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## COL. ROBERT G. INGERSOLL DEFINES RACE SUPERIORITY

"Liberty is not a social question. We are equal only in rights. No two persons are of equal weight, or height. There are no two leaves in all the forests of the earth alike—no two blades of grass—no two grains of sand—no two hairs. No two anythings in the physical world are precisely alike. Neither mental nor physical equality can be created by law, but law recognizes the fact that all men have been clothed with equal rights by nature, the mother of us all.

The man who hates the black man, because he is black, has the same spirit as he who hates the poor man, because he is poor. It is the spirit of caste. The proud useless despises the honest useful. The parasite idleness scorns the great oak of labor on which it feeds and that lifts it to the light.

I am the inferior of any man whose rights I trample under foot. Men are not superior by reason of race or color. They are superior who have the best heart—the best brain. Superiority is born of honesty, of virtue, of charity, and above all, of the love of liberty. The superior man is the providence of the inferior. He is eyes for the blind, strength for the weak, and shields for the defenseless. He stands erect by bending above the fallen. He rises by lifting others."

If the American pulpits of to-day were filled with ministers who lived the Christ life as Col. Ingersoll lived it, this country would not be reaping such a harvest of crime. Ministers of the gospel are

so inconsistent that the church has lost its influence. The criminal class among the whites, is no longer the ignorant, but the educated class. Church members vote for the open saloon with its dens of vice and shame. Burnings at the stake and all forms of mob murders have the silent endorsement of the pulpit."

It is not surprising that the giant intellect and human spirit Col. Ingersoll possessed should take issue with Christianity as represented by the American church.

If this country is to be saved from infidelity and worse the pulpits will have to be filled with men who love men.

At the Civil Rights Mass Meeting held in Washington, D. C., Oct. 22, 1883 the Hon. Frederick Douglass introduced the great Agnostic as follows:

"Abou Ben Adhem—may his tribe increase!

Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,

And saw, within the moonlight in his room,

Making it rich, like a lily in bloom,

An angel, writing in a book of gold: Exceeding peace had made Ben

Adhem bold;

And to the presence in the room he said,

"What writest thou?" The vision raised its head,

And with a look made all of sweet accord,

Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."

"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so;"

Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,

But cheerily still, and said: "I pray thee, then,

Write me as one who loves his fellow-men."

The angel wrote and vanished. The next night

It came again, with a great wakening light,

And showed the names whom love of God had blest;

And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest."

I have the honor to introduce Robert G. Ingersoll.

### MR. C. C. FLINT FOR CITY COUNCILMAN

At the urgent request of a large number of prominent white and colored business men, Mr. C. C. Flint the well known and popular grocer has consented to be a candidate for city council two years hence. This announcement will meet the approval of the entire Negro voting population. Mr. Flint has been a resident of the city twenty five years and has been identified with every movement for the advancement of his race. He is a member in good standing of the Merchant's Exchange, has a first class rating in Bradstreet and Dunn. The big grocery business that Mr. Flint has built up is proof that he is a man of affairs and is in every way capable to serve in the city council.

As candidate, Mr. Flint will have the solid support of the colored voters and taking the Whitley vote as a criterion, he will

easily poll 65,000 to 75,000 white votes. Running on an unpopular ticket with the odds all against him, Whitley polled 40,000 votes.

Negroes have been voting for white men for nearly 50 years, and in asking white men to vote for a Negro who is fitted for the position for which he aspires, is asking no more than what is due them.

The spirit of fair play shown the Negro recently by thousands of white people in this city is indeed commendable and will prove a mighty incentive to the Negroes in their struggle for a higher and better citizenship. Taxation without representation is just what it was in 1776.

#### CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT

The Supreme Court of the United States handed down an opinion last Monday which will have a far-reaching effect upon the "Jim-Crow" Separate Car laws in the several Southern States, if it is carried to its logical conclusion. It will result in a basis of established equality of service and privileges upon lines wholly within the confines of a State and eliminate many of the abuses from which intra-state passengers suffer.

Certainly if a passenger traveling from one State to another must be accorded equal rights and privileges with every other passenger, then passengers traveling from point to point wholly within a State must be accorded the same rights and privileges. The colored passenger from New York being guaranteed equal rights and privileges by the Interstate Commerce Commission sits in the car with the colored passenger traveling wholly within the confines of a Southern State.

