

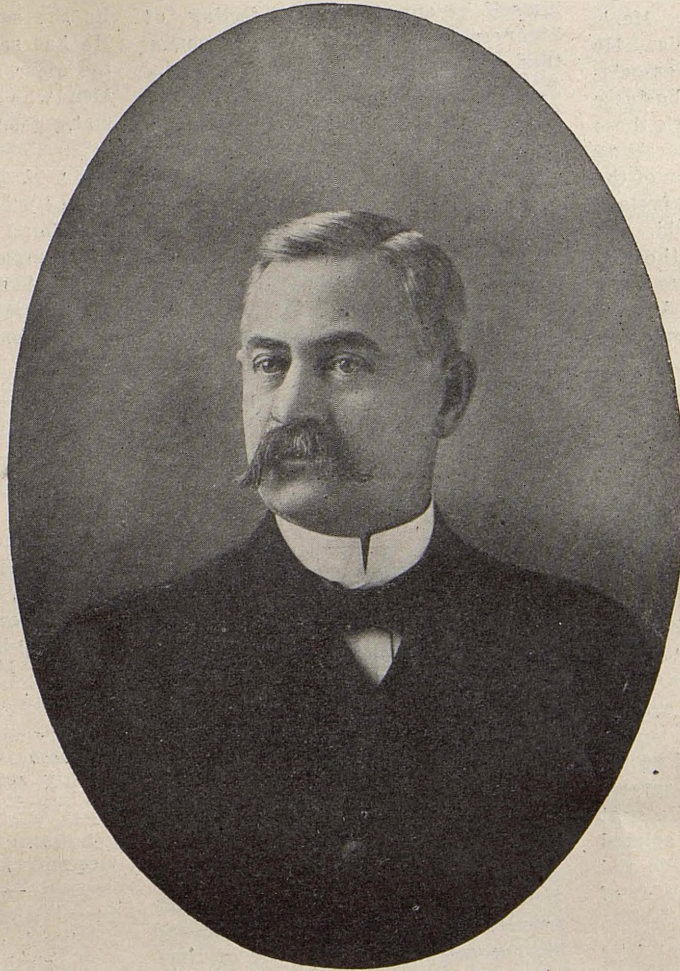
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## Dr. Gen. D. Taylor, President of the Business Men's Association, Returns from Richmond. What He Saw There.

Dr. Taylor, president of the Los Angeles Business Men's Association, has just returned from an extended trip through the south. He attended the National Colored Business Men's League, held at Richmond, Va. He went as a representative of the association, thus putting the colored business men of the coast in touch with those of the east. He reports an interesting session and says the colored men of the south and east are making marvelous strides in the commercial world. He says that in Richmond alone the colored people own three banks, two large wholesale and retail stores, besides many corner groceries, employing scores of young men and women, all colored; one shoe store, one up-to-date hotel containing 75 rooms, one drug store, one steam laundry, the machinery of which cost \$20,000. This laundry has 30 colored employes. There are several colored insurance companies. The organization of the colored companies forced the white companies to reduce the premiums required of their colored beneficiaries, it being much higher than that required of white patrons. The white companies found it necessary to employ colored solicitors.

At Hampton, Va., 5000 colored people there have two banks and several stores and are doing well. The neat homes and farms owned by the colored people run up into the thousands and represent hundreds of thousands of dollars.

After a pleasant stay of several days with his mother and sister, whom he had not seen for several years, the doctor left Richmond for Atlanta, Ga., where he found the colored people actively engaged in every avenue of business. Atlanta is the Athens of the south as regards institutions of higher education for colored youths, there being six colored colleges in that city, all of which are well attended.

Little Rock, Arkansas, was also visited. The colored men are well represented in business circles of that city.

There seems to have been an attraction at the last named city that affected the doctor as the north pole does the needle of the mariner's compass. Although he went at it in a roundabout way, Little Rock was the Mecca of his journey. There are many refined, handsome women in that southwestern city, among whom are several widows of entrancing beauty. One of these he knew when she was a sweet girl graduate and though he seemed to have kept the secret to himself he entertained a feeling of kindness toward her much stronger than the ordinary ties of friendship. Judging from his looks, he must have fared better than did Ichabod Crane.

Washington, Baltimore and New York City were included in his tour.

The doctor's report is encouraging—highly so. He says the school facilities for the education of colored children in the cities visited by him are ample and are largely attended. He says the moral, intellectual and financial interests of the race are being rapidly advanced. That everywhere the march is onward. Let us keep our forward gait and "Learn to labor and to wait."

