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LEWIS TO SPEAK FOR TAFT

Assistant Attorney General Will Represent the Administration at Denver at the Meeting of Colored Educators. Lincoln Memorial Plans Ready Soon.

By A. F. Ro.

Washington, July 21, 1911

HON. W. H. LEWIS TO SPEAK IN DENVER

At the special request of President Taft, Assistant Attorney General Lewis will attend the meeting of the National Afro-American Educational Association as the representative of the Administration. Mr. Lewis is an eloquent and forceful speaker and will be a great addition to the programme.

MEMORIAL TO GREAT EMANCIPATOR

President Taft has informed Senator Cullom that the fine arts commission will soon make a report to him upon the proposed \$2,000,000 memorial in Washington to Abraham Lincoln. The report will recommend the site for the memorial and the shape it should take. After the report is in hand President Taft as Chairman of the Lincoln Commission, will call a meeting of that body to take steps toward inviting architects to submit plans for the memorial. Senator Cullom is anxious to see the designs all in and one accepted, so that a report can be made to Congress at the next session and an appropriation of \$2,000,000 authorized.

DANCY SPEAKS AT DURHAM

Hon. John C. Dancy was the principal speaker at the opening of the National Religious Training School summer chautauqua and he made a great address it is said. The Durham school is

forging ahead under Dr. James F. Shepard.

PASTOR OF VERMONT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Justice Anderson has rendered a decision in the contest for the pastorate of the Vermont avenue Baptist Church and Rev. James E. Willis may continue to preach. The court held that it had no jurisdiction in the matter. Thomas I. Jones and William L. Pollard were the two Afro-American attorneys for the opposing factions.

MRS. CLIFFORD'S "RACE RHYMES."

Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford who has won national fame as a worker for the uplift of the Afro-American people, has written a brochure which she has given the title of "Race Rhymes." It contains a number of excellent poems which will aid the race in its fight for higher and better things. The brochure is beautifully and artistically printed by R. L. Pendleton.

DR. CURTIS PREPARING FOR N. M. A.

Dr. A. M. Curtis, Washington's famous physician and surgeon is very busy preparing for the next meeting of the National Medical Association which will be held at Hampton, Va., August 22-24. Washington has nearly a hundred Afro-American physicians and surgeons and a large number will attend the meeting.

MISS LYONS GETS A PLACE

Miss Hope Lyons, eldest daughter of Hon. Judson W. Lyons, ex-Register of the Treasury, has been appointed to a clerkship in the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

MRS. COOPER WILL TEACH HERE AGAIN

Mrs. A. J. Cooper, formerly principal of the M street high school, who has been teaching for

two years at Jefferson City, Mo., will return to Washington in September as teacher of Latin in the M street high school.

AFRO-AMERICAN WHIST EXPERT

Prof. J. W. Cromwell, Jr., teacher of German and mathematics in the M street high school, holds degrees of B. A. and H. A., from Dartmouth was the winner of the New York "Sun" prize contest.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Mr. J. L. Edmunds,
Editor *The Liberator*,

Sir:—I have been a constant reader of your most excellent paper for some time and during this period I have taken especial pains to acquaint myself with your attitude on all questions affecting the public good and notwithstanding the fact that I have at times exercised the right to disagree with you, I have no hesitancy in saying that the intrepid manner in which you have attacked all those things which you held as inimical to the best interest of society and particularly the sable hued element thereof, merits the very highest commendation of every right thinking man and woman of the race.

For some time I have watched with ever deepening interest the splendid fight being made by you through the columns of the *Liberator* against the efforts of certain misguided individuals of the Forum who, at the behest of two or three half baked politicians and their impetuous and unreasoning allies, if allowed free rein would obstruct the path of progress and seriously hinder whatever good that organization may be able to accomplish for the race. I want to thank you on behalf of every true friend of reason and decency for the brave and manly fight you are making against the worse than criminal practice of insulting intelligent audiences Sunday after Sunday by forcing them to sit and listen to the vociferous bray-

ings of a handful of sapheaded idiots who know about as much of the subjects they try to discuss as did the old lady up in the Tennessee mountains who professed to know all the happenings of the spirit world but who, when informed by the missionary that Christ had died for her, replied: "Wal I didn't know it es our folks don't read ther papers."

I hope you will continue your noble efforts until the last vestige of this dangerous evil which now threatens to destroy what should be a great power for good in this city with its twenty or thirty thousand of thrifty and ambitious Afro-Americans who so much need just the council and encouragement that such an organization if conducted along sane and practical lines could give. I am gratified to know that you are being aided by some of our best citizens, among them being that dauntless leader and champion of liberty and fair play, Hon. G. Walter Snell. He, like yourself, is quite used to the smoke of battle, one who has carried the flag of honor and progress through many a conflict and yet stands to-day stainless as a star, loved and trusted by his friends, feared and respected by his foes. Long may you live to shield a people for the cause of whose advancement you are sacrificing the best days of a noble life.

