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## THE LIBERTY DYE WORKS

### A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE THAT LENDS ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the most creditable enterprises conducted by Negroes in this city is the Liberty Dye Works, 1420 South Main Street. Commencing, a few years ago, as the agent for one of the laundries, Mr. O. S. Fletcher, proprietor of the Liberty Dye Works, made a study of the cleaning and dyeing department of the laundry for which he worked. After saving up money enough to purchase a horse and wagon, he went into business for himself. He now employs 14 persons with a pay roll of \$100 per week. He runs three wagons and two auto cars. The auto cars cost \$1908. His washing machine said by the laundry men to be one of the finest in the city, cost \$265. His extractor for drying clothes cost \$185 and clothes placed in this extractor are dried in three minutes. The motive power of the plant is furnished by a three horse power electric motor. In the show cases of the Liberty Dye Works are some of the finest fabrics and wearing apparel of every description. An investigation will convince any one of the ability of the Liberty Dye Works to expertly handle any work intrusted to their care.

Mr. Fletcher's new plant on Central Avenue, will be completed July 1st. In this new plant, owned by Mr. Fletcher, will be installed four washing machines and one self presser; the presser alone to cost \$290. This plant to be in every way modern will have a capacity for the employment of 30 persons. If this company gets the patronage of the race that it deserves it will easily furnish em-

ployment in a short time for a hundred of our young people.

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Our ministers could render the race no greater material service than that of visiting this plant, convince themselves of its importance as a coming race enterprise and encourage the members of their several congregations to patronize it. In this way they could aid in furnishing profitable employment for many of their young church people.

Mr. Fletcher or any employee of the firm will take pleasure in showing visitors through that splendid establishment.

### UMPQUA VALLEY INVESTORS HAPPY

About 30 of the bond holders of the Harding Umpqua Valley orchards met at the chapel of the A. J. Roberts Sons Co., to hear the report of their agent Mr. A. J. Roberts who visited their orchards in the Umpqua Valley in the State of Oregon. His report of conditions was so satisfactory that the following resolutions were unanimously adopted. To wit:

#### RESOLUTIONS

Whereas: We have made some investigation on our own account of the Harding Land Company, and

Whereas: Our representative, Mr. A. J. Roberts, has made a thorough investigation of the affairs of that Company, its holdings, industry, organization and business methods and has rendered a report thereon entirely satisfactory to us in every particular; therefore be it

Resolved: That we, being stock and bond holders and owners of an interest in said Company, do hereby express our appreciation for the courtesy shown our representative and our full and complete confidence in the integrity and honesty and the business judgment of the Harding Land Company; and also, we desire to express our confidence in the general representative of said Company, Mr. E. J. Phelan, whose earnestness and fiariness have won our esteem.

Signed

G. Walter Snell

T. A. Harris

A. J. Jones

### MR. A. J. ROBERTS AND MR. E. J. PHELAN

Mr. A. J. Roberts and Mr. E. J. Phelan will speak at the Lyceum next Sunday, June 30th. Mr. Roberts will explain his Oregon trip and tell of the orchards in which local investors are interested Mr. E. J. Phelan will explain the unit system. Everybody invited. 4 p. m. 1209 1-2 Central Avenue.



LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE THE GRIM REAPER ACTIVE

CALL FOR CONFERENCE EN-DORSED

Editor *The Liberator*  
My Dear Sir:—

I fully agree with your suggestions for a race conference. By all means let us have a conference at an early date. So far as race interest is concerned, things are going from bad to worse and unless there is a getting together for the protection of our common rights, we will soon have nothing to protect. Such a gathering could not only consider matters political, but could consider matters of business, looking to the encouragement of race enterprises. Our people should be encouraged to purchase acreage, engage in farming and become producers as well as consumers.

