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White Minister in Jail for Embezzlement.

FORMER PREACHER WEEPS ALL DAY IN COUNTY JAIL

Mr. John W. Watson, white, a former minister of the gospel is facing serious charges concerning his financial deals. Preaching was too slow.

Accusers Legion.

The "get-rich-quick" deals of Watson are said to have netted him a large sum of money in the last year. Here are some of the things of which he is accused:

Embezzlement of \$2,500 from William W. Phalen by a "second mortgage deal." He was convicted on this charge.

Accused of swindling Henry Colton, Frank and Lillian Broman, A. and Ollithea Thelander, and Minnie E. Blighton out of \$1,300.

J. H. Buchanan, retired capitalist formerly of Pueblo, Colo., claims Watson swindled him out of \$15,000 in various deals.

A. J. Edgar, No. 429 West Sixty-ninth street, claims to have been swindled in a \$1,200 note deal.

Alleged to have embezzled \$300 from Mrs. F. D. Truckmiller of Pasadena.

Attorney J. A. Donnell declares Watson secured \$2,600 from a client of his by fraudulent means.

Mrs. F. C. Fleming of No. 1041 Marengo avenue, Pasadena, says she lost \$2,750 she entrusted to Watson to invest.

Miss S. N. Landis, a sister of Mrs. Fleming, claims to have lost \$1,000 in a similar manner.

Ella Baker, a poor woman, says she lost \$1,200 through buying a house of Watson which later burned down. Watson is said to have sold the furniture that was saved and to have collected the insurance, keeping the money for his own uses.

Joseph Tanner says he lost \$1,000 through a Watson deal.

Anna Stewart asserts she lost \$1,500.

Dr. S. F. Kurpiers of Boyle Heights alleges he lost \$3250 in a deal with Watson.

Watson had an office in the Currier building.

Watson, who lives at 635 Hobart boulevard, was arrested just after he had alighted in the downtown district from an automobile in which were seated his wife and daughter. He was tried in the Phalen case and was convicted. Judge McCormick refused to grant him a new trial and now his attorney Jud Rush, is making preparations to appeal the case.

SEEK WHITE MURDERS TO LYNCH THEM IN N. C.

White Southern Men Cut Throats of White Man and Wife, Rob House and escape—Murdered Man Relative of Thomas Dixon, of "Clansman"—Lynching Habit Threatens White Men.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 14,—Armed posses today are pursuing two masked men who murdered Charles Dixon and his wife in their

home at Fallston, Cleveland county. A lynching is sure to follow the capture of the men.

Dixon, who is a relative of Thomas Dixon, the author-playwright, was called to his barn by masked men, who cut his throat. Returning to the house they cut Mrs. Dixon's throat, and left her for dead. Then they ransacked the house, but found only \$50.

Mrs. Dixon was able to give an accurate description of the men before she died.

NEGROES BECOMING THRIFTY

(Nashville Tennessean:) Negro banks in the United States are increasing at a rapid rate.

Altogether there are now fifty-seven Negro savings institutions in this country.

Tennessee has four; Alabama, seven; Georgia, four; Mississippi, eleven; Virginia, seven; Texas, six; North Carolina, six; Florida, South Carolina and Maryland, one each; Oklahoma, two.

Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have one Negro bank each, and Illinois has two, these being the only four in the North.

Deposits in Negro banks aggregate \$5,200,000 and their capital stock is \$1,600,000.

The first Negro bank was organized at Richmond, Va., in 1888, and the second at Birmingham in 1890.

WANTS HEAVY DAMAGES

DR. LUIS ENTERS SUIT AGAINST
THE FOLLOWING PARTIES

Drs. J. R. Sheppard, Pope Har-
rard, G. W. Cole, Gasham Newman,
Avenger Lee and Len Williams.

Upon the trial and conviction of
G. M. Newman in the county court
recently, Drs. J. R. Sheppard,
Harrald and Lee, pled guilty to the
mobbing of Dr. R. T. Luis, a reput-
able colored physician on the night
of August 8th, in the Eight-mile
bottom, east of Marshall. As an
outcome of the mobbing and the
result of the parties pleading guilty,
Dr. Luis has asked in the District
Court for \$15,000. \$5,000 actual
and \$10,000 exemplary damages
—Marshall Daily Messenger, Dec.
22, 1911.

