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SPANISH LIFE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WEBER PIANOS ARE BEST

They cost a little more but last a life time

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Mr. W. H. Anderson, the Man from Texas Writes a Letter

Brings Some Ugly Sentiments from the State of Negro Burners.

In a letter written to the Times dated July 2, Mr. W. H. Anderson, who comes to the rescue of Senator Bailey and other Texas law breakers, said among other things: "Texas is not lawless. It is not a place 'where they eat fire.' It is not a state of 'Negro-burners' nor of 'devotees of Judge Lynch.'" There, as here, and as elsewhere throughout the Union, some frightful crime has occasionally outraged the public as to invite swift and merited punishment upon the criminal. In one instance, there was a Negro burned—burned for the unthinkable outrage, fully confessed, of deflowering a four-year-old baby, and then rending her limb from limb in mere brutish wantonness."

The Negro, Henry Smith, referred to above, was known to be insane. There is no truth in the assault charge. That was made as an excuse for the brutality displayed. Smith had been beaten over the head with a slub in the hands of Vance the child's father until he was insensible. This beating and habitual drink made Smith a dangerous lunatic. * * * "Great evils require stringent remedies. At times the law, however admirable its general administration, is too slow of foot to overtake with deterrent effect the perpetrators of certain crimes. In its ordinary enforcement through the customary channels it has no terror for these fiends incarnate—it neither serves to punish them for the given offense nor to deter others, whose only restraint is physical fear, from emulating their bad eminence."

This is anarchy with a vengeance. Can law be upheld by setting it aside? When the laws are set aside what have we? Is the community that sets the laws aside any better than an individual that does it? How long would Mr. Anderson's wife and daughter be safe, if he has any, if his doctrine was

put in practice? What would be the state of society? How long would he be safe if his theories were universally adopted? Will the day of freaks never end? Only the laws can punish crime. Mobs can commit crimes, but are powerless to punish them.

He continues: "In recent years California has been the theater of many famous and brutal crimes. Durrant, Dunham, Hoff (of the name unpronounceable,) Worden, the Downey murderer and others form a galaxy of world-famous criminals; yet theirs were the acts of individuals, not of the community, and would not warrant thoughtless wholesale denunciation of the state by any conservator of public morals."

Durrant paid the penalty of his crime long ago and the other murderers named in the above category will go over the same route if captured. The fact that these murderers murdered their victims single-handed and alone makes them no less guilty than had they been members of a mob at the time of their commission. They would have had to face a jury trial and depend upon a lawless public sentiment for escape as the Modocs did. In California all murderers are tried and many punished, whether mob or individuals. If mobs have gone unpunished in this state it was due to the dangerous sentiment that Mr. Anderson stands for and advocates. In Texas, where his sentiment prevails with respect to negroes, although mobs have murdered hundreds of defenseless Negroes and burned five at the stake with unspeakable barbarity, not one of the thousands who took part in them has been tried or punished. The people of Texas would doubtless punish these murderers if they knew that lynching is a crime. On account of Mr. Anderson's sentiment, life and property are at low ebb in Texas and many other portions of the south. A California township would buy a Texas congressional district.

He concludes as follows: "Texas is law-abiding—as much so as any state in the Union. Her criminal laws are excellent and well administered. The decisions of her Court of Criminal Appeals rank as authority among the very first. Civilly she maintains the rights of her citizens with a master hand. Corruption in her courts is practically unknown. They are neither throttled by corporations nor dictated to by political bosses. She is one of the great galaxy of sisters who

form the Union; and her citizens are manly, self-respecting, law-abiding American * * *

"Respectfully,
"W. H. ANDERSON."

Now, if what he says of the Texas courts is true, what is the use of mobs in that haven of justice? It may be that negroes are lynched from habit. If the Texas courts punish criminals, why is it that lynchings and negro-burners go unwhipped of justice? Did the scores of negroes that have been lynched in Texas have the protection of the laws? There is evidently a cog broke in Mr. Anderson's reasoning machine. The first Negro burned at the stake was burned in Texas. Four others have been burned in that state. Of the 19 negroes burned at the stake in this country 17 were burned in the south and two in the west. Mr. Anderson's sentiment has done well. While welcoming him to this state, California does not welcome his sentiment. For the sake of our property valuation, of for no other reason, his sentiment cannot be entertained.

