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Segregated Schools Should Be Opposed.

Our position on the Jim Crow school outrage at El Centro has been indorsed by the people throughout the city. The fact is, the people are almost unanimously opposed to segregated schools of any kind. They proved this in their fight against the "Moorhouse Bill," introduced in the last Assembly. It was due to their opposition that that bill was killed in the committee room.

That El Centro Jim-Crow school was organized a year ago by certain small-calibered white people, with the aid and connivance of an unscrupulous Negro preacher. The school board at El Centro, realizing that the law was being violated, had Representative Moorhouse to introduce in the Legislature a separate school bill, giving the school boards power to organize separate schools for Negroes. The introduction of that bill met with the almost solid opposition of the voters throughout the State, and especially in this city. As a result, the Moorhouse bill was killed and the El Centro Jim Crow school was left upon a foundation of sand.

The attempt on the part of certain Negroes in this city to keep that school in existence in violation of the law for the money they hope to make out of it, shows that they are so eager to have Negroes "Jim Crowed" that they will violate the laws of California to bring it about. The people will see to it that the law is not violated in this school question, nor will they permit these certain Negroes to bring a blush of shame to the faces of the stalwart, liberty-loving men who aided in killing the Moorhouse bill.

The Negro religious and civic societies of this city should make

known their opposition by passing resolutions condemning the El Centro Jim Crow school in no uncertain tone. Already, some of the local organizations have decided to promptly denounce that outrage.

The Southern California Alumni Association, composed as it is of the graduates among us, should take the lead in denouncing this attempt to segregate Negro children in violation of the law. If any persons should oppose race segregation and race discrimination in the public institutions of the State, it should be the educated Negroes; and no organization is better prepared to understand the disadvantages that must come to the race through the establishment of Jim Crow schools, and kindred outrages, than the members of the Southern California Alumni Association.

We are satisfied that our graduates from the State Normal School can compete with other graduates and secure appointments as teachers in the schools of this city.

HOW NEGROES SAVED A BANK

Pride of race and determination to show that Negroes could show business courage equal to white people saved the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, a strictly Negro bank, Muskogee, Okla., from ruin, and it is running today as usual, following a stress that would have wrecked most any bank in the state under similar circumstances. A suit brought by one of the stockholders started an internal strife within the bank that leaked out and started a run. This forced the bank to

close its doors. Then the State Bank Examiner took charge and the bank remained closed all day while angry depositors stormed the outer doors in an effort to get their money out. Meetings were held in every Negro church in the city and the Negro ministers preached on the subject of the bank. They appealed to race pride and to cool judgment. They pointed out that to get panicky and draw out deposits meant to break the bank, sure. For the bank to fail would be a sad commentary upon the Negro as a factor in the business world, a thing that the Negroes could not afford to have happen. The Negroes were advised to let their money stay on deposit and to put in more. This had its effect. While the bank's doors were still closed one Negro merchant stood in front of it with \$5,000 in money in a bag stating that he was going to deposit it. Several others with big rolls joined him. In the meantime, the officers and stockholders of the bank, all Negroes, were busy. The bank examiner demanded an assessment of 100 per cent on the capital stock of \$25,000. This was promptly met, and the Negro financiers piled on top of the assessment \$75,000 more to show good faith. With the permission of the bank examiner the bank was reopened the following day. Another crowd had gathered, but these were depositors trying to get their money into the bank instead of trying to draw it out. The bank had sufficient cash in its vaults at that time to pay every depositor in full, but the money was not demanded and the bank was saved. —Greensboro, N. C., Herald.

LITTLE STORIES OF SUCCESS

The Man Who Failed

Tuskegee, Ala., July 25.—Back in the days when the cooking for the students at Tuskegee was done out of doors in pots, and the principal entrance requirement was a "desire to make something of himself," a young man, Jailous Perdue, came there to get an education. He was financially poor and intellectually dull. Examinations he could not pass. After struggling along for several years and accumulating a lot of examination failures he decided to quit school, go out to work and help educate his sisters. Although he had failed in his literary subjects, he had, nevertheless, got an education in how to use his hands. He had learned to be a carpenter. Out in the world he went and began to work at his trade. As soon as he had earned a little money he placed three of his sisters in school at Tuskegee, and with the help of his brother, Augustus, who had graduated there, paid their expenses; of two of them for three years and of one for four years.

