

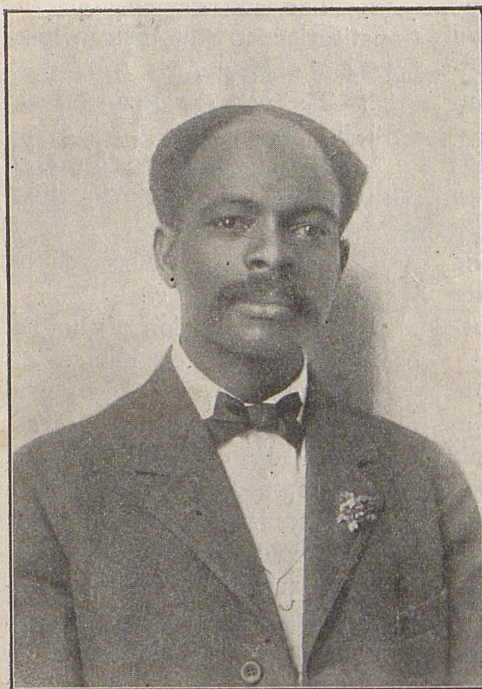
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NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE INDEPENDENT POLITICAL LEAGUE

The following resolutions were adopted in the convention.

"The National Independent Political League is an organization of colored people who believe the salvation of their race and the Nation depends upon an intelligent use of the ballot.

We call attention to the fact that today no civilized country on earth can parallel the United States in the wholesale murder of innocent men, in the persecution of the weak, in religious discrimination and proscription and in the helplessness and inefficiency of the judiciary.

"Texas has outrun Kishineff, color prejudice is worse than caste; Jim Crow cars are indefensible and recent decisions of the supreme court are repugnant to the fundamental principles of justice and democracy.

"What shall we do? Vote, Vote right and independently. We Negro Americans have at least a half million votes. Hitherto we have given these votes blindly to one party and received in return a few paltry offices. That party has repeatedly broken its pledges to us, while Theodore Roosevelt has given us Brownsville and William Taft in a week surrender to prejudice has dismissed worthy officials simply for being black.

"Our uncritical and unquestioning support of one party has proven disastrous. Like the mass of laborers of the land we have sold high privilege too cheaply. In return for support at the polls Colored Americans must hereafter demand protection, education, equality of opportunity and justice.

"The present two leading parties have denied us these things. The southern Democrats have disfranchised thousands of our voters and the Republicans have let them do it with faint and fainter protest.

"It is time therefore for an independent movement in politics. We should refuse alliance with either of the two dominant parties at present, and confine our attention to men; we should vote only for congressmen and other candidates for office who pledge themselves to advocate the following measures:

"1. The enforcement of the Constitution, to stop disfranchisement and peonage.

"2. The passage of a national anti-Jim Crow car law.

"3. National aid to education with the same opportunities to all children.

"4. National legislation against lynching and mob law.

"5. The restoration of the discharged Brownsville soldiers.

"To candidates of any party who pledge themselves to these measures we pledge our own votes and the voters of all black men whom we can persuade to stand on their manhood and vote like free men.

The convention began on August 4th and ended August 6th. Among the delegates were: Bishop Alexander Walters of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church of New York, president; Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois of Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop H. M. Turner of the African Methodist Episcopal Bethel church of Atlanta, Ga.; the Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Baptist, of Washington, D. C.; J. L. Johnson of Columbus, Ohio; Francis H. Warren of Detroit, Mich., editor of the *Informer*; N. B. Marshall, counsel for the

Brownsville soldiers; Rev. S. L. Corrothers of Washington, and Judge M. W. Gibbs of Little Rock.

Govs. Harmon and Deneen were commended on lynching. Bishop Walters was elected president; Rev. Waldron, organizer; Rev. Corrothers, financial secretary; Judge Gibbs, treasurer; W. C. Payne, assistant organizer; J. L. Neil, recording secretary; W. M. Trotter, corresponding secretary; Rev. L. G. Jordan, chaplain; Rev. J. F. Moreland, sergeant-at-arms, and Rev. B. Gunner, Dr. J. L. Johnson, W. T. Ferguson, Rev. J. H. Wiley, W. D. Johnson, W. S. Cook, vice presidents.

