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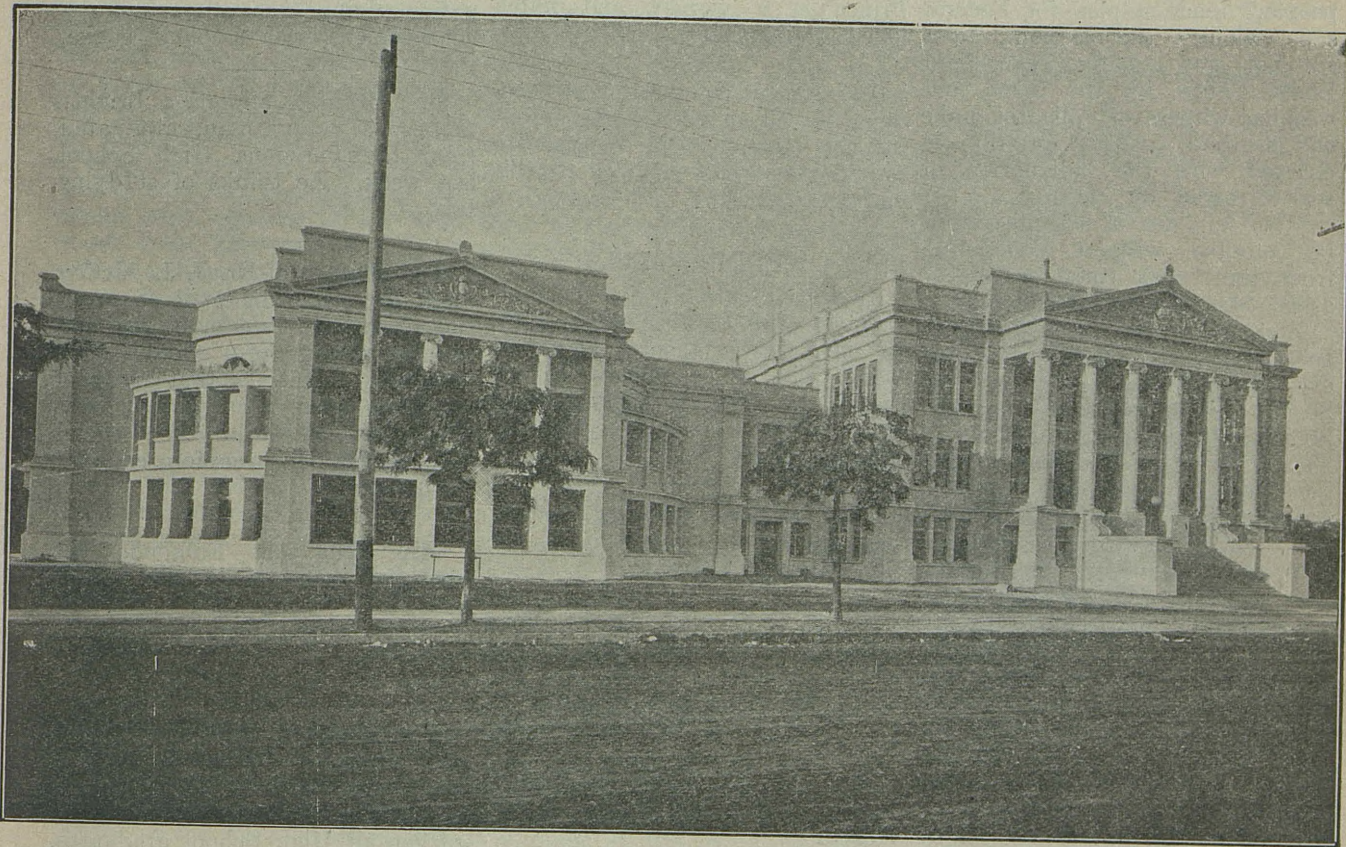
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## THE SACRIFICE.

