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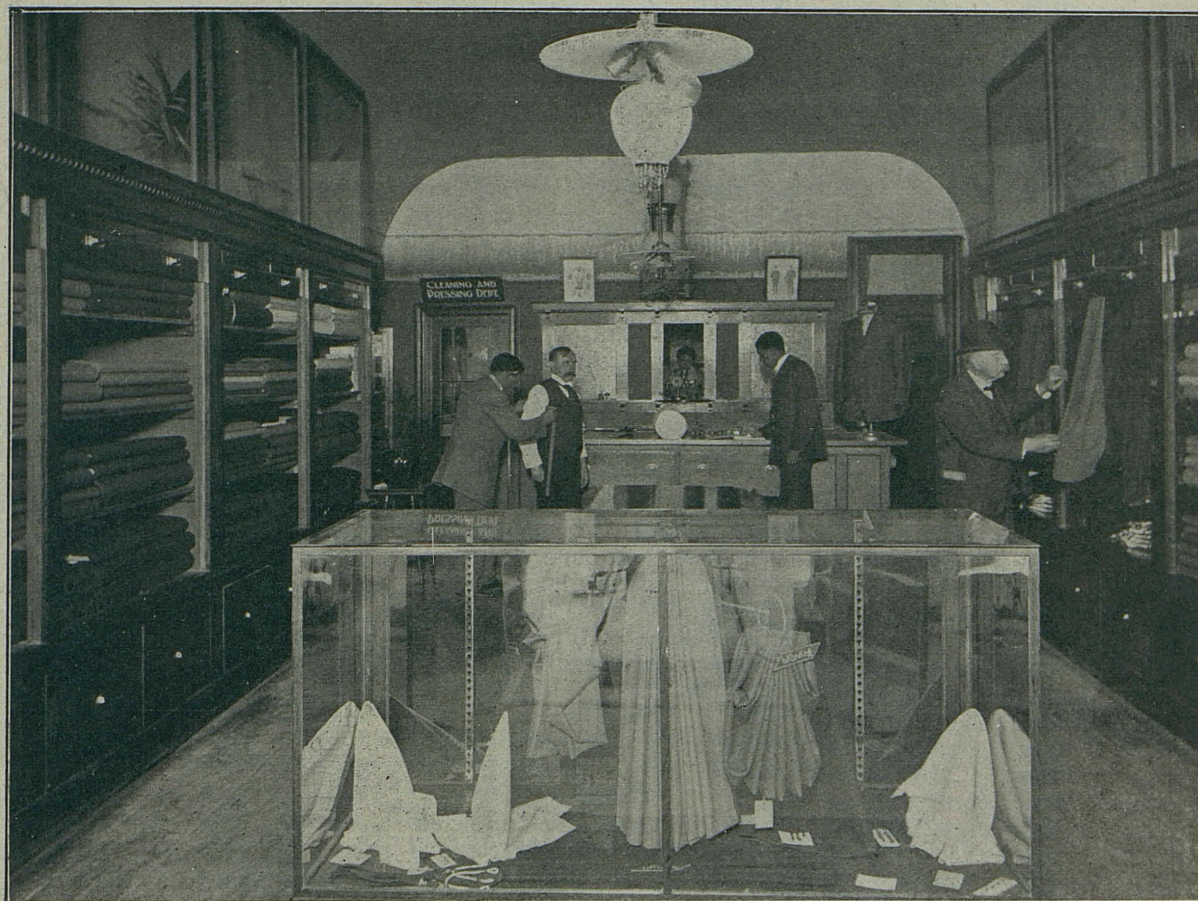
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Area

101.25 square miles; average elevation, 270 feet; population, 319,198; assessed valuation, city, \$313,836,364.

Tax Rate

City, \$1.43, County, \$1.35.

Building Permits

For the year 1910, 10,738; cost, \$21,684,100. Increase over 1909 nearly 64 per cent.

Banks

Commercial and Savings, 40; total capital and surplus, \$23,222,174, deposits, \$125,061,476. Clearances for the year 1910, \$811,377,487.47, an increase of 20 per cent over last year.