The decision was rendered by a unanimous court, with a State's right Democratic Chief Justice presiding. The question raised involved the enforcement of the Federal

safety appliance act on railroad branches wholly within the confines of the State. In protecting human lives by its premises and argument, it protects human rights and deals a "body blow" to the cherished right of States and took one long step forward in the march of nationalism, which Hon. William J. Bryan is pleased to term imperialism. It may not be that "God is fighting for Israel" in these cases, but it does look as though great principles are asserting themselves, to the confusion of the politicians and the Negro-haters of the country.

#### WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES

Rev. J. Gordon McPherson of Washington, preached an eloquent sermon last Sunday to a large and appreciative audience.

Funeral services of Mr. Augustus Johnson who dropped dead last week was held Tuesday. Mr. Johnson was leader of Class No. 1 for several years was held in the highest esteem by the membership and community at large. The services were conducted by Revs. E. W. Kenchin, Peck and Sister Dollie Lewis. The services were attended by a large congregation. Interment was made at Evergreen Cemetery.

Rev. Gloster R. Bryant former pastor of Wesley Chapel, this city, now pastor of the Jackson street M. E. Church, Louisville, Ky., was elected fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the A. M. E. Z. Church which convenes next year. Dr. Bryant was elected by the council of Bishops to represent the M. E. Church.

A six course, dainty, palatable and much enjoyed luncheon was given in honor of Miss Viola E. Spence, on her birthday. Covers were laid for eighteen. It was termed by all as the prettiest affair of the season:

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Dr. J. T. Hill is confined to his home on account of sickness.

Mrs. Walters of San Pedro after spending a few weeks in this city with her mother Mrs. Fingers, has returned to the beach.

Mrs. S. A. Wright, a prominent Club woman of Santa Monica is building another 8 room cottage on South Sixth street of that city. This gives her 17 rooms, all of which are rented.

#### THE PEOPLE'S LYCEUM

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### T. McCANTS STEWART ON LIBERIA

On the eve of inaugurating a new administration, with leanings decidedly American, Liberia offers to-day the best opportunity abroad for investment of American money according to a statement issued in New York yesterday by Judge T. McCants Stewart of the Liberian Supreme Court. The quickening of United States interest in the Negro republic, Judge Stewart adds, is evinced by a recent loan of \$600,000 by New York bankers to Liberia with which to settle its domestic debts and what he terms American intervention in Liberia's financial affairs, greatly to Liberia's advantage. Judge Stewart is visiting America on a twofold mission—the codification and publication of the laws of his country, which have been issued in pamphlet form only during the past half a century; and furtherance of negotiations between his government and the State department. American interest in Liberian finances has fattered the hope in his country, Judge Stewart declared, that the United States will extend its interest to strengthening its commercial ties with his country. D. E. Howard, president-elect of Liberia and D. Harmon, a merchant of Bassa, elected recently to the vice-presidency, will be inaugurated on January 1. Both the president and vice-president, Judge Stewart says, are men of strong American tendencies. Judge Stewart said that he had conferred with Secretary Knox recently, regarding the diplomatic negotiations pending between America and Liberia. He expects to sail for home to-morrow.—Springfield Republican, Nov. 10.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

All wedding and social write ups occupying more than an inch space will be charged for at 35 cents per inch.

### PROGRESS OF SOCIALISM

There are many who are surprised at the growth of Socialism in the United States in the past decade. There was a time when it was thought that Socialism would never make headway in this country, but every new election held marks the progress of the Socialist propaganda in the United States. There are now 435 Socialists holding elective offices in this country, distributed in 33 States. They include one Congressman, a State Senator and 28 mayors, numerous aldermen and other offices of more or less importance in various municipalities. In Los Angeles during the past few days the Socialist nominee received more votes than either nominee of the old line parties.—Exchange.

#### THE PROGRESSIVE WOMAN'S CLUB MEET

The all day meeting held by the Federation of Clubs which convened on the 7th, was largely attended. At the close of the program, which was well received, a donation was taken for charity. The club is making preparations to entertain the State Federation next year. Mrs. Oliver entertained the club yesterday at 2018 Darwin Avenue.

A mother's meeting will be held at the Oddfellow's Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 17th.

#### THE LYCEUM

The meeting at the Lyceum Sunday, proved to be very interesting in spite of the fact that the members had not fully recovered from the wear and tear of the campaign. After the discussion of current topics, some incidents of the campaign were discussed.

