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THE NEGRO GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB BUSTED. \$250.00 GONE

It was on hangman's day, Friday, the 15th, that the officers of the Negro Good Government Club met at the office of the secretary and director, to decide whether or not the club had not outlived its usefulness. The officers of course, constitute the club's entire membership and as the bulk of them claim that the secretary and director used their names without their consent there were only a few present at the club's timely demise.

Investigation disclosed the fact that by using the names of 25 Negroes, 8 ministers and 17 business and professional men, \$250 had been secured. If that sum was all that they really got, the estimation put upon the preachers was certainly low to say nothing about the doctors, dentists and prominent Negroes that it was supposed were being used.

If the ministers were worth anything, the club ought to have gotten \$2,500 to say the least. But Negroes are cheap now. A fat Negro baby cost over \$250 in 1860.

In justice to ministers, the majority of those whose names were used declare that their names had been secured by false pretense. But the men furnishing the \$250 were not so informed and therefore undoubtedly believed that they were dealing directly with the colored ministers through their agent the "secretary and director." But the thing was done, the ugly impression of preachers had been made, and like a sin committed, could not be un-committed.

After much figuring and discus-

sion which occupied the greater part of the afternoon the auditing committee made its report. The report showed that \$50 had been spent for printing dodgers to advertise one meeting which was attended by 200 persons; one secretary to the secretary had been hired, a brass band had been used and other items punctuated by a few etc's, enabled the committee to chase the money to its hiding place.

DISBURSEMENTS NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

The suggestion by a minister to publish the report in the Negro papers was met by strenuous objections. The gentlemen offering the suggestion argued that as the Negro ministers names had been used very largely without their consent, for the benefit of those whose names had been so used, the publication of the report would protect them against ugly charges. The other minister stated that such a publication would be useless as the Negroes had gotten so they didn't believe anything a Negro preacher said. "If I thought that the people of my race didn't believe what I say, I would leave the pulpit tomorrow" was the quick rejoinder of the minister offering the suggestion. The publication suggestion was promptly killed. The preacher who helped kill the publication idea, was a living embodiment of that scriptural injunction "Take no thought of tomorrow, etc."

THE CLUB PRONOUNCED DEAD

Although the sentiment in favor of burying the report was sufficient to secure that end, a motion to keep the club alive, produced instant revulsion. The "Secretary and Director" seeing the hand writing on the wall was on his feet like a flash. The opposition to the motion was a direct assault upon the Secretary's base of supplies and must be crushed at any cost, or all was lost. If the club was allowed to be killed, with it would go one of the cutest little grafting schemes ever conceived. The "Secretary and Director" who by the way is a lawyer made the plea of his life. He was followed by his preacher friend who made one of his powerful emotional appeals which makes the weak church women tear off their clothes; but to no avail. A caucus had been held at which an agreement was reached to unload the "Secretary and Director" who had announced himself as candidate for president the "Forum." Then too, it is secretly rumored that there is a bitter fight on between the "Secretary" and the late defeated candidate for the School Board as to which shall receive the "Forum's" endorsement as candidate for the legislature. It is true, the Secretary hasn't even got a vote, but from his legal point of view that's no bar to running for office.

With the Secretary's base of supplies (the club) destroyed and

his presidential aspirations killed, he would be out of the running for good—or at least till he is here long enough to vote.

The presidential election which comes off at the "Forum" next Sunday will decide whether that "bunch is to run Roberts to death for office or finish killing the "Secretary and Director."

Well, getting back to the subject, after listening to the "Secretary and Director" for sometime which proved very taxing, the club was killed by a decisive vote; and thus another grafting scheme fell to rise no more. The club was conceived in fraud, lived by false pretenses and died ignominiously just as its originators flattered themselves with having set up a gigantic job chaser's metropole. But for the club's timely death the Afro-American council which has for years enjoyed a monopoly of the job jobbing business would have been driven from the field. However, it is an ill wind that blows nobody good." So Rev. E. L. Chew, D. D., president of the local A. A. Council can now remain on the job and not be forced to resume his old occupation of scrapping with the devil for souls.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

