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Why Negroes Should Own Farms in California

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The first and chief value of a California farm is that life is as safe as respect for law can make it. The value of land depends more upon the safety of life than the fertility of the soil. Hence, where life isn't safe, property is without value. California therefore, offers the home seeker two of the chief essentials to success as a farmer. viz: absolute freedom in the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, coupled with the most fertile and productive soil under the sun.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The next essential, no less important than the two mentioned, is the facilities offered the farmer for educating his children. In this particular, California is second to none. Every community has its grammar school with nine months sessions each year and high school districts are so situated that every farmer's boy or girl is within four miles of the district high school. Graduating from the high schools the State University and Normal schools are opened free to all. All of the large cities of the state have Polytechnic High Schools where the farmer's boys can learn the trades free and those who are unable to attend the day schools, can enter the night classes which are also free. The state maintains a number of normal schools situated in the large centers of population making them of easy access to the children in every part of the state. So the farmer who brings his children to California owns free of cost the absolute protection

of the laws and facilities for educating his children that are unsurpassed.

With these and a small farm, say ten to forty acres of land, he is absolutely independent. The farmer who wishes to conserve his energies while living decently and independently, should come to California. This does not mean that he can live without work, but it does mean that well directed labor produces more in California than it does anywhere else in the United States.

FARMS

The California farmer knows nothing of the privations endured by the farmers of the rural districts of the East and South. He has the enjoyment of all the facilities enjoyed by the Eastern villagers. His church and school is at his door, the grocer supplies him each day, the butcher and baker supplies fresh meat and bread for each meal. The daily paper is at his door early in the morning, the rural mail carrier hands him his mail each day and his telephone puts him in speaking distance with the business people of distant cities. Everything his soil produces finds a ready market at his door.

The system of public roads maintained by the county are the best in the country. So that driving and automobiling are two great sources of pleasure among the farmers and their children.

THE PRODUCTIVENESS OF THE SOIL

The soil in California is so productive that the farmer needs

only a small well cared for tract of land. For instance, a farmer with a family of five can make a good living and educate his children on ten acres of land. Such a farmer would have time for reading and recreation and would not be a slave to the farm, but with one fourth of the labor, get better results than a southern farmer can get on forty acres.

A young farmer in King's County gathered 1000 sacks of onions from three and three-fourths acres of land worth \$1.50 per sack, or \$1,500. Upon this same land he can harvest another crop. This is merely one of thousands of instances to be found anywhere in California. Owing to California's matchless climate, wealth and diversity of soil, the farmers of California engage with great profit in almost every agricultural pursuit known to the country. The fruit growing of this state is conducted on such a large scale, that it is engaged in principally by men of large means. There are yet tens of thousands of opportunities for men of small means to engage in the business with absolute certainty of success; as many thousands of acres of valuable fruit lands are being reclaimed annually and thrown on the market at low prices and easy terms.

COTTON GROWING

Besides the millions of dollars, produced annually from farming, cattle raising, mining and manufacturing in this state, the introduction of cotton growing in the great Imperial valley will add its

millions to the states already enormous productiveness. The cotton farmer of the south is handicapped in many ways in the production of his crop. Too much dry weather or rain just before maturity will greatly reduce the size of his crop. Too much rain after maturity will not only waste a large percentage of his crop, but damage the quality thus lowering the price. The above are conditions over which he has no control, not so with the cotton grower of Imperial valley. Aside from hot weather one of the first essentials is rich soil. This the Imperial valley farmer has in inexhaustible quantities. With his system of irrigation he has absolute control over the moisture necessary to make his crop, hence he knows no such a thing as a drought. Whenever his crop needs rain he simply floods his land. On the maturity of his crop, irrigation ceases and his cotton without danger of rain remains in the field till late in January. Cotton planted in June produces 1,000 pounds of lint or two bails to the acre with little work. Owing to the absence of cold weather, the growing season is much longer here than it is in the South. The crops are therefore larger and the opportunities for harvesting are in excess of those in the South. With the present high prices of cotton and the uncertainty of making a crop in the South, the future importance of the cotton industry in this state is hard to estimate. In view of the fact that lands in the valley are still cheap, the farmer who wishes to engage in cotton growing with permanent profit will do well to buy lands in the Imperial valley.