Yours for the intellectual, moral and material advancement of the colored American,

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TO MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

New York City, July 11, 1911.
Mr. J. L. Edmonds,
Editor, *Liberator*,
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Mr. and Mrs. H. Henderson of Kansas City, Missouri is in the city. Mr. Henderson expects to engage in business in the country.

The Peterson W. C. T. U. and other unions are doing nicely. They were greatly elated over the first news from the Texas prohibition election and if prohibition finally carries in Texas there will be a union of all the unions and greetings will be sent to Mrs. Peterson, the great Temperance worker at Texarkana.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and other members of the union are working zealously for the cause of temperance.

GONE TO HER REWARD

Mrs. Clemintone Hanible, beloved wife of Mr. A. W. Hanible, departed this life on the 22nd. Besides her husband, brother, four sons and a daughter, she leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss.

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THE FEDERAL BRIGADE TO INVADE THE AFRO-AMERICAN NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT DENVER, COLORADO.

The statement by our Washington correspondent that President Taft has requested Assistant Attorney General Lewis to go to the Afro-American National Educational Convention which will convene in Denver, Colorado and make a political speech to further the interest of the President for renomination is not only placing a cheap estimation upon the Negro educators who will compose the convention, but upon Mr. Lewis and the position he holds.

If the president has requested Mr. Lewis to bring that convention into ill repute by turning it into a political club, he does not entertain as high a regard for Mr. Lewis as we had believed.

The National Educational Association which just ended its proceedings at San Francisco, although composed of teachers of all colors and creeds of the country, it never occurred to Mr. Taft to send an office holder there to boost up his fight for re-nomination. Mr. Taft would not dare to have sent a place hunter to that convention to do politics even if he could have found a white office-holder willing to undertake such a humiliating mission. Had there been any white man so unmindful of the dignity of that body as to have attempted to make a speech for Mr. Taft before it, he would have been immediately silenced even though it took the whole police force of San Francisco to do it.

Will the Negro educators permit Mr. Lewis to change their educational convention into a political club? The men and women who have charge of the colored schools of the country are looked upon as the highest types of the race and who enjoy the honor and responsibility of shaping the destinies of the future black men and women who are to be citizens of this republic. As teachers they do, or should, represent the highest and best ideals of to-day. The teachers composing that convention will be the highest and best types of our race, what they do and say when in convention assembled should be worthy of emulation by the people of whom they are leaders.

Should that convention resolve itself into a political club by allowing Mr. Lewis or any other politician and officer holder to make a political speech in the interest of the nomination and election of Mr. Taft or any other political office seeker, would he to put themselves on a par with the lowest order of politicians and ward heelers. And, if Mr. Taft has

really delegated Mr. Lewis to go to Denver and use that convention to further his political ambitions, he places a low estimation upon the Negro educators of the country. By this act if he is guilty, he puts the best class of Negroes on a level with the cheapest class of curb-stone, job-chasing politicians.

Will the Negro teachers, leaders of fifteen million people, citizens of this great republic justify Mr. Taft's assumption? Will they meet for the purpose of putting forth the methods that will do the most and best good in educating the children of our race or will they let the grand climax be that of going before the country at large with the endorsement of a candidate for president?

One of the saddest spectacles of today is the fact that Negroes regarded as prominent are willing to sacrifice the rights of the whole race to secure a half dozen political jobs. When the so-called leaders of a race place the acquisition of a few political jobs above their rights, that race is in a bad way. We believe and contend that the negro should have representation in the public service, the same as accorded other citizens.

It is better for the Negroes of today to feed upon husks than to accept luxurious living at the expense of the rights of future generations. That old cry of "get money and your rights will take of themselves," has well nigh made craven cowards of the whole negro race.

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ABOUT CHILDREN

May the writer be pardoned if the prerogative supposed to belong to those who are childless, be exercised for a time in discussing one of the greatest, if not the greatest problem of the present age, namely the care of children. Many may perhaps say that the care of children and the discussion of its problems belongs only to parents, but if that has even been the case it is no longer, because children are now-a-days so generally turned over to the public to train and educate, that it has certainly become everybody's business. Some of its phases are as follows:

A disregard of property rights, or of the rights of other people. For example: A gentleman who had a very nice property consisting of land through which a stream of water flowed and the banks of the stream covered with beautiful, choice trees of natural growth and quite an age, opened his grounds for the use of a Sunday school picnic. At its close many of the beautiful trees had been marred and scarred by the carving of letters and names and the wanton removal of chunks of bark from their trunks, a source of annoyance and grief to the owner and an act which closed the grounds to such parties in the future, when, if properly used the grounds might have been enjoyed continually by the public with no loss to the owner.

Another instance: A gentleman was trying to raise a lawn, but had it destroyed and killed out by strange boys, who, passing by, would take advantage of its level and green surface as a place to wrestle. It is not uncommon for people living in towns to find a group of strange children in their front yards, who have taken possession as unconcernedly as though the place belonged to them. A lady who has no children, but is very pleasant and kind, said she used to think she loved children, but had been compelled to change her mind because of the impositions they had heaped upon her.