In the meantime, Jailous had succeeded at his trade and gone into business for himself at Montgomery, Ala., as a contractor and builder. Here also he was successful, and did millions of dollars' worth of work. No job was too small nor too large for him to make a bid on. If he did not have a contract of his own, he was not above working for some other contractor, and as a result he was always busy. He has superintended the construction of some of the largest buildings in Montgomery. Among the buildings the erection of which he has superintended are the Exchange Hotel at a cost of \$150,000, the First National Church, at a cost of \$175,000, the First National Bank building, at a cost of \$350,000, and the Bell building, at a cost of \$450,000. Mr. Perdue also assisted as foreman or assistant foreman in erecting many of the important buildings at Tuskegee Institute, such as the principal's house, the chapel, the library, Rockefeller Hall, the academic

building and the Millbank agricultural building.

It is hardly necessary to say in passing that Mr. Perdue has accumulated property or that he owns a good house in Montgomery, for in these progressive days every black man in the South with any foresight is investing some part of his earnings in property. The most interesting and somewhat remarkable thing about the career of Mr. Perdue and the greatest measure of his success is that he is now a member of the faculty at Tuskegee Institute. Twenty-three years after he had left there a literary failure he was invited to come back as an instructor in carpentry. Thus it was that the man who failed succeeded, and returned to the scene of his failure a success.

(This is the first of a series of six stories written for the *Chicago Defender*. The purpose in publishing them is to inspire other young men and women to go and do likewise.—*Editor*.)

MERCHANT PRINCE TO ENTERTAIN BUSINESS MEN

John Wanamaker, Famous Philadelphia Business Man and Philanthropist, to Entertain Race Builders

Philadelphia, Pa., July 25.—Hon. John Wanamaker, the greatest merchant prince in America, has arranged to entertain delegates in attendance at the coming meeting of the National Negro Business League in the Egyptian Hall of his store at 5 o'clock Thursday, August 21.

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NEW PENAL SYSTEM NEEDED

Thirty-five colored convict-laborers, locked up for the night in a Mississippi "convict farm" prison-cage, were burned to death a night or two ago.

This incident cannot be permitted to pass into current history unprotected. Here were 35 human beings caged for the night in cells in the second story of an old fire-trap of a building, the lower story of which was "filled with inflammable material," according to the dispatches. The public is further informed that there was "no fire-fighting apparatus of any kind provided on the convict farm."

It is almost inconceivable that such conditions are tolerated anywhere in an American state. Assuming that the fact that all these prisoners were Negroes is merely accidental, the case is still one to bring reproach on the community that makes such a crime against humanity possible.—*Express*.

MACON FAIR DECLARES 10 PER CENT DIVIDENDS

R. R. Wright, of Savannah, Ga., president of the Colored State Fair held annually at Macon, Ga., was in New York Monday in the interest of the coming fair, which is scheduled to be held for ten days, commencing November 4. Prof. Wright says that during the seven years the fair has been in existence, over \$100,000 has been spent for premiums and other work; that eighty-five persons are employed annually and that the average attendance is from 5,000 to 10,000 persons daily. Agricultural products, live stock and handicraft are exhibited each year in several of the large buildings. Last year the fair association brought to Macon government exhibits from the Interior, War and Agricultural departments.

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A WHITE MAN RAPES NEGRO CHILD

A white man assaulted a Negro child aged six years at Los Angeles and a mob of colored men pursued and captured a suspect and held him while some of the young members beat him. Colored people would have been justified had they coal-oiled and burned the white wretch to a stake, according to the code of the white mobs when the assailant is a Negro. It makes no difference what the color of a fiend is, he is a fiend for all that.—*Hanford Sentinel*, July 8.

The Negroes had no right whatever to lay violent hands upon that wretch. The only way to punish criminals is by the orderly process of law. People who ignore their courts by taking the law in their own hands are simply barbarians. Crime cannot be suppressed by the commission of crime.

