the favorite of every person about the hotel being in every way trustworthy. Mr. Lesser gave him a burial in keeping with his beautiful life and pronounced a fitting eulogy upon his career at his grave. The funeral obsequies were conducted by Rev. R. H. Wade.

In telling of the heroes that the catastrophe produced, the daily papers had but little to say about Malone, although his heroic deeds were well known to their representatives. But Malone was a Negro and had played a manly role; hence, could find no place in the columns of the daily papers as such. Their space being reserved to exploit the deeds of Negroes that tend to discredit the race.

A CALL TO THE BAPTIST MINISTERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

An important conference will be held at New Hope Baptist Church Paloma near East 16th street, Monday, December 2nd at 10 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Baptist ministers alliance of Southern California will be held Monday, December 2nd, at 10 o'clock, at New Hope Baptist Church, Dr. C. H. Anderson, Pastor. It is important that every regular Baptist minister in Southern California should attend this conference, as matters of vast importance to the Baptist denomination are to be considered; and all ministers are urged to be present at this conference.

Dr. J. D. Gordon, President.
J. Gordon McPherson, Secretary.

CITY BY THE SEA

Misses Elizabeth Moore, Margaret Prince, and Lorina Hunter were the house guests of Miss Alberta Muse Saturday and Sunday.

The First Church of Venice Baptist gave a concert Friday evening, Nov. 22 at Odd Fellow's Hall, Santa Monica. The program was as follows:

Solo, Mr. Russel Andre; Reading (Cleopatra), Miss Ella Hunt; Instrumental Solo, Miss Elizabeth Moore; Sketch, part 1, Messrs. Reese and Peters; Solo, Miss Margaret Price; Sketch, part 2, Messrs. Reese and Peters; Solo, Miss Mayme Carter; Reading, Miss Alberta Muse; solo, Mr. Geo. Jackson; Sketch, My Sort O' Man, "Don't Worry" Girls.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

The Don't Worry Club held their open meeting Saturday evening at the home of Miss Muse in the form of a luncheon. Five intimate friends were present. Misses E. Moore, M. Prince, L. Hunter, A. Foy, and E. DeLong.

After dancing and singing a while attention was drawn to the living room where, seated before the fire place, the first two courses were served. During this time original short stories were told by each one. Miss E. Moore receiving a prize (a large felt pillow top) for having told the best story.

Tiny blue silk bags filled with rice appeared with the last course. Adjourning to the reception room the girls satisfied their curiosity by opening the bags and finding in them tiny cards bearing the initials of Miss Edna Adams and Roscoe Broughs. Miss Muse then read a little poem which was especially composed for the occasion by Mrs. E. V. Moxley. Following the reading were two songs sung by the three D. W. girls, the words of which were composed by Miss A. Muse and Mrs. E. V. Moxley, respectively.

Toasts were given by each girl

present to the bride-elect, after which the meeting adjourned, each declaring the announcement to be the most unique ever.

Santa Monica is boasting a colored band which has been in the city two weeks already and expects to remain another week.

Mrs. E. V. Moxley, State President of the Colored Women's-Federation, and Miss Hazel Brown had the pleasure of seeing Sir Thomas Lipton at a reception given by the Women's Club (white) of Santa Monica.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. Littleton P. Ashford has purchased a cottage at 1584 W. 37th Street. He has purchased Mr. Thompson's cleaning and dye route, thus bringing both routes under one management.

Rev. E. W. Kenchin's father from Louisiana has come to this city to reside with his son.

Mr. Henry Jones, a well known and successful business man of this city, is critically ill at his home in Duarte. His recovery is doubtful.

Police officer Watson has been confined to his home for the past few days on account of sickness. His early recovery is the wish of his friends.

Miss Mildred Jackson was a guest at the Edmond's Villa, Sunday the 24th.

GOT IT DOWN FINE

Any occupation diligently followed tends to sharpen the faculties and to increase efficiency in that line, at least. Some time ago we read of a white gentleman who had reduced chicken stealing to a fine art. His modus operandi was as follows: He would drive up to a hen house in a two-horse wagon, chloroform the whole bunch, and in about ten minutes they

would be ready for loading on the wagon; and so on to enough hen-houses to complete his load. Negro crap-shooters in certain rural districts have likewise discovered short cuts in their line, we are told. They experienced again and again that when twenty-five or thirty of them—all Negroes—would sojourn "to rattle de bones," they would hardly get into the game before an officer would happen along and arrest all of them. They also discovered that whenever one or two young white men of the community would be taking part in the game, the chances were ten to one that no officer would appear on the scene at all. And now, shrewd Negro crap-shooters in that and similar communities, never go off for a game without getting three or four young white men to take part in the game. That mascot hardly ever fails to bring immunity to the gang. The world moves, but the Negro will generally be found somewhere along in the procession."—Dallas Express.

BEST THINGS

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The best statesmanship—self-government.

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The best war—to war against one's weakness.

The best music—the laughter of an innocent child.

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The best telegraphing—flashing a ray of sunshine into a gloomy heart.

The best navigation—steering clear of the lacerating rocks of personal contention.