A colored Socialist present, ably defended Socialism and declared that it would rise out of the dust of defeat and be as full of fight as ever.

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## THE GOOD GOVERNMENT AND THE DOOR OF HOPE

Will the Negroes be given their old places in the parks—the places they held under Snyder and Harper, the two democratic mayors? is being asked on every hand. In spite of the fact that the Negroes lost their jobs in the parks and their wagons were taken off the street under the Good Government rule, when Socialism threatened to engulf the Good Government ticket and its candidates cried lustily for help the colored voters went to the rescue with a rush. Will they be forgotten? Will the

park gates remain closed to the Negroes? Is cleaning streets and spit-toons all that the Negro voters deserve? Is that all he is to have? We shall see.

## 40,000 VOTES FOR WHITLEY

That the Socialists supported Whitley loyally is shown by his big vote. In spite of the terrific fight made upon the Socialist ticket and the appeals to race prejudice made quietly against him by the opposition, the vote he polled was simply marvelous. The Socialists by the vote they gave Whitley have set an example that other political organizations will do well to follow.

There is nothing more gratifying in this connection than the fact that the ancient breach between the Negroes and poor whites is being slowly closed as this vote plainly shows. And if Whitley's candidacy did nothing else, the proof it gave that there are thousands and thousands of white people who are willing and even anxious to give the Negro a square deal is worth more to all concerned than many times the cost of his campaign. He failed to reach the office but gained more for his race.

It is a defeat that holds within its grasp coming victories.

The breach between the working whiteman and Negroes is being closed for the mutual benefit of both. In this matter the white men are taking the initiative and should be met half way by the Negroes. The interests of the poor white man and Negroes are identical; the injury of one is injury of both. The sooner this is understood the better for all concerned. The Negro who makes sluring remarks about poor white folks is doing himself and race no good. Such Negroes create enemies among the poor whites while earning the contempt of the wealthy. Once the Negroes and poor whites get together for mutual helpfulness both will receive better consideration from the people of wealth.

## NERGOES VOTED FOR DEMOCRATS

At the recent city election thousands of Negro men and women voted for four Democrats and elected six to office. There were four Democrats on the Good Government ticket and under the new charter, Mayor Alexander will appoint the city treasurer and city clerk, both of whom are Democrats. Four of the six Democrats who got office by virtue of the Negro franchise are from the South and left there since the Negroes were disfranchised. The only remarkable thing about this matter is, that if these democrats had run on a Democratic ticket, the bulk of these colored voters, not only would have voted solidly against them, but would have urged ostracism for any Negro who voted for them. With the words Republican and Democrat taken off the ballot the blind Negro partisan is in the position of the man who although hating the sight of cats ate one supposing it to be fried squirrel.

## COLORED TROOPS AT ALLENSWORTH

A company of colored troops en route to the Philippines was given a lay over of 15 minutes at Allensworth by the Santa Fe R. R. last week. The soldiers were well pleased with the colony and a number of them will buy homes and reside there on retiring from the army.

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California Recognized at Home and Abroad as Coming Factor

(By Direct Wire to the Times.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(Exclusive Dispatch.) While California does but little to bring up the immense total of the cotton crop this year, the prospects in the way of quality and yield per acre are so good that the State is attracting wide attention, not only at home, but abroad as a prospective factor in the cotton yield. Secretary Wilson credits California with producing this year 5,258,000 pounds of lint, or 11,000 bales of cotton, as compared with 5,986 bales last year.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

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(By A. P. Day Wire to the Times.)