The November elections come as a sort of Christmas gift to black folk. First, the Digges amendment to disfranchise colored people has been defeated in Maryland by a decisive majority of 20,551 votes. This is the third time that the Democratic machine has attempted to get rid of the colored vote. Secondly, the Democratic Legislature that neglected to amend and reconsider the colored regiment bill in New York has been sent home; but Cavillier, the Democrat who introduced the bill, has been retained in his seat by the black voters of Harlem. It may easily be granted that Cuvillier is no ideal statesman, but is it not significant that he was the

only man in this or former legislatures willing to do his colored constituents' demand? May we not respectfully assure Governor Dix that he himself will need the black vote soon and that his vote "follows the regiment?" Third, the Socialists, the only party which openly recognizes Negro manhood, has been signally triumphant. Is it not time for black voters to carefully consider the claims of this party? Fourth, we call the attention of contented lovers of democratic government in this land to the fact that while 400,000 votes were cast for governor in the little State of Massachusetts, it took only 40,000 votes to elect the governor of Mississippi, the pioneer State of disfranchisement. How long will democracy stand in America with one white man in Mississippi casting the equivalent of ten votes?

Finally, there is every indication that the election of 1912 will be a close election. If Mr. Taft succeeds himself after his tariff record, his silence on lynching and his treatment of colored officials, it will be by a margin that will call for every black vote in the North. Will he get these votes? Maybe—perhaps.—The Crisis

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Rev. J. Gordon McPherson, the eloquent revivalist, is now planing to establish a new Institutional Gospel Mission at an early date in this city, the new mission promises to be something out of the ordinary aside from strong gospel preaching, there will be an Intelligence Department, under the Supervision of a polite lady attendant where the many strangers and unemployed can register and secure good positions free of any charge. The location and Date of the New Mission will be announced later.

The Christmas exercises were held at the First M. E. Church Monday night. Exercises were attended by a record breaking crowd. The spirit of good cheer enlivened all with its sunlight.

Colonel Allen Allensworth founder of the prosperous colony of Allensworth, Cal., is in the city on business.

The Colonel looks the picture of health and reports that the colony is forging ahead at a rapid rate. The citizens are maintaining several bureaus where the science of farming and many civic duties are taught.

Rev. Kelsey of 346 N. 9th street Santa Monica, is in destitute circumstances. He has been sick for many months to which circumstances is his destitution due. The Baptist churches should aid him at once.

Mrs. Lucas of the Furlong Tract died suddenly on the 26th.

Mr. Judson Turman and Miss Nettie Brooks of this city and Miss Mamie Carter of Santa Monica were guests of the Misses Edmonds on the 25th.

Miss Brooks joined by Miss Dottie Easton remained at Sawtelle till Thursday.

A large audience attended the Christmas tree exercises at Mount Zion Baptist Church on Tuesday evening. The attendance consisted mainly of young people from various churches. The occasion was a pleasant one.

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At 7:30 P. M., there were special services by the choir. The choir made their first appearance in uniform consisting of pure white robes. The dedicatory ceremony was conducted by the pastor and was very impressive. After which the choir rendered the Cantata—entitled—"Joy to the World." Prof. W. V. Howard, the efficient director, fully demonstrated his ability as a choir master, by the manner in which this cantata was rendered. By a general request the cantata will be repeated the first Sunday evening in January. Don't miss it.

Sister Dollie Lewis will fill Wesley's pulpit next Sunday evening. Her subject: The Great Day of His Wrath who Will Be Able to Stand? Come and hear her.

The debate at the Literary Society on Tuesday evening proved to be a very entertaining affair. The subject: Resolved that the Negroes should join the Socialist party was won by the Affirmatives Messrs. Reeves and Bailey. The Negatives, Messrs. Beeks and Williamson both made splendid speeches.

The entertainment given Wednesday evening by the Roussau Orchestra was one of the most unique in the history of the church. The Roussau family consisting of eight members are all musicians and each plays with equal dexterity any musical instrument. The five children whose ages range from three to eleven years can get music of the sweetest kind out of any kind of musical instrument.