### ENTERPRISING COLORED CITIZEN

Mr. A. R. Wyne, one of the trusted employes of Dean's popular drug store, is investing his earnings in valuable real estate. He is building houses to rent and his income from this source will soon be considerable. So well has he performed his duties, that the firm now employs three colored persons. This firm has a large colored patronage and it is appreciated.

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Flint and Daniel, the grocers, are doing a fine business. Mr. Flint, the manager, is a good business man, and his success is only a matter of time. They carry a complete, well selected stock. Among the intelligent, thoughtful colored citizens they have a large trade—a good indication.

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W. H. Smith, dealer in gents' furnishing goods, carries a good stock and has a growing business. Mr. Smith deserves encouragement. He has ambition of the right sort.

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Miss Lula J. Holden, who recently graduated from the Los Angeles Art

school, is an artist who will make her mark. Among the paintings in the school hers took a high rank.

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Mr. Allen Watson has stopped his widowed mother from paying rent. He purchased her a lot on which he erected a splendid roomy tent. He will build her a neat, comfortable cottage as soon as he saves money enough to pay cash for it. He doesn't believe in going in debt. Mr. Watson never visits the so-called clubs or crap dives. He has set an example that many of the older men could copy with profit. Men who love their mothers always make good husbands and citizens.

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Mr. H. Stricklin, the butcher, is enjoying prosperity so much so that he has found it necessary to employ another man. He employs one of Rev. C. H. Anderson's sons. Every negro who succeeds lifts up his race by furnishing employment to some member of it.

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Mr. C. W. Holden has put in a large lot of machinery on his hog ranch, besides other improvements and will go into hog raising on a larger scale.

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Mr. Van C. Williams, who holds a responsible position with Cass & Smurr Stove Co., displayed remarkable enterprise by marrying one of our amiable young ladies. Now that is real enterprising. Mr. Thilo Taylor should follow suit.

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Every church member ought to make the ownership of a home one of his earthly ambitions. The church with the largest tax paying membership can render the largest service for the moral upbuilding of its community. Poverty, vice and crime go hand in hand.

### THE BROADWAY DEPARTMENT STORE.

The sixth annual opening of the great Broadway Department Store was the largest thing of the kind ever witnessed in the city. For more than three hours a stream of well-dressed, happy humanity made up of all ages and sexes, nations and kindreds, surged in and out of that immense building. It looked as if the whole city had turned out. One of the attractions of the evening was the Ivy Leaf Quartette, colored. The young men acquitted themselves well, and the manager of the store expressed himself as highly pleased with them. This great store never overlooks the colored people when they go to spend money.

## Killed the Wrong Negro.

TWO ENTERPRISING WHITE WOMEN DRESS AS NEGRO MEN FOR MURDER AND ROBBERY—BOTH KILLED.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 7.—Representative C. L. Pool of Calhoun county was in the city tonight, and related meager particulars of a bloody tragedy which occurred in the western part of Columbia county last night. Mr. Pool's informant was unable to give the names of the parties, but related the facts about as follows:

### BASIS OF THE CRIME.

A citizen of the county sold a tract of land for \$300 cash Monday, and two of his neighbors, being aware of the transaction, went to his home the following evening and proposed an opossum hunt. Not suspecting any harm, the man who had the \$300 in his house departed with the men.

Soon afterwards a peddler drove up to the house and requested lodging for the night. The housewife, thinking her husband would soon return from his hunt, told the peddler to take his team to the house, which he did in short time.

### WOMEN IN BLACK FACES.

When he reached the dwelling he found what appeared to be two negro men inside, who had just murdered his hostess by severing her head from the body with a knife. The peddler shot and killed the two negroes and immediately aroused the neighbors.

An examination revealed the astounding fact that the supposed negroes were in reality white women disguised as negro men, and were the wives of the two men who had previously gone hunting with the woman's husband.

The latter failing to return, a search was instituted and his body found in the woods, where he had been murdered.

This is a pretty fair sample of what the negroes have to stand. He has to be blamed and criticized for all of his misdeeds because he cannot successfully paint his face to play white when one wants to commit a crime, and then he has to be blamed for all the crimes like this where the trashy whites black their faces and play negro when they are committing crime. This is a frequent occurrence. Now had these two

women not been killed or captured this crime would have been charged to "two bully niggers."—Preacher Safe-guard.

## THE EDUCATION OF THE NEGRO.

(Hon. T. B. Reed, at Bowdoin Centennial.)