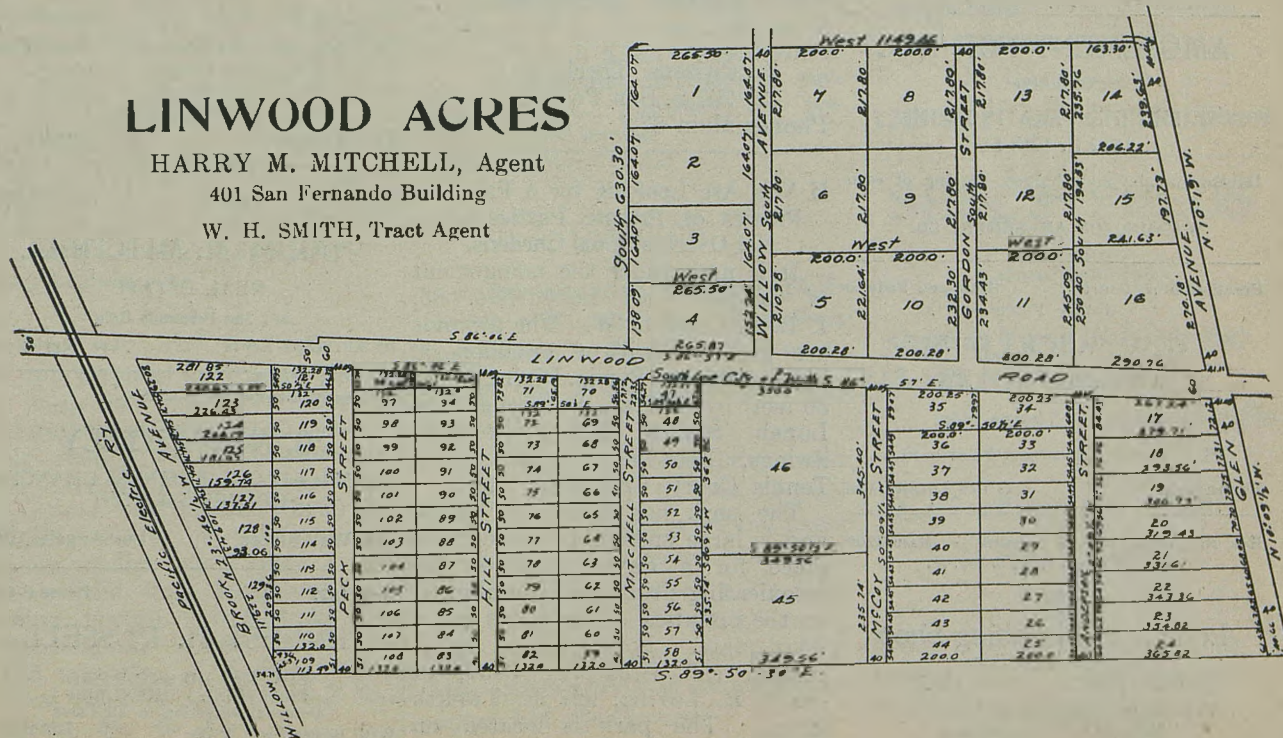
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The national Negro Protest Committee, with headquarters in this city, has launched plans to send a pilgrimage of 5,000 to 10,000 negroes to Washington next March to demand of President Taft the suppression of mob violence against "negroes." The pilgrimage will be made up of

many small delegations from negro churches in various parts of the country.

According to the plan outlined by the promoters of the scheme, the delegations will be headed by a band which will play, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," all the way from the Pennsylvania station in Washington until the army reaches the White House. Then the marchers will completely surround the White House, while a select delegation of twenty-five goes inside to lay the grievances before the President.

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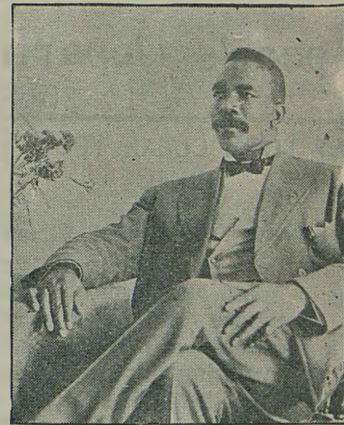
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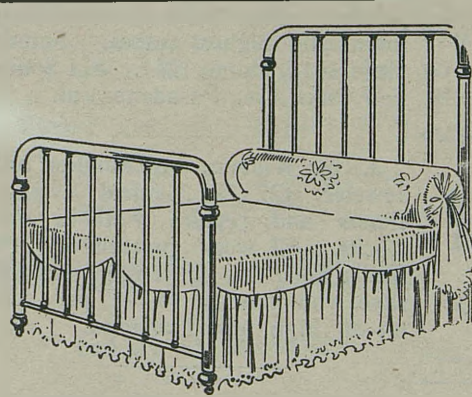
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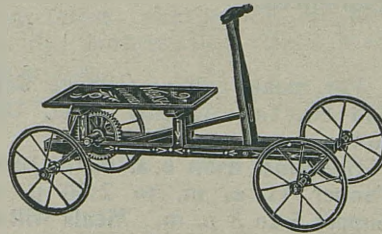
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