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Ernest Russell will be Director of the Ball with the following assistants, Benj. Jones, Bernard Gray, Thomas Pollock, Ernest Bynum, Dan Pollock, A. V. Childress and Fred Scott.

Messrs. A. V. Childress, Norman White, A. D. Matthews and J. Delaney will be at the door and receive the Admission Cards. Mrs. R. Robinson will have the ladies cloak room, Ed. Wilkinson the Gentlemen's Hat Room while the Messrs. McLemores will serve at the punch table.

The hall will be prettily decorated and the Fraternity colors, Royal purple and gold will be much in evidence.

A full description of the Ball will be in the next issue of this paper.

KICK THE ANTI NEGRO NIGGER

The Negro who has been blessed to get a reasonable or an abundant share of this world's goods and immediately thereafter begins to taboo his own race, belongs to an element which deserves to be discouraged. In this city we have a few of that class of Negroes. One of them recently offered a contribution to a white church here which was about to build. He was told that he had better help his own poor race in their efforts. Another one went into a leading printing house sometime ago to get out a few hand bills and was told to bring them to the Dallas Express; another was heard boasting that "no nigger" could borrow his money. These creatures are an affliction to our people and the pity is that they do not move into some community where their assinine qualities are not known, and where there uncertain nationality might permit them to pass off for white. Of course some of these creatures are too black for this performance. For them we recommend a skin bleach which will whiten their dusky hides to the point at least where their presence would not longer insult that element of the Negro race who knows its historic greatness and who believe that mind constitutes the majesty of man, virtue his true nobility.—Dallas Express

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We are in receipt of a letter from one of our Socialist subscribers in which he endorses what we said in a previous edition relative to the relations existing between the Negroes and working white people commonly referred to as poor white folks. Among other things he says: "The Negroes and white people who labor have got to get together for mutual protection or drift farther from conditions that ought to obtain among the working people."

This is a self-evident proposition

as all farmers should work together for better prices and improved conditions so ought all men, regardless of race or color, who perform labor of any kind, look to each other's mutual happiness and advancement.

Why should there be any other than a friendly feeling between working white people and working Negroes? They are forced to live in the same neighborhoods under the same condition. In localities where the wealthy white people live building restrictions keep the poor whites out and color restrictions in the deeds keep out the Negroes. So you see these people the poor whites and Negroes are forced to live in sections where there are no such restrictions. This being true, they must live together as friends or both lose ground. As friends they can secure better representation in the law making bodies thereby obtaining better opportunities for moral and material advancement. No man can do more for you than your next door neighbor.

WILL LOOK AFTER CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The colored women voters will meet and organize a political League in the early part of the coming month. The members of the Board of Supervisors who are responsible for closing the Nurse training school to Negro girls will be vigorously remembered at the next primary election. The coming battle for justice and fair play for Negro girls will be led by the women voters and will be backed by all manly Negro men. The Negroes have the balance of power and must and will use it to put out of business every office holder who draws the color line in the public institutions.

During the recent campaign, one of the favorite arguments why the Negroes should vote against the Socialist ticket was: that its election meant the unionizing of the city. And yet there is no instant where organized labor has hit our

girls a harder blow than was dealt them by the Board of Supervisors, when they decided that on account of the color of their skins Negro girls shall not enter the Nurse training school, a public institution. Labor organizations are private concerns supported by tax levied upon their members. Negroes not being members of the unions are not taxed to support them. But are taxed to support all public institutions as are other citizens. To say, in the face of these facts that, on account of the color of their skins, Negroes shall not have the same use of these institutions that are enjoyed by other taxpayers, is a species of tyranny that is a disgrace to the fair minded people of this state. Once the campaign against the oath breaking members of the Board of Supervisors is inaugurated, thousands of voters of other races who believe in fair play will join them in ridding the public service of men who recognize race or color in violation of their oaths, in performing their official duties. The only way to rid the public service of such men, is to vote solidly against them every time they run for office.

