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## OPPORTUNITIES IN THE IMPERIAL VALLEY

The opportunities offered colored men to acquire homes in the Imperial valley are without parallel. All a man needs is a desire to have something, coupled with a willingness to work. Land is cheap and wages are high. Farm laborers receive from \$2 to \$2,50 per day; women, \$20 to \$30 per month; cotton pickers receive \$1.00 per hundred for picking cotton. Last season a woman and her three girls earned \$11 per day picking cotton; there are many instances of the kind among the cotton pickers.

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stop the cultivation of short staple cotton.

### Plenty of Land for Homeseekers.

There is land enough in the valley to support a population of two millions. The people of the valley are anxious to have colored cotton farmers come in, buy the land and develop the cotton industry which is bound to make millions for the producers who own the soil.

For the over-worked, poorly-paid cotton farmers of the South, the Imperial Valley offers opportunities nowhere else to be had. While wages are twice as high as those paid in the South, the cost of living is no higher. In the South the cotton farmer works twelve to fourteen hours per day; here they work ten to twelve hours.

Every colored farmer who goes to the valley and buys a farm, will find ready employment at \$2.25 per day on adjoining farms for all of his spare time.

### Opportunities Will Not Last.

If colored farmers would take advantage of the opportunities offered them in the Imperial Valley, there is no time to lose. When the Panama canal is completed, millions of foreigners will come in and possess these rich lands and not only double the prices but take them permanently off the market.

Every neighborhood has its grammar school with nine-month

terms where each child can be properly educated.

For information, see G. W. Wickliffe, J. L. Edmonds or Titus Alexander, room 210 Thorpe Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

### LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY IS NOW GROWING RAPIDLY

El Centro, May 7.—That the livestock industry in the Imperial Valley is growing is shown by the fact that there are now about 200,000 head in the irrigated area between Brawley on the north and Calexico on the south. About one-half of this number are sheep. In round numbers, there are 20,000 beef cattle, 15,000 dairy cows, 50,000 hogs and 15,000 horses and mules in the valley.

The alfalfa acreage is steadily increasing to keep pace with the growth of the stock-raising industry. For this reason, and because of the prevailing high price of feed, the farmers are making preparations for plating more corn this summer than ever before.

### DR. LOCKE PLEADS FOR NEGRO BISHOPS

Dr. Charles Edward Locke, pastor of our First Church at Los Angeles, California, uttered a strong word in favor of the election of a Negro to the Episcopacy in a recent address before the preacher's meeting of his home city.

"Shall a colored Bishop be elected for the colored Conferences? Yes. Since there are twenty Annual

Negro Conferences, with 2000 pastors, and over 350,000 colored members; I believe, if the Negroes have leaders providentially selected, that the time has come to elect one, perhaps two, Negro Bishops who shall administer the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church among our Negro members. They should be full Bishops, and just as Negro preachers are made full elders, and serve people of their own race, so a full Negro Bishop would preside over Negro Conferences. As a cultured man of their own number says: 'Everything else being equal, black lips for black ears is decidedly preferable.' There are natural racial boundaries and black people are no more anxious to belong to white churches, and black preachers to minister over white parishes, and black Bishops to preside over white Conferences, than the white people hesitate to have them do it. The Negro is working out his own salvation. He should have every encouragement and in the end his personality will be acknowledged, and he will ask favors from no one but God."

Continuing Dr. Locke said:

"Shall there be a union of all Methodist denominations: Yes, but let it not be precipitated, and let none of our Heaven-inspired ideals be sacrificed even to bring about church union.

When asked afterward what he had in mind when he made this statement, Dr. Locke said that he had the colored membership on his heart and that he would not be in favor of any union of Methodist denominations which required us to notify our colored membership to organize a church of their own.

For refreshments stop at W. Hutchins' place, 1517 W. 35th Place. They carry a full line of refreshments and soft drinks, with a barber shop and boot black stand in connection. Polite service in each department.

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### FURLONG FORGING TO THE FRONT. UP-TO-DATE BUSINESS HOUSES

A visit to Furlong is one, that is to us, always full of pleasant anticipations. So, last Saturday, we decided to spend the afternoon visiting our family of subscribers and their friends residing in that charming little city within the city.

Taking the Watts local we found our genial friend, Hon. Theodore W. Jones, accompanied by a real estate man, extolling the virtue of his holdings.

