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LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALLENS WORTH.

A splendid audience of representative colored people filled the main auditorium of Wesley Chapel M. E. church on the ninth of April to a reception and banquet tendered Lieutenant Colonel Allensworth by the Southern California Real Estate and Investment Company, in honor of his retirement from the regular United States Army and promotion from Major to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. C. C. Flint, president of the real estate company presided, and upon the opening of the reception he congratulated his company for the good fortune of having Colonel Allensworth for its business manager, and the colored people of the city for having in their midst the only colored man who had ever been placed on the retired list with a rank as high as Lieutenant Colonel.

The most effective of the many speeches that were made, with the exception of Colonel Allensworth's, were those of Lieutenant Williams, Captain Crumbly and Rev. Peck.

Lieutenant Williams informed the audience of the many hardships to which a colored soldier was exposed, and of the courage and manliness one must possess in order to succeed as had Colonel Allensworth. On the race question as it affected the army like his old neighbors of Atlanta DuBois, Bowen and J. Max Barber, he was strong and uncompromising. Captain Crumbly spoke of the careers of several colored soldiers who, through the want of riper experience had failed.

Rev. Peck was proud of our present leaders, and could not see why the race should not succeed.

Colonel Allensworth was given a great ovation as he came forward to respond to the speeches; the response was in the nature of a reminiscence of his life in the army. For a half hour or more he kept the audience laughing continually at the way he kept the erring colored soldiers out of trouble, and how he overcame the foolish, prejudice the white soldiers entertained for colored officers.

By that time the audience had become fully conscious of the importance of the occasion, and through the suggestion of the president they went forward at the end of the speaking and congratulated the gray-haired victor and acknowledged their appreciation of the good name he had made for them. The evening was pleasantly and successfully closed by a banquet in the basement of the church.

JUNIUS.

Good News for Vardaman**DYING OUT.**

The Negro-haters of the country should be happy. Dr. Seale Harris, professor of medicine in the University of Alabama (waited on President Roosevelt at the White House last Monday and declared to him that the Negro race in this country was likely to become extinct through the ravages of disease. This should be gratifying information to all classes, who have been vainly endeavoring to bring about the results predicted. The lynchers and the white-cappers can certainly suspend operations for a while and await results.

We do not know whether Dr. Harris refers specifically to black Negroes or to white ones, or to both, but he is certain that he is correct in his conclusions. This should be joyous information, too, to Bishop Henry M. Turner and his followers, who have been attempting to reduce the number of Negroes in this country to the proverbial zero, by means of emigration to Africa. They, too, can suspend their agitation and await the triumph of disease.

As a preliminary method of aiding in this movement to eliminate the Negro in this country as a living factor, we would suggest the hanging of all white men who are guilty of criminal conduct with the females of the Negro race. This would prevent to an extent at least the increase in the number of white Negroes. Some of these are so white that, barring their own word for it, there is no way of telling them from the genuine Caucasian article. Even the giant, Disease, will be baffled in its choosing of victims, not daring to attack a white Negro for fear of making a mistake and carrying off a genuine white person instead.

As the average Negro has more religion than anything else, and is accordingly a sure candidate for Heaven and all of its immortal glories, we are of the opinion that Dr. Harris is certainly bringing good news to them. Just to think that we shall not disappear from this country by means of amalgamation, but by the route of disease.

Why, this is enough to drive Rev. Thomas Dixon's Clansman from the stage and give the Negroes of the country a rest from persecution for at least twenty years. There is one factor that we had lost sight of, however, and which gives us no little concern. We refer to the employing elements of the South-land. Tobacco raisers, cotton and sugar cane growers and the raisers of cattle and the producers of hay, corn, oats, wheat and barley. They have been claiming that the baby Negroes have not been coming fast enough, and when white men jumped in and helped to accelerate the commotion in this direction, they have said nothing.

They want more Negroes, not less Negroes, and to them the prophecy of this meddling doctor will partake the nature of a funeral dirge. So far as the race is concerned, it has learned to be smiling in the face of adversity and happy in the presence of good news. Dr. Harris may worry President Roosevelt and the moneyed men of the South-land, but "Sambo in Dixie" sees many bright things ahead and the prophecies of the Scriptures are ever uppermost in his mind.

Even today, while the predictions of evil as to his future are being made, he is singing in the cornfield and in the cabin, in the kitchen and in the parlor:

"In the sweetfields of Eden, where the tree of life is blooming,
There'll be rest for the weary; there'll be rest for my soul."

—Richmond (Va.) Planet.