(All of the above parties are
colored people. They have learned
the white man's trick of mobbing
those whom he cannot otherwise
overcome.)

The Negro must take more ser-
iously to heart the fact that he
is compared to the whites, not
making show enough. He has the
education and the money and there-
fore is without excuse for not do-
ing more in the material world.
Here in Dallas, he has more churches
and schools than anything else.
This is not true of the white man.
He has more factories, stores, shops,
and other bread-winning labor-
using enterprises than churches
and schools. He reasons that his
off-spring must have a means of
support—a way to get what is
needed for earthly comfort before
going into the heaven and hell
business, and we are much of the
opinion that the black man might
profit by his example. Let us
establish a few more enterprises
which offer us a means of liveli-
hood, for if we do not live we will
not need anything in this world—
and blame little in the world to
come.—Dallas Express.

RACE HATE ENDORSED
BY REV. STOUT OF SANTA MON-
ICA

Rev. J. A. Stout of Santa Monica
spoke at the Forum last Sunday. On
his notices printed beneath his
cut he announced himself as preach-
er, elder, singer, lecturer, etc., etc.,
concluding with: "He is undoubt-
edly the most eloquent orator of the
race." Of course, meaning less
verbiage like the above can always
be depended upon to attract those
creatures who talk when awake
and think when they sleep.

Mob Law Upheld

Addressing his audience, Rev.
Stout said among other things:
"I am proud that the Negroes of
the South are oppressed, hated
and discriminated against because
it makes business." This state-
ment cruel and un-Christian-like
as it was roundly applauded.
Rev. Stout being a minister of
the gospel ought to mean just
what he says. Mob law with jim
crowism and the nameless cata-
logue of fiendish brutality that
follows in its train, not only has
not made business for Negroes, but
has made none for the community
that tolerated it. The fact that
the Negro has accumulated millions
of wealth in the South is not due
to Southern oppression, but in
spite of it, in spite of mob law, in-
justice, cruel discrimination on ac-
count of color, in spite of systematic
robbery to which they have been
subjected to by soulless planters
and dishonest merchants. Southern
Negroes own 53 banks, with a
capital of more than a million dol-
lars. Suppose the Negroes of the
South had, had a square deal;
if with everything against them they
have accumulated millions could
they have done more had the South
given them a man's show? Mob
outrages, race discriminations and
systematic injustice have not at
any time or place made money for
anybody. The man who believes

and preaches such pernicious, bar-
barous doctrine be he preacher or
what not is a mighty poor adviser.

That kind of pride is possibly the
reason why Rev. Stout has made
such a miserable failure at Santa
Monica. And that's why he can
always draw a crowd at the
"Fool's Paradise." A man who
has to be kicked and cuffed around
to make him provide for his family
will never provide for them. The
same is true of a race. The man
who believes the contrary is not
prepared to lead anybody or advise.
If Rev. Stout believes what he
says, he could quit preaching with-
out doing the Golden Rule any
harm, and his race can dispense
with his advice without loss.

WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES

Rev. Mr. Fisher, assistant pastor
of the Tabernacle M. E. Church,
Pasadena, filled the pulpit Sunday
morning. He preached a forceful
sermon on tithing and aroused
much interest in the way God
would have the church supported.
Without salary, Dr. Fisher is giv-
ing his time to this work among
the churches. He was followed
by Col. Allensworth who closed the
services with appropriate remarks.

The memorial services held in
honor of the late Rev. R. C. Bed-
ford which took place in the evening,
were attended by an unusually
large audience, the entire city be-
ing represented. The eulogy on
the life and work of Rev. Bedford
delivered by Attorney W. O. Tyler
was in every way befitting to the
occasion and subject. So eager
was the audience to hear every
word of the speaker that the falling
of a pin would have been heard.
It was an able address and had to
be heard to be appreciated.

