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MAYOR M. P. SNYDER.

At no time in the history of this city has it enjoyed such general prosperity in all of its departments than it has under the wise, broad, conservative administration of Mayor Snyder. The water question, which has been a political issue for several campaigns, has been settled and settled in the interest of the city. The Water company, which has clutched like a vampire around the throats of the taxpayers, has been disposed of and the profits of the water supply that has flowed into the coffers of the few at the expense of the many, now flows into the city treasury for the benefit of all. Other important questions affecting the city's interest have

been settled in the same manner to the interest of the taxpayers. There can be no better proof of the city's prosperity than the fact that during the fiscal year just ended building permits granted amounted to \$2,700,000. The increase in bank deposits for the same time was \$7,000,000. The popularity of the Mayor with all classes of citizens was fully demonstrated at the municipal election, when, although a staunch democrat, this republican city that gave President McKinley a plurality of 3000, gave Mayor Snyder a plurality of 3200 just thirty days later, this, too, with all of the big daily papers against him.

In politics he is a democrat; in

official life he is a public-spirited citizen that the humblest may approach as one does a friend. Fully nine-tenths of the voters voted for him. When those who had charge of the movement to build an industrial school for colored youths laid the matter before the Mayor, believing it the wish of the colored citizens with the disposition to help them that he has always shown, He immediately sent a message to the City Council asking them to grant a site for the proposed school. He has since learned that the colored people do not favor it. There is a strong movement on foot to make him the next democratic candidate for governor. Should he be nominated there will be a mighty interesting campaign in this State next year. He is the people's man.

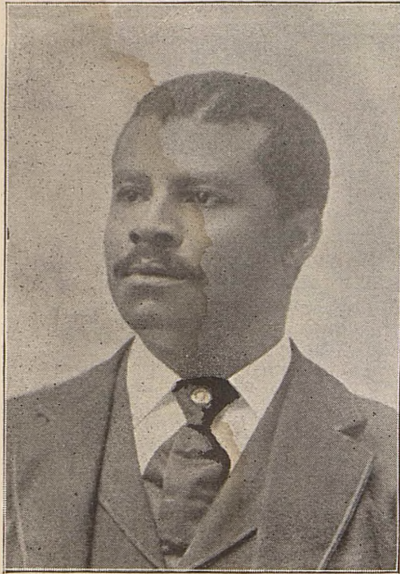
## SHERIFF W. A. HAMMEL.

In presenting Mr. Hammel to our readers we present to them a young man and worthy officer who can look the whole world in the face. He has served the people as sheriff three years to the entire satisfaction of all classes and shades of political complexion. In appointing the deputies, while keeping the interests of the taxpayers uppermost, he allowed no class of voters to be overlooked. He gave the colored voters in the person of Mr. J. B. Loving their first deputy. The appointment showed a determination to treat all alike and is highly appreciated by the colored voters. The office fits Mr. Hammel and he fits the office, and he wants to fit it another term.

The governor and other officers of the State of Alabama are to be commended for the vigorous manner with which they are handling their mobs. If the good work is kept up Alabama will be soon regarded as a civilized community. The hardest problem the Southern people have to solve is how to make the whites obey the laws without killing them all off.

The progress in every department of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church during the year has been remarkable. This is due to the fact that the church is blessed with good officers, preacher and members. Each does his part well and all are working together for the good of the church and its membership.





MR. C. C. FLINT.

Mr. Flint, the grocer, and president of the Colored Business Men's League, is well known and needs no extended mention in this connection. He has been identified with every movement for the advancement of the colored citizens of this city for several years. He has always taken a prominent part in politics, but, like most of the thoughtful men of the race, he thinks the negro should pay less attention to politics and more to business, and is devoting his time to that purpose.

Mr. Flint has a neat and well selected stock of groceries and is doing well.

SUCCESS AND HOW IT MAY BE ATTAINED.

"Nothing succeeds like success."

Whatever our undertakings may be, we always wish to have them crowned with success. And too often we stop with the wishing. If you would be successful, stop so much wishing and go to work. If you want money do not sit and wait for the expected legacy of some wealthy relation, but work for it. God intended that we should work. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."