The crime of raping white girls by white men is so common here that it attracts little or no attention, and in order to further mislead the public and lessen the heinousness of their crime, the white papers refer to it as "a statutory offense." That rape fiend deserved no special torture or punishment because the child was a Negro. White men are not burned at the stake for raping white girls; why should they be burned for raping colored girls. Let the law exterminate rape fiends regardless of the color of the criminal, or his victim. Regardless of race or color, female chastity is the same priceless gem and he who violates it is a hell-black scoundrel, it matters not to what race he belongs. Fiends who commit rapes and the cowardly cut-throats who constitute mobs are of the same type of criminals and should be confined together in the same prison cells.

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One of the many good things the Negro National Educational Congress which recently met in Kansas City, Mo., did was to adopt the resolution that no Negro hereafter should vote his tickets straight. In 1910 the census showed that there were something like 2,459,327 of voting age in this country, or 9.1 per cent. This was three years ago and the number has been materially increased since then. It can be readily seen we are an important factor in politics and well worth making overtures to. The Republicans up until the past election considered they owned us body and soul, so made no especial effort to cater to us. Occasionally we were allowed to pick up the crumbs that fell from the political table, and if we cried for a larger helping we were fed on golden promises. The Democrats have promised us nothing and up to date they have kept their promise. But for our own benefit we must be an uncertain commodity, on the auction block again, as it were, going to the highest bidder, not of dollars and cents, but of liberty and justice. Fifty years of so-called freedom has brought us to a realization of our limited sphere, has aroused the fighting blood in our veins, and from now on we will be content with nothing short of what the other fellow enjoys in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

—*Chicago Defender*.

EXPOSING THE RACE

Some prominent Negroes, in speaking to audiences composed of white and colored people, make all kinds of ridiculous statements, bringing humiliation upon the Negroes by putting them in foolish and unmanly positions, besides embarrassing the whites.

The newspaper that has the courage to openly criticize such speakers, with a view to putting an end to their folly, is usually charged with exposing the race.

A Negro politician received a

good sum of money to put the voters of his race in a line to vote for an unscrupulous man, bitterly opposed to according them a square deal. A Negro newspaper man got the facts and published them. He was charged with exposing his race.

The way to put an end to such exposure of the race is to put such Negroes out of business by exposing them, and it will help any race to have such exposes.

If criticizing foolish public speeches made by Negroes, and exploiting the schemes of rascally Negroes, with a view to weeding them out, is exposing the race, then *The Liberator* will keep on exposing the race until no man will dare to speak before public audiences without thinking of what he is to say, and until Negro tricksters find legitimate employment.

There is a difference between a personal attack and a criticism of what people say concerning public affairs.

It is strange that men will sometimes regard themselves personally attacked because a newspaper criticizes their public utterances as being detrimental to the people whose cause it defends.

Rev. E. W. Kinchen will spend his vacation visiting Stockton, Sacramento, Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco. His longest stay will be at Berkeley, where he will attend the Chataqua lectures.

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The appointment of Mr. Patterson means that the position of Recorder of Deeds, the Hatian and Librarian missions are to be filled by Negroes in spite of the prayers of certain Negro republicans who have made it a business to damn the race, if by so doing they could get a job for themselves. Strange as it may seem, it has been the Negro republican who insisted that the President turn black republicans out.

If the interest of the Negroes is considered those Negro voters who voted for Wilson made no mistake, for the future political success of the Negroes depends upon a division of their vote. Things may not be just what is to be desired, but time and independent voting will secure for the Negroes what it has for the Irish and Germans. As a blind partisan, the Negro has lost out, and has got to vote as other people do or stay out.

The democratic and republican parties will treat the Negroes as they treat other voters as soon as the Negroes cease to be blind partisans.