Among other things, boys running along the street with express wagons or coasters would improve the opportunity when passing her patch of grass in the front yard of making a detour and circling across it. Nor are these things confined to one home, and the ravages to one lot of children. Many tell the story of choice plants and vines being destroyed in wanton vandalism by children of tender years.

Nor are the houses any more sacred than the yards. If allowed to enter at all, the majority of the children seem to think that they own the homes where they are supposed to be visiting. Every room of the house is entered brazenly and at will. They chase through the halls and drum the musical instruments and even have been known to rummage the cupboards or store room, and if a person objects to such wholesale plunder they are immediately branded as that cross man or woman. Fruit is especially considered free plunder and parents will make laughing remarks concerning their own children when they see them "swipe" the fruit from trees while passing along the streets, or run into back yards to grab it. Is it a wonder that public graft and dishonesty is becoming so common?

(To be continued)

THE BEAUTIFUL ART OF GIVING.

"The Beautiful Art of Giving" was the subject of Rev. Kenchin's sermon last Sunday morning, taken from Ruth, Second chapter, Verses 15-16. He described in glowing words the transition from the fields of carnage as described in proceeding chapters of the Bible, to the harvest field of Boaz, teeming with its golden grain. He described the beautiful art of giving as displayed by Boaz. The giving that is given without humiliating the recipient. He told how Boaz had requested the gleaners let fall handfuls of choice grain that Ruth the gentle gleaner might be amply rewarded for her toil. He told how Ruth attributed her

good fortune in finding whole handfuls of grain to the carelessness of the reapers.

By his art, Boaz bestowed his gift in such a manner that the recipient could not possibly be humiliated by a knowledge of the gifts she received. In words, eloquent for their simplicity and softness and in sentences sublime for their well rounded periods and mighty sweep, the speaker carried the application home to his auditors in a manner that made an impression upon them that will not be soon erased. To many, the spirit of giving was placed in an entirely new light.

The fine art of giving, is the giving that is free from selfishness. A feeling of ecstasy pervaded the audience during the entire delivery of the sermon.

We contend now, and will ever contend, for the enforcement of the Constitution and laws of this country, and no amount of office jobbing or cajolery can ever induce us to agree to the non enforcement of our national bill of rights. The man who agrees to the taxation without representation of his whole race consisting of millions of people, in order to secure a little job for himself is wanting in the attributes of manhood, of self government.

Rev. R. H. Wade will fill the Mt. Zion Baptist Church pulpit in the absence of Rev. J. T. Hill, who is off on his vacation. Rev. Wade has just returned from his northern trip.

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Have the courage to wear the old suit of clothes, rather than go in debt for a new suit.

Have the courage to acknowledge your ignorance, when asked about something of which you do not know.

Have the courage to pay a debt when you need the money for something else.

Have the courage to be polite though your character may be assailed.

Have the courage to speak the truth, remembering the command, 'Thou shalt not lie.'

Have the courage to own you are poor, and thus disarm poverty of its sharpest sting.

Have the courage to own you are wrong, when convinced that such is the case.

Have the courage to be good and true and you will always find work to do.

Have the courage to say your prayers, though you may be ridiculed by man.

Have the courage to tell a man you will not lend him money, instead of whipping the devil around the stump by telling him you haven't a cent "in the world," calling one of your pockets "the World."

Have the courage of your convictions. "According to a man's faith, so be it unto him." This is true on every plane of life, from the lowest to the highest. A man's power in every thing is measured by his convictions. The statesman who has the profoundest convictions is surest of bringing others to see as he sees on any question which he discusses before the public. The minister who can most completely identify himself with his people, if he has the courage of his convictions, is the one who is most likely to be successful.

The above selection was delivered

before the Wesley Chapel Literary Society on the 11th by Miss Clar-etta Todd.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Misses Alberta Muse, Hazel Brown, Enda Adams and Mattie Dudley will leave on Friday evening by steamer for Sacramento as representatives of the Woman's Club at Santa Monica. After the close of the Federation of woman's clubs to be held in that city, they will visit San Francisco and Oakland.

Miss Essie Roberts, after spending a few days with Miss Adams at Santa Monica has returned to the city.

Mrs. Rev C. W. H. Nelson of San Francisco is here on a visit to Dr. T. J. Nelson who has been seriously ill. The doctor we are pleased to state is convalescing rapidly.

Professor Bowser of Kansas City, Missouri addressed a large audience at the A. M. E. Church last Sunday evening. The address was able as well as practicable. He has been teaching in Kansas City about thirty-five years and holds a life certificate.

Mr. Walter C. Edmonds of Sawtelle, left last Saturday evening for the San Joaquin Valley. He may spend two or three months in the valley and will represent *The Liberator*. His itinerary will include all the valley towns.

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