The sacrifice! The pet phrase of a cornered man, the song of the burdenbeater of sin. It runs through all the books since books were, and a sweet balm in bitter defeat. We hear it everywhere, on all sides. For example, John Sharp Williams, the Yazoo fox-terrier of statesmanship, made a howl the other day, in a debate in the Senate, when Bristow, talking on the vicious proposition to put the election of Senators in the hands of "the people," made a plea for Federal supervision of the election. John got hot, got hot for Yazoo and Bogue Chilto, for the fallen and weeping witness of Alligator Lake and Merigold. John's question is charged with the indignation of zeal cornered by reason:

"Can no form of administration be adopted without demanding from the South some sacrifice?" asked Mr. Williams feelingly.

What sacrifice is demanded from the South? What sacrifice has ever been demanded from the South? What sacrifice has the South ever made? A demand on the South for decency and orderly government, for respect of the constitution, for fairness in the operation of the election laws, for a proper regard for the Courts, this is asking the South to make a sacrifice, is it? Instead of the nation demanding any sacrifice from the South, the nation has made every sacrifice of conscience to allow the South to violate the spirit and the letter of the law; to bring into the life of the nation disgrace and shame and to build up within the nation an empire of injustice and wickedness. John Sharp Williams fills a seat in the Federal Senate that he could never have reached under no circumstance but for the moral sacrifice made by the Republican party under the dominance of its latter leaders, and endorsed by the silence of the nation, that seeks internal peace at any price.

A few years more of mob rule and ballot stealing in the South, and a few more years of silence by the nation, and we shall be in the

midst of a sea of trouble. The South has made no "sacrifices" in the past, but unless the South offers a "sacrifice" in the future, the whole nation will pay the price exacted by outraged justice.

—N. Y. Age.

Miss Marguerite Prince, daughter of Mr. William Prince, and sister of Mr. Harold Prince, the well known Pasadena orator, graduated with honor from the Pasadena High School. Miss Prince is a worthy and much loved young lady.

Mrs. Nelson Weatherton, of Pasadena, is still at Allensworth enjoying her vacation. Mr. Weatherton and brother were visitors to this city last Sunday.

## WEDDING BELLS

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Bulah Beatrix Allen to Mr. Lewis Henry Houchins which will be solemnized at the A. M. E. Church, Eighth street and Towne avenue. Wednesday evening, June 28th.

The Douglass Literary Society will announce a program in the next week's *Liberator*.

Mr. C. E. Cooper, who has been seriously ill for some time is now at the Soldier's Home. He has so far recovered that he called at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening.

Mrs. T. E. Carry of Boston, Mass., is stopping at the Austin House.

Rev. Enos P. Baker, a well known and well beloved Presbyterian minister of this city died in New York on the 11th, where he had gone to attend the general assembly. Rev. Baker was formally pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and rendered valuable service in establishing the work here among the colored people. He was a good friend of the colored Y. M. C. A. and was one of its frequent lecturers.

## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Miss Hazel Elgin, who has been confined to her home, with pneumonia, is out of danger.

After the close of President Thirkield's speech, the Howard men tendered him an informal reception in the ladies parlor of the church. It was a very enjoyable affair which the president enjoyed exceedingly. At the close of the reception, president Thirkield, mingled freely with the big congregation giving each a word of encouragement and a hand shake.

Mr. Frank Calmore, a bright, ambitious young man, graduated from the Pasadena High School last week. He thinks of studying law.

The absence of Dr. J. L. McCoy from the reception tendered president Thirkield was much regretted as his manly form would have lent more dignity to that group of excellent men. Dr. McCoy was filling his pulpit at the Second Baptist Church, therefore couldn't be present.

Miss Lena Mae Edmonds, the youngest daughter of the editor, graduated from the Sawtelle Grammar school, Thursday evening, June 15th.

The Douglass Literary Society will entertain the public with a fine program July 7th. Everybody invited. Seats will be reserved for all High School graduates.

Miss Georgia Elgin and Mrs. Charles Elgin, Jr. attended the graduation exercises of the Sawtelle Grammar School.