I have been patronizing the public market for three years making three visits per week. During all that time I have not had the privilege of making a purchase from a colored person. This should not be so. Mr. Editor I am a regular reader of your able paper and fully appreciate the work you are doing for the race. Please accept my best wishes. I am yours sincerely

R. W. COOK  
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235 IN LINE

The Masonic parade, last Sunday, was the largest and most brilliant secret society parade in the history of the city. 235 men in their brilliant uniforms furnished an attraction that will not soon be forgotten.

Again Wesley Chapel's beautiful auditorium was packed to its utmost capacity. Although the gentlemen made a splendid appearance, the occasion would have been incomplete without the Ladies of the Household of Ruth. Rev. E. W. Kenchin preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. The Order presented the church with \$40.00.

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\* *Leaves have their time to fall,*  
\* *And flowers to wither at the*  
\* *North wind's breath,*  
\* *But all, Thou hast all*  
\* *Seasons for thine own, O*  
\* *Death!*  
\* \* \* \* \*

Mr. Ira Reid Warren, aged 30, husband of Mrs. Susie Edmonds Warren and son of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Warren, departed this life Thursday, June 20th. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since boyhood. Besides a widow and two children and a daughter six months old, he leaves a mother, father, four brothers and a number of relatives.

The funeral services, held at the Wesley M. E. Church, June 22nd, conducted by Rev. E. W. Kenchin, were very impressive. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Interment was made at Rosedale Cemetery.

*Requiescat in pace.*

MRS. C. W. HOLDEN PASSES TO HER REWARD

Mrs. Laura Holden, loving wife of Caleb W. Holden, and devoted mother of Lula Adams, wife of Daniel H. Adams, and Gertrude Hunt, wife of J. E. Hunt, Caleb, Jr. and grandmother of Elizabeth Adams and Elmer Hunt Jr., was born in Providence, Louisiana, Jan. 8th, 1862. At the age of fourteen she became converted and lived a pure, simple devoted Christian life—always hopeful, looking forward to the time when her work should be completed and she should be called from labor to reward.

She was married in Galveston, Texas, Jan. 8th, 1879 to Caleb W. Holder; came to Los Angeles, June 1888, where she has since resided, making many friends through her bright, cheerful disposition; always uplifting, always ever ready to lighten the heavy burdened heart; became a member of Electa

Chapter, O. E. S. in 1892; was elected as Royal Matron for four terms to the satisfaction of said order; was a truly loved and ever willing worker. Departed this life June 21, 1912.

The funeral services, which took place at Wesley M. E. Church, were attended by an audience that more than filled the large auditorium. Rev. E. W. Kenchin, assisted by Rev. L. M. Hagood, preached the funeral sermon. Taking for their text the twenty-third Psalm. Both pastors spoke feelingly. The opening song was "Nearer My God To Thee," and the choir singing "Shall We Gather At the River" as the casket was borne to the hearse. There were many beautiful floral offerings. Interment was made at Rosedale Cemetery.

The board of trustees offered the following resolutions:

Since God in his infinite mercy has called unto himself the beloved wife of Brother C. W. Holden, our President and co-laborer in the board of Trustees,

Be it resolved, that we, the members of the board of Trustees of Wesley M. E. Church, convey to him and his family our most heartfelt sympathy in this his great loss. We shall ever hold kind recollections of her and we rejoice with you to know that for her this short day of checkered sunlight and shadow has given way to the long day of Eternity.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family.

- J. A. Somerville, Secy.
- R. W. Adams, Treasurer
- E. G. Hill
- Chas. Stovall
- J. A. Jackson
- C. H. Daugherty

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## CROWN CITY NOTES

## DOINGS AT THE FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday, the 16th, was a gala day at the Friendship Baptist Church. The special effort netted the trustees \$180.

The Sunday school under the leadership of their able superintendent, W. L. Randall, raised, in their recent effort, \$12.63. The musicale given by the choir was a financial success.

The Brotherhood of the Friendship Baptist Church will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday evening, July 1. Wm. Reynolds, president.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleming of Camden St., celebrated their fifth anniversary, Thursday evening, June 20th.