In closing this article, we may be excused for partial repetition of our introductory paragraph.

California's wealth and desirableness as a place to live and educate one's children, is due more to her law loving citizens, than to her semi-tropic climate and soil of inexhaustible fertility. But for her citizens, respect for each others rights, this mighty empire, this

paradise of the western world would be a barren waste, over-run by mobs.

By the rigid enforcement of the law, without regard to race, color or condition, California has done what any other state can do—increased the value of her resources by inviting within her gates the enterprise, wealth and culture of the world.

Any inquiry accompanied by a two-cent stamp will be answered.

EASTER SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

At Wesley Chapel.

At Wesley Chapel the Easter services were attended by a record-breaking crowd. The Sunday school room and both galleries had to be thrown open to accommodate the people. The pastor, Rev. E. W. Kenchin, delivered a sermon in the morning accompanied by soul-stirring songs. Hundreds of communicants partook of the Lord's supper and one infant was christened. The children's exercises were in every way an improvement on all former occasions of the kind. Everybody seemed to enter into the spirit of the sacred occasion. But the blessed little children, what a picture of loveliness! One could not look upon that living picture of youth and beauty, without sending a silent prayer to Heaven, that though they could not always be young, that they might always be happy.

One very noticeable thing in this connection, is that while every person was neatly and becomingly dressed there was no display of silly extravagance in dress. The people are beginning to pay less attention to dress and more to the things that make life a blessing.

At Mount Zion.

At Mount Zion the crowd was unusually large and the exercises impressive. The large Sunday school acquitted itself nicely. At the close of the program the editor of this journal delivered a short

address to the school. He congratulated the young people upon their presence as an indication that they had commenced life's journey on the right road—in the Sunday school and church. *"It is from you boys and girls that the leading men and women of the future must come,"* he said. He urged them to make up their minds to be something, and do something. *"No man,"* said he, *"rises now-a-days, against his will, but by force of it. The men who reach the top get there after a fierce struggle; a struggle from within and without."*

The Risen Christ.

The Risen Christ was the subject from which Dr. Hill preached a masterly sermon. Every seat in the auditorium was occupied.

Although Mount Zion Sunday School contains scores of very small children, the editor does not remember when he has spoken to a gathering of the kind, that took more interest in what he said than did the members of that school.

From all of the churches comes the report of full houses and splendid exercises. With our pulpits filled with broad-minded, capable, Christian men, it is simply wonderful what our churches can do in the work of uplifting the Negroes. The preacher's opportunities to do good are unlimited.

CITIZEN'S MASS MEETING

There will be a mass meeting of citizens at New Hope Baptist Church—Paloma Street, between 16th and 17th, Friday evening, April 19th, 1912, at 7:30 p. m., to protest against the action of the County Supervisors relative to the admission of colored applicants to the training school for nurses at the hospital.

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**CITY CLERK HANDLEY AND
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DRESS THE LYCEUM**

In spite of numerous attractions last Sunday, a representative audience turned out to the Lyceum, to hear the addresses of Rev. Dana Bartlett and City Clerk L. A. Handley. Mr. Handley's address added greatly to his popularity among the colored people. In an able, forceful manner he discussed many of the issues confronting the people, urging his hearers to study them, as becomes good citizens.

Rev. Dana Bartlett told of his work in the slums, extending through many years. In spite of his life spent among the lowly with poverty, squalor and suffering for every day companions, he is the personification of optimism. His discussion of the cause and cure of the present day ills, accompanied by apt and striking illustrations, carried his argument home with telling effect. With unanimity, the members of the audience expressed themselves as being mentally richer and broader by having heard those addresses.