The Afro-Americans of this city have now two papers, one monthly and a weekly: The Liberator and The Enterprise. These journals have a splendid field and an appreciative constituency. The colored people of this city are extensive readers and are liberal supporters of race journals. If they forget to pay a subscription it is because the paper is unworthy of support.

REPUBLICAN MARCHERS MEET.

The B. K. Bruce Republican Marching club, J. B. Loving president, held another large and enthusiastic meeting last night. The Executive Committee was appointed as follows: J. J. Neimore, George Warner, J. Thomas Norris, Isaac Hall, H. Batie, H. Burdette, B. F. Talbot, J. W. Coleman. It is anticipated that much interest will be manifested in the next meeting, to be held at No. 243 San Pedro street, Thursday evening, the 10th inst., as the club promises to declare its choice for Governor of the state and Sheriff of the county.—Times

The Enterprise is all right and deserves the extended mention that the dailies and other papers have made concerning it. It is bright and newsy and reflects credit upon its proprietors. We welcome it to our exchange counter.

The Report of the Finance Committee Causes a Storm at the Zion A. M. E. Church.

Some Money that Didn't Show Up.

The lines have not fallen in pleasant places for the old finance committee and it is beginning to realize the force of the scriptural injunction, "The way of the wicked is hard." The report of the finance committee of the Zion wing of the Wesley Chapel Benevolent Society turned the Zion A. M. E. church into a Pelee a few nights ago. It seems that the committee that has been handling the finances which consisted of Mr. Shores, the president, and Mr. Sellers, the treasurer, has gone wrong. As is usually the case, with these self-appointed committees, the treasury sprung a leak. In this case some two hundred dollars got through the hole.

This discovery was made through a demand on Treasurer Sellers by the parent organization, which was recently chartered, for all money and other property belonging to it in his possession. The treasurer was \$250 short in his accounts, and in his report he turned state's evidence against President Shores and said that he had repeatedly dreamed that he and the president were occupying cells at San Quentin. The scene that followed the report is hard to describe. The noise resembled a mad-house hop. As a result, President Shores was stripped as clean of authority as an angel is of sins. This brought Rev. Hawkins, the pastor, to the president's rescue, for it was a flank movement on his base of supplies. A charge by some member that the minister had not been without fault and that his ministerial robe is becoming somewhat dingy drove him from the field, and the battle was lost. The position of treasurer of several colored benevolent societies of late has been hotly contested. It has frequently transpired that the treasurers get the benevolence. "It is just like finding the money."

THAT TEXAS STEER.

"The editor of the Eagle has been asked to resent—what if coming from one worthy of our steel, would be a flagrant insult. The matter referred to

was in reference to the grand outing and celebration at Verdugo Park. As the editor has not seen the article he is not prepared to APPLY to it specifically. But being apprised of the source from which it EMINATED it suffices to say from the putrid and diseased mind only vituperative matter can be expected—The Eagle]

The above from our "Try Weekly" contemporary is self explanatory. If the editor of that amusing attempt at journalism—that huge joke known as The Eagle, would study the columns of The Liberator, he would know how to spell "emanate" and when to use the word "apply," and The Eagle would not be so generally regarded as a conglomeration and dumped into the waste basket without having its jacket removed. When the Eagle man strayed from the shoemaker's bench and started on his grammar smashing tour the old shoes lost a friend, but paper—it was an evil day for innocent paper and a "black Friday" for the Negroes of this city. For like his traditional wide horned partner of holy writ, unfitted to go himself, he has stood in the way of every proposition for the advancement of the people with whom he is identified to their detriment. To see that fleet-footed ex-shoe tinker, better know as wing foot, running around with his coat tail dangling in the wind struggling for the advancement of the Negroes by inducing them to quit work to attend a fake celebration so he can print "de bills" and appoint the "finance committee," is indeed amusing. To hoodwink the business men whose legs are being pulled the name of every prominent Negro in the city of every preacher and prominent Negro in the city with which is printed on a yellow circular as committee men. This shady business would have gotten him into lots of trouble, but the names unlawfully used were so badly handled that their owners could not identify them. If there is any job press in this city that has earned its title it is that harmless looking one in the Eagle's nest, for it has not only spoiled heaps of paper, but has "jobbed" nearly every person in the city.

