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CITY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FRANCIS AND THE NEGRO CHILDREN

From time to time the colored children attending the public schools of this city have complained that they are not given a square deal in their classes. These complaints do not come from any particular section, but from the different parts of the city. The complaints are that teachers try to discourage them in their attendance at the schools by making it so unpleasantly interesting that they are forced to drop out before reaching the higher grades. The older colored students from what they have experienced, reached the conclusion long ago that there is a tacit understanding among the teachers of the city that negro children are to be systematically discouraged so as to force them to drop out of school before reaching the high grades. And that those who reach and pass them do so in spite of this discouragement. The statement of Superintendent J. H. Francis, made recently, makes it evident that the complaints made by the children are well founded.

The proposition to create an intermediate school for the accommodation of Seventh grade pupils, caused a considerable stir among a certain class of residents in the neighborhood of the Twentieth street school as to how negro children could be kept out of the proposed intermediate school. To a delegation from that section in question, that besieged Mr. Francis to see what means could be adopted in carrying out that program, he said in effect:

"You are crossing the river before you get to it," and emphasized the fact that the

complaints that have been made by negro children are true in the following language.

"Mr. Francis assured Mr. Smyzer that but few of the negroes reached the seventh grade, so that not many would be left in the intermediate school and that there were only about 150 pupils to be transferred to Twentieth street—the district Smyzer represented—so that the color question would be but a slight consideration after all. Nearly all the colored children live east of Alameda, he said, and would be sent to other schools any way."

The above statement by Mr. Francis makes it conclusive that there is an understanding among the teachers of the city schools to discourage negro children so systematically as to force them to drop out before reaching the seventh and Higher grades. If, however, few negro children reach the seventh grade as he states, it is not due to their disinclination to study, but to a tacit understanding of the teachers to bring about that result. A statement like the above coming from the head of the city schools with the emphasis he places upon it, shows a pitiable state of affairs in the cities' educational circles.

Owing to the far reaching influence that the teacher exercises over his class and the important part he plays in the development of the future citizens, the teachers in the public schools at least, should be men and women too big and broad with hearts inspired by aspirations too noble to have

room in them for the entertainment of such petty race prejudice. For, as is the teacher, so will be the pupils in very many particulars. If self-seeking grafters, corruptionists and demagogues must do the politics of the country, let the spoils system exact its toll at every state capital; but let the men and women in the public schools, who have to do with the making of the future citizens, be men and women whose hearts are too big, broad and pure to entertain such debased feelings. With the youth of the nation in the hands of such men and women, the political corruption, graft and crime that is now disgracing the country will perish for the want of soil upon which to live and thrive. 'The stream cannot rise higher than the source.

The truest, best and sweetest type of the girl of to-day does not come from the home of wealth; she steps out from the house where there is comfort rather than luxury. She belongs to the great middle class—that class which has given us the best wifehood, which has given helpmates to the foremost men of our time; which teaches its daughters the true meaning of love; which teaches the manners of the drawing room and the practical life of the kitchen, as well as teaches its girls the responsibilities of wifehood and the greatness of motherhood. The L. A. Democrat.

Mr. D. Webster will leave soon for Mexico on an extended business trip.

WHO WILL REPRESENT THE FIRST A. M. E. CHURCH AS MINISTERIAL DELEGATES TO THE QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE?

The California Conference of the A. M. E. Church will convene at the First A. M. E. Church, Eighth and Towne Ave., this city on the 23rd inst. Owing to the fact that this conference is the last before the meeting of the Quadrennial conference, many important matters will come up at this session. The question now uppermost in the minds of the membership of the first church is, who will represent us as Ministerial Delegates to the Quadrennial Conference? As is usual in such cases, the woods are full of candidates. In view of the far reaching effects of the work done at the coming Quadrennial and its bearing on the future welfare of the Towne Ave. church, the membership seemed determined to send only broad and capable men. From careful investigation among the membership as matters now stand, Rev. David R. Jones of this city and Rev. G. M. Tillman of Pasadena, seem to be in the lead.