Using the great Mississippi river as a type of our social life, Mr. Handley impressed upon his hearers as he could in no other way, the futility of attempting to elevate one class of society while neglecting the other. He said: "The Mississippi, above its junction with Missouri river, is clear. At the junction of those two rivers the clear water keeps to the left with the muddy, silt-bearing waters of the Missouri rolling on to the right, traveling many miles side by side. But, by continual mixing, the muddy water gets the best of the contest and the great river becomes a mighty volume of rolling, muddy water depositing the silt at its mouth to the detriment of commerce. Each individual being a unit of society the stability of social purity depends upon the purity of its units.

So every effort made to elevate the lowly is so much done for the protection of the high.

Miss Pearl Lowry sang a solo.

\$16.00 was raised for the Day Nursery. In a few well chosen words Mrs. Eugene Walker, the president, thanked the audience for the donation.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mrs. Chas. Elgin of 1366 East 18th street, left Saturday for New Orleans to visit the bedside of a dying sister.

Editor _____ Alexander, editor and proprietor of Alexander's Magazine, is in the city on a tour of the West. He is stopping at the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. S. N. Alexander, a bright young business man of Helena, Ark., has opened a real estate and insurance office at 128 North Main Street.

Our correspondent saw a candidate for bishop walking down Main street the other day smoking a cigar.

For something good to eat, call at MAY'S RESTAURANT, 622 E. 8th Street. Meals and services first-class.

Hon. Theodore Jones, Ex-Commissioner of Cook County, Ill., honored our office with a call this week.

Mr. Oliver MacGruder, of Kingsley Drive, died on the 5th, after a long illness. His remains were shipped to Colorado for burial.

We are pleased to acknowledge an invitation to attend the First Anniversary of the Louisiana Club. The anniversary will be held at Central Hall, 19th and Central Avenue, April 18th.

A splendid audience gathered at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on the 4th, inst., in response to a call by the Ministerial Alliance, for a testimonial to Dr. McPherson for his valuable services to the cause of Christianity since he has been in this community. It was so late, however, before the audience

gathered, that the program did not begin until 9:30, the hour when it should have closed. Many people who would have remained and enjoyed the refreshments and a social hour, left immediately for their homes at the close of the program, owing to the lateness of the hour. Rev. Wade presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Skinner. Remarks were made by Rev. J. T. Hill and Prof. W. E. Easton. This was followed by an excellent program of vocal and instrumental music.

If you want building plans drafted or architectural drawing of any kind call upon Wm. Westfield, 164 Wall Street. He is the only colored draughtsman in the city. All work guaranteed.

Chief Sebastian, during last week, transferred officer Littleton McDuff from the East Side Police Station to the clerical staff of the Detective Bureau. Mr. McDuff was formerly the secretary of Capt. Lehnhausen, having been detailed to that duty while the Captain was commanding the Central Division and being later transferred to the East Side Division with the Captain.

Chief Sebastian, in transferring Mr. McDuff, has given recognition to the sterling qualities and capabilities of one of our progressive young men who has the support and good wishes of his entire race. Lay on McDuff, we are watching you.

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TAFT DOOMED

The Roosevelt victory in Illinois fixes the doom of president Taft. The Negro vote evidently went to Roosevelt, as the colored voters will lose no opportunity to strike down the author of that "Southern Negro policy." Mr. Taft cannot get the Negro vote of New York, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland or Massachusetts, if he should get the nomination. A new Negro—a Negro that thinks, has come upon the stage; and will have to be reckoned with as a man. The Negro Bureau, organized by

Colonel Roosevelt to look after the Negro vote, is producing results.

HON. THEODORE W. JONES WILL SPEAK

Hon. Theodore W. Jones of Kansas, former commissioner of Cook county, Ill., will address the Lyceum next Sunday. Mr. Jones is a man of recognized ability and comes to us with a message that every one should hear. Every person who attends will gain much from the ripe experience of such men as the Hon. T. W. Jones. For the seeker after information few things are more helpful than lectures; and no people need lectures worse than do our people. The man who denies himself the benefits to be derived from lectures, simply dies of hunger in the midst of plenty.