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NEGRO WINS HIS SEAT

Recount of Votes Gives Major Jackson Membership in Illinois Legislature

According to the election returns last fall, the two Negro candidates for legislative honors in Cook county, Illinois, were apparently defeated, and for the first time in 30 years the Negroes of that state seemed doomed to have no representative in the Illinois legislature. On the face of the returns, Major Robert R. Jackson was defeated by 500 votes, and Henry M. Ashton, a white democrat, was given the certificate of election. But Major Jackson contested, and his case being ably handled by Attorney Albert B. George, he has won his place as the representative from the 3d Senatorial district. It turns out a great mistake had been made in counting the votes on the voting machines by inefficient clerks and judges. The votes on the recount stand Jackson, 10,-

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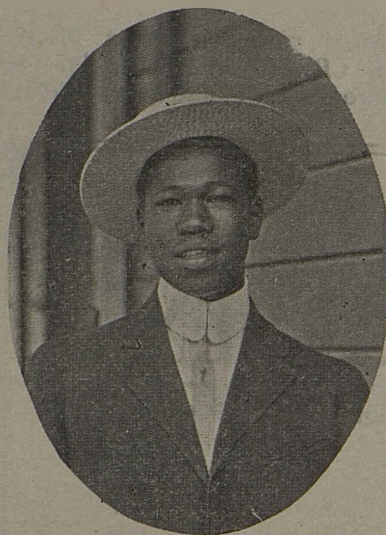
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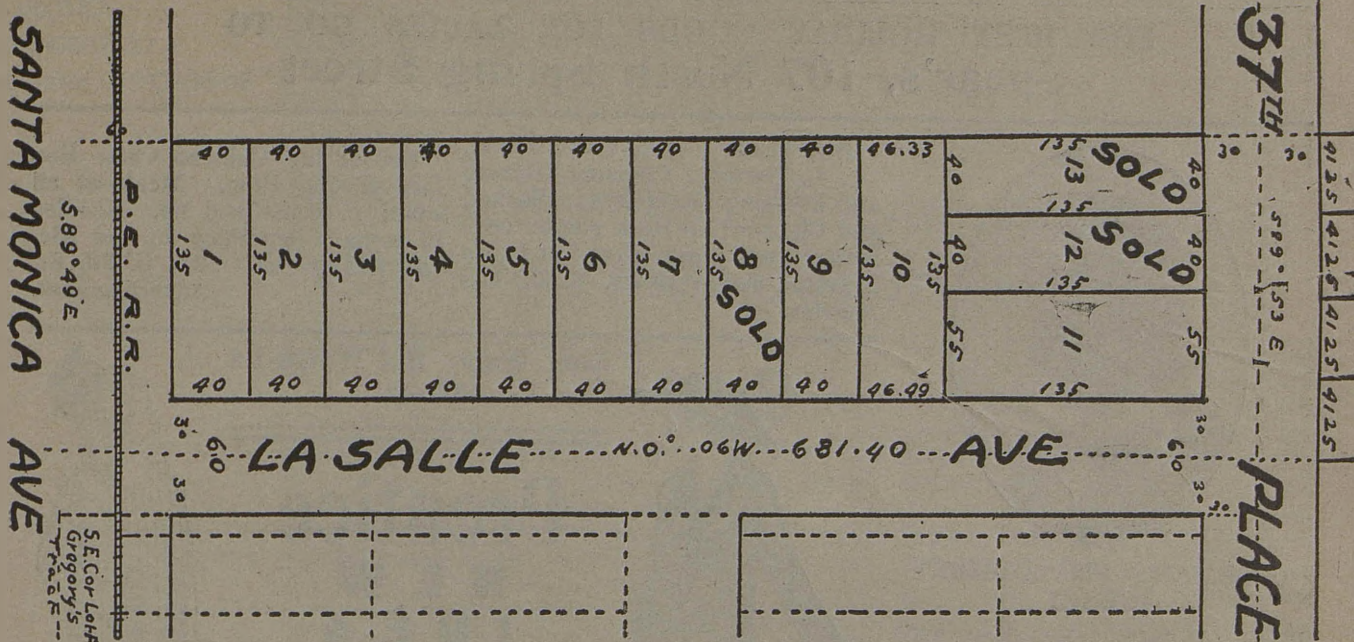
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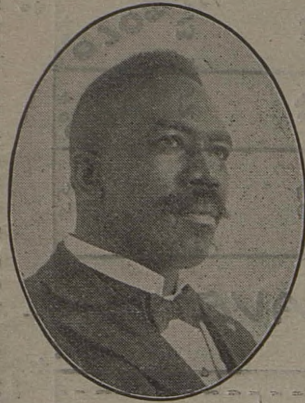
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