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Business Enterprises that lend Encouragement.

Mr. C. C. Flint, the Oldest Colored Grocer in the City who has Made Good.

Nearly fourteen years ago, Mr. C. C. Flint opened a small grocery store with a capital of \$300. Mr. Flint, being a cook, by trade, owing to the poor health of his wife, which necessitated his personal care, gave up his job as cook, and opened a grocery store. The medical expense and care for his wife consumed the profits of the business for several years. After her death, in spite of the close business competition, his business increased, necessitating larger quarters from time to time, until today he conducts the largest grocery business of any colored grocer in the city. He does a strictly cash business and therefore his large stock represents so much cash. When he commenced business, the Negro grocer was an unknown quantity, and wholesale men never thought of selling them groceries on thirty to ninety days' time. Previous to that time, the career of colored grocers, from beginning to end, was ninety days, hence, wholesale grocers did not take them seriously. But Mr. Flint changed all this and made it possible for colored grocermen to obtain the same conditions from the wholesale men that were given white retail grocers. This has had much to do with the prosperity enjoyed by our numerous colored grocers.

In spite of the fierce competition with which Mr. Flint had to contend, he took a personal interest in all matters for the advancement of the race, giving generously of his time and means, whenever necessary. In this way, his value as a citizen is hard to estimate.

As an independent, he took active interest in politics, and the opening of the Police and Fire Departments, and the Street and Park Departments to the colored people was made possible by the personal sacrifice and struggles of those with whom he labored. In consideration of the services rendered by Mr. Flint, in securing the representation of the race above mentioned, he has been induced to stand as candidate for council in the next municipal election. The recent turn of affairs, makes his election absolutely necessary, as many of the positions secured by previous struggles, have been closed to the race. If the Negroes hope to arrest the scheme of discrimination in the public service inaugurated by the present Good Government office holders, they will have to elect members of the race to official positions. This, they can do, and this they must do. In agreeing to make the race, Mr. Flint is showing the same manly devotion to the race that he has always shown. The unanimous approval that greeted the announcement of Mr. Flint's candidacy, is a good omen and means that he is to have the support of the race. This, with the support of the broad-minded white people, who believe in fair play, will secure his election.

AN OBJECT LESSON

The five-mile municipal parade on Monday, while very creditable to the city, proved an object lesson to the hundreds of colored voters who witnessed it. On every hand we heard expressions of bitter

disgust at the absence of representation in many city departments where only a short time ago Negroes were found. In the parks, where large numbers of Negroes formerly worked, not a representative was to be seen. The absence of the Negro here was pathetic. In the engineering and other departments requiring skill, the Negroes have been forced out. In that splendid parade, with a mile of teams, three abreast, we looked in vain to find a single Negro teamster. When Hon. James Handley, a Democrat, retired from the street department, there were from twelve to fifteen teams owned and driven by Negro teamsters. These teams represented capital and responsibility. As soon as the present so-called Good Government took charge, all Negro teams and teamsters were sneakily let out of that department and the attempt is made to reduce all Negroes in the employ of the city to the positions of scavengers in the streets where they must take their chances with the street cars, automobiles and passing teams. This is what they call "giving the Negroes representation," for voting them into office. How long the Negro voters will put up with this kind of representation, remains to be seen. This reward for voting certain men into office may satisfy a certain class of Negro men, but the Negro women voters will remember these Goo-Goos with a vengeance the next time they enter the booths.

The Negro voters must change these conditions if they have to join the Socialist party to do it.



JUDGE FORBES DELIVERS A GREAT SPEECH AT THE LYCEUM.

Greeted by a splendid audience of representative men and women.

If there is one thing that the promoters of the Lyceum can feel justly proud of, it is the character of the men and women who attend its meetings. Its audiences, while on the average are not large in numbers, are immensely large in the things worth while. The Lyceum's audiences are made up of men and women who think and who are striving to add to their stock of information—the things that will make them valuable citizens. It was this class of people that turned out last Sunday—thoughtful men and women voters, eager to get light upon the pressing issues now before the American people. They were not disappointed, for Judge Forbes, a christian gentleman of superb equipment, delivered one of the greatest speeches ever heard at the Lyceum.