Churches

All denominations, 225.

Schools

Public school buildings, including State Normal, 117; teachers employed, 1440; school children; census, 53,954; enrolled 50,000; miscellaneous private schools and colleges, 40. The Polytechnic High School is equal to the best in the United States.

Library

Volumes in Public Library, 137,184; home circulation, 773,572; circulation per volume, 5.6 (third in U. S.). Besides, there are 23 other libraries in the city with 103,643 volumes.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing establishments of all kinds in the city, 2300; workmen employed, 18,000. The value of manufactured products in Los Angeles for 1910, according to the United States census of that year, was \$21,297,537; for 1910, estimated over \$85,000,000, or an increase of about 260 per cent.

Car Service

THE BEST electric system, urban and interurban, in the world, and building in every direction.

Street cars all electric. City lines, 345 miles of track; interurban lines, 840 miles; number of men employed in and around the city, 7500. For payrolls and construction crews the companies distribute in Los Angeles \$440,000 a month.

Steam Railways Entering the City

Southern Pacific System; Santa Fe System; San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad. Number of men employed residing in city and vicinity, 6850. For payrolls and construction crews, the steam railroads distribute in and around Los Angeles nearly \$617,000 a month.

Parks

Public parks, 22; acreage, 3780 1-2; one of over 3000 acres, being the largest municipal park in the world.

Light and Power

Electric companies, 3; gas, 3; electricity, 2c to 7c per kilowatt hour; gas, 80c per 1000 feet.

Telephones

Telephone companies, 2; subscribers, 85,000. This is equivalent to one telephone for every four men, women and children in the city, or one for almost every family, placing Los Angeles, in this respect, far ahead of all other cities in the world.

Theaters

Theaters, 16; amusement parks, 2; moving picture shows, 61.

Hotels

Best hotel accommodations in the country. Family hotels and lodging houses in all quarters of the city. Can take care of over 100,000 people.

Fire Protection

Steam engines, 27; chemical engines, 2; hook and ladder, 4; hose wagon and combination chemicals, 33; combination auto hose and chemical, 2; 1 tower wagon; hydrants, 2710; 340 full paid firemen; 1 chief auto; 5 chief wagons.

Water

Abundant supply; owned by the city; 9c per 1000 gallons.

Fuel

Petroleum, distillate, gas, coal wood.

Cost

Gas, 80c per 1000 feet. Wood, \$8 to \$10 per cord. Petroleum, 90c per barrel.

How We Grow

Population, 1890, 50,395; 1900, 102,479; 1910, 319,198; postoffice receipts, 1910, \$1,476,941; increase of 16 per cent. over 1909. Los Angeles leads all cities of the country in increase of postoffice business and population.

Figures for 1909-10

Showing Some of the Products of the Territory Surrounding Los Angeles

Citrus fruits, 15,000 carloads; vegetables, carloads: Celery, 2000; cabbage, 500; tomatoes, 200; potatoes, 1000; onions, 400; cauliflower, 600; lettuce, 50; sweet potatoes, 50; assorted 500; nuts, 9000 tons; cantaloupes, 1625 carloads; raisins and dried fruits, 6000 tons; eggs, 125,000 cases; flour, 450,000 barrels; canned goods, 750,000 cases; olives, pickled, 1,000,000 gallons; olive oil, 500,000 gals.; beet sugar, 200,000,000 lbs.; wine and brandy, 3,500,000 gals.; beer, 300,000 bbls.; petroleum, 74,000,000 bbls.; beans, 47,000 tons; cotton, 8000 bales; barley, 45,000 tons. Total valuation, including manufactured products, \$202,160,000.

"Thou Shalt Not Steal"

Reports are continually coming to this office that *The Liberator* is being stolen from subscribers. While we appreciate the taste displayed by these thieves, we abhor their trade and unless this stealing is suspended we shall be compelled to offer reward for their arrest and conviction.