**AFRO-AMERICANS SHOULD TAKE
NOPART IN THE JAMESTOWN
EXPOSITION.**

In view of the fact that Jim Crowism is growing in this country and has a stronger hold in the South than religion of Christ, Afro-Americans can not with self-respect take part in expositions given in that section. When the Jim Crow cars and class legislation are abolished in the South, it will be time enough for Afro-Americans to put in money to advertise it. Of course a Jim

Crow department would doubtless give some member of the race a chance to earn a little blood money at the expense of manhood. But the man who would sacrifice manhood rights for money or cheap notoriety is on the same plane with the wretch who would barter female chastity for the same thing. Wait till the South recognizes the Afro-American as a man. Be in no hurry, wait till hell claims it own—the Vardmans, Tillmans, the Heflens and Jeff Davis's of Ark. While Afro-Americans should aid the South in every laudable endeavor, they should lend her no aid whatever in her unholy efforts to dwarf men's souls.

THE SAN FRANCISCO HORROR.

The annihilation of San Francisco by fire, following an earthquake, records one of the most appalling disasters ever witnessed in North America. Giant steel buildings, with their massive foundations set deep in the earth, went down before the elements like toadstools. In 1898 we had the pleasure of visiting the Call, Examiner and Parrot buildings, and as we looked upon those giants of architectural skill, we thought that they would challenge the admiration of inquiring multitudes long after the men of this day and generation had passed into oblivion. But, as with our mind's eye we see the blackened ruins of San Francisco's business center, which but yesterday was a veritable beehive of commercial strife, and her massive steel office buildings which bade fair to greet the rising sun for centuries to come, now silent heaps of steel, brick and stone, we are forcibly reminded of the unstableness of the handiwork of man. Men erect states and build civilizations, only to see them die on reaching their meridian.

NEARLY \$500 RAISED.

At a mass meeting held by the Afro-Americans of the city at Wesley M. E. Church, nearly \$500 was raised for the San Francisco sufferers. This is indeed commendable. San Francisco's charity for the unfortunate has been world-wide and now sympathy for her in her great calamity is world-wide. Our brethren from the stricken will find our doors open and a cordial welcome.

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TWIN HORRORS.

April, 1906, will be memorable for two horrors the contemplation of which makes the hearts of civilized men sick. One was enacted at Springfield, Mo., when on Saturday night preceding Easter a mob of white men took three innocent untried Afro-Americans from jail and hanged them on the arm of the Statue of Liberty and burned their bodies to ashes in the presence of 5000 white men, women and children.

The other took place at San Francisco on the 18th, when an earthquake shook down the business center of that great city, and as if to give a free hand to the subsequent conflagration, wrenched in twain the water mains, leaving the doomed city and scores of living imprisoned human be-

ings to the merciless flames. In San Francisco thousands of tear-wet faces witnessed the incineration of human bodies, because they were powerless to rescue them.

At Springfield, Mo., 50.0 merry-making white men, women and children witnessed the slaughter and incineration of three Afro-Americans because they were black. The Springfield horror was a display of the white man's growing contempt for the laws of Heaven and earth—his growing disregard for the God-given rights of his fellow-man of darker hue. The one following it was the result of an act of nature. Before both the civilized world stands appalled. The latter, men cannot prevent. The former is a manifestation of the American white man's freedom under the flag.

THE SLAUGHTER IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The wholesale cold-blooded slaughter of unarmed citizens by the soldiers and blood-thirsty irresponsible petty officers in San Francisco, unless checked, will be more appalling than the earthquake and conflagration.

The wholesale lynching of Afro-Americans in this country has made life so cheap and the thirst for blood so oppressive that the average white man can not let slip an opportunity that comes his way to shed innocent blood, even if it be a white man's blood. The mania for killing among the white people has become so rampant that they spare neither their women or children. Unless there is a change, what a mess they will make of this country.

AN UNPRECEDENTED OFFER.

In order to add 2000 new subscribers to our subscription list, The Liberator Publishing Company has decided to give agents one-half of all money received from new subscribers. The Liberator is clean, fearless and able, and must be read by every Afro-American in this state. It inspires self-respect, self-reliance, independent thought and action in the mind of every Afro-American that reads it. No

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BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

The Binghamton (N. Y.) Republican says:

In Texas the Negroes have purchased two hundred and sixty acres of land, and started a seclusive colony. No one but a Negro will be permitted to buy land there or build a house. That is all right as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. In Texas wild land can probably be purchased for twenty-five cents to a dollar an acre.

If the Negroes segregate and go in large numbers, there will be no such thing as going away back. Wherever there is a crowd is the center of the world, and the sun will revolve around it just as it goes around New York City.

The Negroes in the South have acquired possession and ownership of much wealth. Instead of buying a small tract in Texas they can purchase a county. Then their segregation will amount to something. And they can show the world what a Negro colony can do.—The Moon.

