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## Statements of James M. Alexander Declared to Be False.

Is Mayor William Thum and his administration at Pasadena giving his colored supporters a square deal?

628 North Eutaw Street  
Baltimore, June 13-1912.

To the Editor of *The Liberator*,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I note in your issue of the 7th Inst. an article by one "Hon. James Alexander, president of the Afro-American Council, of your City, I presume. Your article says he is the leading Afro-American in California, etc. Now if this is true, I am sorry for a state that cannot produce any better article than this "leading man."

I have not the honor of his acquaintance, nor do I especially desire it, if for no other reason than to state that what he says in reference to the General Conference, recently held in Kansas City, Mo. It may be true that he purchased a badge, but it did not require any badge at all to get in the Conference, any part of it, at any time. Thousands of persons attended the sessions of the Conference, many of them on the first floor, and mixing with the delegates.

There is not a word of truth of the gavel breaking and police call and a "dash for the Bishop" business. Dr. Peck, an old friend of mine, never had the slightest chance to be elected one of the Bishops at any time during the session of the Conference.

You may publish this if you choose and I will stand sponsor for it. You may refer the matter to Dr. Peck, and he will I am sure substantiate what I have said.

Very truly yours,  
J. H. Murphy.

On the 18th of last April, Mayor Wm. Thum, of Pasadena, delivered a lecture to the Brotherhood of the African Methodist Church of that city in which he urged the Negroes to curb their ambition or words to that effect; that a little race prejudice is a good thing; and that they must live by themselves and not be too eager for things that white men want; "be modest;" that the race in the minority must destroy race prejudice by modesty—by showing itself superior to the majority—in short, all laws for securing justice and equal opportunity must be maintained and enforced by the minority.

The Mayor may be all right at heart and is, doubtless, sincere, but his theory is a reversal of civilized procedure. A majority that does not furnish full protection to the minority in the enjoyment of common rights cannot long maintain stable government.

### Doesn't Practice What He Preaches

Until Pasadena went wet, Mr. Benj. Holmes, a colored restaurant keeper of that City, had a restaurant beer license; this enabled colored beer drinkers to drink by themselves. When the town went wet, authorizing the police commissioner to grant retail liquor license to hotels and restaurants, the Mayor and police commissioner revoked Holmes' license on the lone testimony of a Pasadena habitual jail-bird. This Negro swore to a complaint

against Holmes as a matter of revenge because Holmes refused to sell him beer.

Before revoking Holmes's license, to be fair the Mayor and Police Com. ought to, at least, have required the testimony of reputable witnesses, which it would have required had Holmes been white instead of black. If Mayor Thum thinks that Negroes should live together, eat and drink together, he should see to it that the Negro restaurant keepers enjoy the same rights enjoyed by others engaged in that business, providing, that they obey the ordinances governing his business. And before revoking a Negro business man's license for supposed infractions of the law, the same evidence should be required as would be if he was white. In the Holmes matter this seems not to have been the case.

Now, if a Negro wants a drink, he must go to a white restaurant—just what the Mayor advised against—and, perhaps, to be refused.

While we have nothing to say in favor of the saloon business, we believe in a square deal in every commercial pursuit recognized by law. We have no patience with race prejudice, it helps no one. We believe that the man who behaves himself, should live, eat and drink where he pleases, provided, he can pay for it.

When Mayor Thum was candidate for the office he now holds, *The Liberator* supported him, because his record as a citizen and business man was equal to any in his city, and the colored voters,

holding the balance of power, elected him; and we trust that he will continue to live above the influence of race prejudice.

### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Los Angeles, Cal.  
June 16, '12.

Editor *The Liberator*

Dear Sir:—Allow me to congratulate you on your manly stand for fair play as set forth in *The Liberator* of the 14th inst. You have struck the key-note and the question asked on every hand is, What are the colored men and women voters going to do about it? The colored voters are alone to blame for the present color discriminations in the public service. Politicians will concede to the voters only what they are forced to concede. The colored voters by virtue of their voting strength are entitled to representation in the several departments of the public service but they will not get it until they do their duty at the polls defeating the office holders responsible for the outrageous treatment they are receiving.