Be not too fastidious as to the kind of work you do. Any avocation that is lawful and honest, honestly conducted will bring you to the goal of success. It matters not if you be a doctor, lawyer, cook or a bootblack, strive to be among the best of your profession. Whatever you do, do it well and what you know, know it well. We cannot know all things well, but the person that makes a success of his life's work must know one thing well. The time is rapidly approaching when we will

not be asked how much we know, but how will? As it is at the market, quality, not quantity will be required. The "jack of all trades," and "master of none" is being gradually forced to the wall.

We must have an aim in life, a fixed purpose and put forth a vigorous effort to accomplish it. Profit by your neighbor's success. Be not satisfied with accomplishing just what he did, but do more. If we had been content with accomplishing just what our forefathers did, we would still be trying to cross the continent in a farm wagon instead of almost flying across it in a railway train. Read the biographies of our most successful men and women. You will find that they did not have the advantages that we have; but by hard and constant toil they reached the top-most round of the ladder of fame. You will notice that the secret of their success was the earnestness of application and constancy in the small things. It is the repeated blow of the woodman's ax that causes the mighty oak to fall. To my memory comes the illustration of the clock which we all heard perhaps, but it will bear repeating: The clock strikes at intervals; the ticking is momentary. We hear the one; we do not notice the other. Yet the hour stroke comes not if the ticking fails. So we see it is the small things that count in the long run. When we learn to do them well we are sure to accomplish something worthy of commendation.

Never be satisfied with yourself; that is, never think you know enough. There is always room for improvement, always something to learn. Strive to make yourself everything that is noble, true and worthy. Would you have the respect of your fellow men? Then be worthy of it. Better to be worthy of it and not receive it than to receive it unworthily.

Do not expect to reach the top of life's ladder at one bound, but ascend it step by step. Never stop to look back, but let your motto be "onward and upward." From one stage of civilization to another, and mark to another, from one altitude of glory to another, we still move onward and upward. Thus did our forefathers escape the barbarisms of past ages; thus we conquer the errors of our time. I say with Rev. G. C. Rowe: "Go forth, my friend, upon your way,

Each obstacle despising;  
Prove by your efforts every day,

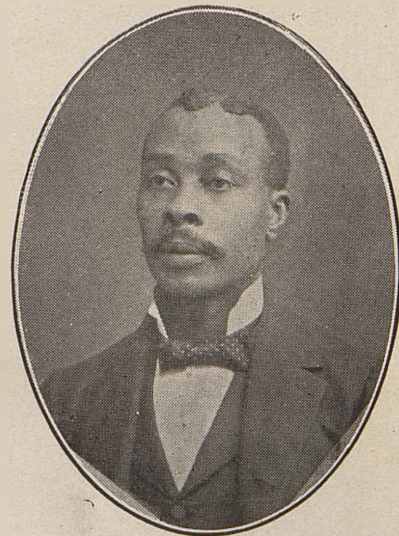
To all that we are rising!"

Last, but not least, be such skillful artisans in rearing up the greatest of life's achievements. Character, that it too might be a grand and glorious success. And when our life's work is ended, may it be truthfully said that the world was made better by our having lived.

LUCILLE A. BROWNE.

REV. A. D. CHANDLER.

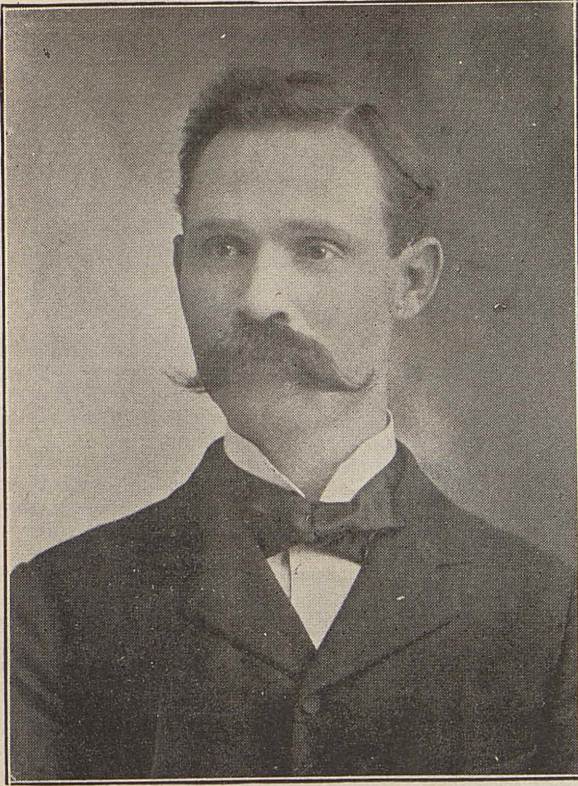
We had the pleasure of meeting Rev. A. D. Chandler, who returned a short time ago from his eastern trip. He is looking well and was greatly benefited by the trip. He visited New York and several of our large eastern cities. Rev. Chandler is a scholarly young man, full of life and work and is a valued addition to the Christian workers of this city.