There is another set of gentlemen, who, while not willing to steal the paper, borrow it each week, thus beating the publishers out of five cents per week. The difference between this class of dead beats and the thieves who steal the paper out right is, that those who steal it speak well of it and those who borrow it, advise everybody else not to read it.

REMARKABLE GROWTH AND VALUE OF COLORED CHURCHES.

It has been repeatedly said by people who have traveled extensively that the colored people of Los Angeles are the best housed of those of any city of its size in the country. With a colored population of 20,000, more than eighty per cent. of the families live in their own homes. Tenement house and alley life, such as exists in the cities of New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, so far as the colored people of this city are concerned, is practically unknown. The homes owned here by colored people are homes in the strictest sense, in every way modern.

While engaged in building splendid modern homes, the work of church building has by no means been neglected. Taking into consideration the fact that money invested by laboring people in building fine churches returns no monetary profit and is taken out of circulation so far as the membership is concerned, the energy exhausted by our colored citizens is greater perhaps than that exhausted in building homes. But from a moral point of view there has been perhaps no loss. Of our splendid churches we shall confine this article to the more costly.

Wesley Chapel

Corner of Eighth and San Julian streets is built of artificial stone costing \$45,000, present value \$70,000 and has a membership of five hundred. The membership of Wesley Chapel not only set the pace for fine church building but raised the ministerial standard by paying a salary that would invite to their pulpit the ablest ministers in Methodism. Wesley pays her pastor, \$1,500 a year in cash and furnish parsonage with necessary fuel. Rev. Kenchin, the present pastor, is in every way fitted for his charge and the church has already taken on new life.

The First A. M. E. Church

Corner of Eighth street and Towne avenue, is a beautiful frame structure costing \$20,000, present

value \$50,000. This church has a membership of six hundred who stand in the front rank of our citizenry in point of moral culture, intelligence and wealth. Dr. Peck, the pastor, receives a salary of about \$1,800 a year. He comes from the Oberlin Ohio College and is a gentleman of culture. Owing to his poor health his services have been confined mainly to his church.

The A. M. E. Zion Church

Corner of Pico and Paloma street, is a splendid edifice built of artificial stone, present value \$40,00. Rev. W. D. Speight, the pastor, in spite of his small membership has made many improvements on the interior of the building and lifted its indebtedness. The church has a membership of about one hundred and fifty whose capacity to do things is unsurpassed.

The C. M. E. Church

On Newton near Fourteenth street, is a small but growing congregation ably presided over by Rev. Harris. The church is soon to be visited by Bishop Phillips.

The Second Baptist Church

The pioneer colored church of the city and mother of a half dozen or more properous Baptist churches. This church situated on Maple avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets, a splendid brick structure built by the membership, is worth \$60,000. It has a membership of four hundred, all valuable citizens. Dr. J. L. McCoy is a Howard university man, who recently had the degree of "Doctor of Divinity" conferred upon him by that splendid university. His influence for good is felt beyond the confines of his denomination.

The Tabernacle Baptist Church

Situated on Hemlock street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets is another of our splendid church structures and is worth \$25,000. It has a membership of four hundred who are citizens of which any community would be proud. Dr. J. D. Gordon, the pastor is a theologian of high order, a giant personality and magnetic leader. The influence of his church has been of

inestimable value to the community in which it is located.

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Is situated on Stephenson avenue, near Hewitt street, is a beautiful mission style structure worth \$20,000, has a membership of three hundred. Dr. J. T. Hill, who is a graduate of the University of Southern California, is pastor. The advancement made by this church all along the line since Dr. Hill took charge of it is phenomenal. Commencing less than two years ago with a band full of members so to speak, he has built up one of the most intelligent congregations in the city. His services each Sunday are attended by more than five hundred people. While greatly reducing the church debt he has made improvements adding to its beauty and convenience which costs many hundreds of dollars.