As a solution to this problem I would suggest the calling of a convention of the colored voters of this city and county to be made up of delegates appointed by the churches and other race organizations. Let the delegates in the convention carefully consider these discriminations in the public service with a view of devising ways and means of changing conditions.

Office holders who dodge giving the race a square deal on the plea that they are afraid of race prejudice must be replaced by men strong enough to perform their duties regardless of race or race prejudice.

The dead have been awakened the harvest is ripe, we must pause no longer. Keep up the fight the people are with you. I am yours for our common rights

G. W. WHITLEY  
105 So. First St.

### INDISCREET UTTERANCE AT THE PECK RECEPTION HURTFUL TO THE CHURCH

#### THE A. M. E. CHURCH SLAN- DERED

Some one has said: "That a glib tongue and an empty head is no small calamity."

This has been made painfully evident by the Los Angeles delegation which recently went to Kansas City to make Rev. Peck Peck bishop.

At the reception tendered them last week, one of the delegates, discussing Rev. Peck's defeat, said that: "Rev. Peck could have been elected bishop if he had stooped."

This statement not only reflected upon the integrity of the four good and capable men elected to the bishopric and the Conference electing them, but upon the entire A. M. E. Connection. Although Rev. Peck was present and heard that damaging assertion repeatedly made he let it go unchallenged thus placing his stamp of approval upon it. What opinion of the Church must the young people have who listened to the addresses delivered, by the delegates that evening? That a man must stoop to be elected bishop! There is not a word of truth in it no matter who made the statement. It was merely a question of standing; and those who couldn't stand, fell.

One gentleman who went to Kansas City to sing Rev. Peck into the bishopric, said that the women were so captivated by his wonderful voice that they made a rush to make his acquaintance; and when informed that he was married they made a rush to be his friends just the same.

It may be all right to tell that story in a pool room, but it was out of place in a church. If you are looking for them you can find, anywhere, silly women chasing strange men and profligate men chasing strange women. Keep to yourself the discoveries you make while gazing upon such scenes, for "*Evil communications corrupt*

*good manners.* And good morals as well.

### PRESIDENT OF THE AFRO- AMERICAN COUNCIL SPEAKS ILL OF THE KANSAS CITY NEGROES.

The president of the Afro-American Council, who is also clerk in the Internal Revenue Office, has a poor opinion of the colored citizens of Kansas City. Although he is a member of no church, Hon. Jas. M. Alexander went to Kansas City as manager of Rev. Peck's campaign for the bishopric. Of course, Rev. Peck lost—as he should have done under the circumstances. On his return, Mr. Alexander unblushingly told of buying his way into the conference by corrupting a delegate, of being denounced as a "California Pimp", and of his corrupt use of money in the interest of Peck's candidacy. He says the Negro women of Kansas City are all base, the men are all venal and the Negro drug store low grogeries. The utter falsity of this statement is so apparent that no denial is necessary.

"Discussing Mr. Alexander's extravagant statements about the morals of our Kansas City cousins, only one conclusion can be reached," said a gentleman, "namely: that President Alexander must have been taken for a Western 'green horn' and lured into the Kansas City 'slums,' which must have been encircled by the 'tender loins' and kept a prisoner till conference adjourned."

This, of course, is a very charitable view to take of Mr. Alexander's utterances touching the good names of the Negroes of Kansas City. He undoubtedly saw only the denizens of the underworld.

This whole business is a disgrace to the great A. M. E. Church. It is the result of intrusting to boys, duties that only men can perform—an attempt to make muscle do the work of brains; it failed. There are enough of noble, brainy men and women in the First A. M. E. Church to fill with dignity, any office within its gift; but cold,

selfish ambition pushed them aside.

Then, too, unfortunately, there is a studied attempt in this city to discount character and brain, but it cannot succeed. The attempt to make leaders of men possessing no ability and of doubtful morality can only fail. It brings disgrace and retrogression to the race, humiliation and shame to the families of the men responsible for such folly.

#### ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bascus, recent arrivals from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, are guests of Capila, 1330 1-2 East 12th St.

Mr. G. H. Hamilton of Denver, Colorado, is in the city with a view of locating. Mr. Hamilton is a barber.

#### THE SUNFLOWER CHANGES HANDS

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Mrs. Heard is an industrious woman and is greatly elated over the results of the long suit.

#### LOOK

**Christophie will be staged at Gamut Club, 1044 S. Hope St., June 27th, at reduced rates. Reserved seats only 50 cents; parquet, 35 cents; balcony, 25 cents.**

Miss Fay Fern Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, 1443 W. 35th Place, and her fiance, Ernest L. Bynum, have chosen Saturday, June 29th, as the date of their marriage. The services will be read by Rev. Kenchin in the family residence.

Miss Hall, who will be prettily attired for the event, will be assisted by Miss Viola Spence, and, Mr. Bynum will be served by Mr. Daniel W. Pollock who is to act as best man.

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#### RECEPTION TO GRADUATES

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Interested friends are requested to bring flowers and greenery for decorating on Thursday evening, June the 27th. Presents and flowers for graduates will be distributed at the close of the Program.

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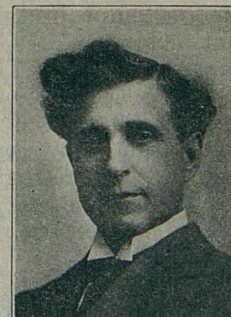
Burr Harris, charged with the murder of Mrs. Haskins of Compton, some months ago, was acquitted on the first ballot in Judge McCormick's court last week.

The arrest, confinement and trial of Harris is an outrage upon him individually, upon the Negroes whom the District Attorney's office is putting bad without cause and the tax payers of the whole county. There was absolutely no evidence against Harris and why he has been held is a mystery to many. But the records of the District Attor-

ney's office respecting the rights of Negroes will explain the whole situation. Persons who visited the court and heard the testimony were utterly at a loss to know why the expensive trial was continued upon such flimsy testimony. Race prejudice comes high everywhere.

Judge McCormick, to his lasting honor, saw to it that the defendant had an absolute square deal. His rulings were fair at every point. Judge McCormick would honor any Judicial bench.

Attorneys Darden and Ceruti conducted the case for the defense.



JUDGE FORBES

## A CONFERENCE OF THE COLORED VOTERS URGED

From time to time, in the last few months, prominent colored men have suggested to us the advisability of calling a conference of the leading colored men of this city and county. The need of united actions touching certain conditions confronting the race make such a conference very necessary at this time. Although the Negro's taxable holdings are rapidly increasing, along with his political power, he is losing ground in this community in things that men prize highest.

There is a cause for this condition. Let leaders meet in conference, find the cause and apply the remedy.

By all means let us have the conference to be composed of, say, three delegates from each race organization, that is, the Lyceum, Afro-American Council and the Forum, one from each church and one to represent each colored newspaper. Before that body all matters affecting the interest of the Negroes could be discussed and plans suggested for the education of the people concerning their rights and power, as citizens and voters. Such a conference to be of any practical benefit must be strictly non-partisan and purely racial.

Shall we have the Conference? Let us hear from the people. The columns of *The Liberator* are open to you.

Judge Forbes will address the Lyceum next Sunday, June 23rd, 1912. Everybody invited. All seats free. Come out and bring your wives and daughters. Matters of vital interest to the community will be discussed. You cannot afford to be absent. 4 p. m., 1209 1-2 Central Avenue.

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the Corning, N. Y. Free Academy.

We are pleased to acknowledge an invitation to the marriage of Miss Earsey Bryant to Mr. John T. Current of Columbus, Ohio.

## WELCOME CALLERS

The following gentlemen, delegates to the 3rd Annual encampment of the Spanish War Veterans were callers at *The Liberator* office this week:

G. W. Posey, Vallejo.

E. U. Moore, Vallejo.

Brooks Johnson, Vallejo.