MR. B. W. BROWN.

Mr. Brown, manager of the Brown manufacturing Company, whose place of business is 637 San Fernando street, is another evidence of the fact that the negro is beginning to take life serious and has settled down to business. The contention that, in order to enjoy the full benefits of American citizenship, the negro must become American in production as well as consumption, is now being accepted by him as a fact. In recognition of which fact the negro is now turning his attention to production—production in his own name and for his special benefit. Mr. Brown, the chemist and manufacturer of druggists' specialties, is a living proof that we are grasping the situation and are beginning to build on the ground floor. The virtues of Brown's Crescent Celery Phosphate is becoming known and the demand for it increasing. Mr. Brown is producing something the people want and his value to his community will be enhanced as the demands for his productions increase. Mr. Brown is a director in the Colored Business Men's League and his experience as a business man will make him a valuable member of the League.





MR. W. A. BROWN.

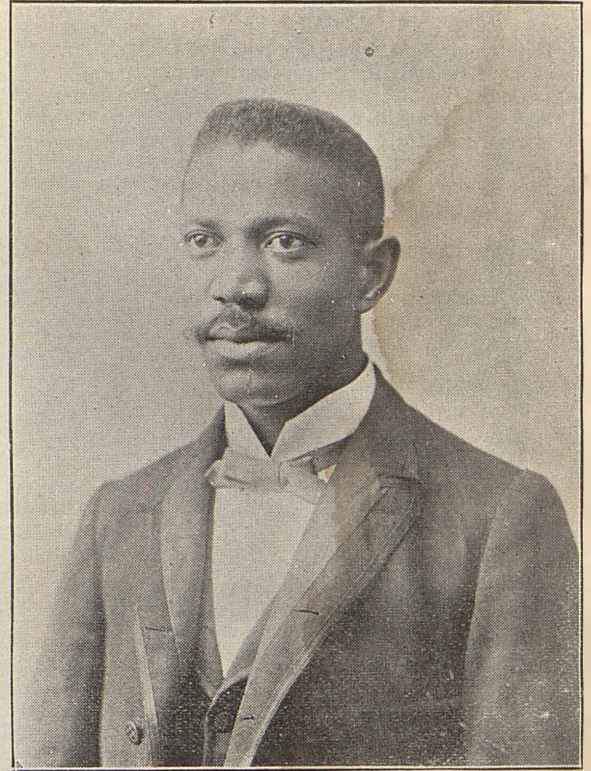
On learning that the Mullen & Bluett Clothing Company had secured the services of Mr. W. A. Brown, who was then in the employ of the Pasadena and Pacific Electric Railway as conductor, in the March Liberator, among other things we said: "The Mullen & Bluett Company is fortunate in securing the services of so popular a young man. We extend our best wishes to Mr. Brown and the firm."

A few days ago a representative of the Liberator called to learn how Mr. Brown had gotten along during the eight months he had been in the employ of the firm. He was pleased to learn that the prediction of this journal had proved true, and was agreeably informed that Mr. Brown was not only a favorite with the firm, but especially so with every employe of the house. One gentleman said in discussing the matter: "Mr. Brown's aptitude in learning the clothing business and the ease with which he has mastered its details is simply remarkable. Another thing, everybody seems to know and like him. That in itself makes him a valuable salesman. We knew this would be the case from the start. As conductor Mr. Brown was the most popular man on the road running between this city and Pasadena. That was due to his kind attention to all of the patrons of the road, especially the women

and children. With no class is Mr. Brown more popular than the colored people. He is a born gentleman and his kindness and politeness is shared by all alike. While conductor he assisted all ladies on and off his car regardless of race or condition. This of itself made him popular with the colored people, as it was then and is now, too often the case that conductors do not assist colored ladies on and off cars. As colored people are prompt to return favor for their trade with Mullen & Bluett has greatly increased. Mr. Brown is a native of Alabama, where he grew to manhood. His father having been the owner of slaves, he knows the value of the negro as a friend and citizen and never fails to aid them when need. Judge Allen said the Mullen & Bluett Company could turn their entire business over to Mr. Brown and go abroad and find everything safe on their return. He has the best wishes of all who know him.