His subject: "Some Problems Needing Immediate Solution," was ably discussed at great length. The inequality of our citizenship, the lax enforcement of the laws, and the extremely rich and poor, with the distance between them ever increasing, were each discussed in detail. He argued that in order to solve these problems, the formation of a new party is necessary, as the Republican and the Democrat parties are so commercialized that human rights and human

advancement had been lost sight of. That the desire to make money is absorbing all the resources of the country, while the more important things of making men and women the greatest asset of the nation, is left to drift at will and is drifting from bad to worse. Discussing the new party, which he said would have to come, will have to recognize and maintain the absolute freedom and equality of all its citizens before the law. That prejudice against races would have to be wiped out and absolute equality of opportunity for all, become a living reality. He said that the leaders of the new party will have to be statesmen, big enough and far-seeing enough to fix the price of a day's labor and the price of commodities, so that hunger and poverty that now afflict thousands of the women and children of the country, would not be possible. He said that the government should own the land and give life leases to its citizens, giving each family an allotment sufficient to produce the necessary sustenance. He said such views were socialistic, but that he was socialistic to that extent. Discussing the prevalence of mob violence, with its burning at the stake outrages, he said: "The remembered some twenty years ago, when Henry Smith was burned to death with indescribable torture at Paris, Tex., how it filled the nation with horror. That the press and pulpit denounced that outrage in the bitterest terms. That as one inhuman burning at the stake followed another, the denunciation by the press and pulpit grew feebler and feebler until the human sensibilities of the nation has become so blunted that the commission of these awful crimes attract no attention whatever. As a result, the desire to witness the commission of savage brutal crimes, has become nation-wide. He said that the cultured Greek nation and the powerful Roman Empire each reached that point in their career just before their dissolution and today he said: these two

mighty nations exist as historical records—the once mighty Roman Empire being now a mere byword. And that nations following the same course would reach the same end as punishment, for sin is an inexorable law."

Discussing local conditions, he said the policy of denying representation to citizens on account of race or color, was not only narrow and short-sighted but is ultimately bound to defeat the ambition of its promoters. He said that this being a representative government, no office holder should receive the votes for reelection of the voters whom he had denied representation. He said that fitness to fill public positions should be the only requirement of those desiring them. And that the office holder denying such opportunities to competent citizens on account of race or color had forfeited the support of such voters.

It was a great speech and the colored men and women who failed to hear it, especially the young, lost a great opportunity. Judge Forbes is one of the few representatives left of the Republican party that wrote the most glorious pages of the Nation's history—when it stood for the man, instead of the dollar; and placed in the firmaments of the federal constitution the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. But that grand old party is dead.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

QUEEN ESTHER RECEPTION.

One of its most pleasant affairs of the kind given this season was the reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Markham, on the evening of July third by the Queen Esther Circle of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, in honor of its four graduates, Miss Ina Berry, Dr. Leonard Stovall, Mr. Lewis K. Beeks, and Mr. Walter C. Edmonds. The color scheme was red and white. The reception was largely attended by young people and the evening was joyfully spent

in games and merrymaking. One of the amusing features of the evening was the speeches of the graduates. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Those enjoying the evening were Misses Leola McDonald, Lucile Banton, Ethel Davis, Erma Henry, Susie Anderson, Laura Todd, Zenobia Todd, Claretta Todd, Hallie Asbury, Cora Stovall, Carrie Stovall, Gladys DeVois, Jessie Mackey, Sadie Mackey, Vassie Williamson, Margie Danley, Elonor Howard, and Ina Berry. Messrs. Wesley Williams, Clarence Bailey, A. L. Porter, Willie Edmonds, Walter Edmonds, Leonard Stovall, Lewis Beeks, James Williamson, Virgil Howard, T. S. Holder, Jonas Porter and Jefferson Banton, Jr.

GRAND OPENING! The Liberty Dye Works will hold its Grand Opening, **Monday July 15**, Everybody invited to come down and inspect the building and plant. Every suit of clothes delivered to the dye works on that day will be cleaned at one dollar per suit. 1447 East Seventeenth street. Fletcher & Sims, Props.

The sad news of the death of Eugene Harris, formerly of Los Angeles, at Madison, Ill., has been received by Mrs. D. R. Jones, sister of the deceased. Eugene was born in Lawrence, Kansas in 1875. He came West with his parents in 1888 and resided in this city until a few years ago, when he returned East. His genial disposition caused him to be well liked and at the time of his death there were many friends in his new found home to regret his death.