Rev. C. H. Anderson preached at the Friendship Baptist Church on the afternoon of the 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fields, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, are comfortably located at 177 South Vernon Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lawson, of 410 South Pasadena Avenue, entertained in honor of Mr and Mrs. W. C. Fields, Tuesday evening, June 25th.

Mr. White of 120 Dayton Ave. is ill at his home.

Mr. George Calloway, who is seriously ill, is at the Pasadena Hospital.

A special council of ministers was called in this city last week to bring about an amicable settlement of the difficulties existing in the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Mr. J. H. Griffin, who was arrested for breaking into the Metropolitan Church, had a hearing before Judge McDonald on the 17th.

The concert given at the A. M. E. Church last week was largely attended and was a complete success.

Messrs. Joseph Williams, Claude Troy and Morris of the Angel City were guests at a dinner party given by Mrs. Louise Williams of North Orange Grove Ave. Sunday, the 23rd.

The editor of *The Liberator* was in Pasadena, Monday renewing acquaintances with old friends. His paper is the best read journal that comes to Pasadena. *The Liberator*, bright and entertaining, is like a letter from home.

## TROUBLES ALL SETTLED

Pasadena, Cal.  
June 25, 1912.

Metropolitan Church and its \$1000 dollar Rally is much talked about in the city.

The clouds of discord which hung over the moral and spiritual skies of the church have cleared away. No thunder to be heard and nothing but sunshine to be seen. Rev. R. D. Arline, B. D., who we found to be its much beloved and honored pastor is still declared the worthy shepherd of the flock.

I, being one of several ministers who were called by the pastor and clerk of the church to sit in a council of which I was elected secretary, am prepared to state facts in the case. The council's investigation was ample, its careful decision is effectual and is remarkably told in peaceful results.

We found that the pastor and congregation of the Metropolitan Baptist Church have almost completed, on Waverly Drive, one of the most adequate, most beautiful and substantial church edifices built by any colored congregation in Southern California. In order to complete and go in same in the next month, they are in the midst of a big rally to come off 2nd Sunday in July.

The following sisters have been appointed solicitors in what they call ten Virgins:

Madams E. L. Gains, A. S. Shepherd, Caroline Lewis, E. S. Dotson, Ada C. Williams, Florence Wingfield, Mattie Thompson, Elizabeth Harris, Anna Harmon and Mary Towsel.

The following sisters, O. V. Harrison, Georgia Cane, R. C. Calmore, Mary Edwards, C. E. McWilliams, constitute a 2nd division headed by the pastor.

These workers are among the best and most influential of the churches in California. Each Captain or Virgin is expected to raise \$100.00. A premium will be given for every one hundred dollars and a prize of \$25.00 in gold to the one reporting the highest amount above \$100.00. You can imagine how busy these workers are.

One of ten or more services will be held Sunday, 3 p. m., at Y. M. C. A. Building, No. Meringo Ave., Mrs. W. C. Williams one of the Virgins will take charge of the offering as this will be her service. She is looking for her friends to be present to help her out.

Good many of the pastors of Los Angeles have promised to be present even with donations from their churches to help struggling Metropolitan out. Rev. F. W. Cooper of Riverside, Cal. and Rev. J. T. Hill will officiate.

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## MR. JAMES N. DRAKE

Mr. James N. Drake of the Good Hope Mines Company incorporated of Seattle, Washington, will speak at the Forum, Sunday, June 30 by invitation of that body. Together with other things, will give a history of their property and opportunity it offers investors. Everybody invited.—Adver.



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## THE LYCEUM

The address Judge Forbes was to deliver at the Lyceum has been postponed to July 7th.

Owing to the Masonic annual sermon, the audience at the Lyceum was small. In the midst of the program the Masons, returning from their annual sermon, were given possession of the Hall by request of temporary president Edmonds.