We beg to notify Miss Ella Kinard that no word has been received from the secretary of the Golden Rule, so the people know nothing of the good things they are doing.

## THE FORUM

The last Sunday meeting was a continuation of woman's suffrage. After routine business and arranging for counsel in the Hudson case, and reading of current topics the discussion of woman's suffrage was immediately taken up. The time being limited to three minutes for each speaker. But very little could be said by those capable of giving light upon the subject. And as usual, when the time is so limited, people who do nothing but appeal to prejudice and make a tirade on virtue are given all the time they want. This is unfortunate. And one of the most discouraging features of wilful waste of valuable time is that men, members of the Forum will applaud those who attack even the good names of their own wives and mothers. Unless such meetings are held behind closed doors, some visitor will turn over a short hand report to the daily papers of its folly and the Forum will be at an end so far as its power to do good is concerned. Men who have no confidence in women, who believe that women cannot be trusted with the things near and dear to the human family and who applaud every derogative statement made against womanhood, ought never to look a woman in the face. We know of nothing so mean, so low, so contemptible, so heinous, fiendish, vicious and Hades deserving as a thing in human form calling himself a man, that will applaud when the good name of a woman has been attacked. Think of the work of reform the women have done for this country of ours. Read the story of their struggle in the anti-slavery movement; read of their devotion to the cause of free government during the civil war; of their sacrifices at home and in the hospital camps during those dreary nights and days. Think of the noble men they have contributed to a nation that have made it the greatest and noblest the world ever saw.

Yet these creatures who applaud every insult to women should ac-

quaint themselves with what women have done and they will conclude that they themselves are the meanest contributions that their mothers ever gave to society. The members of the Forum, who have its interest at heart should see to it that neither man nor woman be allowed to use it to vent their dislike to the noblest creature God ever made — woman.

## A BIG MEETING AT THE Y. M. C. A.

A big crowd turned out Sunday afternoon to hear Dr. W. H. Brown's lecture "The Future." And they were well paid for going out. The lecture lasting about an hour was one of thrilling and intense interest. Taking a few characters to illustrate his points he showed them to the audience as friendless, struggling young men and a few years later as successful men, mighty leaders of their fellows.

Nothing so thrilled and interested the audience as some of the Doctor's own personal triumph's over bitter adverse circumstances. He told of services rendered to big men who, but a few short years before he had closed to him the door of hope. The Doctor is not only a great preacher but a great work-man in the struggle for human advancement. His labors for the uplift of the black race in Idaho would do credit to any man. He is here on his first visit to Los Angeles enjoying the vacation given by his people at Pocatello. And to the credit of his people he was generously provided for, as he deserved to be. He is stopping at Mrs. H. A. Fenner's, 827 Maple avenue.

Mr. S. B. Ray of 3113 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo., is in the city for a few days. He heard President Thirkield at Wesley Chapel, saw a copy of *The Liberator* for which he immediately subscribed. He was simply delighted with both.

Messrs. Darden and Tyler have been engaged to defend James Brown, the man who murdered his sweet heart last Friday night.

Bishop Clinton, the much beloved bishop of the Zion denomination preached a masterly sermon at the Zion A. M. E. Church at Pico and Paloma. The spacious, beautiful auditorium with the galleries were filled. The Bishop's sermon was full of inspiration and hope. After his lecture at Wesley Chapel, Monday evening, he left for San Francisco to attend the international Sunday School School convention.

## MISS MARGUERITE PRINCE

The first colored girl to receive a diploma from the Pasadena High School is the daughter of Mr. William Prince, one of Pasadena's solid citizens.



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The friends of Mr. J. W. Coleman are making a strenuous fight for his election as president of the Forum. As we said previously in these columns, he has made good as vice president and his elevation to the presidential chair will greatly increase the Forum's usefulness. One thing the Forum needs and must have, if it is to live, is a man big enough to regard himself as a servant of the organization. A man that is too big to make use of his official position to punish fancied enemies or reward friends. Such a man is J. W. Coleman and such a man should be elected president of the Forum.