When the slaves were liberated the first thought of some of the best of them was to be learned preachers, doctors and lawyers. Heaven forbid that those who are worthy should be cut off from any employment; but the longing was not a wise one. Today the colored race is acquiring that knowledge which is the basis of their future hope, the knowledge of how to live an everyday life and cope with everyday duties. When these people have demonstrated, as they surely will, their capabilities for everyday life, they will grow to all the rest. On the other hand the scorn with which the Negro is treated is a blunder. It keeps him down and the scorners also. It is the same thing the white slaves met with in old feudal days. It took a thousand years for them to reach equality. If the principles of Christian religion could be honestly applied it would solve the problem somewhat sooner. If religion does not solve it, selfishness will; for men will sooner or later understand that a mass of ignorance cannot exist without lowering the standard of those who think themselves the better classes—Congregationalist and Christian World.

The following extract from the secretary's report of a colored insurance company of Richmond, Va., shows that the negroes are beginning to do something else beside build churches:

Receipts and disbursements for the year beginning July 1st, 1901, and ending July 1st, 1902.

The reports showed 6400 policies issued for the year and 59,477 policies issued since the organization of the company.

Amount of insurance effected, \$1,335,424.00; 10,579 sick and accident claims paid for the year, \$28,863.64; 257 death claims paid for the year, \$7,915.65; total amount paid for the year on 10,836 claims, \$36,779.29.

That part of the secretary's report on the farm and other properties of the company showed the same to be in first class condition.

## THE MOB.

The Richmond (Va.) Times has seen fit to warn the South that unless the people of that section bestir themselves, the mob will hold full sway, and asks the question: "Then whose life will be

safe?" adding, "Either the law or the mob will rule."

The position of the Times of Richmond and "The Times" of this city by their strong condemnation of mob rule is indeed commendable. When the example set by these papers is followed by other journals of like character, a stop will be put to our present national decay. Either the nation or the mob must go. The silence of the church and state regarding this crime against God and defenseless human beings, speaks bad for the future of this nation. Either every citizen of this country, regardless of race, color or condition, will have to have the full protection of the laws, or the silence of national death will reign in the deserted halls of congress that pervades the capital of all the nations that have forgotten God.

"The god that reigned over Babylon is the god that is reigning now."

## CHILDLESS MARRIAGE.

There is no condition of wedded life so fraught with infelicity, temptations, loss of health, youth and charms as are childless marriages. Without children the home can never be the temporary heaven, with the wife and mother as the sun of the domestic circle, that it was designed to be.

In fact, in the sweetest of that term, there can be no home without children. But the college bred woman, the new woman, the up-to-date woman, who wears bloomers, runs wheel races, plays golf, gambles and bets on horse races, are not expected to sacrifice these innocent amusements for the duties maternity, certainly not. They cast away diamonds to secure pebbles, sacrifice the real for the imaginary. For selfish pleasure never realized, they sacrifice health, home, happiness for premature old age, infidelity, divorce, insanity, suicide. These results follow the means too often resorted to, to bring about childless marriages. The woman is always the loser by these infractions of nature's laws. "The wages of sin is death."

If the negro hopes to enjoy the full benefit of American citizenship he will have to get in and be an American citizen by putting his shoulder to the wheel of progress along with the white citizens. He will have to actively sympathize with white people in their efforts to advance the moral and material welfare of the country. He will have to raise the moral and intellectual standing of his children. He will have to save his money and deal in government bonds, bank railroad and canal stocks. This government is not and never will be run by paupers. No government ever was. The negro must act in the living present or not act at all. God loves the white man because he loves himself.

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**HAMBURGER PUNGLED UP.**—In the August number of the Liberator, under the caption of "No Fight on Hamburger," we called the attention of the colored citizen to the fact that Hamburger did not advertise in colored papers or in any way patronized enterprises owned or controlled by negroes. This, of course, he has a perfect right to do, and the negro has the right to do the same thing as regards Mr. Hamburger and his enterprises. When he read the article his eyes bulged and the sweat rolled. He read the paper throughout and, being a good judge of a newspaper, he knew that none but an intelligent people would support a paper gotten up in the shape, neatness and completeness with which "The Liberator" is gotten up. He squirmed like a worm too near the fire. Now, Mr. Hamburger is a business man and knows that there will soon be 10,000 colored people in this city, and that he could not hope to get a share of their trade, with an able, up-to-date paper like "The Liberator" calling attention

to the fact that he ignores negro enterprises. The other day one of the colored papers came to our exchange table with a big advertisement from Hamburger, the first in the history of his business. Like Napoleon I, Mr. Hamburger knows the harm that an adverse newspaper can do. This is an object lesson from which the colored people can draw some valuable conclusions: that no man is compelled to patronize their enterprises, and that they are not compelled to patronize his. Any person will patronize your enterprises if you make it to his interest. To patronize those who patronize you is the key that will unlock the door to many avenues that are now closed to the race. While business may recognize a fool, it knows no color.