A MAN OF GREAT FORTITUDE.

With all that can be said for and against this shoemaker of other days, it is admitted by all that he is a man of remarkable fortitude and can stand any amount of hard, laborious rest without the slightest complaint. Since he quit fooling with work and set out to entrap bread by aggravating the pen in utter disregard of the spelling book and grammar, his struggles have been such as to excite the sympathy rather than the envy of his fellow travelers. He simply floundered from one failure to another. In the palmy days of old "black push" he was in the swim, till the editor of this jour-

nal drove most of the gang out of town. He next mounted the Afro-American League and rode it to death. Then came his "racial celebration" scheme, a bare faced attempt to make a living by inducing people to quit work. The Liberator's expose of his last fake has so badly shattered his future prospects that with his usual foresight he has "joined" the "B. K. Bruce Marching Club." He has a solid foundation and will make a "bully" marcher. Now that this wily Texan is once more corralled let those who pray for the erring fervently plead for the fulfillment of that beautiful declaration that "While the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return."

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The dumb-bell drill to be given at the Azusa street church July 24th promises to be a pleasant affair. There will be a week of entertainments commencing July 21. The Woman's Club and Improvement Association in fine condition. A new set of officers were recently elected. Mrs. C. I. Clarkson, the retiring president made a splendid officer, and her administration marks the most prosperous period in the club's history. The club has just finished Whittier's "Snow Bound." The study of American authors has greatly increased its attendance, and much is being done by the teacher, Rev. Edwards, to stimulate a taste for pure literature. The club meets each Wednesday evening. These meetings are open to all and should be largely attended. Rev. Edwards should feel proud of the book lovers that he has drawn around him. Those whose lives attract to them the intelligent and cultured possess some elements of leadership.

AND NEIMORE QUILTS. Mr. J. J. Neimore, state lecturer of what used to be the Afro-American League, has joined the B. K. Bruce Marching Club. This is conclusive proof of the timely demise of the League, for rats always desert a sinking ship. Neimore never lets go a pap until it has been sucked dry. Things will be doing in the Marching Club as soon as Neimore examines the lay of the land.

Have you gotten your ticket for Miss Holden's play at Elk's Hall on the 22nd? You can't afford to miss this entertainment. Tickets 35c, 25c and 15c.

Mr. Jas. M. Vena is now a regular clerk in the city post office, having recently received a permanent appointment. Mr. Vena is a worthy young man, and his promotion is gratifying to his host of friends. He has held several positions in the city with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

THE LIBERATOR.

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A PERIOD OF UNPARALLELED PROGRESS.

The steady progress made by this city in the past decade in population, wealth and extent has been unparalleled by any city on the coast and is a source of pride to its business men and citizens. Its marvelous growth is due mainly to its wide-awake, energetic business men, who by making a success in their business were enabled to make every cause they espoused succeed. None has contributed more to make this city what it is than the proprietor of the great London Clothing store. First-class goods, square dealings and small profits is the talisman that has made this the most popular clothing house in the city. A large stock, embracing every department of first class clothing for men and boys, straight dealing, low prices and polite service make it a desirable place to do business. Like other successful business men, this firm has advertised extensively and has been liberal in patronizing colored papers. Their place of business, 117 to 127 North Spring street, is well known to all wearers of nobby clothes.

If the Filipinos had have muzzled Tillman and Carmack they might have gotten a hearing before the American people. A respectable attorney is not a bad thing for his client.

Mr. Geo. E. Watkins, the brilliant editor of The Pacific Coast Appeal of San Francisco, spent several days in the city this month. Mr. Watkins is well known and popular in Southern California and he always receives a cordial greeting on his annual visit to this section. The editorials of The Appeal are well written, broad and forceful. He deals with all of the public questions in a manner that shows him to be a thinker, and his paper holds a high place among the journals of the coast.

The death of Lawyer Oglesby of Oakland, which occurred in that city on the 6th of this month, removes from the scene of human activity a bright young man. As a lawyer he had been signally successful and life promised him much distinction in his chosen profession.

It is as difficult to elevate a race with advice alone as it is to satisfy a hungry stomach with it.

