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## To the Women Voters of Los Angeles:

1. You are now sharers of responsibility in the government of our city.

2. December 5th you go on record before the state, and the nation by the exercise of your right to vote.

3. The influence of your vote will reach far in the movement for the enfranchisement of women throughout the world.

4. The liquor traffic is the spoiler of womanhood and it has ridden rough shod over the mother heart far too long.

5. The nation has waited for the votes of women to deal the debasing liquor traffic a death blow at the ballot box, and now is the time to strike in Los Angeles. Vote "Yes" on December 5.

6. The liquor forces have uniformly opposed the giving of the ballot to women, and you owe the traffic nothing but a vote against it now.

7. We believe the women of our city can be counted on to meet the present test of character to their eternal credit and honor by

voting to banish the saloon from Los Angeles.

8. Vote "Yes" on December 5, and confirm and justify the faith of the world in woman's character.

9. The women voters of Los Angeles have it in their power to banish the saloon from the city. Will you do it? Will you do it December 5th? We believe you will.

10. Remember that for every dollar of revenue the liquor traffic pays to the city, we, the taxpayers, pay at least twenty dollars in the added cost of police, court, punitive and relief agencies that are directly the results of the drunkenness and crime flowing from the traffic in our city.

11. Do not be misled by the cunning, deceitful, and false statements circulated by the "Taxpayers' League," which is nothing more or less than the liquor interests fighting for a longer lease of life for the saloons, while refusing to reveal either their names or headquarters.

Yours for a clean and really prosperous city,

The Federated Temperance Committee.  
Chairman.

### "LOS ANGELES POLICE RECORDS.

From January 1st, 1911, to November 1st, 1911, the records show the following number of arrests for crimes as tabulated below:

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Drunk .....               | 11,188 |
| Vagrancy .....            | 1,594  |
| Disturbing the Peace..... | 1,527  |
| Battery .....             | 329    |
| Begging .....             | 501    |
| Petty Larceny .....       | 620    |
| Assault to Murder.....    | 14     |
| Murder .....              | 20     |
| Other felonies .....      | 329    |

The county sheriff's statistics during the same period shows 460 commitments of insane to the asylums, and 132 sentenced to the state penitentiaries, and upon a careful research of the records of the coroner's office for the last ten months the appalling fact

#### Vote Los Angeles "DRY" Dec. 5.

Shall the ordinance prohibiting the manufacture, sale, distribution or giving away within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, of any spirituous, malt or vinous liquors, except for medicinal purposes, and alcohol or wood alcohol, except for chemical, mechanical, or scientific purposes, be adopted?

YES X

NO

comes to light that there have been 132 suicides, mostly within the limits of our city, 27 deaths from chronic alcoholism, 12 accidental deaths while intoxicated, 2 murders, 120 deaths due to various heart troubles, many of which are over-stimulation through the use of liquor, and 141 cases where juries were called to determine the cause of death in which liquor claimed a large percentage. At the juvenile court and probation officer's office the records show that 728 new offenders, mostly young girls, have been brought before the court, and a total of 2500 cases in all for various misdemeanors, have come to the attention of the probation officers.

### VOTE OUT THE CURSED THING.

THE SALOON IS LABOR'S MORTAL ENEMY. For it gains only by labor's losing; it fattens only by labor's wasting; it lives only by labor's death! And yet you laboring men, you men who pose as labor's friends, you men who dare to lead in such a sacred cause—you who labor, strive for labor, stand for labor, speak for labor, act for labor—you dare to vote to set the saloon upon your brother-worker.

You profess to be the laborers' friend and yet you vote for the saloon which murders countless laborers every day. You profess to strive for higher wages, and yet you vote for the saloon which murders wages in a thousand different ways. You profess to be willing to work, to live, to die for the emancipation and salvation of the laboring woman. And yet you vote for the saloon, which has squeezed the heart's blood out of more women than unionism has ever numbered.

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Which is dearest to you, your son or the 60 cents additional tax you may have to pay by closing the deadly saloons? As between your boy and the saloon, which will you destroy?

### A FROSTY MEETING.

The so-called "Colored Good Government" meeting held on Spring street Monday night was the most frosty affair of the campaign. There were 700 vacant seats in the hall, with a seating capacity of 1000.

It takes no trick of the imagination to witness the effect upon all concerned. The placing of the campaign among the negroes in charge of a colored man who has been in the state six months, has stirred up a bitter feeling.

When the men whose loyalty to the Good Government cause has aided so materially in keeping its leaders in office are to be ruthlessly cast aside and the campaign among us put in charge of men who in the event of the Good Government success would not be eligible to appointment by reason of their not having been in the state long enough to become voters; can have but one meaning—that is, that negroes hereafter will receive no recognition.