The New Hope Baptist Church

Corner of Sixteenth and Paloma is a neat frame structure worth \$10,000 and has a membership of 200 characteristic for their enthusiasm and power to do things. Rev. Anderson the pastor, is the pioneer minister of the city. He says he was first to come to the city and will be the last to leave. Although a Baptist and believing firmly in emersion he gave the right hand of fellowship to the struggling Methodist churches which followed him here in the early days, giving them financial aid whenever possible. One of Dr. Anderson's strong points is, that his word is as good as a bank note.

The Westminister Presbyterian Church

Corner of Dinker street and West 35th Place is a handsome frame structure worth \$5,000 and has a membership of 150. This church is the center of the colored Presbyterian colony which is remarkable for the fact that the colored people of the community own more houses than there are families. Dr. Holman, the pastor, in culture and fitness is up to the Presbyterian standard which is always high. He is a big, broad man and is

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TICKLING THE EAR OF THE IGNORANT

The Indianapolis "Freeman" speaking of the appointment of attorney W. H. Lewis as assistant attorney general, glorifies the president for giving the Negroes a cabinet officer. While this kind of cheap stuff may tickle the ears of a few ignorant negroes it breeds contempt in the minds of intelligent people of both races.

A local paper spoke of the colored clerk in the internal revenue office here, as "the collector of internal revenue." Groundless claims of this sort are disgusting. The position held by attorney Lewis carries with it no social recognition,

being a good paying deputyship, while our man in the revenue office is a clerk. The negro press ought to wait till the president gives them an office of the kind they mention before giving him credit for it.

A BANQUET TENDERED REV. W. H. BROWN AT POCATELLO

Rev. W. H. Brown of Pocatello, Idaho, who spent his summer vacation in this city was tendered a banquet on his arrival home. The banquet was given him by Mrs. George M. Pearson and Mrs. H. F. Carroll, prominent ladies of Pocatello. Addresses welcoming Dr. Brown's return, were delivered by the mayor, county prosecutor and United States Commissioner. From the account given in the daily paper at Pocatello, it was a brilliant affair. The services Dr. Brown is rendering to that community by his work of uplift among the colored people, is rightly appreciated by both races. The Dr. made many friends while here, who will welcome his return any time.

FOOLISH PUBLICATIONS.

The fulsome encomiums heaped upon President Taft by the New York Age and Indianapolis Freeman for the few positions he has given negroes show a want of sagacity to say the least. He has given the negroes nothing and he knows it. What the negroes have received is nothing like what belongs to them. The appointment of 10,000 negroes to office in the north will not compensate for the part he has played in the nullification of the rights of ten million negroes in the South. The newspaper that puts a few jobs above manhood rights has but little to live for.

NOT WILLING TO MAKE THE SACRIFICE

If men and women could dream themselves into distinction, the crop of distinguished people would be simply immense. But for the

good of the human family, everything worth having comes as the result of labor. The man who would become a scholar has to devote a certain period of his life to down right practical study. The youth who cannot afford the time and expense necessary to educate himself will by no means be able to fill the place of an educated man. The number of young people who desire to be educated but who are not willing to devote a few years of their youth to educating themselves is remarkable and what is true in regard to book learning is equally true with regard to the trades. The man who would be the master of any trade will have to commence in the A. B. C. of the trade and as an apprentice learn the whole alphabet. No matter how great his natural ability he will not learn how to read until he learns the alphabet. We have scores of young men and women who would like to become great scholars, orators, lawyers, statesmen and doctors but they cannot spare the time from entertainments, picnics and balls, necessary to educate themselves although there are free schools and colleges at every turn. Upon inquiry among our skilled mechanics we learn that it is simply impossible to induce our young people to learn the trade. Hence we have no young men learning the trades. Menial positions that furnish them money to spend between Saturday night and Monday and to buy concert and dance hall tickets is the height of their ambition. The thought of spending the days of their youth in such a manner as will make them self-supporting and independent, never occurs to them. There are exceptions but not enough of them. In spite of our many schools and colleges, there are scores of young men of our race growing up in dense ignorance throwing their young lives away having a "good time."

Attorney G. Woodson Wickliffe made a pleasure trip to Huntington Beach Tuesday.

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identified with every movement for the uplift of his race in the city.