In his five minute introductory
remarks, Rev. Kenchin spoke vol-
umes on the unending lives of those
who live for the good of others.
Mrs. Anna Owens sang a sweet
solo. The exercises were impressive
and entertaining throughout occu-
pying front seats were members
of the bereaved family. Mr. R.
C. Owens presided.

A LEAP YEAR CONCERT

There will be a leap year concert at Wesley Chapel Friday evening the 19th. Everybody invited.

A MOTHER'S MEETING

A mother's meeting will be held at the First A. M. E. Church, 8th Street and Towne Avenue, Sunday, January 20th at 3 p. m. The meeting will be addressed by Prof. James C. Moore. A splendid entertainment is in store for all who attend. Everybody is cordially invited.

The Rousseau musical family has removed to Santa Monica where they are entertaining sea-side visitors with daily concerts.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. Peoples of Illinois who is stopping at 849 Hemlock street will locate permanently in this city.

Mrs. Ware, Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, is on the sick list.

Miss Benjamin left last Tuesday for San Antonio, Texas to visit her sick father.

The Junior choir of the Mount Zion Baptist Church will sing at the Tabernacle Baptist Church next Sunday at 3 o'clock. The Sunday Union will meet there.

The Young people will tender a reception to Mrs. E. Pryor at 339 1-2 Hewitt Street on the 22nd. Mrs. Pryor is doing a good work.

Mrs. R. Henry of 1012 Denver avenue with the assistance of her daughter Miss Kathleen and her sister Mrs. W. Pollock were hostesses at a very elaborate dinner on Sunday last. Covers being laid for twelve.

David Cunningham entertained the members of the Faben Phi at his home on Tuesday last and a most enjoyable meeting was held. The next meeting of the Frat

will be in the home of Joseph Delaney.

Members of St. Philip's Chapter Brotherhood of St. Andrew were guests of the Quarterly Local Assembly at St. John's Parish House on Thursday of this week and heard Dr. Herbert Carlton one of the Brotherhood Officials from the National Council at Boston.

Mrs. Ellsworth Saunders is meeting with much success with her Monday Assembly's in Washington Hall.

WOMENS CLUB NOTES

The Progressive Womens Club met Thursday January 11th, with Mrs. Reed, 1704 Cherry Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Thompson, who are visiting in the city and Mrs. Foster, were guests of the club. Mrs. Thompson, gave an interesting account of the social settlement work in which she has been engaged in southwest Washington.

Mr. Thompson who for a long time was private secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington, gave in a nut shell, the history of Tuskegee and the great work being done there.

At the close of the meeting the hostess served chocolate and sandwiches.

The regular Mother's Meeting of the City and County Federation, will be held Sunday, January 20, at 3 p. m. at the A. M. E. Church, Eighth and Towne avenues.

A fine program will be rendered. Prof. J. C. Moore will give the history of Sojourner Truth and Mrs. Thompson will speak of her work.

The collection lifted at this meeting, will be given to Sojourner Truth Club—to help clear the debt on the Working Girls' Home.

The fathers are especially invited to be present at the Mother's Meeting.

The second All Day Meeting of the Southern Division of the State Federation will be held Thursday,

February 15th, at the A. M. E. Church, Pasadena.

The City and County Federation will act as host to the State Federation, which meets in this city in July. A committee composed of the presidents of the local clubs has been appointed by the Southern Division of the State Executive Board to assist in arranging for this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wheat of 2018 Darwin avenue, entertained Col. and Mrs. Allensworth at dinner, Friday evening, January 12.

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The audience at The Lyceum last Sunday was not so large as the Sunday previous, but what it lacked in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. The discussion of current topics occupied the time. The discussions were able and instructive. Rev. Wade, Mrs. Snell and Messrs. Norris, McClellan and Snell, each made short addresses.

The Lincoln-Douglas Day which will be celebrated next month will be made a grand affair. Prof. James C. Moore will deliver an address on the life of Frederick Douglas. The program of the exercises will appear in full in these columns later.

A BIG INCREASE IN CIRCULATION

The January increase of *The Liberator's* circulation is the largest in its history. The people are beginning to realize the value of the paper as never before, while the city leads all in new subscribers the suburban towns are coming up grandly, Pasadena and Santa Monica leading. The fact that our new subscribers are all volunteers is significant.