This is a condition deserving the serious consideration of the negroes. Think of it, colored voter, in spite of the increase and importance of your vote, you are rapidly losing ground. You have recently lost a number of positions without any apparent reason save that the said positions paid well and represented capital.

You have 12,000 votes in this city and pay taxes on a great amount of property, with this condition, a large majority of our voters have, regardless of conditions, cast their ballots to perpetuate a sentiment which now does not bring any favorable results. But has caused politicians in control who were aware of that fact to make their tickets with no consideration for our representation and welfare.

The dropping of party designation, that is, taking off the ballot tickets known as republican and democratic, and thereby causing voters to cast their ballots for men and measures, brings about

a condition that means muscle for us. Under these new conditions sentimental voting has no place; hence, the negro free from party slavery will use his ballot to secure the recognition and representation that he is entitled to by virtue of his power as a voter.

The darkness through which the negro is now passing indicates the breaking of the day.

Every manly negro will vote "Yes" and put the negro hating saloons out next Tuesday.

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If a negro steps in a saloon on Spring street to get a drink, he is charged \$5 for it; but anybody else, no difference how low or degraded, can get the same for 10 cents. Then vote to keep them open? Never!

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The first saloon pimp that offers to buy your vote Tuesday turn him over to the police. These rascals will be thick around the polls with corruption funds.

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Every church member who loves liquor better than he does his family is out working to keep the negro-hating saloons open.

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If the negroes will smash the saloons Tuesday by voting "Yes" the color line in this city will be wiped out. Let's be men and women and crush this slimy monster.

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Vote "Yes" and get your neighbors both white and black to do the same.

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It is indeed remarkable, how readily some negroes vote for people who refuse to vote for them.

After a short but severe illness Dr. J. Gordon McPherson is again on the lecture platform.

### HEED LESSON IN RED PERIL.

Milwaukeeans Warn Los Angeles Against Disturbing Present Conditions. Taxes Higher and Treasury Looted and Not a Single Pre-election Pledge Carried Out, Say Its Citizens.

"Let Los Angeles take a lesson from Milwaukee and fight the red peril which menaces it. This menace is real, let there be no mistake about that. If the various factions do not unite and present a solid front the Socialists will overwhelm Los Angeles as they did Milwaukee one year ago. The Socialists are working in Los Angeles day and night. They know politics and they are trained talkers and organizers. They carried Milwaukee because of the apathy or indifference of a large percentage of voters. Don't let this happen in Los Angeles and regret it when it is too late. Get out every vote and don't stop short of that."

This is the earnest warning given by H. F. Cochems and C. A. A. McGee, representative citizens of Milwaukee, who stopped in this city en route to Vancouver on business.

"The people of Los Angeles," they said in a joint interview, "are in a more advantageous position than we were in Milwaukee last year because you have a Good Government or non-partisan organization as against our party nominees. Had we been similarly favored undoubtedly the result would have been the defeat of the Socialists.

"The Socialist victory in Milwaukee was not due primarily to their platform or to their principles so much as to a protest against conditions as they existed under two former administrations, augmented by the apathy and indifference of the voters. This will be seen from the fact that the Socialists cast approximately 35 per cent of the vote in the county, leaving 65 per cent, which would

readily have won had the organization been sufficient to express that vote at the polls.

"The Socialists promised the most unusual things; for instance that the prices of commodities would be reduced, when any sane man knows it is absolutely impossible for a municipal government to control commodity prices. They promised meat and ice at cost—a municipal ice plant, municipal slaughter-house; homes built by the city at a nominal cost for laboring men; municipal electric light plant; public utilities owned by the city; a big railway terminus; remission of water taxes to washerwomen; free ice for the poor; reduction of taxes, labor for the unemployed; municipal survey to improve housing conditions.

"And what have the Socialists done for Milwaukee? Nothing; absolutely not a thing. They have not redeemed a single pledge. The taxes are higher under their levy than ever before in the history of the city. There are more unemployed, drawn to Milwaukee by reason of the great things the Socialists said they were going to do.

"The Socialists had leaders intelligent enough to know that what they promised was absolutely impossible. What is more, immediately after, the patronage of public office fell to them they had the hungry desire to fatten at the public trough and pass the good things on to their relations. Notwithstanding their salary roll is so high and their expenditures are profligate, the taxes are higher than ever before, every relative and every office holder is being taken care of in a way that equals the re-construction days in South Carolina.