Rev. D. R. Jones has been a member of the California Conference for twenty years and was secretary of the Conference fifteen years. His record as secretary stands unsurpassed in the connection. Dr. Jones is a man of unquestioned ability, exceedingly popular, whose loyalty to the Church and its work has never been doubted. He is young, vigorous and progressive and his election as delegate will mark the beginning of a new era of the A. M. E. Church work in this city.

Rev. G. M. Tillman was transferred from the Colorado Conference to the California conference four years ago. He was transferred from Illinois to Colorado and has a record as a scholar and church worker of which any man of his age could be proud. During his short pastorate in Pasadena, the church has enjoyed a season of unparalleled prosperity. To his

credit, the people of Pasadena say, that the question of how much his salary is to be, received his smallest consideration. That the work of extending the influence of the church for good claims his whole attention. In other words he is unselfish.

There seems to be a big undercurrent in favor of a change in the Towne avenue church pulpit. This is the result of a feeling that the church is making no progress. Whether this feeling is imaginary or not, we are not in a position to say, but we know however that the desire for a change is strong.

Although Rev. Peck is little known outside the walls of his church his character as a Christian gentleman cannot be questioned. The fact that he is as little known in the city at large now, as when he came several years ago, is due perhaps to a natural retiring disposition.

"That the church is undergoing a period of stagnation," is a prevalent feeling among its membership. *The Liberator* has no choice in the matter, other than a desire to have the influence of our churches for good increased, we have no feeling. Owing to the power the colored ministers wield, we would like to see each pulpit filled by a broad, unselfish, progressive man. The men elected as delegates to the Quadrennial Conference will determine whether or not a change is to be made in the Towne Ave. pulpit.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Junior choir of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church was entertained with an ice cream social tendered on the 26th, by its leader Mr. James H. Spicer. There were twenty five members present, also many parents. It goes without saying that the entire party had a pleasant evening. Mr. Spicer is doing a good work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holt of 1320 Albany street, entertained in honor of Miss Mary V. Dickinson, Jesse E. Pork, Nannie E. Howard, teachers from Washington, D. C., Miss

Vanderburg a teacher of St. Louis Mo. and Mrs. Belle Palton of Chicago, with a dance at their home last evening.

Mrs. Anderson of Bakersfield, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Haley on E. 33rd street, returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. Ellis Cook left this week for several days visit to relatives in San Francisco and Oakland.

Miss Pearl Kinard and Joseph Henley were united in marriage on Wednesday evening by Rev. McCoy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haley. A brilliant assemblage of guests witnessed the beautiful ceremony.

The young couple were the recipients of many pretty and useful gifts.

Miss C. Gregory who has been visiting friends at San Diego has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown of Burlington avenue, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russell on Sunday with a well appointed dinner. Covers were laid for six.

Mrs. Robert L. Jackson of E. 33rd street who was taken seriously ill on Saturday last is rapidly convalescing.

The Parish of St. Phillips Episcopal Church will give their picnic in September the place and date to be announced later.

Miss Violet Nelson, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Munroe, gave a most enjoyable Birthday anniversary surprise party in honor of Chester Williams on Tuesday last at the Munroe beautiful home in Hollywood.

The evening was delightfully spent in games, music and dancing.

Elaborate refreshments were served throughout the evening.

Those present were the Misses Paerl Lane, Mable Williams, Fannie, Ida, and Ethel Washington, Della Givens, Anna Graffell, Mara-

grett Smart, Antonette Young, Gwendolyn and Consuella Jones, Maude Black, Gertrude Holman, Alice Strode, Violet Nelson, Messrs. Thomas Pollock, Fred Scott, Chester and Paul Williams, Phillip Givens, John McLemore, Chas. Marsella, Roscoe Knight, William Pierson, William Smart, George Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. G. Munroe, Mesdames Black, Lewis Brown and Trench.