W. R. Ricks, Oakland.

The 3rd Annual Encampment of the Spanish War Veterans, Department of Columbia, was held at Scott's Hall, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

At the close of the session the following officers were elected:

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**PASADENA**

The friends of Mr. Manfield, the popular expressman about Pasadena, who, with his family, has been confined to his home with sickness, will be glad to know that they are all recovering.

Mr. Wm. Jones, a Whittier rancher, was in Pasadena on the 18th inst. Mr. Jones has sold his ranch at Whittier and purchased 320 acres in San Bernardino Co., where he has gone to live.

Mrs. Joseph Holmes, of Vernon Avenue, is improving from a long illness.

Mrs. Luoise Williams will read a paper at the Metropolitan Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Suggestion to National Encampment to make July 1st Spanish War Day in Commemoration of the Battle of San Juan Hill.

Also recommended to the Nat. Encampment that the 50 men of the 24th Inf. who volunteered their services as nurses in the yellow fever camps in Cuba by awarded medals of honor by Congress.

The question of disbandment of the department never arose, only in the minds of the reporters of the daily press.

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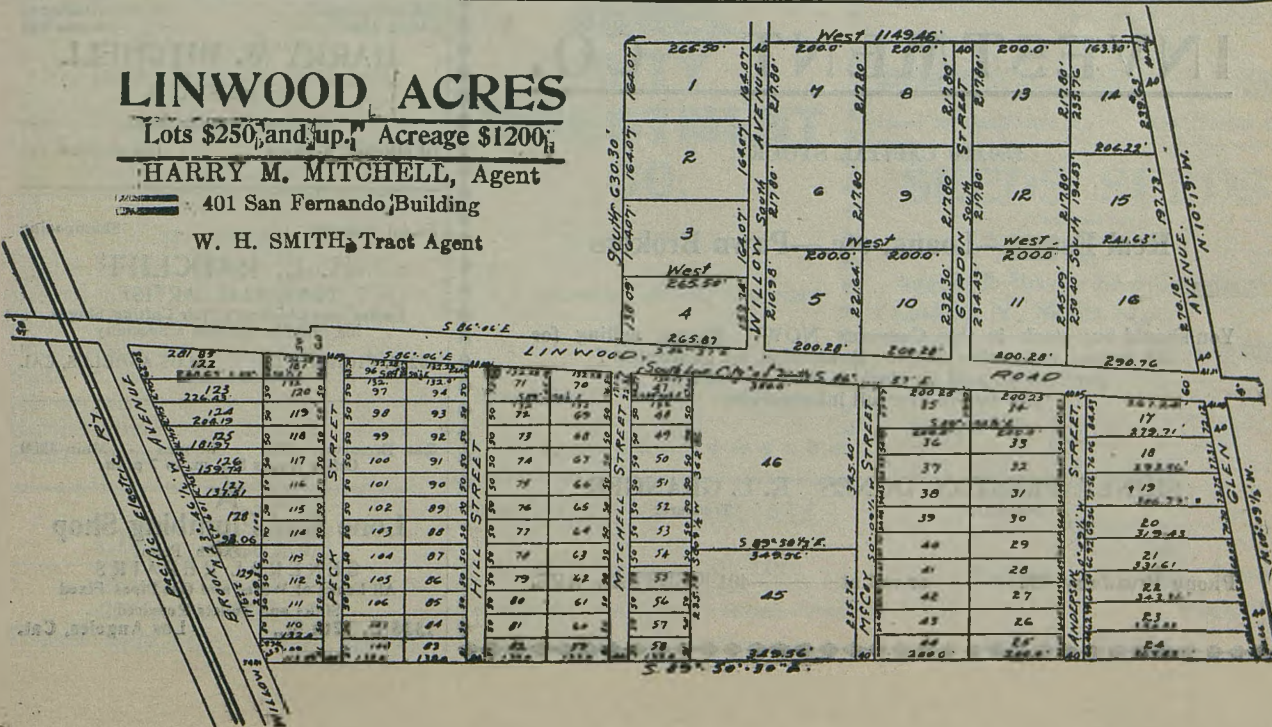
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