MR. G. W. GLOVER: Now that Pasadena is trotting out a fine array of favorite sons for political preferment, why doesn't South Pasadena bring out Mr. G. W. Glover, editor of The South Pasadena, for the assembly? Mr. Glover is a public spirited citizen and has done much to make that coming municipality what it is. Besides many minor positions, Pasadena has a member of congress, a superior judge and the county clerk. South Pasadena is certainly entitled to something, and the only way to succeed in this matter is to make her wants known. South Pasadena is richly endowed with the things that are necessary to make a strong municipality. Editor Glover is popular and will make an ideal candidate.

The attempt to blacken the character of Governor Gage by charging him with petty larceny will fail of its purpose. It is bad politics. The people will not endorse it.

The Panama canal bill has become a law and a great inter-ocean waterway seems now certain. Its effect in cheapening freight between California and East will add thousands to its wealth and population. With national irrigation and the Panama canal complete the future of this section is bright.

Senator Bailey's cowardly attack upon Senator Beveridge is in keeping with the mob spirit that is prevalent in his section. That brutal spirit that disregards the rights of Negroes will soon disregard the rights of white men. Brooks, Tillman and Bailey have not only disgraced the senate but the decent people of the south.

OUR MINISTERS.

The practice of using the names of colored ministers to promote questionable schemes is not only criminal, but shows a lack of respect for them that is simply shameful. To make use of their names without their consent, as has been done time and again, is more criminal than it would be to enter their homes and make use of their wearing apparel without their knowledge. A minister's clothing might be ruined without serious damage to him, but to associate his name with every fraudulent scheme that promises its originator a few ill-gotten dollars is to inflict upon him no small injury. What is true of a minister is equally true of other men. As a whole the colored pulpits of this city are creditably filled, the lives of our ministers being such as to command respect, and they are justly indignant at the way in which their names have been used for private gain. A minister who would allow the use of his name for the purpose of defrauding the people is a pulpit merchant, unworthy of confidence. The names of the white ministers are never found backing up the schemes of dead beats and ward heelers.

INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUATION.

Figures Indicate the Remarkable Growth of the City.

The final footings show an increase of \$15,554,282 over last year's valuation.

Real and personal property of all kinds within the city is assessed at \$85,670,822, as compared with \$70,116,540 for last year. These figures correctly show the improvement and growth of the city.

The total valuation is made up of the following items: Land, \$46,850,955; improvements, \$22,738,315; secured and unsecured personal property, including money, \$16,081,512; mortgage deductions this year amount of \$2,539,015, a reduction of several thousand dollars from last year's figures.

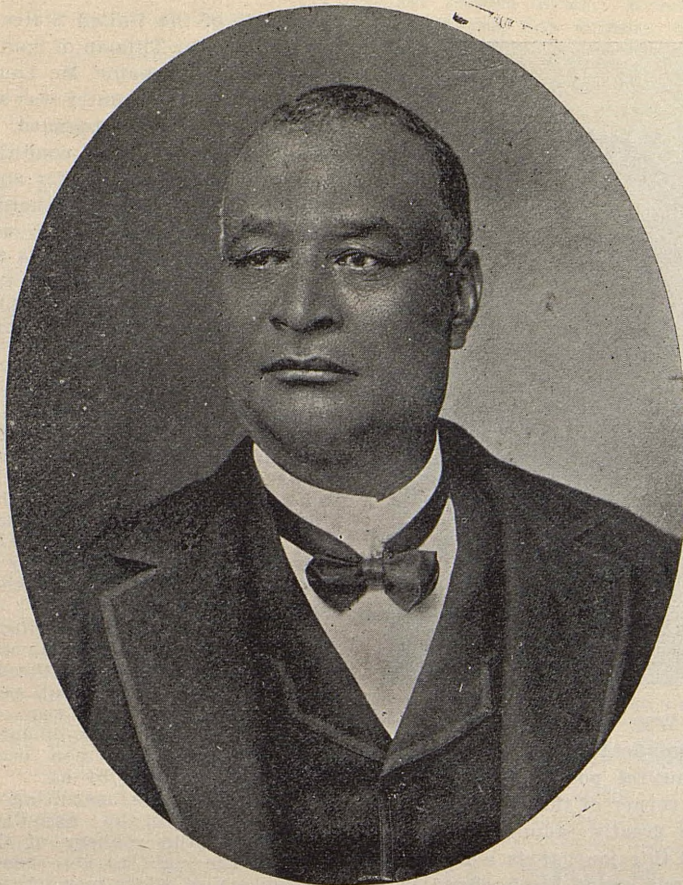
Of the total increase of \$15,554,282, land is increased in valuation \$7,893,280; improvements, \$2,657,055; secured and personal property, including money, \$5,003,937.