THE LYCEUM'S BANQUET

The grand banquet to be tendered to the colored business and professional men and women, will take place at Central Hall, corner Washington St. and Central Ave., July 30th. Central Hall has been selected instead of the Masonic Temple because of its larger seating

capacity. Tickets for the banquet are already on sale at 50 cents per plate. In connection with the banquet will be a beauty contest. Each purchaser of a ticket will be entitled to twenty-five votes, which he may cast for the lady of his choice. The lady receiving the highest number of votes will be crowned queen. Among those who will appear on the program will be Mr. Stone-wall Jackson, of the Citrus High School, of Azusa, who has won fame as the fleetest runner in the country, Mr. Harold Prince of Pomona College, Mrs. G. M. Tillman, the well known poet and orator, and Mr. Frank Calmore. Other speakers who will take part on the complete program will appear later.

The announcement of the Lyceum's banquet to the colored business and professional men met the general approval of the people who have long desired something of the kind to bring the people into business and social contact. Tickets will be placed in the hands of some young lady or gentleman of each church so that every person desiring it may take advantage of the treat in store for those who attend the banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, of Watts, entertained at a dinner party on June 30th, Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis and daughter, Miss Beatrice Covington and her fiancée, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Reese.

Mrs. DeJoi and niece were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edmonds, of Sawtelle, this week.

Master LeRoy Magruder was a pleasant visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds, of Sawtelle, this week.

Mr. Dones, of the Angel City Investment Company, reports a week of unprecedented business. He says that *The Liberator* was so generally mentioned by investors that he is convinced that it is the best medium of advertising among the colored people.

He says it not only pays to deal honestly, but to advertise, especially when a medium like *The Liberator* is on hand.

Editor J. Edwin Hill has sold *The New Age* and his printing plant to the editor of the *Bulletin*. We congratulate Mr. Hill on the good sense he displayed by the transaction.

Rev. E. W. Kenchin and family are spending their summer vacation at Duarte. Through the courtesy of Mr. H. A. Jones, Rev. Kenchen is occupying one of his cottages.

Among the happy June brides are Miss Georgia Cutler, who married Mr. Frank Washington, and Miss Ethel Maxwell, who married Mr. Claude Berry, and Miss Fay Hall, who married Mr. Ernest Bynum. Mr. and Mrs. Washington will reside in Bakersfield, while the other couples will reside in this city.

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age from the Negroes that they receive from the white people, they will furnish employment to a hundred people at once.

A FIFTY DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP TO BE GIVEN AS A REWARD FOR MERIT.

In order to increase the interest of the young people in acquiring an education, Mrs. Harriet Washington, one of the wealthiest colored women of this city, and a native of North Mississippi, will place with the Alumni Association of Southern California, a fifty dollar scholarship to be awarded to the student making the best average in scholarship and general deportment. This is the first gift of the kind by any colored lady of this city.

Mrs. Washington is public spirited and has heretofore given generously to the Church, but has decided to use her surplus means in the future in the cause of education. This is indeed very commendable and should be emulated by other wealthy colored men and women in this city, as it is only what we do to increase the usefulness and happiness of others that makes our own lives worth living. Free scholarships, however, should be awarded to Negro schools in the South, such as Fisk University, and Tuskegee.

There are hundreds of thousands of bright Negro boys and girls in the Southern States that have absolutely no opportunity to get even a common school education, where as every boy and girl in this state can get not only a grammar school, but a college education free.

We trust to see the example set by Mrs. Washington followed by other members of the race, as it is high time that Negroes should take a personal interest in the educational advancement of the young men and women of the race. As money is valuable only as it is used to make men and women. The colored men and women of the North and West

can and should maintain 50,000 fifty-dollar scholarships annually for the purpose of educating struggling Negro boys and girls of the South. Such a course would revolutionize conditions, obtaining among our Southern black millions.

The Alumni Association should exercise great care in order that the scholarship be awarded only to the meritorious, as real merit among our people in this city is rarely ever noticed.

A PRIVATE PICNIC.

The Booker T. Washington Art Club held a Private Picnic at Echo Park, Thursday, July 4th. A large number were in attendance: consisting of the Club members, their husbands and their intimate friends. The tables were heavily laden with all sorts of good things. In the afternoon Mr. Troy an invited guest from Pasadena entertained the club with beautiful fireworks, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Other amusements of the day were boating and sightseeing. The Club was very fortunate in having as an honored guest Mother Norris.

Everyone enjoyed a general good time and seemed loath to depart.

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