## OUGHT THE PRESENT CITY ADMINISTRATION SUCCEED ITSELF.

The Liberator's position on the question of good government is so well known that it cannot be questioned. It has stood for good government from the day it was issued, more than ten years ago, until the present. It came out for non-partisanship in municipal government before the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League and the Good Government organization was thought of. So strong was the editor's desire for good government that he has kept up the fight all these years at his own expense believing that Good Government carried with it a recognition of the rights of all citizens alike. That under Good Government the door of hope will stand open alike to all citizens and tax payers. That we have been to some extent disappointed with the present city administration we admit with sincere regret. While progress has been made in some directions, absolutely none has been made in others.

Although a majority of the colored citizens and tax payers went loyally to the support of the Good Government ticket, they have received no recognition at the hands of the present administration that any one has heard of. There are fewer negroes employed in the city parks now than have been for fifteen years. There seems to have a fixed policy to take all negroes out of that department. It is openly charged that the negroes in the street department are there, not with the aid, but in spite of the mayor.

The door to positions as clerks in the cities numerous departments has been slammed in the negroes face. In view of the immense power that will be placed in the hands of the next mayor and the increase of his term of office from two to four years presents to the colored voters and tax payers a problem that they will have to handle with care.

The next mayor will have the appointment of a commission which

will appoint the city clerk, treasurer, auditor, tax assessor and tax collector. The fact that the mayor appoints this commission will make him practically the dictator of all appointment. With a mayor invested with such power who is adverse to opening the door of hope to the negroes, conditions would simply grow worse for them. After this year, Los Angeles will have a Commission Government and the colored voters and tax payers should exert themselves to see that the man who has the appointment of the commissions is big enough, patriotic enough and broad enough to treat all citizens alike. There are a number of big republicans in this city who will not only carry out all the reforms for which the citizens are struggling, but will give all citizens an absolute square deal regardless of race, color or creed.

Whether it is to receive the colored vote or not is up to the administration.

Ex-president Roosevelt and General Harrison Gray Otis of the Los Angeles "Times" have parted company. And one desiring to get a good vocabulary of english and heavily charged anihilating sentences, will do well to study Colonel Roosevelt's contributions to the controversy. General Otis is famous for his many victories and if he is to hold his own in this contest he will have to shed his coat and hat.

Seal Garden Park is an ideal place for picnic parties and our churches, Sunday Schools and other civic bodies ought to patronize the park and thus show to the Elks their appreciation of what their organization has done for the race.

Report shows that the attendance at the various Sunday schools is on the increase. This is encouraging and should be kept up. The churches and Sunday schools must furnish the leaders for the future.

**PRESIDENT THIRKIELD OF THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY, BISHOP CLINTON AND DR. W. H. BROWN OF IDAHO, ADDRESSED THE COLORED CITIZENS.**

**A SPIRITUAL AND INTELLECTUAL FEAST.**

The visitors to the city during the past two weeks forms an epoch in its spiritual and intellectual uplift. Mrs. E. E. Peterson, Superintendent of the W. C. T. U., work among the colored people has just closed a great temperance revival and like an angel of mercy has gone to carry the message to other fields. Then came the great men mentioned above to give impetus to the work already so well begun.

**AT WESLEY CHAPEL**

Dr. W. H. Brown of Pocatello, Idaho, filled the pulpit at the eleven o'clock services and delivered to a large and appreciative audience a sermon that will live long in the hearts of those who heard him. It was eloquent, practical, impressive and elevating.