EDITOR A. IVISON

WILLIAMS DEAD

The untimely death of Lieut. A. Ivison Williams, the brilliant editor of the *California Cactus*, removes from the scenes of human activities a young man of sterling worth. As a member of the Ninth Ohio Colored Battalion, under Major Young, he saw service in the Cuban campaign during the Spanish-American war; being promoted to lieutenant for meritorious service.

After retiring from the army he returned to his native state and took a prominent part in politics as a supporter of the Hon. Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland. In recognition of his services, Mayor Johnson appointed him to an important clerkship which he filled with credit to himself and the administration, until forced by ill health to resign. It was the hope that the balmy climate of Southern California would stop the ravages of tuberculosis that brought him here. In his unequal battle with the grim reaper, he displayed the same heroism and courage that won him promotion on the battle fields and in the yellow fever camps in Cuba. His career was short but brilliant; his years few but full of honors.

Peace to his ashes.

President Taft's Negro Policy will Endanger Republican Success in Indiana and Ohio.

THE REMOVAL OF RUCKER

Within ten days after the appointment of Hon. Whitefield McKinlay to the Collectorship of the port of Georgetown, D. C., Internal Collector of Revenue Henry A. Rucker, of Atlanta, Ga., is removed from office.

The colored voters of the country were greatly encouraged as a result of the McKinlay appointment. The removal of Rucker immediately following, however, is disconcerting, and discouraging to the Negro voters of the country. The removal of Rucker seems to be in keeping with Postmaster General Hitchcock's policy, endorsed by President Taft, to remove every Negro holding an important office in the South and thus break the power of the Negro in National Conventions.

Cecil Lyon, in Texas, has been permitted under this scheme to have unlimited sway in the removal of Negroes from office in Texas. Cecil Lyon, the National Committeeman from Texas, supported by Mr. Hitchcock, has removed every Negro in Texas, so that none hold positions of importance. It is up to the Negro voters of Ohio to decide by the way they cast their votes in the coming fall election whether they will stand by such conduct on the part of the administration or not. Perhaps Cecil Lyon can furnish more electoral votes and put more Republicans in Congress from Texas than the Negroes of Indiana and Ohio.

We shall see. There are over three hundred thousand Negro voters in the Northern States whose votes are counted as they are cast.

Republican candidates for Congress during the fall election must not deceive themselves. The old game of putting out a little money here and there in the hands of Negro preachers and a few Negro local leaders to bring the colored voters into line has passed. A few speeches here and there making glittering promises to the Negro voters in the fall will not answer. It is our belief that the present policy of Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Taft toward the Negro in the South has got to be changed, or the Negroes in the fall elections will find some other candidates rather than the Republican Congressmen to vote for. The time for plain speaking has come.

We reiterate that which we have said before. The Age is a Republican paper. It wants to support the Republican administration, including candidates for Congress, and will do so if the way is made possible, by proper treatment of the Negro people. The removal of the President's "color line" would help the situation all along the line.—N. Y. Age.

FIRING ACROSS THE COLOR LINE

Down in Mississippi a few years ago a white foot peddler called at the home of a prosperous colored farmer and requested a night's lodging. His request was granted with an invitation to go into the sitting room and rest himself. While supper was being prepared he entertained himself by reading books and papers with which the room was well supplied. At the

ringing of the supper bell, the family, clean and well clad, took their places at the table. After the blessing had been asked, the peddler with a look of confusion, said: "I didn't know that white and negro men ate at the same table?" "They don't, unless both are gentlemen," replied the colored landlord.

Heard in a Pullman car going through to Arizona.

Passenger's wife to husband—Dear, tell the porter if he has only one set of brushes not to polish my tan shoes.

Husband—"Porter, if you have but one set of brushes you had better not touch my wife's shoes; for I am a white man from Texas and you know what we do to a nigger down there."

Porter's reply—"A white man from Texas is no more to me than a white man from Massachusetts or California, but a brute from Texas is a different thing."

Miss Allie H. Barnett of Stewart, Nevada, nurse in the Canon Training School for Indians, spoke to a large audience at the Forum on the 4th inst. Her discourse on tuberculosis; how contracted, how contagion, may be prevented and how to handle unfortunate patients suffering with this dread disease, was listened to with rapt attention. Her talk on domestic science was very helpful. What she had to say about bread-making and dress-making ought to have been heard by every girl of the race.

Miss Barnett is a cultured young woman of splendid physique adorned by those womanly graces that always accompany a well cultured mind. With her sister Miss Barnett has spent her summer vacation touring our great state of California. Come again, your visits are indeed profitable to us all.