Elsewhere in these columns we publish an able, patriotic letter from Judge Trask. All can read it with profit. His definition of anarchy is plain. His denunciation of mob violence is in no uncertain terms.

Dr. M. E. Sykes, whose success as a physician has been flattering, is doing as well in his real estate ventures.



MR. JAMES M. VENA.

Mr. Vena, secretary of the Colored Business Men's League, and who recently received an appointment to a clerkship in the postoffice of this city, is a young man in whom his fellow citizens take pride. Mr. Vena is a reporter for the Sunday Herald, which position he has held for several years. He served as clerk in the county assessor's office with satisfaction to all concerned and retires from the city engineer's department to accept his present position. In the organization of the Business Men's League Mr. Vena took an active part and is very enthusiastic as to its ultimate success.

#### BIG THINGS TO BE SEEN AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Among the interesting things exhibited at the Chamber of Commerce is a family of eighteen big pumpkins weighing 3000 pounds, one beet, fifty pounds; one sweet potato, 16½ pounds. To give a description of other big vegetables which are on exhibition there by the ton would fill a volume. The large collection of Indian relics is interesting indeed and are mute reminders of a brave people—nature's stalwarts, who chose death rather than subjugation. There are also to be seen in great variety the products of the mines of Southern California, together with other exhibits representing every department of industry.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE is a statesmanlike document and is, in every way, characteristic of the man. It is a terse, clear, scholarly production. While it is conservative, he shirked no duty, but spoke of things with the air of a man who will do his sworn duty without fear or favor. There is a great man at the White House, a President of all the people.

When Czolgosz was electrocuted, Ben Tilman lost his bravest lieutenant; the others of his associates are so cowardly they go in droves even when going to kill a "nigger." It takes four or five hundred of them, heavily armed, to hang a "nigger" woman.

The narration of the achievements of men is ever a source of inspiration to the writer, as well as the reader. To be uninterested in the success of those around us is to undergo starvation while standing in the thoroughfare of plenty. The man who doubles a fortune left to him is hardly a second to the man who, beginning in his shirt sleeves, makes a fortune. Of the stars

that light up the highway that leads to success, the self-made ones are favorites on account of their superior brilliancy, and the affinity existing between them and the ranks from which they rose. The latter is proof that along some line all well directed effort will succeed, while the former offers success to a limited few.

### MR. H. BOONE.

Among the colored men of Southern California who have succeeded by hard blows, Mr. H. Boone, the blacksmith of Pasadena, occupies a prominent place. Thirteen years ago he spent a few days walking from one white blacksmith shop to another seeking employment, only to be turned away, although the owners of the shops were advertising for help. While looking for work he ran across a blacksmith outfit for sale, which he bought on time and bought out a lease on the property he now owns. Although he found it almost impossible to get employment when seeking it of others, he got all of the work he could do as soon as he commenced employing himself. At the expiration of his lease he bought the property and built a shop to suit the requirements of his business. His two-story six-room house corner Fair Oaks and Congress streets adds much to the attractiveness of that locality. Besides his pretty home fronting on Fair Oaks avenue and his cottage on Congress street, he owns an acre of land on Grand avenue. If turned into cash his property would readily bring \$5000. Mr. Boone's achievements are an example of what colored men can do here by industry and economy. He says that while the color of his skin worked a hardship upon him when seeking employment in shops owned by white men it cut no figure whatever in getting work from white men when he set up for himself. On the contrary, they gave him as much work as he could do and the hardware people supplied him with material on time whenever requested. The opportunities for colored men to produce similar results are many and greater than they were thirteen years ago. All that is needed are men who are willing to start at the bottom, men who are willing to labor to raise their children above the position of scullions. While accumulating something for rainy day, by his moral and religious life he has gained the respect and confidence of his neighbors and his presence added to the wellbeing of his community.