Mr. Thomas Pollock was host on Wednesday evening last when he gave a most happy and enjoyable surprise party in honor of his cousin, Miss Kathalen Henry in her home on Denver street.

If reading of expressions speak for astonishment it is needless to say that Miss Henry was nonplussed when confronted with the merry surprises. Mr. Pollock's guests to surprise Miss Henry were Misses Nellie Scott, Wilhelmenia Pollock, N. Johnson, Mesdame O. V. Childuss, E. Russell, H. F. Posey, M. Liles, Russell, Burgess, Rose, Thomas. Messrs. A. V. Childuss, Father Cleghorn, Fred Scott, Chester and Paul Williams, E. Russell and Ollie Cochran.

The evening services at St. Phillips Episcopal Church, begin now at 6 o'clock.

On Sunday morning, Aug. 20, 1911 at the eight o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion, special prayers will be offered for the recovery of Mrs. J. W. Marvin who still remains quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Markham of 633 East 48th entertained the following Houstonians, Tuesday evening the 15th. Madames C. N. Love, Eva Peacock, S. Pinson, Maria Jackson and Miss Mamie Robey.

Angeleanos present, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Harding, Mrs. L. Wright, Mrs. J. L. Trimble, Mr. M. A. Slater, Dr. J. A. Sommerville, Misses Ida A. Bailey, Hortense Anderson, Zene-

bid Todd, Claretta Todd, Messrs. Jas. A. Warren, Geo. Stevens, B. K. Edmonds and J. J. Brooks of Sawtelle.

Punch, cream and cake were served.

One of the prettiest parties of the season was given complimentary to Miss Mamie Moore a teacher of San Antonio, Texas, by Misses Hattie and Annie Lee at their residence on 36 Place Tuesday eve., Aug. 8, 1911. The guests numbered sixty. The rooms were beautifully decorated with ivory and Japanese blossoms; music and games were highly enjoyed by all.

Mr. Frank B. Powell, one of our successful business men, left on the fourteenth with a party consisting of Mrs. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. James Banks for a ten days deer hunting trip in the Santa Monica Mountains. Both ladies as well as their husbands are expert shots and expect to bring home scalps.

The Golden Rule Literary Society was favored by an interesting address delivered by Miss Wilson of the Western University, last Thursday evening. Miss Wilson was greeted by a good audience.

Patrolman Littleton McDuff, who is now enjoying his annual vacation will leave on the 19th with his wife for San Francisco and other Northern Points. Mr. McDuff is a young man of sterling qualities and is one of the popular and efficient officers of the Los Angeles police force.

The Peterson W. C. T. U. meets at Wesley Chapel every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

The Wesley Chapel Literary Society entertained with a fine program last Tuesday evening. Miss Stovall and Mr. Saunders each read excellent papers.

BISHOP PHILLIPS WILL SPEAK

Bishop Phillips of Nashville and President J. F. Lane of the Lane college, Jackson, Tenn., will address the Lyceum at 1209 Central Ave., Sunday Aug. 20th, 4 o'clock P. M. Everybody invited.

WEDDING BELLS

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Olevia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bunton of Alhambra to Mr. Walter Prentice of this city. The ceremony will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bunton at 429 S. Monterey street, Alhambra at 8 P. M. on Monday August 28.

Mr. D. H. Boykin of 303 Willard Place, Pasadena, who has been on the sick list for some time is reported as convalescing. His many friends are pleased to hear that he is rapidly recovering.

THE DOUGLASS LITERARY SOCIETY

The Douglass Literary Society announces that it will entertain the public with regular programs. The society gave an ice cream social on the eleventh which was greatly enjoyed by the visitors. The entertainments given by the Douglass are always of a high order and now that their reason is open the public can attend their meetings with pleasure and profit.

Miss A. R. Dabney, a graduate of the academy of Music of the Howard University, Washington, D. C., entertained the Golden Rule with a musical selection on the tenth. Miss Dabney resides at 420 So. Daley street.