Alighting from the car at 55th street, the western limit of Furlong, we found ourselves at the grocery and baking establishment owned and conducted by Kinard & Thompson. This is one of the neatest, best kept establishments in this city. Their stock of groceries is complete and everything arranged in the most attractive manner. The bakery is just as neat and clean as the grocery. Large show cases protected the bread, cakes and pies from flies and dust. This adds to the wholesomeness of the already appetizing wares. The Tuskegee idea of cleanliness is here carried out to a dot.

There are a number of colored grocers in the city whose bread sales run into hundreds of dollars, who would, doubtless, greatly increase their business by using Kinard & Thompson's bread, cakes and pies, as there are none better or fresher. His bread for size and sweetness cannot be beat.

Mr. Thompson owns the property which consists of three lots and a two-story brick building.

Mr. Thompson is the former head of the publicity department at Tuskegee and assistant to the treasurer.

#### Attractive Homes.

Furlong is two blocks deep, running from 50th to 55th streets, inclusive; has two churches, a splendid grammar school and three

business houses. In no section of the city is there more improvements going on than is to be found in this little city. On every street, in every block, new residences are being erected and enlarged. Old pioneer shacks are fast disappearing, modern cottages taking their places. This is a good sign from many view points. Every foot of land is being utilized; either flowers greet you with a smile or vegetables with a laugh; nothing is idle; everything contributing its share to the general good cheer.

Now that the citizens of Furlong are getting out of debt, they can put their city on a solid foundation by purchasing country property while it is still within their reach. Every big business man in the city owns one or more ranches.

The farm is the source of all wealth. The people who own the farms own everything.

The discovery that the places held by the nurses at the County Hospital can all be filled on short notice, has cleared up the atmosphere. The majority of the employees out there are people whose intelligence is such that they will do just as told to do by those in authority; and, have no idea of handing in their resignations, unless they are demanded.

### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Los Angeles, Cal., April 8, 1912  
Mr. J. L. Edmonds,

Sawtelle, Cal.,

Dear Friend:

I'm glad to see you take the proper stand against Roosevelt; likewise our own Supervisors. But I should not expect anything else from a man who always espouses the cause of the Negro.

You have my best wishes for prosperity and long life that you may continue to pour hot shot into the enemy.

Yours for the race,  
A. C. GARROTT.

**ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST**

Dr. James E. Shepard, Mr. Charles Alexander, his agent, and Hon. Theodore W. Jones have returned East.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright of 66 Alessandro Place and Mrs. Coleman of Pasadena entertained friends at parties last week.

Mr. C. C. Leake has bought a ranch at Linwood. Mr. Thompson of Kinard and Thompson, grocers and bakers, bought the building in which the business is located, from Mr. Leake?

Mrs. Wickliffe, who has been seriously ill is improving rapidly.

The colored voters are taking no interest in the political fight in this state.

Mr. Charles Alexander of Boston, Mass., delivered a masterly address at the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday.

Miss Lottie Hopkins of Hemlock street, is residing at Venice.

Mr. I. R. Warren is spending a few months at Brawley for his health. During his absence, Mrs. Warren and children are stopping with her parents at Sawtelle.

Miss Hebe Mack of Hollywood spent last Saturday at Sawtelle, the guest of Miss Lena Edmonds. They attended the automobile races.

**MRS. SPEIGHTS DEAD**

The sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Speights, wife of Rev. Speights, has reached the city. It comes as a shock to her many friends.

The Negro can stand any amount of puffs and flattery—even when he knows that the big things people are saying about him, are untrue; but just criticise his shortcomings and he goes all to pieces.

When it comes to advertising a newspaper, nothing can beat a mad preacher of colored persuasion.

A fellow who is a dog catcher in one town and becomes a "doctor of divinity," when he hits the next town, is going some.

The demand for *The Liberator* for the last ten days has been unprecedented. A run for it has been made on the offices of our contemporaries.

The Booker T. Washington Art Club met at the residence of Mrs. E. Clements, Thursday, May 2.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent. A number of visitors were present.

Refreshments of pineapple ice, cake and candies were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Clements have recently moved into their beautiful new home on East 36th St.

The ladies enjoyed a delightful evening and hope Mrs. Clements will invite them again some day.

**THE CITY BY THE SEA**

Mr. and Mrs. D. Miles, of Santa Barbara, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. S. A. Wright.