The personal property valuation of \$16,081,512 is made up of the following items: Secured personal property, \$9,220,125; unsecured personal property, \$5,586,847; money on hand, \$1,274,540.

The Sunday schools will tender Rev. Donohoo a reception on his return from Denver, where he went as delegate to the International Sunday School Convention. Let the schools that responded so nobly with funds to send him to the convention unite in making this a fitting conclusion of a worthy undertaking. In this connection it is pleasing to say that the Sunday schools of this city and Pasadena deserve much credit for the intelligence shown by their actions. It is hoped that our schools will be honored by a representative in each succeeding convention. If so the delegate will be sent.

BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, is a play written by Miss Lulu J. Holden. This play was gotten up by Miss Holden at considerable study and expense and should be heard by a full house. The play is in seven acts and the participants are made up of the best talent in the city. Music for the occasion will be furnished by one of the leading orchestras, and everything points to a treat for those who are so fortunate as to attend. The play will take place at Elk's Hall on Tuesday evening, July 22nd. Admission, adults 25 cents, children 15 cents. Miss Holden, who is a student at the Los Angeles Art School, is a bright young lady, and deserves to be encouraged. Her paintings are very meritorious.

The Cosmopolitan Club, South Broadway, will, in the near future, be the strongest and most influential political organization in the city. It will become a second Tammany and will exercise power and command attention during election. Men of all sects, creed and color belong to it.



MR. T. M. McCLELLAN.

Among the leading citizens and local politicians few are better known and higher respected than Mr. McClellan. As can be seen from a glance at his cut, he is a broad public-spirited gentleman and has contributed liberally of his time and means to every cause for the betterment of his race. In fact he is liberal to a fault. If there is one thing that entitles him to special mention in this sketch it is his devotion to the church and the cause for which it stands. He is a member of the Wesley Chapel, M. E. church, and, in truth, one of its pillars. He was a member of that now beautiful church when it existed merely as an expectation, and took a leading part in making it what it is now, the most desirable piece of church property held by the colored people of this city. In the benevolences of the church, as well as in the other departments, his influence has been felt in making them successful. As an officer of the church he has ever stood between it and those avaricious people who would use the house of worship for private speculation, and has been camping on the trail of the "old finance committee," as this class of people are known, for several years, and has greatly reduced the

profits of their business.

When internal dissensions rent the Wesley Chapel Benevolent Association in twain, Mr. McClellan took the side of the church and laid the plan that bids fair to recover the property the seceding members carried away, namely, the books and six or seven hundred dollars. As president of the board of directors of the association, he has secured a charter from the state, which enables him to take possession of all of the society's property.

While Mr. McClellan has always taken a prominent part in politics, he never sought a political job. He has served as a member of the Republican County Central Committee several times and has represented his district in the city and county conventions whenever he has felt so inclined. In politics, as in the church, he has waged an unrelenting warfare against those corrupt colored politicians whom he was the first to designate as "the six-bit push." In 1896 the city was infested with this gang and they lived in clover during the campaigns. They held up every candidate for office regardless of party, and supported every ticket in the field if there was six bits or a glass of beer in sight. Members of this gang frequently sat in conven-

tions where their vote was knocked down to the highest bidder several times a day. Of course there was no difference between the buyer and the seller except the fact that the seller posed as the representative of the virtue and intelligence of the colored citizens. As editor of "The Searchlight" we undertook the task of ridding the city of these vampires. In this we had the valuable support of Messrs. McClellan and Flint. The Searchlight was turned on the gang and it vanished—some emigrated, others sought and found legitimate employment. Although a staunch Republican, Mr. McClellan concedes to every Negro the right to vote and think as he pleases. It is the character and not the politics of men that he values. He has labored for that which is good and stands for that which is right.

THE TIMES SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST.

Susie Edmonds of South Pasadena is also beginning to make her presence felt in the race. She has the backing of the Afro-Americans of Los Angeles city and county, as well as of many other friends without color, and her leap from twenty-ninth to twenty-fifth place shows that she is in the running.—Sunday Times.