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Miss Hazel Elgin, who spent a week with the editor's family at Sawtelle, has returned to the city.

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THE LYCEUM

At its meeting last Sunday evening, the Los Angeles Lyceum adopted its constitution and will soon throw its meetings open to the public. The Lyceum will carry on the work of education by the discussion of all public questions by leading white and colored speakers, local and otherwise. As a medium of disseminating information among the people, The Lyceum will be conducted on a high plane and the public will be cordially welcome to all of its meetings. Especial pains will be taken in entertaining women and children. All persons desiring enlightenment on public questions, will be benefited by visiting the meetings of the Lyceum.

Our young ladies and gentlemen of the race will be given place on the Lyceum's program thus giving them an opportunity to develop their talents.

While all public questions will be discussed and speakers of ability, will be heard without regard to color, creed or politics, the Lyceum will be strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan. One section of its constitution declares "that this organization shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan. And no party or party candidate for office shall have its endorsement."

This is high ground and will enable the organization to render invaluable services to both races of the city and suburbs by putting them in touch with each other on all questions of general interest to both.

For instance, such questions as the city ownership of public utilities, such as street railway, telephones, electric lights and gas plants and many other questions in which both races are interested. Lectures on common law by our lawyers and on health by our physicians and the need of business enterprises, by our business men, will occupy much of the Lyceum's attention.

The organization of the Lyceum has the endorsement of the thoughtful men and women of the race throughout the city.

DISCRIMINATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

That discriminations are being encouraged by some of the teachers in the public schools, can no longer be doubted. A statement made by Superintendent Francis and published elsewhere in this edition, furnishes very strong evidence of a conspiracy to keep the negro children back and charge their failures to race inferiority. We have in our possession many things said and done by city teachers to encourage such a condition, which we propose to make public at an early date. One of the best cures for wrong is to make known those responsible for its existence.

THE LOS ANGELES LYCEUM ELECTS OFFICERS

At its meeting last Sunday, the L. A. Lyceum elected the following officers: Willis W. Jackson, president; Rev. E. F. Henderson, Vice-President; Morgan T. White, secretary; Mrs. G. Walter Snell, treasurer. Other officers will be elected later on. The Lyceum will open with a splendid program next Sunday at 4 P. M. The Lyceum meets in the Masonic Temple, 1209 Central Ave. Everybody welcome. All seats free.

THE FORUM WILL LEAVE THE CITY

A preacher at Santa Monica has engaged the Forum to hold its meetings at his church in that city. The first meeting will be held there next Sunday. Taking advantage of *The Liberator's* big circulation in the city by the sea, the preacher has an idea that to exhibit the Forum in his church will attract a crowd and may prove a financial success. The admission fee will hardly be less than ten cents. Twenty five cents would not be too much to charge for the show. If he succeeds, the Ethiopian Steamship Company will make arrangements for a six month's exhibition. The ringmaster ordered each member to be tagged.

COLORED BOY WINS DRAWING SCHOLARSHIP

Providence, R. I., July 4th.—N. W. Gross, the 18 year old son of William H. Gross, has won the scholarship in drawing from the public schools. He will enter the Rhode Island school of design this fall, being the second colored boy to enter that school. He is also the highest boy soprano singer in this city.

Miss Mayme Carter and grandmother of Santa Monica accompanied by Miss Edna Allen have returned after a ten day's visit to San Diego.

POLITICAL LEAGUE TO MEET IN BOSTON.

The National Independent Political League U. S. A., will hold its Fourth Annual meeting at Boston, Mass., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 28th, 29th and 30th, 1911.

Who are invited:

"To this meeting every member and every person who have contributed or assisted the League in its work are invited—especially will be welcomed, all the FRIENDS OF FREEDOM and of EQUAL RIGHTS, who regard these matters as of paramount importance to the Race and to the Country, and who have found it difficult to retain old party allegiances under existing conditions."