The Eighth Street Christian Church

Is an attractive frame structure, worth \$3,500, has a membership of possibly one hundred devout workers of whom the community is proud. Dr. D. L. McMickens, the pastor, who has just arrived from Ohio, is a well equipped, eloquent young man. He is now carrying on revival services that are attracting good audiences. Dr. McMickens' church is situated in the midst of an industrious, well behaved colored community and with the backing of the splendid young men and women that make up his flock, will doubtless build up an important congregation. He has the ability, all he needs now is time.

Mason's Chapel, M. E. Church

Situated on Fourteenth and Wilson streets is a neat attractive building valued at \$1,500, has a membership of two hundred. Mason's chapel is the pioneer church in that community and is doing much for its moral uplift. Rev. Cooper, the pastor, is a zealous and enthusiastic worker. Being alive to the requirements of today he is attending the theological department of the University of Southern California. His future is bright.

St. Phillip's Episcopal Church

St. Phillip's Episcopal Church on Paloma between Clanton and 15th streets is another of our beautiful church edifices. Present value \$3,600, membership 53. The fact that this congregation is less than two years old shows with what enthusiasm they have taken up their work. Father W. T. Cleg-horn, priest, has made many friends by his earnest, untiring efforts in his church work. His presence has added dignity to the already high standing of our colored pulpits.

For want of space we have left out a number of small but important Baptist churches which are doing their full share for the moral uplift of our people.

We are proud of these churches and the great work they are doing by inducing men to follow the straight and narrow way.

We have plans underway to bring out a special edition of *The Liberator* with cuts of all of our splendid churches and parson-ages.

MR. EUGENE WALKER, THE FOREMOST COLORED BUSINESS MAN IN CALIFORNIA.

We have in this city many colored men and women of immense wealth, but Mr. Eugene Walker, our merchant tailor of 632 S. Main street is the most successful colored business man in the state. The great wealth amassed by our people in this city and suburbs, is due, in a very large measure, to the unparalleled increase of property values. But Mr. Walker's success is due to his indomitable energy, strict attention to business and stick-to-itiveness. A man of ordinary ability, by investing his earnings in real estate many amass a fortune by increased property valuations. But to amass a fortune, dollar by dollar in the mart of fierce competition where every cent has to be made to count, requires business qualities of the highest order.

In 1894 Mr. Walker, with six dollars opened a small tailor shop having for his competitors, tailoring establishments with thousands of dollars invested, employing scores of expert workman in their lines. The character of his work built up a trade that made it necessary for him to employ help inside of a year. In less than two years his high class work gave him the patronage of men who wore twenty-five to forty dollar suits. The increase of his business made it necessary from time to time to employ more men until now he employs fifteen expert tailors with a pay-roll of \$300 per week or \$1,200 to \$1,500 per month. Mr. Walker is now rated in Bradstreet and Dunn and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. His patrons are almost wholly men of

wealth and leisure, in fact it was by catering to this class of trade that has given him his unparalleled success. It is also proof that the work he does cannot be surpassed.

A study of the remarkable success that has crowned Mr. Walker's efforts cannot but inspire every young man who has in his make-up a spark of ambition. It proves also that the field of opportunity that lay open to ambitious young colored men is as yet an unexplored country. But the men who would succeed in any calling will have to make the sacrifices necessary to fit themselves to meet all obstacles that lay between them and success. Labor and sacrifice is the price of everything worth having. We have hundreds of young men who would like to be successful tradesmen but are not willing to serve out their apprenticeship. But as no scholar ever learns his last lesson first, neither can any one become an expert artist in any line until he completes his days as an apprentice.

On our front page will be found a cut of Mr. Walker's salesroom. In our next issue we will present our readers with a cut of his drafting and cutting department. He is now offering his first special sale of thirty-five and forty dollar suits at thirty dollars.

Mr. Harold Wise, who entered Mr. Walker's employ, several years ago as an apprentice is now head of the drafting and cutting department. And Mr. Walker says he is one of the most expert in the city. Aside from his tailoring establishment Mr. Walker owns valuable real estate and stands at the head of the business men of his race in this state and has no equal west of the Rocky Mountains.