South Pasadena has a promising candidate in the person of Susie Edmonds, daughter of the editor of the Liberator, a newspaper published in behalf of the Afro-American population. Miss Susie has gone to work in earnest and is expected to poll a large vote.—Saturday Times.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Brookins of 316 Azusa street was the scene of a very pleasant luncheon given in honor of Mrs. John T. Hutty on Friday, July 4. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. Ball, Mr. J. A. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Spiller, Mrs. M. E. Bronson, Mrs. A. Hutty and Mrs. Dr. Barr.

The debate at the Wesley Chapel M. E. church—"Resolved, 'That Woman has done more to christianize the world than Man, brought out an appreciative audience. The affirmatives were Messrs. Norman, Thompson and Greer. Negatives, Messrs. Jackson and Henderson. The negatives captured the judges, but the affirmatives captured the audience. The debate was interesting from start to finish.

SEND HER YOUR COUPONS.

Every subscriber of the Los Angeles Times in South Pasadena should cut out the coupons daily and send them in for Miss Susie Edmonds, who is the only person so far entered in the scholarship contest from this city. Miss Edmonds is a bright girl, and if successful in winning a scholarship will reflect credit upon those who assist her in this way.—South Pasadena.

RENELTLES DESTINY.

Ancient empires one by one,
Have passed into oblivion;
Their prestige, spendor, wealth and
might,
Forever faded from our sight.

Egypt, Greece and Rome are dead,
Their giant ruins around are spread;
Swept by successive tidal waves,
To dreamless sleep in sculptural graves

Thus will all earth's empires fall,—
Kings and monarchs great and small;
Their glory pass from land and sea,
This is relentless destiny.

A sea of restless discontent,
Against despotic government,
Will surge in foaming billows wide,
And ebb with a resistless tide.

A nation that will war for fame,
No matter what its creed or name,
Will surely fall when gored with pelf,
History repeats itself.

Alas! this country of the free,
Where floats the flag of liberty—
Is stained in deep and dark disgrace,
By torture of a hapless race.

My countrymen, O, what is this—
A terrible and deep abyss;
From whence is heard the serpent's
hiss,
Urging on to cruelties.

Oh, scenes of bloody revelries—
Of unparalleled, dark tragedies—
Of flowing tears and deep-drawn sighs,
Of broken hearts, and anguished cries.

Vengance is mine and I will smite
With ruin, death and endless night;
So doth the Lord of hosts decree,
This is relentless destiny.

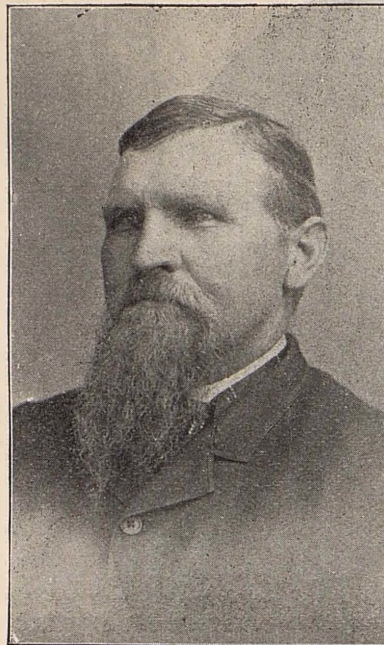
But there will come a judgment dire,
Upon that scourge of rope and fire,
Whether the land be bond or free,
This is relentless destiny.

That ghastly sickening funeral pyre,
That dreadful and consuming fire,
Columbia, hide thy face in shame,
Behind that smoke and lurid flame.

We shall yet see Old Glory wave,
Triumphant o'er oppressions grave,
Sometime we shall be great and free,
This is relentless destiny.
Bloomington Cal. Wm. Westenfield.

SEND THEM TO SUSIE.

Miss Susie Edmonds has entered the Times' Scholarship Contest. Friends who read the Times will please save the coupons and leave them at The Enterprise office, 829 E. 5th St., or at Rev. J. E. Edwards, Azusa St. Church, and at Mr. Wm. Prince's, 99 S. Vernon Ave., Rev. Hubbard's, The Enterprise, Rev. F. L. Donohoo and Mr. Geo. Powell's.



MR. WM. WESTENFIELD.