Although the organization is but four years old, its labors for the enforcement of the laws of the nation are already having a wholesome effect. The officers of the organization are some of the broadest and most capable men of the race and are in every way capable of performing the duties mapped out by the League and deserves the confidence and support of the liberty loving people of the nation. The names of the distinguished ministers, lawyers, teachers and newspaper editors who are to deliver addresses at the meeting presents a splendid array of the most brilliant men of the race, and pressages that the meeting will be one of the most important in its history.

The object the league being to arouse public sentiment or create such a sentiment in favor of the enforcement of the constitution and laws of the nation should bring to its aid the lovers of justice everywhere. The shocking outrages that are being daily perpetrated upon negro citizens should arouse the entire nation to a sense of its duty. By all means let California send a delegate.

Mr. Walter C. Edmonds, who returned from a visit to Bakersfield, Hanford and Lemoore, reports that the farmers in the valley are exceptionally prosperous. From

the ranches of Messrs. Calbert and Brunson, he brought fine specimens of onions. Mr. Brunson has 3 and 3-4 acres of onions from which he expects to harvest 1000 sacks for which he is offered \$1.50 per sack.

Mr. Edmonds also brought some specimens of Egyptian corn raised by Mr. Calbert. The onions and corn are on exhibition at the Y. M. C. A.

Several years ago the editor of this journal visited Fresno and Kings county to study farming conditions and see what opportunities were there for colored farmers. On his return he induced a half dozen families to go to Lemoore, Kings county. Among them were Messrs. Brunson and Calbert. There are still many opportunities in that locality for colored farmers, all a man needs to become independent in the valley is a few dollars and a willingness to work.

At Bakersfield, Mr. Edmonds spent a week with Mr. Grigsby, a former Pasadena boy. Mr. Grigsby entertained him nicely, showed him over the city, introducing him to the leading citizens among whom were Rev. Mr. Saunders, the talented pastor of the Second Baptist church and Rev. Mr. Haywood of the A. M. E. church.

The specimens of onions sent down by Mr. Calbert were raised from seed sent him by the editor.

Mrs. Thornton and her granddaughter Dorothy Easton, spent Monday with the editor's family at Sawtelle. They, with Willie Easton, are spending their vacation at Santa Monica.

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7. Vocal Solo.....Miss Louise Cooksey
8. Inst. Duet...Bratton Sisters
9. Dramatic Reading.....Miss C. A. Spears
10. Selection.....Junior Choir
11. Recitation...Miss A. Skinner
12. Tenor Solo...James H. Spicer
13. Vocal Solo...Master L. V. Lively
14. Inst. Duet.....C. D. and Louise Cooksey
15. Trio.....Mrs. Annie Range, Miss Lottie Spicer, James H. Spicer.
16. Remarks.....Rev. J. T. Hill
17. Closing Song.....Junior Choir

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The district conference of the C. M. E. Church, convened at Philip's Chapel, 1406 Newton street on the 16th. Bishop Phillips of Nashville, Tennessee, presided. The Bishop is accompanied by his daughter, and Prof. J. F. Lane, president of Lane College and Mrs. Lane.

Mrs. Dora McDonald and daughter Miss Leola of 947 Birch street are at Santa Monica for an outing.

Mr. and Miss Clemins of Pasadena were the guests of Miss M. S. J. Moore of 714 Ceres Avenue on the 13th.

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Emanuel Rogers, plaintiff, vs. Clara Rogers, defendant, No. 83164.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles and the Complaint filed in said County of Los Angeles, in the office of the Clerk of said Superior Court.

The people of the State of California send greetings to: Clara Rogers, defendant.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract or he will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the superior court of the county of Los Angeles, State of California, this 22d day of June, A. D., 1911.

H. J. LELANDE, Clerk.

By E. G. Riggins, Deputy Clerk.

(Superior Court Seal)

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