Mr. A. R. Wyche, who was badly bruised while breaking a Silkwood pony, recently purchased, is again at his post at Dean's drug store.



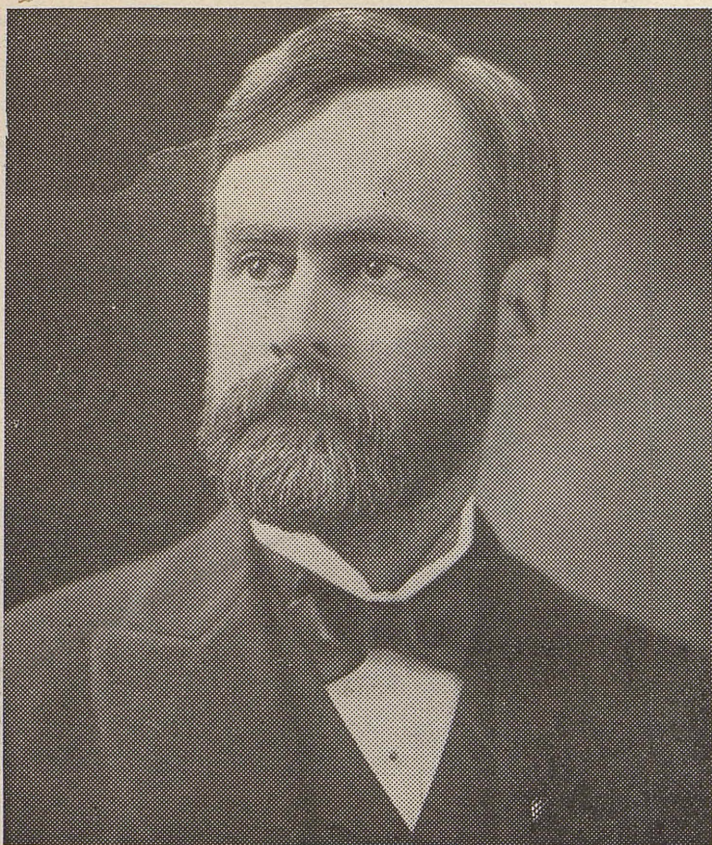
MR. EUGENE WALKER

Mr. Walker, the tailor and director in the Colored Business Men's League, is one of the foremost young colored business men in the city. With a determination to be his own boss and make a place for himself, he embarked in the tailoring business and by first-class work, judicious advertising and promptness, he soon found it necessary to employ help to meet the demands of his patrons. He now has a neat, well equipped establishment, employing four expert tailors, and among the hundreds of delivery wagons that crowd our streets, Eugene Walker's can be seen. In connection with Walker's establishment a representative of the Liberator tells how Walker's progress surprised him. In the summer of 1900 he called to have his measure taken for a suit and Mr. Walker and himself began to look over the large assortments for a suitable piece, Walker telling the price of each piece examined, saying this is \$25, \$35, \$40, etc. The astonished newspaper man said: "Walker, where is your \$12 goods?" Walker looked surprised and said: "I am sorry, but we don't make any suits for less than \$25. You go up to Mullen & Bluett's; they sell the best \$12 suits in the city." With the joke upon himself the Liberator man obeyed orders. When we take into consideration the number of large up-to-date tailoring establishments there are in the city the sharpness of competition and the fact that Mr. Walker's business has steadily improved, is sufficient proof of his ability as a business man. His success again demonstrates the fact that the negro who decides to do something for himself and stands by his decision will soon be able to do something for others.

Rev. J. E. Edwards has delivered a few interesting lectures since his return from England. He is an eloquent graceful, entertaining speaker.

The old "finance" committee has been reorganized under a new name, the public is warned. That old push is in the lookout for holiday "finance."





JUDGE D. K. TRASK.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 12, 1901.  
Editor of the Liberator,

Dear Sir: I have observed the work being done by the Liberator and other papers for law and order, and I wish to commend this work.