Mrs. Edna Allen Johnson spent several days at Santa Monica.

Mrs. Whitlock of San Gabriel visited friends on the beach, Thursday.

Miss Bessie Flemings and Emil Patterson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Patterson, Sunday evening.

Mrs. M. M. Goodwin spent the week-end in Los Angeles at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Houchins. She was the guest of Mrs. E. A. Johnson.

Miss Maudine Jasper and Harry Williams were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Milan, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss E. H. Dailey gave a pleasant surprise party in honor of her brother, Geo. Hunt, Sunday, May 5. Those present were: Misses E. Adams, A. Muse, M. Dudley, B. Flening, M. Carter, C. Lacey, H. Brown, E. Hunt and Missers. Hunt, Bolden, Carter, White, Hunter, Gillman and Oggletree.

Outside games were played; prizes being awarded to the winners. An egg and spoon race for the girls—won by Misses Brown and Adams. A potato race for the boys—won by Messrs. Hunter and Carter.

Refreshments were served; after which an absolute mental game was played which was extremely interesting.

A reception was given the delegates from the First Baptist Church of Venice, to the Sunday School Convention. Mr. Joe Reese's report was heartily received.

Master Archibald and Gilbert Marshall were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Florence Patterson.

Messrs. Clarence Mills, Nilber Randolph, Elsworth Williams and Clemens were representatives from Pasadena to the Santa Monica Road Race, May 4.

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## THE MINISTER'S FEDERATION LIBELLED

"Rev. J. F. Peck, D. D., a colored preacher of this city, is a candidate for the bishopric before the general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session at Kansas City. He has been endorsed by the Federation of Colored Ministers of all denominations, of the city and county of Los Angeles. When an attack was made upon him in *The Liberator*, a paper published in this city by a colored man, the Federation, by the unanimous vote of the thirty ministers present, re-affirmed

their faith in Dr. Peck and denounced the action of the editor of *The Liberator* as 'malicious, devoid of truth and for the gratification of personal spite.' The resolutions were immediately wired to Dr. Peck at Kansas City."

The above statement handed in to the daily papers by three men, ministers of the gospel, is a base libel upon the Federation. At the Federation's meeting there were only ten ministers present and they refused to take any action in the Peck matter. The fact that the three men, ministers of the gospel, who gave the papers the above libelous statement, were present and took part in the Federation's meeting, shows what little regard they have for the truth.

If ministers of the gospel are forced to resort to such a base violation of public confidence to elect a bishop, God help the church. If the Federation hopes to continue in the confidence of the people, it will have to expel the three men, ministers of the gospel, who so basely violated its and the public's confidence. If these ministers had churches, they would, doubtless, be forced out at once. God only knows what will happen to the church and Federation if it allows these men to run loose in the city.

Who is this "J. H. C. RR d. d."? He is a new one on us.

It is up to you, gentlemen of the Federation, the people are taking notice!

Three years ago, when a campaign was on to decide whether this city should be a closed or open town, Rev. Peck, candidate for bishop, thought that an open town would suit him best and fought to "keep her open." This is a matter of record. The publication of this record, some time ago, by this journal, has deranged one preacher's mind. He declares that it is a sin against the Holy Ghost to publish a minister's political record. "It is an attack on God's anointed."

Good Heavens! What next!!

## THE MINISTER'S FEDERATION ENDORSES THE LIBERATOR

At its meeting on April 30th, the Minister's Federation after a brief discussion of the article appearing in this journal recently, relating to Rev. Peck's political record, refused to condemn *The Liberator* or re-affirm its endorsement of Rev. Peck. This action was based upon the fact that *The Liberator's* statements were true and that this journal had acted wholly within its province and therefore was guilty of no wrong.

It was also the consensus of opinion, that Rev. Peck's interest could best be served by ignoring the whole matter. When a man is over a barrel, his friends ought not start it to rolling.

The Federation is composed very largely of cultured gentlemen who fully understand their relation and duty to the public. The Federation, of course, has among its members men whom prosperity has made top-heavy; others who are using their membership to hold up the public. The Federation is a sane body, which knows that a public man's record is public property and that it is not yet a crime to discuss it in a newspaper. The Federation knows also that the people's estimate of a minister is what he is.