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BULLY, BULLY.

The victory for good government achieved by the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League at the August primaries was splendid. It was "bully," as Col. Roosevelt would say. The machine was utterly crushed with every cog in its running gear smashed. The great state of California is free. Hon. Hiram Johnson, the magnetic leader in this state, has not only freed it, but has given an immense impetus to the struggle for freedom going on all over this country. Hiram Johnson leads California and California leads the nation. We are proud, doubly proud of California's redemption. To make California's redemption permanent, certain legislation is needed. The party circle and column should be removed from

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the official ballot. The judiciary should be taken out of politics, and the merit system adopted for state and county offices.

THE NEGRO AND THE INSURGENTS.

The success of the so-called insurgents' movement means as much for the negro as it does for the whites—nay—more. The negro should join the reform forces and assist in the restoration of the government to the people. For the negro to aid in securing the reforms for which Roosevelt, Johnson, Senators La Follette, Dolliver and Curtis stand, he will earn and secure the sympathy and aid of these great leaders in his fight against disfranchisement, jim crowism, peonage and discrimination on account of the race. The negroes are American citizens and a wrong inflicted upon them will ultimately react upon other citizens. As an American citizen, the negro, if he would secure the full enjoyment of his rights, he will have to be in sympathy with the white Americans who stand for highest ideals of free government. There is no other way.

WOULDN'T ENDORSE TAFT

The refusal of the Republican State Convention to endorse President Taft's administration in session at San Francisco, was consistent to say the least. Think of an insurgent convention endorsing the Taft administration. What body of men with the interest of the people at heart can endorse President Taft's policy? The president while serving the "interests" at the expense of the white citizen, he has recognized and drawn the color line in the

public service to the lasting hurt of the negro people. As a result jim crowism, disfranchisement, race hate and color discrimination is everywhere on the increase. Mob violence and lawless acts perpetrated upon innocent negroes are of almost daily occurrence.

The President's negro policy is un-Christian and un-Democratic. It is a violation of the sacred rights of man, and an insult to every manly American. The insurgents are right, the President has accomplished nothing worthy of endorsement.

The annual conference of the A. M. E. church will convene at Sacramento on the 5th. The universal prayer is, that Bishop Grant send a big man to Los Angeles. What the Methodist churches here need is two or three big preachers whose interest extends to something more than their salaries. May the good Lord help us.

HARTWELL AGAIN

Owing to blunders and overconfidence, Coroner Hartwell is still on the hands of the voters, with the solid support of the S. P. machine and its subsidized press, including two Negro weeklies and one little Negro preacher, a single shot from the Liberator threw his election in doubt for a week. Had the advantages gained been followed up, his defeat would have been so decisive that, a few hours' counting would have fixed his fate. To bring about the defeat of a recreant office holder is one of the highest duties involved upon the press. We will deal with Mr. Hartwell later on.

A FEDERAL LAW AGAINST LYNCHING

If mob murders are to be broken up and this country saved from the disgrace of every day cold-blooded murder of its citizens of color, there will have to be a national law against lynching. The National Constitution guarantees to every citizen the right of trial by a jury of his peers when charged with crime. It is the duty of the Federal government to enforce its guarantees. A government that will not or cannot protect the lives and property of its citizens at home has absolutely no right to existence. If a state cannot or will not protect the lives of its citizens from lawlessness, the federal statutes gives the national executive authority to step in. President Cleveland put down a Chicago mob, to protect property in spite of the protest of the governor of Illinois. His authority to use the federal troops on the occasion named has never been questioned. What is really needed now, is to put mob murderers in the category with counterfeiting and mail robbing. Give us a national law against lynching; have counties in which lynchings occur indemnify relatives of persons lynched. Make twenty-five years in the federal penitentiary and five thousand dollars fine, the penalty of every person convicted of, or in any way taking part in a lynching. With a law enacted and enforced covering the above mentioned ground, there would soon be a wholesome respect for law in every section of the country. Human life would become more sacred and our country raised in the estimation of God and civilized men. If this govern-

ment hopes to exist as a civilized power, it will have to furnish its non-progressive white cut-throats higher amusement than that of roaming at large killing negroes. For the crime of lynching negroes by white men will only lead to lynching of white men by white men.