After the splendid looking men had filed in and taken their seats, Mr. G. W. Snell, chairman of the program committee arose and said: "Gentlemen, you have spoiled our

meeting by taking our crowd away with you. Now we are your tenants, therefore, I call upon you for a liberal collection with which to pay you your rent."

This joke was greeted by considerable laughter after which they contributed \$3.25 to the Lyceum.

Owing to an oversight, the splendid meeting held at the Lyceum on the 16th, was not reported in our last issue. Presiding elder Howard of the A. M. E. Zion church delivered a splendid address which was followed by short addresses by Rev. Byers, G. Walter Snell and Attorney Ceruti.

Attorney Ceruti spoke of race ingratitude as shown by the fact that the Negroes have erected no monuments to the memory of their great men who did so much in their day for the advancement of the race.

Unfortunately our people are not only forgetful of their historic dead, but are wanting in gratitude to their living heroes who are sacrificing everything that their opportunities may be enlarged.

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## DECLARES A DIVIDEND

The Angel City Investment Co. will declare a dividend of 4% August 1st, and from that date dividends will be declared quarterly. This is the first dividend ever declared by a Colored Investment Company which shows not only that the affairs of the Company are conducted in a business way but that Negro men and women are learning how to do business with each other. The fact that the company's stock found hundreds of colored buyers shows that confidence in each other has taken on a healthy growth. Upon investigation we find that the business of the Company is honestly and economically conducted. The Company is in every way worthy of the confidence that is being placed in it.

## MONROVIA AND VICINITY

The AfroAmerican Congress held an important meeting in the A. M. E. Zion Church, Thursday the 20th. Mr. Wm. Holland is president.

While in Monrovia last week, we made pleasant calls at the following homes: Mrs. M. J. Jackson, who handles real estate and owns some choice property in Duarte; Mr. D. G. Graham, the only colored grocer in Monrovia; Mr. J. H. Bonner, a teaming contractor, who is always busy and has a lot of children and keeps all of them in school; Mrs. Guinn, a prominent worker in the A. M. E. Zion church; Mrs. Cuoton, another faithful worker in the church; Mrs. Kate Wright, a good Christian woman who conducts a sanitarium for the poor; and Miss Mamie Shaw, who is keeping house for her father and brothers and sisters.

Mr. J. I. W. Fisher, the only colored blacksmith in Monrovia, is over-worked in spite of the fact that he runs two shops in the same town. He expects to take a vacation in a few days.

We met Mr. John H. Malone and learned for the first time of the loss of his son who was killed accidentally in a canyon near Monrovia.

Mr. E. L. Adams has completed his beautiful new home on East Maple Avenue.

Mrs. Wm. Burleson is visiting her daughter in Santa Barbara.

## DUARTE

We visited the following homes in Duarte on the 20th: Mr. Wm. Wright, who runs a hog and poultry ranch; Mr. Wright has a number of children the most of whom are attending school; Mrs. S. L. Jones, who runs a nursery for colored children; Mr. Benjamin McClain, one of Duarte's first colored residents; Rev. I. E. Fetzer and Mrs. Wilson.



Mrs. Henry Jones is in the city for a few days.

Mr. J. F. Allen was in the city on the 20th.

Miss Ethel Bluett left the High school on account of her eyes.

The friends of Rev. T. B. Bynum, pastor of the A. M. E. Church of Duarte, will regret to learn of the serious illness of his wife.

Mr. Prudon, Mr. Wm. Cuoton and Mr. John Williams are building new homes in Duarte.

Rev. E. W. Kenchin and Mr. John Rakestraw were in Duarte on the 20th.

Mrs. Anna Hodge will return to Atlanta, Ga., to visit her mother and sister, after an absence of seven years, on Thursday, the 27th. Mrs. Hodge and her husband Wm. Hodge have lived in Duarte for the past three years where they own two acres of oranges in addition to a neat little home in the city.

Last year the trustees of the Duarte school appointed Mrs.