HOME COOKED MEALS

Mrs. J. D. Groves of 914 Hemlock street is prepared to furnish first class home cooked meals. For a good dinner, just give her a call. 914 Hemlock street near Central avenue.

THE FORUM AND ITS MONKEY DANCE

DARWINIAN THEORY PROVEN

The president of the Forum put an end to that body last Sunday as a respectable organization and turned it into a lawless mob, led by a number of men whose names we refrain from mentioning, because to do so would be cruelty to animals, from the fact that the mention of them always arouses nauseating memories in the minds of the church people. Having cut themselves loose from every business and professional man in the city, they decided that Snell, Norris, Coleman, White and Collins, possessing the brain and character that was left were to be forced out also. It is up in the air in its efforts to suppress *The Liberator*. The discovery that their fight on *The Liberator* is steadily increasing its circulation and at the same time decreasing the attendance of The Forum, has made them frantic. A more helpless looking bunch was never assembled in the Odd Fellow's Hall. A look at the shape of their heads, one feels like preferring charges against the lunacy commission for allowing them to run at large. Laying all jokes aside, the chaotic condition of the Forum is a menace to the lives and limbs of the people in the neighborhood of the Odd Fellow's Hall. According to the Darwinian theory, the whole human family evolved from apes and monkeys, but that bunch has not evolved yet. The only thing that keeps them from taking up their habitation in tree tops is the fact that there are no trees in California.

If Rev. Gordon could take them back to Africa, he would not only render the city a great service but would greatly increase the near-man crop of the African jungles. If some enterprising member of the African Colonization Society would cage the bunch and exhibit them over the country as the missing link,

he could earn money enough in a short time to pay off the Liberian debt.

Oh, yes, here is the chance of its life for the Ethiopian Steamship company. If they will just harness up this bunch, it would prove one of the best paying manageries in the country. And their ambition to run a steamship line to Africa would be realized. If the E. Steamship company will take advantage of its opportunity and capture the bunch, they will have to act promptly as it will be more difficult to corral them after they have been permitted to meet in the hall several times by themselves.

New York has its first colored policeman. His name is Samuel J. Battle, he is 28 years old, six feet tall and weighs 230 pounds.

Dr. T. J. Nelson is rapidly improving. This news is received with pleasure by his friends throughout the city.

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ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Professor Bowser of Kansas City, Missouri and Mr. Wallace Clark, chaperoned by Mr. Jas. M. Vena, paid *The Liberator* a visit on the 20th. Professor Bowser attended the N. E. A. at San Francisco. He is the guest of Mr. Cyrus Vena.

Attorney Walter R. Taylor has been retained to defend the colored man who shot and killed another colored man in a mining camp last week.

By an oversight the names of Mrs. L. V. Stewart and Mr. O. S. Stout were left out of the write up of the reception at Wesley Chapel. Both of them delivered addresses. Mrs. Stewart represented the choir.

Mr. Lawrence Greene is agent for *The Liberator* at the city of Furlong. Friends there will do us a favor by paying all money for subscriptions to him. He is a fine little citizen and deserves encouragement.

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July 23, Sunday, 8 p. m.:—"Having the Witness in Ourselves."

July 24, Monday, 8 p. m.:—"Jealousy."

July 25, Tuesday, 8 p. m.:—"Heart-Felt Religion."

July 26, Wednesday, 8 p. m.:—"He went away angry."

July 27, Thursday, 8 p. m.:—"The Divinity of Christ."

July 28, Friday, 8 p. m.:—"Christian Soldier."

July 30, Sunday, 11 a. m.:—"Esther the Queen."

July 30, Sunday, 8 p. m.:—"The People Had a Mind to Work."

A JUBILEE CONCERT AT WESLEY CHAPEL

The Hall Jubilee singers will give concert a at Wesley Chapel, Wednesday evening, July 26th. The Hall singers are rated as the best on the coast. Those wishing a first class entertainment will do well to attend this concert. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents.

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