MR. J. W. COLEMAN

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The formation of the law firm of Colman & Stout is an innova-

tion in the colored legal circles of the city and means much for the race as well as for the profession. It is the entering wedge to a combination of the colored legal capital of which Los Angeles is so well supplied. The firm enjoys a good practice, which is not confined to any one race. Their practice is of the high class order.

Besides his law practice, Attorney Stout is Presiding Elder of the C. M. E. church of the El Paso District, and the author of Stout's Business Guide, a book, the sale of which has run into thousands.

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The way that Col. Roosevelt is throwing it into Taft is a caution. From every view-point the Taft administration is a miserable failure. Feeling himself somewhat responsible for Taft, Cannonism and Aldridgism, the colonel has taken charge of the insurgent forces as a sort of relief to his conscience.

ITEM OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mesdames Walker, Outlaw and Wickliffe, spent their summer outing at Santa Monica occupying the Anthony cottage on Pacific street. The young Outlaws and Wickliffes enjoyed surf-bathing to their hearts' content.

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Mrs. Lovitt and daughter, Mrs. Minnifield, and granddaughter are stopping at the Columbus cottage on Pacific street.

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Misses Beatrice Coivngton and Juanita Bailey were also visitors to the city by the sea. They were the guests of the Misses Raineys.

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Bishops Grant Phillips and Dr. Becket of New York city were guests of our churches on the 4th of September.

Dr. Becket addressed the men's mass meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon of the 4th. It was one of the most practical in the history of the Y. M. C. A.'s lecture course. His plea to the young men to educate themselves, save and invest their money in real estate was one that every member of the race should have heard. Dr. Becket is indeed a great man and will be Bishop some day. May Heaven hasten the day.

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Mr. Riley Calbert, one of our enterprising young railroad men, has just returned from an extended trip through San Joaquin valley. He expresses himself as well pleased. "Every colored man who owns land there, ought to keep it; and those who own none, ought to purchase some at once," says Mr. Calbert. He has decided to cast his bucket down in the soil now.

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Mr. C. W. Holden on account of the ill health of Mrs. Holden, has leased his ranch and removed to Hollywood. He is now engaged in mining and manufacturing. He heads a company of 29

colored men who recently purchased a large tract of farming land.

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Dr. J. S. Outlaw, one of our leading physicians, is spending two months in the East and South. After attending the meeting of the National Medical Association which convenes in Washington, D. C., he will tour the South.

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Mr. R. C. Owens, the wealthiest colored man in this city and state, is in the East. He attended the National Business League which convened in New York city. Mr. Owens was elected a member of the executive committee of that body.

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Mr. Junius Stevens, the popular secretary of the Forum, is up in the San Joaquin valley harvesting his crop. Mr. Stevens' ranch is right in the great raisin belt of Fresno county and will in a short time be worth a thousand dollars for every hundred he invested. He is a graduate of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute and is making good.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. McCord and daughter, Louise, of Oakland, Cal., are visiting in our city for two weeks. During their visit they are guests at the home of G. W. Wickliffe and wife. Mr. McCord is a clerk in the Oakland postoffice.

Prof. L. A. Handly of the University of Southern California will address the Forum Sunday afternoon, the 18th, at 4 p. m. Subject, "The Negro and the Industrial Wrold." Come early in order to get a seat.

For want of space much valuable matter was crowded out of this edition.

GONE OUT OF BUSINESS

The "down and out club," formerly known as the Afro-American Council, seems to be very unfortunate in its party affiliations. Practically every man indorsed by them suffered defeat at the primaries.—The New Age.

Mr. Harold Prince, the famous orator of Pasadena, was a visitor of the Y. M. C. A. on the 4th. Mr. Prince will take the classical course at the Pomona College. After graduation he will take up the study of medicine.

The marriage of Mr. J. Thomas Norris and Miss Baker is the union of two of the most popular young people in the city. Miss Baker is one of our most beautiful and accomplished young ladies. Mr. Norris is a self-made man whose intelligence and worth has made him a man of power for good in this entire community. The Liberator extends its best wishes.

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Mr. J. A. Jackson, one of our prominent citizens and leaders, has just returned from a three months' visit to Texas, his old home. Mr. Jackson's return to the old home after an absence of more than twenty years, was educating indeed. His address at the Y. M. C. A., touching conditions of our young people in the Lone Star state, was very interesting and ought to be delivered before every young people's organization in the city. Mr. Jackson is an able and forceful speaker.

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