**PRESIDENT THIRKIELD SPEAKS.**

The announcement that President Thirkield was to deliver an address at the close of the children's day exercises, brought out such a crowd that the galleries and the Sunday School room had to be thrown open to accommodate the audience. The children's day exercises conducted by superintendent T. A. Green, were in every way creditable. The part taken by the small children was performed in such a manner as to make it a rare treat. The brevity of the program and the manner with which it was handled added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

On the rostrum with president Thirkield were Mr. S. P. Mulford, a lawyer and prominent member of First M. E. church, an old colleague of president Thirkield, general

secretary D. E. Luther of the Central Y. M. C. A. an old friend and Rev. E. W. Kenchin. At the close of the Sunday school program, Rev. E. W. Kerchin in a few appreciative words introduced President Thirkield who delivered one of the most eloquent addresses ever heard in old Wesley Chapel. He emphasized the importance of the early Christian training received in the Sunday school by two illustrations so vividly told that the audience sat as one in a trance. He told of a barefooted black boy found on the streets of New Orleans by a Sunday school teacher and how, after much persuasion he accompanied the teacher to Sunday school and learned through reading the scriptures how to love and obey God. He went to the public school and from there to college where he graduated with distinction. Feeling called to the ministry he entered a theological school and after graduation took up the work of the ministry, passing from charge to charge, making each bigger and better. His life has been one of continuous promotion until now he is professor of theology in the Gammon Theological School at Atlanta, Georgia.

Gammon Theological School is one of the great Theological Schools of the M. E. Church.

The former black, barefooted Sunday School boy is now Dr. W. E. Bowen, known and loved for his Christian virtues and giant intellect all over this wide land.

At a school in North Carolina, a small boy from the mountainous districts walked in one day and handed one of the Faculty sixteen dollars stating that he wanted to buy sixteen dollars worth of education. The money which was the cost of tuition for three months was accepted. In the mean time, arrangements were made for the boy to work his way through college; which he did by caring for the horses and cattle and rendering what every other service demanded of him. Always performing his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. In due

time he graduated with honor and went out to bless others with the knowledge he had acquired. Some years later the Sam Houston college was founded at Houston, Texas. This consisted of a small unequipped, unfinished building of two stories and five hundred dollars to pay teachers and furnish equipment. It was left to Dr. Thirkield to find the man equal to the occasion. Without hesitation he selected the man that as a boy entered the North Carolina College with sixteen dollars. When the conditions were laid before him he readily accepted the position and went forth to take the work. Finding the dormitories without beds, bed clothing, chairs or dishes, he gave a chair social requiring every visitor to bring his chair. Similar socials were given for beds, bed clothing and dishes. The building was finally completed and others were built as the needs required till now, Sam Houston College is one of the largest and best equipped in the southwest.

Reuben S. Lovingood is the man who commenced the work of self education with sixteen dollars and has made Sam Houston College what it is to-day and himself one of the foremost educators of his race.

These illustrations proved not only of intense interest to the audience, but as well to the small boys and girls who sat before him. They seemed to understand that what Bowen and Lovingood had done, they too, could do. The fact that the Doctor used the achievements of colored men to illustrate his points, lent inestimable inspiration to his remarks. It was a great speech by a great man that is destined, like its author, to render great and lasting benefits to the men, women and children for whose uplift it was made. Over to the left and near president Thirkield, a group of splendid young men occupied seats. A group of young men, the special pride of this city. They were, Attorney G. Woodson Wickliffe, Dr. A. C. Garott, Dr. J. S. Outlaw, Attorneys Charles S. Darden and

W. R. Taylor all graduates of the Howard University. We mention them in the order of their coming to the city. As we looked over that great audience studying it and then turned to that group of splendid young men from Howard and review their exemplary records since coming to this city and of the valuable services they are rendering to their people in this community and state by the lives they are living and the work they are doing, we could hardly help envying them. Dr. Kenchin, who occupied his seat on the rostrum is also a Howard man. He, too, is leading a great church to higher and broader services to this city. It was a great day, a great gathering and the coming together of great men who are engaged in the promotion of a great cause.

It is the sincere wish of all who heard president Thirkield, that God will give him many more years to carry on the work in which he is so nobly engaged.