NEGRO VOTERS REMEMBERED Senator Cullom

Some years ago Senator Cullom said, in discussing the so-called race problem, that if the Negroes were permanently disfranchised, the bulk of the Southern states would go into the Republican party. This suggestion was not only unmanly but criminal. Cullom was willing to destroy the results of the war and practically enslave ten millions of American citizens, if only the Republicans could secure permanent control of the country for the exploitation of trusts and soulless combines. One by one the traitors to liberty are falling.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL SUPERVISORS DOOMED

The attempt of certain members of the Board of Supervisors to dodge behind the lady nurses in that nurse-training affair, is cowardly to say the least. The feelings between the races were never better than they are now. Members of both races are pursuing their studies side by side in the public and private schools and colleges of this city and state. White people are employing thousands of Negroes in their homes, banks and stores. But in spite of this, and the rapid

growth in the spirit of fair play, among all classes of our citizens this sneaking attempt is made to draw the color line in a public institution. The man who starts a row and then dodges behind a woman to protect himself, is looked upon as being beyond the pale of manly consideration. To say that the lady nurses at the county hospital would leave the sick in that institution to suffer and die, if educated Negro girls were admitted there to learn how to properly nurse the sick is a gross slander upon the ladies mentioned. It is a slander upon the homes from which they came.

We have many assurances from white men of power and influence that they will aid the Negro voters at the polls in the election of men to office men that are broad-minded and are living in this age of progress; men who are too big to close the door of hope on the weak or any one else. In this fight your vote is all you need.

MANY DEATHS

The past ten days have marked the passing of many of our well known citizens. Mr. Frank Wilkerson of 1376 W. 35th Place died Tuesday after a short illness. His funeral, which was held at Wesley Chapel, was attended by nearly a thousand persons. Revs. Kenchin and Gordon conducted the services.

If you want a good dinner call on W. J. Henderson, 1414 East 9th street. The most polite service in the city.

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Booker T. Washington Art Club was entertained Thursday, March 28, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Ellis of 1454 West 35th Place in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Reed. Light refreshments of sandwiches, cocoa, ice cream and cake, candies and fruits were served. All reported a delightful time. Mr. and Mrs. Reed departed for their home in St. Louis, Mo., Sunday, March 31.

Easter Services at the Eighth Street Christian Church, Easter morning, were both beautiful and impressive. The choir rendered some beautiful songs.

The program consisted of recitations, select readings and vocal solos.

The most beautiful and impressive part of the service was an Easter token in the form of an individual communion set, presented to the church by Mrs. M. A. Toney of 1571 West 36th Place, and Mrs. Richardson of 35th and Raymond Avenue.

The Booker T. Washington Art Club held the election of officers Thursday, April 4th, at the residence of Mrs. Mamie Lewis, 1236 1-2 Hobart Blvd.

The officers elected are as follows:

Mrs. Frank Ross, president; Mrs. J. W. Payne, Vice-President; Mrs. Albert Wise, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ernest Clements, financial secretary; Mrs. N. W. Cobb, treasurer. After the election of officers was completed, Mrs. Lewis served turkey, cranberry sauce, turkey dressing, celery and coffee.

FOOL'S PARADISE ON A STILL HUNT FOR FREE GROCERIES

Since the Fool's Paradise (Forum) hoodwinked a couple of lawyers out of a big legal opinion free, it has been on a still hunt for some other business to smash. Recently its "limber-jaws" engaged in a gabfest as to the best method of running the groceries of the country. To hear those chin-merchants who never trade with Negroes if they can help it, tell how to handle groceries by the millions, makes Jevne and Cohn look silly. Although these fellows tell how to make millions by selling groceries, they couldn't successfully run a chitlin counter. And, although unable to employ themselves, they are experts in the bank-

ing and mercantile pursuits. Although they never visit a Negro grocery, they lectured to Negro grocers telling them why their business was so small and how to run grocery stores so as to make "pots full of money and furnish employment for us and our children," as one of them put it. Finally, one fellow in the rear of the hall, said something about advertising in the Negro papers; like a flash, one fellow scrambled to his feet and shouted: "Let Negro papers alone, and sell your groceries cheaper than white grocers do."