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O'er life's surging waves and tide.
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gloom
To a land of summer bloom.

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**SENATOR HAHN IS POPULAR
WITH HIS COLORED
NEIGHBORS.**

State Senator B. W. Hahn, who is candidate to succeed himself, has the enthusiastic support of the great body of his colored neighbors in Pasadena. If he holds his own with his white neighbors as well as he does with his dark ones, his re-nomination and election is as certain as a thing can be. He comes of a family whose friendship for the Afro-Americans, has always been spontaneous and helpful, his father being loved by them as was the late lamented Doctor Ried. Discussing the matter prominent colored men say that Senator Hahn, like his father, has always been identified with those most friendly to the race, he having placed in nomination United States Senator Flint, Gov. Pardee and the late Hon. W. S. Mellick, all friends of the race.

It is further argued that, as Senator Mr. Hahn has given satisfaction to his constituents and rendered the state honorable service, his opponents who are all honorable gentlemen are simply aspirants for the honor and prestige the position carries. Mr. Hahn is a young man with an honorable record and the unwritten law of a second term as an endorsement will hardly be broken in his. It looks as if the other candidates will have to wait.

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Now that the President has decided not to punish the Chattanooga, Tenn., lynchers who set at defiance the national authority by lynching Ed. Johnson, colored, after the U. S. Supreme Court had granted a stay of proceedings, leaves all Afro-Americans at the mercy of mobs.

The punishing mobs for murdering Afro-Americans is to be left to the states, this of course means that they are to be left without redress as heretofore. It is worse than useless to look to officers of the law for protection for they are usually a part of the mob, or are in sympathy with it. The present plan is to call out the militia after the mob gets through with its butchery and other outrages. The governor denounces the mob, offers rewards and now and then a few members of mob are indicted only to be discharged by juries chosen from the mob and the farce is ended, the mob endorsed and its victims declared to be innocent. For the Afro-Americans and good white people, and there are lots of them who are believers in the supremacy of the law, there is but one alternative, and that is to arm themselves and holt mobs in check till the militia comes.

If the good white people are afraid to stand for law and order, then Afro-Americans must display that same manly and unflinching courage that rescued the now silent Roosevelt from the jaws of death in Cuba and chal-

lenged the admiration of the world by their dash up San Juan hill. To break the shackles of their limbs and prevent the destruction of the greatest republic the world ever saw, 200,000 black men went to the front in the sixties, sacrificing thousands of lives on the altar of liberty. Before mobs are suppressed in this country history will repeat itself. Are the Afro-Americans who pour out their life-blood like water for the protection of others too cowardly to pour it out to protect their wives, daughters and homes from lawless mobs, simply because their skins are white with hearts blacker than hell.

How many more savage scenes like those enacted at Springfield, Ohio, and Springfield, Mo?

How long oh Lord is this Christian nation to be held up to the scorn and ridicule of christendom by this continued display of low savagery?

In every national crisis since the founding of this republic the Afro-American has gone to its rescue and its redemption from cowardly mobs and class legislation is to be no exception. One hundred Afro-Americans armed with Winchester rifles and a determination to sell their lives as dear as possible would have saved the country and the two Springfields from deeds that would not be tolerated in hell. The mob spirit now dominates the country, the President is afraid to act, the country has got to be freed again and the black men have got to save it. Every Afro-American home must contain one or more rifles to be used only in defense of law and order.



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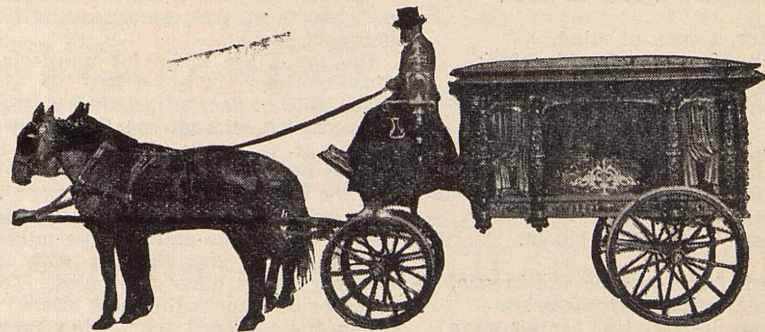
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The Seventh Annual Negro Conference of Farmers was held at the State College near Savannah, Ga., last week. The Fifteenth Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference was held at Tuskegee. Thirty States were represented.

The Afro-American Emancipation Day Association will hold a celebration in Richmond April 3d.

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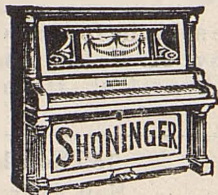
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