#### PRESIDENT CRUMBLY WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE

Rumor has it that Capt. Crumbly will not be a candidate for reelection as President of the Forum. This news is received with favor by his friends, who contend that having been elected three times, he can now retire without loss of dignity. There are others of his friends, less discreet, who are urging him to run for spite. What they mean by "spite," we must confess we do not understand. It is known generally that he does not care to succeed himself; but if he should consent to run for "spite," we fail to see who will be spited.

Mr. T. V. Anderson of 1506 E. 12th St., died of heart failure in Salt Lake City on the 19th. Mr. Anderson was well known and popular in this city. He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn his loss. They have the sympathy of a host of friends.

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#### THE CONDUCT OF POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING DANIEL HUDSON (COLORED) IS UNDER INVESTIGATION. EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE TO KEEP THE INVESTIGATION FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

The trial of Police officer Gamash whose conduct is being investigated by chief and captain of the police department, will have a very wholesome effect upon him and other lawless members whose brutal conduct has brought needless disgrace upon the department.

On about April 1st, police officer Gamash arrested Daniel Hudson, a young colored man on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. Hudson was arrested in front of a saloon on First and Los Angeles, walked up to the police station and lodged in jail. When carried before police Judge Chambers, the concealed weapon proved to be a small, rusty jack knife usually kept by teamsters. Judge Chambers after looking at the knife said that Hudson had a right to carry it if he wanted to, and

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ordered him discharged; whereupon the policeman wanted the prisoner held for drunkenness. But the judge said that the officer should have preferred a charge of drunkenness against him and ordered the knife returned to the prisoner and he was discharged. This so piqued the officer that he followed Hudson down stairs and brutally cursed him, threatening to kill Hudson if he caught him in that neighborhood again.

On the afternoon of June 8th, officer Gamash, accompanied by another officer met Hudson on the corner of Winston and Wall streets, stopped him, using profane language, searched him and on finding nothing on his person, officer Gamash proceeded to curse and beat Hudson with his fist. This was kept up until three men attracted to the scene by the officer's loud, obscene language, came near and on their approach Hudson was allowed to go. The men, Messrs. Caulfield and Brady (white) and Covington (colored) who witnessed the brutal assault by the officer, voluntarily gave Hudson their names and addresses, promising to give testimony against the officer if called upon.

The matter was reported to the Forum and Attorney Wickliffe was retained to take charge of the case. Officer Gamash was summoned before chief and captain of police Monday night. Attorney G.W. Wickliffe subjected officer Gamash to a fearful grilling. Although only one of the witnesses (Mr. Caulfield) appeared, his testimony was so straight forward that if the officer, had he been on trial before a jury, would have been convicted in ten minutes. Mr. Caulfield's testimony corroborated that given by Hudson. The manner in which Mr. Wickliffe handled the case, undoubtedly created in the minds of the chief and captain, a belief in the officer's guilt, although no such expression was made, but everything showed it.

Mr. Brady, one of the witnesses, being out of town, Mr. Covington, the colored man, failing to appear,

the case was continued until the two witnesses can appear at the station.

The corner of Winston and Wall streets is one of the few isolated points in the city, travel at those points being small, the coming of the three men named above, was very fortunate for Hudson, or he might have been beaten until it may have resulted fatally.

Having failed to convict Hudson when he carried him before Judge Chambers, officer Gamash evidently had been watching for a chance to beat him up.

During the hearing in the case, color was sought to be emphasized to which Mr. Wickliffe immediately objected on the grounds that color had nothing to do with the case, that the officer was before the chief for unlawfully assaulting a citizen. This put the officer and his friends at a disadvantage that made them hopeless. This is one of Mr. Wickliffe's strong points in prosecuting such cases. He never raises the question of race or color, but leaves that to his opponents while he bases his fight upon the wrong done a citizen.

Judge Chambers, be it said to his honor, never convicts a prisoner to help out an officer. The charges must be sustained or the prisoner goes free. This we are sorry to admit cannot be said of all police judges and some officers feel mean toward prisoner's, they fail to convict whether guilty or not. This case will be closely watched by the people of the city as they have grown tired of keeping brutal officers in the city's police department.

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