Mr. Westenfield of Bloomington, Cal., whose beautiful poems have adorned the poets' corner of the Liberator, and which are greatly admired by the readers of this journal, is a native of Germany and spent his boyhood in a home beside the historic "Rhine." Reared amidst the influence of freedom and culture, filled with that nobility that comes with a proximity to that which is grand in nature, known only to those whose youths are spent amidst scenes of danger, as is attendant on life beside a sweeping river, he is one of nature's noblemen.

He came to this country in early manhood and when the struggle between freedom and slavery resorted to the arbitrament of the sword, he enlisted in an East Tennessee regiment and fought for the union. Like our other German-Americans, he made as good a soldier and as citizen. Mr. Westenfield was for many years a citizen of South Pasadena, where it was our good fortune to have him for a neighbor. His home was always as beautiful as his religion, which was simply the "Golden Rule," and which he practiced with scrupulous exactness. His latest poem, "Relentless Destiny," will be found elsewhere in this edition and will be read with interest.

TROUBLE AT THE CAPITAL.

The wave of lawlessness now sweeping over the country has been emphasized and felt by brutal exhibitions in

the Senate of the United States.

When Senator Tillman of South Carolina assaulted Senator Mc Lauren of the same state, the country was amazed and the body itself astounded. Those who knew of the inside conditions in that state were prepared for anything which might take place. Senator Tillman's talk about his honor was the subject of derision for he had bluntly declared in a previous debate that his hands were stained with the blood of the dark-skinned citizens of his own state.

Texas now springs into the arena and its junior senator, Joseph Bailey on last Monday, after the adjournment of the Senate made a most unjustifiable attack upon Senator Beveridge of Indiana, claiming that he had grossly insulted him by charging him with making an unwarranted attack upon a government official.

By this action, Senator Bailey proved the truth of Senator Beveridge's assertions.

Colored men are observing these performances with interest, as it is a practical realization of the biblical maxim, "as ye sow, so shall ye reap."

Forty years after the war of the Rebellion, and the enslavement of the Negro, we see white men occupying the places once held by us.

To be plain, the assaulting of Negroes has led to the assaulting of white men; the robbery of the Negroes of the right to vote has led to the robbery of white men of the right to vote. The denial of the protection of the laws to Negroes has led to the denial of the protection of the laws to white men.

The Negroes may have been the bone of contention, they may have caused the beginning of the trouble; but they can now stand back with evident satisfaction and see the white men receive the blows that they once received.

They see white men charging white men with robbing white men at the ballot-boxes. They have seen and are still seeing the votes of the better class of white men nullified and the most disreputable white men installed in office. Retribution has come. It began in the southern states, spread to the north and west and may now be seen at the capital of the nation. It's all right—God's hand may now be seen in the history of the world. Evil agencies are made in time to do his will.

Colored men, let us labor on regardless of the oppression that surrounds us. We have no time to pause in our march forward. Corruption is everywhere manifest and dishonesty is seen in high places, but let us keep our eyes on the guiding star of racial advancement, trust God for the future, and rely upon our own efforts for the present and all will be well with us.—Richmond, Va., Planet.

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THE RACKET STORE.

The readers of the Liberator, especially the ladies, will find it to their interest to call and examine stock and prices at the Racket Store, 111 and 113 East Colorado street, Pasadena, Cal., before purchasing. They carry a full line of first-class goods. Their five and ten cent counter is unexcelled. Headquarters for toys and children's goods.

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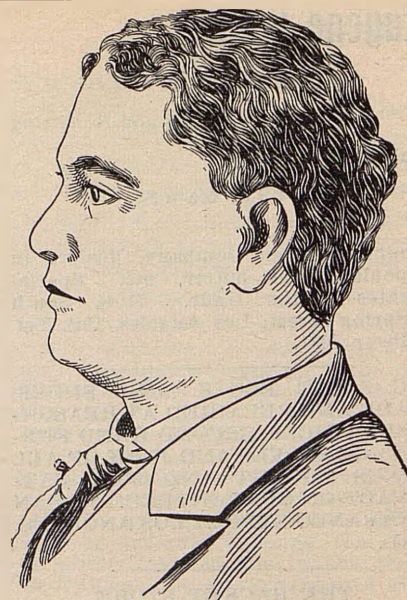
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