"Milwaukee is a manufacturing city, and perhaps for that reason Socialism has not injured it as much as it will Los Angeles, which has commercial relations, if they win out in December. But Milwaukee is a term of reproach now in the business centers of the

East. We have lost a good many industries which intended to come to Milwaukee and would have built there if the Socialists had not gained control.—Los Angeles Plaindealer.

### SANTA MONICA.

Rev. J. D. Gordon of Los Angeles spent the greater part of the 27th visiting Rev. Kelsey.

Rev. Lively of Los Angeles, is filling Rev. Kelsey's pulpit at the Baptist church during his illness.

Rev. Richard Edwards is filling the C. M. E. church pulpit during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Stout.

Mr. Isaac Williams was taken seriously ill on the 24th.

Mr. Emmet Carter spent Monday the 27th in the city on business.

Would you throw your babe into the coils of a deadly serpent? Then vote "Yes" on the prohibition ordinance. The saloon is far more deadly than the most poisonous serpent.

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### The Colored Women All Right.

We are making no plea to our colored women voters to vote against the saloons. Every one of them will vote "yes." They need no argument; they know what they have suffered on account of the saloons. They are not going to vote for an opportunity to furnish boys for the saloons and girls for the brothels that the saloon business must have. Kiss your dear boys and girls next Tuesday, then go to the polls and vote "yes" and close those hell holes forever.

### VOTE "YES" EVERY TIME.

Every colored voter in this city owes it to the welfare of the innocent boys and girls of this community to vote "yes" on the prohibition ordinance next Tuesday. The drunkard's grave claims thousands of victims every year, furnished by the saloons. Do you want this slaughter of innocents kept up? Who is to furnish future victims for the saloon, you or your neighbor? Hand in hand with the saloons goes the brothel; are you willing to furnish a daughter as an inmate. Some body has to furnish the girls. If you vote to perpetuate the saloons some body will furnish boys to patronize them and girls to fill the brothels that the business requires. Will you vote to perpetuate the saloon, hoping that your neighbor's sons and daughters will become victims instead of yours? Thinking it over and vote for what you want.

### The Saloons Draw the Color Line.

The accursed saloons by drawing the color line add insult to injury, and no manly negro voter can do other than vote "yes" to put them out of business.

The negro man who votes "no" will forfeit every spark of manhood and earn the lasting contempt of decent people. Think of voting to keep open a business that insults you every time you put your head within its doors. Are you going to vote to aid a business that hates you and takes advantage of every opportunity to insult you?

Where is your race pride?

What has become of your manhood and self respect?

If you vote to keep open the negro hating saloons what kind of men and women will your children make?

When certain members of the Board of Supervisors drew the color line on your girls, you became highly indignant and promised to vote against them and their friends at every coming election. What's the difference between the saloons and them?

### COLOR LINE AT COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The refusal of the Board of Supervisors to admit colored girls to the nurse training school at the County Hospital, has not only raised a storm of protest from the colored voters, but scores of white people have expressed their surprise and indignation. This action of the Supervisors puts them on a par with the negrophobists of the South, and neither Mississippi nor South Carolina have gone farther in closing the door of hope to our girls. They have said to our girls, "on account of your color you shall not enter the training school and so fit yourselves to command decent wages, despite the fact that the school is a public institution, maintained by taxes, a part of which are paid by your parents."

This action on the part of the progressive republican members of the board at this particular time shows how little they regard the colored voters. What would the Irish men and women voters do under like circumstances?

### MR. ROSCOE H. DOW ENDORSED.

At a big colored mass meeting held at Ocean Park on Tuesday night Mr. Dow, candidate for mayor of Santa Monica, was endorsed, almost unanimously. There were a number of speeches delivered, warmly endorsing his candidacy. Mr. Dow is a progressive man, and will have the support of nine-tenths of the colored voters who know that in the event of his election their interest will be safe.

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There are scores of negroes who swore that they wouldn't vote for a democrat, no matter what ticket he was on, that are now "hollering" their heads off for an opportunity to vote for three next Tuesday.

Mr. G. W. WHITLEY

Candidate for City Council on the Socialist Ticket, is pointed sluringly to by certain papers as a junk dealer, while as as matter of fact he is a real estate dealer. We fail to see, however, the difference between an honest junk dealer and an honest merchant. On the quiet he is referred to in the same quarter as "the nigger." THINK IT OVER, COLORED VOTER.

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L. H. Goman, colored, an attorney has been appointed special counsel in the office of Attorney

General Hogan, Columbus, Ohio. The appointment was announced by General Hogan Tuesday. Mr. Goodman is the first colored attorney to be appointed to a legal position in the department.