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 And de rain is come a-droppin,  
 Like dar wusent any stoppin,  
 An I spec we got to build an ark,  
 Like Noah, once again.  
 So I wished for sunny weather  
 An de clouds all lef de sky  
 An, foh days an days together  
 De thermometer was high.  
 An, it kep a-goin higher  
 An de fields was gettin dryer.  
 I must hab overwished, em,  
 cause dem taters ginter die.  
 I guess I quit suggestin,  
 As I dozes in de shade,  
 A-waitin an a-restin,  
 While the weathers bein made  
 When the sun is brightly glowin,  
 I'll des keep dat pump a-goin,  
 An I'll hist dat of umbrella when  
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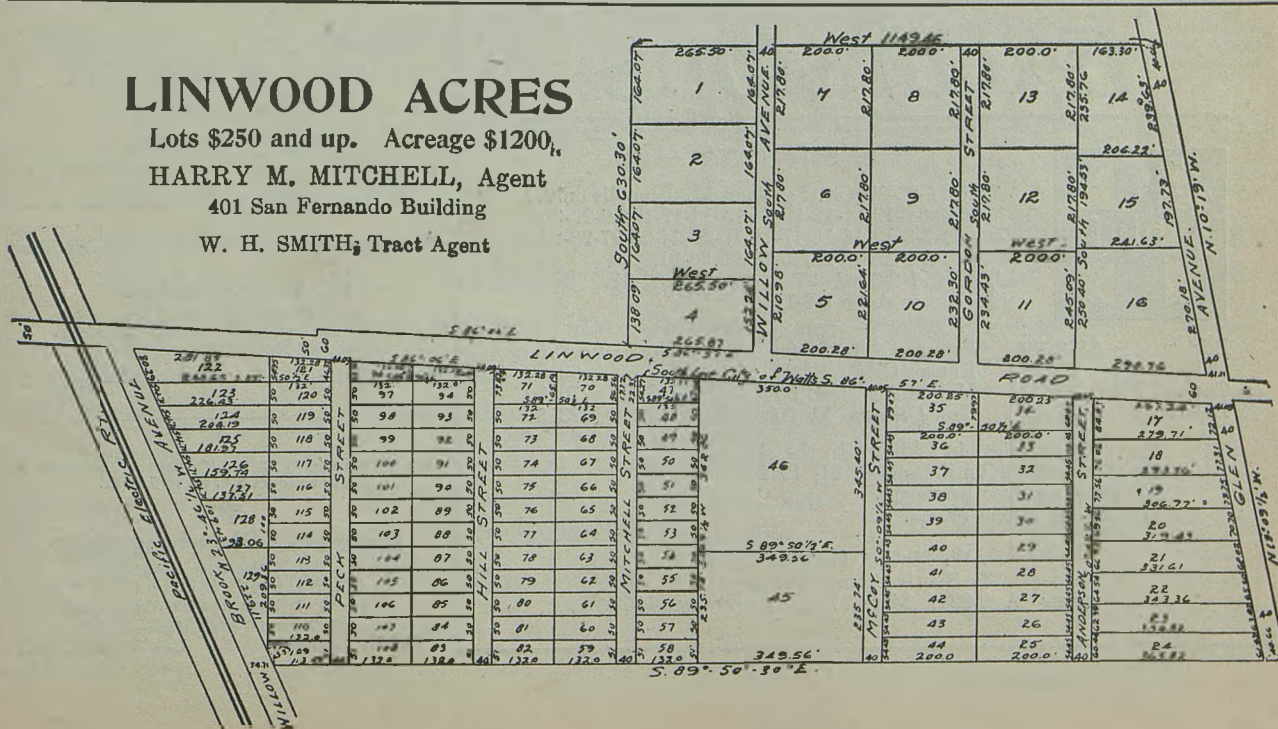
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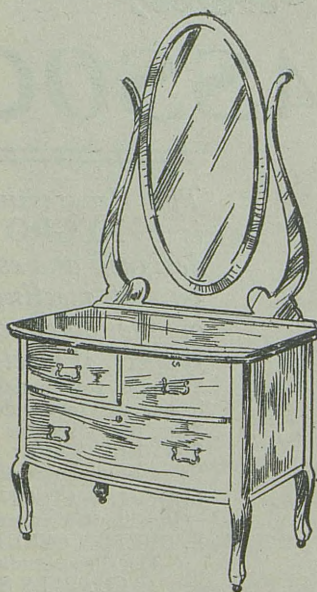
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