The right of an accused person to a fair and impartial trial before a fair and impartial jury should be maintained at any cost. The man who willfully denies and defies the authority of laws enacted by organized society is an anarchist. The man who, without authority of law, undertakes to punish crime is a practical anarchist, for such a course finds its justification only in anarchy. Crimes are defined by statute, and by the authority of statutes crimes are punished. The laws must be executed by the officers of the law, not by mobs. Human life can be taken lawfully only as authorized by law and by the proper officers of the law. In the eyes of the law, the lyncher is a murderer and an anarchist. He takes life without lawful authority, justification or excuse. He is an enemy to organized society, because he denies its right to make laws that are binding upon him. He asserts the privilege of setting at defiance the most solemn constitutional and statutory guarantees of personal rights. His reckless, will-

ful and wanton disregard of law stamps him as an enemy of the law and of organized society. It is said that the lyncher "takes the law into his own hands." But what law does he execute? Not the law of the land, for that law provides for a fair and impartial procedure, which the lyncher disregards absolutely. The lyncher recognizes neither the statute law, nor the jurisdiction of the officers of the law. He determines what are crimes, also the guilt of the victims, and the character and mode of their punishment, without any references to the laws of the land. This is anarchy, pure and simple. The supremacy of our constitutions and laws should be maintained; and the lyncher should receive the penalty of the law which he violates and defies.

Very respectfully yours,  
D. K. TRASK.

The Afro-American League advertised a meeting for the election of officers. It was the only way to get an attendance of seven or eight out of 700?

Rev. Donohoo was the recipient of \$12 in cash as a Christmas present. He is in every way worthy of such a valuable remembrance.

WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN.  
Sweet Bethlehem, a diadem  
Upon thy brow is set.  
A song of love came from above,  
We hear its music yet.  
A star rose bright that fateful night;  
It lit up earth's dark way;  
A glory shone like rising sun,  
That leads to endless day.  
Glad tidings then of Peace to Men,  
From far-off Galilee;  
The world will sing, the bells will ring  
Undying melody.  
Rejoice, be glad, the angels said,  
The Lord to earth has come;  
Though He be slain He'll come again,  
To call the wanderers home.  
In every clime a Christmas chime  
Will ring o'er hill and dale,  
And silver bells the anthem swells  
Its glory ne'er will fail.  
From shore to shore forevermore.  
Is heard that sweet refrain;  
Beyond the tomb in Eden's bloom  
We'll sing that song again.  
WM. WESTENFIELD,  
Bloomington, Dec. 5th, 1901.

DOCTOR STEPHEN BOWERS DOES NOT BELIEVE THE BIBLE STORY OF THE CREATION OF MAN.

In his able paper, "The Recent Origin of Man" in "The Ram's Horn" of the 7th of this month, concerning the Negro, the Doctor says: "It is my belief that the negro race began its existence as an independent creation and possibly previous to the creation of Adam." The the learned Doctor does not believe the Scriptural declaration that God created all men of one flesh. If that passage is not true, and the Negro is really an independent creation as the Doctor would have it, men will be left to choose from the bible what they will, and will not believe, what they will, and will not obey. The Doctor is on dangerous ground. But, if he should succeed in proving to the satisfaction of all that the Negro is an independent creation and therefore was not a relative of the white man in the beginning, as the Bible claims, there is now no need of contention over this point; for since our residence in his country, our blood has been impregnated with Caucasian blood, and whether we like it or not, the blood of our white fathers, and grand fathers, is coursing in our veins. You are on dangerous ground, doctor, much learning and delving in solitary rocks and dry bones in the capacity of state mineralogist, has weakened your faith in the inspired word of Him who spoke chaos into fadeless beauty, swung into boundless space innumerable planets that whirl with incredible velocity around each other, each for the benefit of all; one grand harmonious congregation of whirling worlds.