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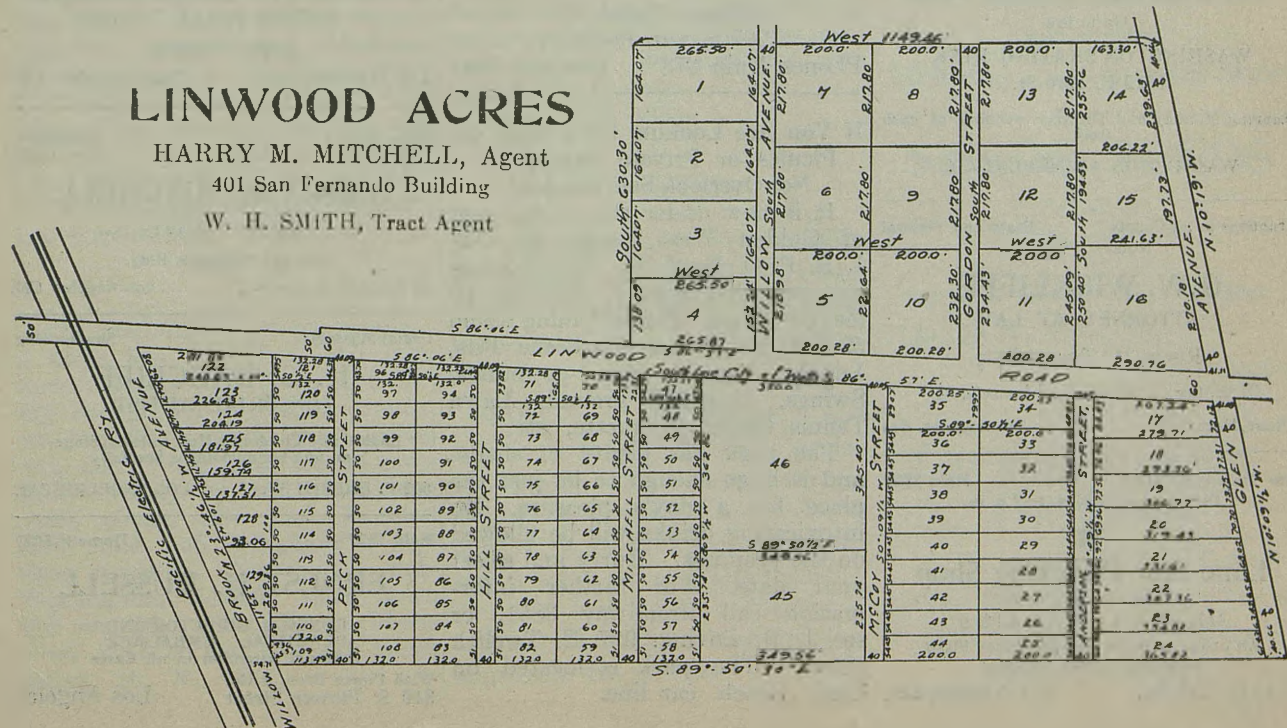
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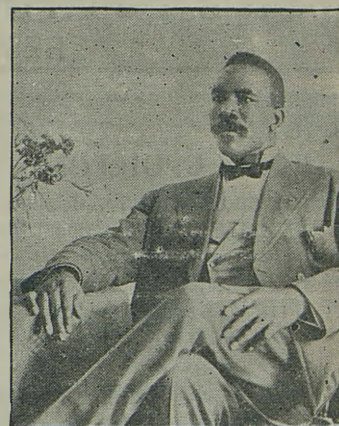
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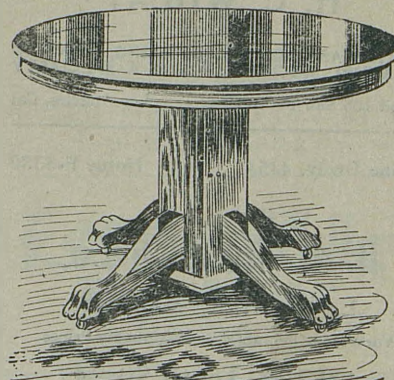
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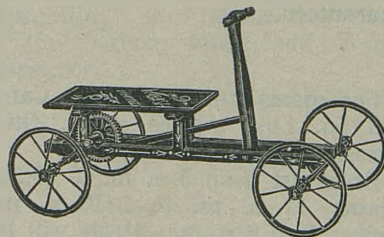
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