Hodge janitress of their beautiful new school building—a position that had never been filled satisfactorily. Mrs. Hodge performed her duties so creditably that there was not a single complaint made against her and she was re-appointed without opposition. Her many friends wish her a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Geo. Talbert, of Sacramento, is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Easton, 1222 Ivy Street.

**A BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING**

One of the happy June brides is Mrs. Lillie Banks who was married to Mr. Henry H. Banks on the 19th. Mrs. Banks was formerly Miss Lillie B. Elliot.

It was a beautiful home wedding taking place at the home of the brides mother. The decorations were beautiful; the color scheme being pink and green. The bride and groom have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. J. A. Fingers, who has been confined to her room for many weeks is up and about. This news is pleasing to her friends.

Mrs. Fingers is one of the prominent workers in the New Hope Baptist Church, the S. M. T. and other societies that are laboring for the social uplift of the people.

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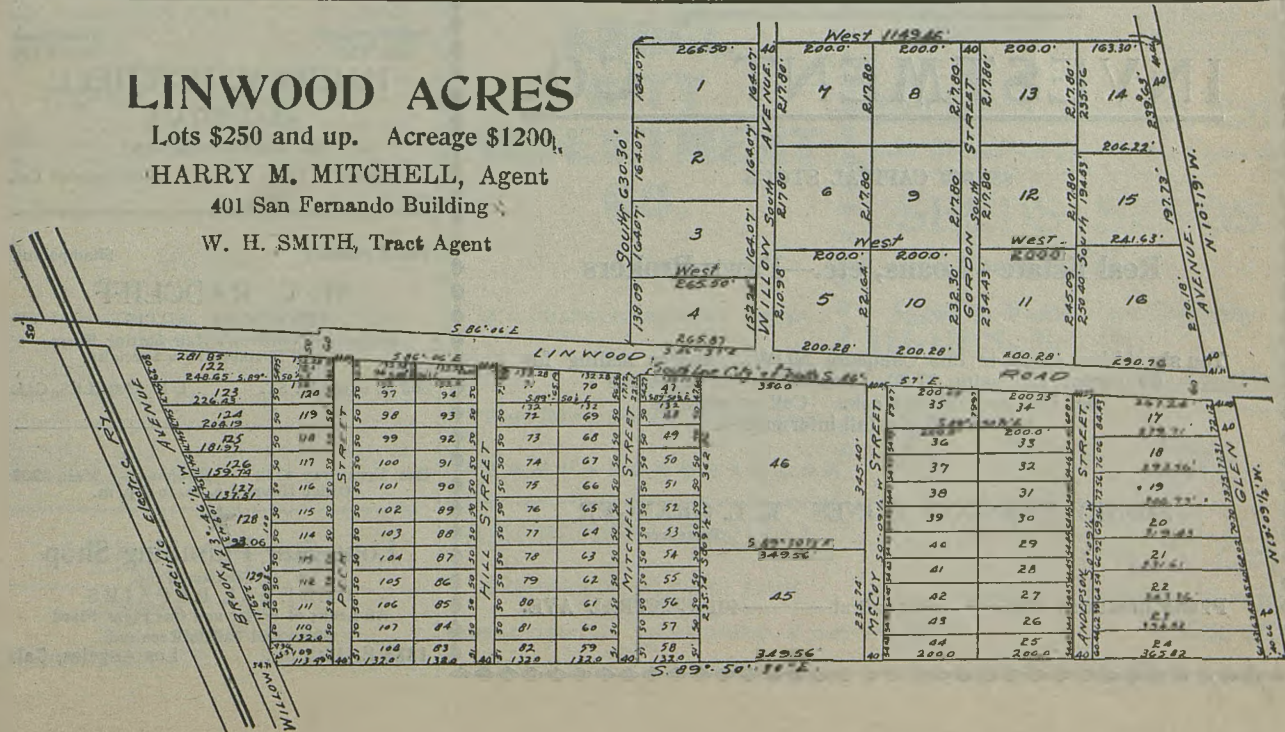
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