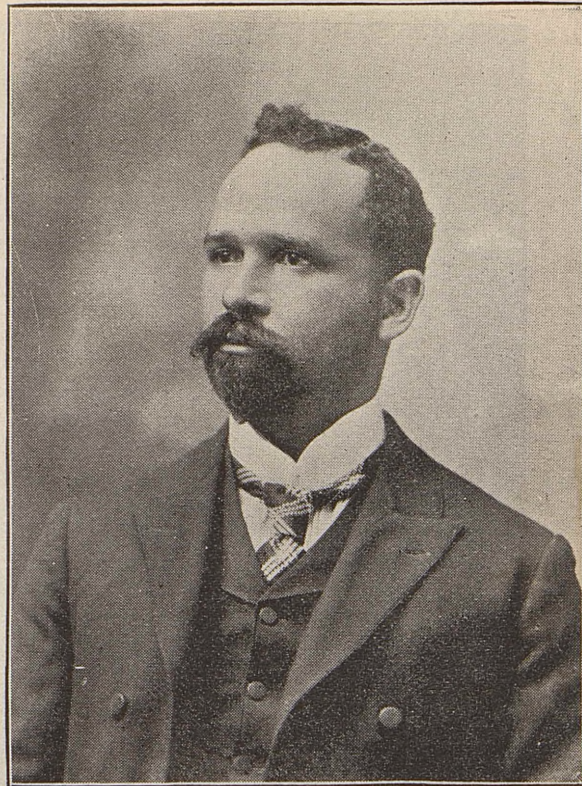




MR. C. W. HOLDEN.

Mr. Holden settled in this city June 1888, and engaged in new and second-hand furniture business. In 1894 he sold out to advantage and engaged in farming three miles from the city. His farming venture proved a failure after two years of hard work. He next purchased a home and embarked into the hog and poultry business, which has proved a success, and by close attention to business he realizes from \$1200 to \$1500 net per annum. The value of his property is estimated at \$4000. Mr. Holden says that while the hog and poultry business pays, no one can hope to succeed without hard work. By honest dealing and upright living Mr. Holden enjoys the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

He is a trustee of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, master of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and M., No. 16, worthy patron of Electa Chapter, No. 5, O. of E. S. Miss Lula B., his daughter, who is a student in the Los Angeles Art School, completed her first course with highest honors for the best exhibit in charcoal. Her water colors and other paintings bear the imprints of a genius. When she completes her studies here she expects to complete her studies in Paris, France.



DR. GEO. D. TAYLOR.

#### COLORED BEGGARS.

There is quite a number of able-bodied colored beggars in this city. This is a new thing and accounts for the fact that the number of colored criminals has increased almost 50 per cent lately. These men are all-round toughs and should be driven out of the city. As a good citizen it is your duty if approached by one of these fellows to report him to the police. If this is done the city will soon be rid of this undesirable class. There is plenty of work at good wages and there is absolutely no necessity for begging. Our character as law-abiding citizens has been excellent; to keep it so as far as possible is our duty. Representation in the jails and chain gangs is not the kind we need.

The acquittal of Mr. Allen Watson of the charge of manslaughter for accidentally killing little Norman Williams, whom he rode down with his wheel, was expected. Watson's good name had much to do with the verdict. His identity with the church and Sunday School, where he is a regular earnest worker, helped him out of his unfortunate trouble. Had he been a member of the clubs or dives the result would have been different "A good name is rather to be chosen than riches."

Dr. Taylor, treasurer of the Colored Business Men's League, is a graduate of the Leonard Medical College of Raleigh, N. C. His culture and broad liberal views on public questions has given him prominence and popularity in business and social circles. His skill as a physician has built up a lucrative practice. As a practicing physician he enjoys the confidence of an appreciative public. Since the destruction of his office and fixtures by a fire a short time ago he has been domiciled with the genial Dr. J. S. Outtaw in the Wilson block, corner Spring and First streets. The doctor is a young man of recognized ability and holds a warm place in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and we bespeak for him a career worthy of his calling.

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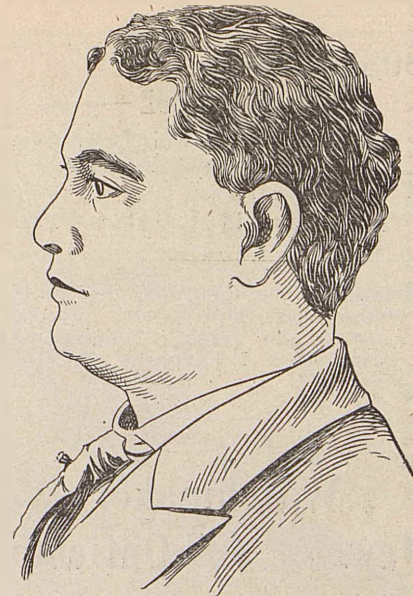
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