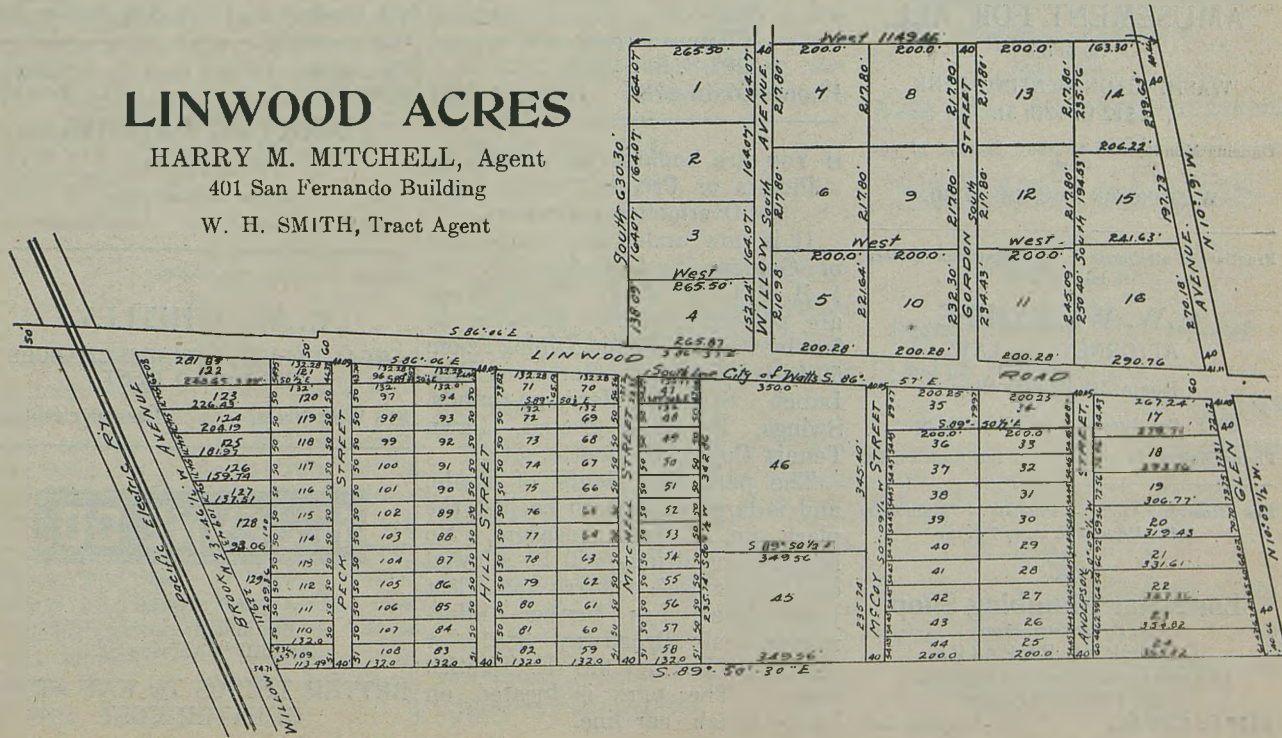
He is a graduate of Ohio State University and a member of the law firm of Carter & Godman, located in the Eberly Building, High street. Mr. Godman formerly acted in a secretarial capacity, for Federal judge Sater. He began work as special counsel Tuesday morning.

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To the individual who fathered the occasion, I am deeply grateful, for the effort of time and money, and the purpose was good, noble and sincere, but accidents will happen, and "to err is human, to forgive is divine."  
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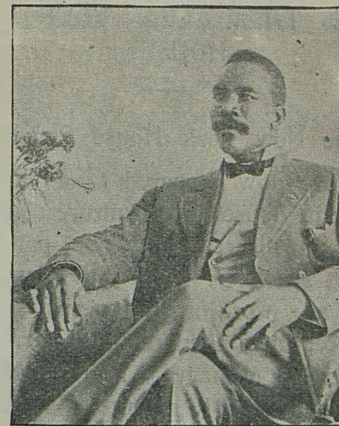
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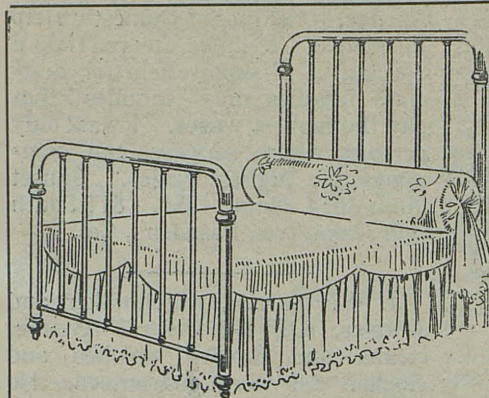
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