The Liberator's clean, able, fearless policy is doing the business.

The public man who don't want his acts as such criticised will have to give up his job whether it's office holding or preaching.

If a preacher's public utterances merit criticism they are going to get it. If any set of men ought to be guarded in what they say, it is the ministers of the gospel. The Deified men have all gone to heaven.

Jack Johnson has agreed to fight Jim Flynn for a purse of \$30,000. Now the white ministers who can witness all kinds of brutality and fiendish outrages by mobs without raising a hand, can get busy. In the prize ring the Negro has something of a man's show; if mobs would give their Negro victims an animal's consideration, these ministers would cry out against the mob law.

WILL ADDRESS THE LYCEUM

Attorney Edward Burton Ceruti, of New York, will address the Lyceum this Sunday, January 20th at 4 o'clock P. M.

Everybody cordially invited.

G. Walter Snell, Chairman program Committee.

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

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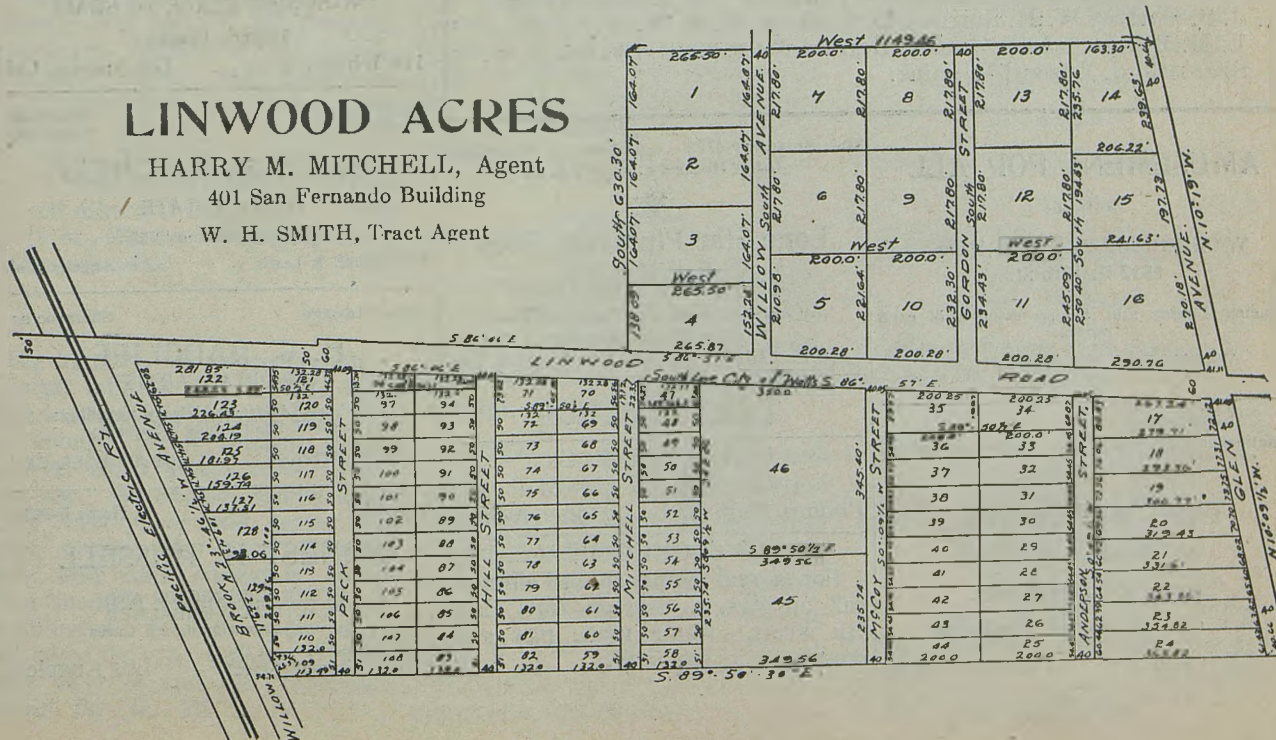
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