The best engineering—building a bridge of faith over the river of death.—Selected.

Mrs. W. Hutchins of 1517 W. 35th Place, is on the sick list. It is hoped that she will soon be able to be out again.

The sister of Mrs. Anna Elgin, who recently came to this city from New Orleans died suddenly last Sunday. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon.

Harry M. Mitchell, real estate agent and McDowell & Barnett, lawyers, announce the removal of their offices to rooms 36-37 Canadian Bldg., 432 South Main St. Phone Main 4525—Advertisement.

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ENCOURAGING RACE DISCRIMINATION

The practice of certain Negro papers to advertise every case of race discrimination, by long meaningless editorials describing them, is doing more to encourage race discrimination than could be done by the most ardent Negro hater. As a general thing the average Negro is too sensitive and goes around continually with a chip on his shoulder.

The thing to do when people show that they don't want your trade is to quietly go elsewhere,

The practice of advertising such refusals merely calls it to the attention of other business firms, and lays the foundation for further discrimination. If a person don't want you to visit his house, keep away and have the good sense to keep your mouth shut and don't belittle yourself by telling it to every one you meet.

If the space some of our newspapers are using to advertise business houses who don't want the Negro trade, had been devoted, during the last campaign, to urging the people to vote and work against the office holders, who are responsible for discriminating against our girls at the nurse training school of the County Hospital, they might have been of some real benefit to the race. The nurse training school at the County Hospital is a public institution supported by public taxation, and belong alike to all citizens; on the contrary a mercantile establishment, while catering to the public, is the private property of its owners. While we have the right, and ought to have the manhood, to contend for that which belongs to us in common with other people, we ought to be too discreet to say to every man we meet, that, that business man over there don't want our trade and we are mad about it.

THE SQUARE DEAL FOR THE NEGRO

The old Levy Cafe at 3rd and Main streets which has been closed up time without number for disorderly conduct, under a new name is again running full blast. Had the proprietors been Negroes, the present administration would have seen to it that its doors remain permanently closed. There are constant and numerous complaints from colored hotel proprietors that their places are raided periodically to secure evidence of disorder, so that there would be reason for closing them. Owing to these frequent raids, their business, although legitimate, is destroyed. As a consequence they will be compelled to go out of business unless

there is a let up of the persecution. No police officer ever dares to go in a big hotel and break in the doors in search of disorder. It is only hotels run by Negroes that are made such victims. The present administration seems to think that colored men ought not to go into business.

NEGROES TO BE CUSSSED OUT OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

A few days ago a man in an automobile, desiring to run his machine in near the curb where a street sweeper was sweeping, ordered him to move his scraper out of the way. The colored sweeper not moving as quickly as he thought he should he cursed him for "A black s———" The sweeper feeling incensed at the ungentlemanly reference to him replied sharply. The boss, Mr. Quint, who witnessed the whole affair, preemptorially dismissed the sweeper giving his place to a white man. We understand that men are only dismissed from the department when charges are filed against them, the same being sustained. If the case had been the reverse, no one believes that the sweeper would have been discharged. It may be the part of a scheme to take even the job of street sweeping from the Negroes.

WILL HOLD MEMORIAL EXERCISES

The Lyceum will hold memorial exercises in honor of the late Mr. Julius Malone, who lost his life on the 18th, in the St. George Hotel fire, while saving the lives of others. Mr. Malone was a member of the K. of P.'s and all members of that order are invited to be present and take part in the exercises. Revs. E. W. Kenchin, J. Gordon McPherson and R. H. Wade will speak. Mr. Lesser, who reared Malone from boyhood and proprietor of the St. George will be present and speak. Little Miss Juanita Patton and brother will sing a selection. The Hal Jubilee singers will also treat the

audience to an appropriate selection. All city pastors and their churches are especially urged to be present and assist in making the occasion fit the hero whose noble deeds called it forth.

Everybody cordially invited. 4 p. m., Sunday, December 1st. The Lyceum, 1209 Central Avenue.

BLOOD ON THE MOON

Some people are warned when they see blood on the moon, others are not. The horrible deed which destroyed a Virginia court startled the whole country and stunned the community. But the people who witness so great a horror in their midst had ample opportunity to see signs enough to cause alarm before the deed occurred. There had been failure to enforce law, and the spirit of outrage had been encouraged by winking at crime or looking the other way when an influential law-breaker rode by. A member of Congress who boldly defended or apologized for "moonshining" was re-elected session after session. In a word, the community and local government sowed to the wind of lawlessness and reaped a whirlwind of their sowing.

It is to be observed also that officials throughout the South have too often readily yielded to mobs when hunting for the life of Negro offenders. They have permitted these men to be taken out and hanged or riddled by bullets. And this is what the outlaws did with the court itself, mobbed it on the spot. It was a frightful deed, but the bolt did not come from a clear sky. Time and again the warning has been sounded that encouraging mob law was a dangerous experiment. How dangerous the whole country now knows. Anybody can see blood when it runs as it did at Hillsville, but why not see the signs of an evil day before it comes? —The Advance.

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NEGROES OBJECT TO SOCIAL EQUALITY

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