How the Negro who pays the same prices for his groceries that white men pay can under-sell them and keep out of jail or the poor house is puzzling to any one not a member of the Fool's Paradise. This suggestion is doubtless a knock at Negro grocers—a cunning attempt to keep Negro trade away from them by requesting them to do the impossible. To hear Negroes who have never made anything but a noise, tell other folks just how to make money is sometimes amusing. The F. P. can humbug some colored lawyers of legal opinions, but they will never fill their stomach with free groceries from a Negro grocery.

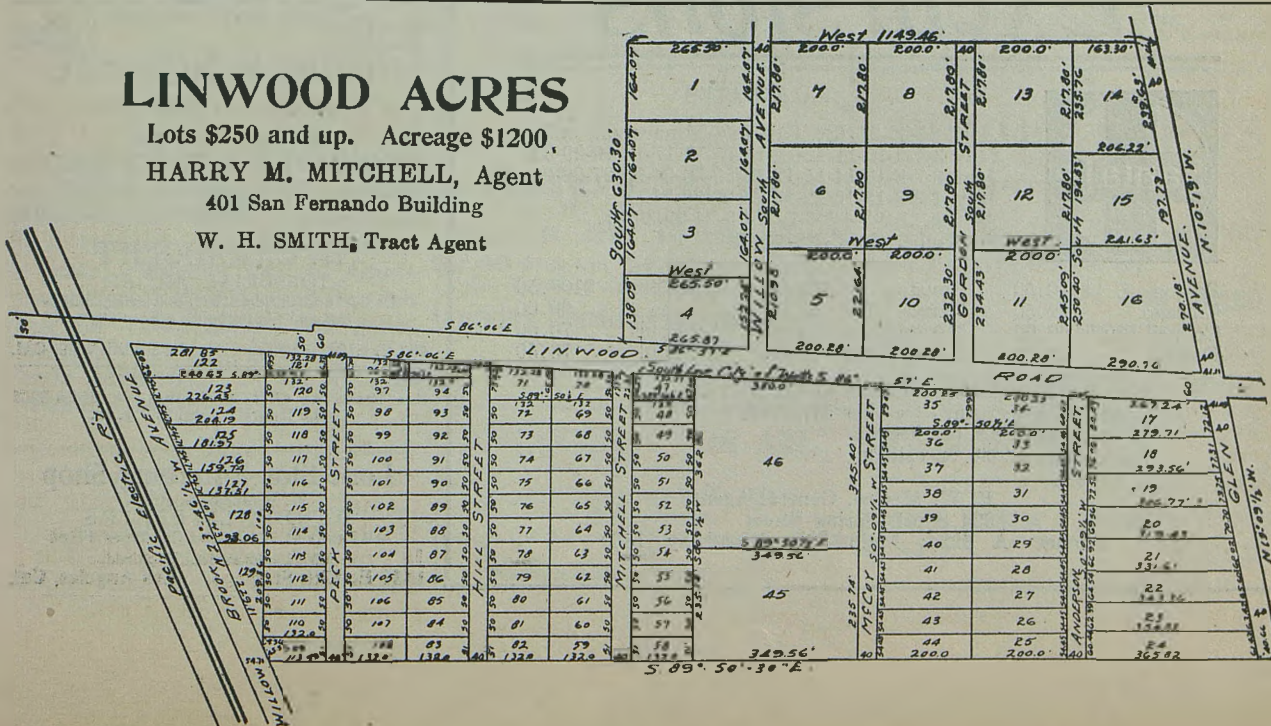
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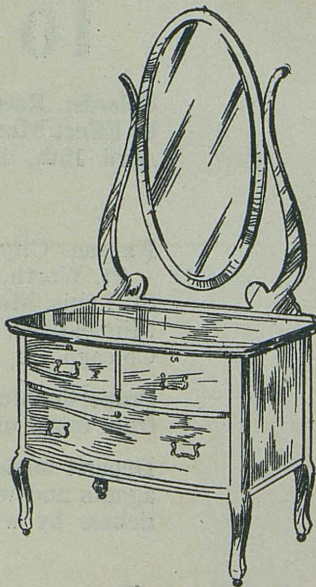
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Dated this 14th day of March, A. D., 1912.

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