#### MR. EDWARD L. HUTCHISON.

Mr. Hutchison, nominee for state senator for the 36th senatorial district, is a self-made man in its truest sense. Starting in the world without a dollar, he has unaided won a place in the legal profession of which any man of his age could feel proud. His ability has been repeatedly recognized by the voters of the city. He served the city as councilman from the 8th ward for several years, during which time he was ever the champion of the taxpayers. He is a clean, capable representative of the common people that came up from among them. At this writing the indications point to the election of Mr. Hutchison by a safe majority. His opponents, who do not seem to be numerous, give him credit for being everything that we say he is. Their only argument against him is that his election might endanger the re-election of U. S. Senator Perkins. That there is not the remotest danger of this is so well known by the voters of the district that it will not cost him a single vote. If the voters of that district make the highest merit the requisite for promotion on November 7th their ballots will read when deposited:

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: For Senator 36th Sena- :  
: torial District, X :  
: Edward L. Hutchison. :  
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"Political Short Stops," a series of articles written for The Enterprise by Prof. W. E. Easton, form an interesting feature of its entertaining news columns. Prof. Easton is a writer of more than national repute. The Enterprise is indeed enterprising. Best wishes, neighbor.

**Judge Morgan.**—Police Justice Morgan is a candidate for re-election to his present position. The able and painstaking manner in which he has performed the duties of the office entitles him to the endorsement of the voters by re-election. This, we believe, he will get, for the voters of this city and county are non-partisan in the selection of their judges. As a result they have a judiciary that is second to none. Judge Morgan has given the city an able, clean administration, and the peace and dignity of this community has been upheld as far as lay in his power. He has carefully guarded the rights of the colored citizens by giving them representation on the juries and where he thought best has given them juries composed entirely of their own race. This must not be forgotten.

The chances of the election of Mr. Le Compte Davis for senator in the Thirty-eighth senatorial district are steadily growing brighter. He is making a thorough canvass, and his friends both white and black, Democrats and Republicans, are doing the same thing. He is a young man with a clean record and his ability is unquestioned. When you cast your ballot on November 7th see that it is marked thus:

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: For Senator 38th Sena- :  
: torial District, X :  
: Le Compte Davis :  
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Cut this out for reference.

The man who has no business of his own, is not well prepared to dictate to other people as to how they should manage theirs. You cannot name the employes of a bank without controlling some of its capital stock.

Mr. H. T. Gordon, candidate for the office of superior judge, is well known to the voters of this county and city. He is identified with the religious and moral forces of the city, and is an elder in the Presbyterian church. His high standing in the legal profession is proof of his fitness for the exalted position to which he aspires. If elected, as he deserves to be, he will carry to the bench qualifications and dignity of a high order. He is a citizen, Christian, lawyer, your neighbor, not a politician. Vote for him.

Messrs. R. T. Douglas and J. A. Weyley, who are making a tour of the state in the interest of the candidacy of Hon. Franklin K. Lane, are in the city. They are very sanguine in the belief that Mr. Lane will be elected. They say Mr. Lane will poll a large colored vote in the northern part of the state.

## Church Members take part in Burning a Negro at the Stake. They have a Gala Time.

The burning of Thomas Clark, colored, at the stake at Corinth, Miss., on Sunday, September 23th, adds another savage, brutal crime to the long chapter of bloody deeds that have made the south a field of blood, and brought shame and disgrace upon the whole country. For that unspeakable crime against the laws of God and of the nation no excuse can be offered in palliation. It was not prompted by a desire to punish crime, but a desire to commit crime, to revel in human misery, to show their contempt for laws, for human rights and civilized methods. Corinth, which is a town of 2500 inhabitants, is the seat of justice of Alcorn county and is a railroad center of considerable importance. It has schools, churches, newspapers, telegraph and telephone communication with the outside world, yet with all of these advantages the citizens of that town are still in the depths of barbarism, if the story they tell upon themselves is true. The hour for the burning was set at 3:30. This would give the church people, women and children, an opportunity to take part in the awful crime without being forced to leave church service for the purpose. The citizens of the town and country that is the white people, turned out en masse. It was a white man's festival. So dense was the mass of humanity that the officers of the law had to force a passage so that the trembling negro dragging heavy chains, could reach the place of execution. The mob was composed of thousands of men, women and children. It was a circus that they would not miss. The piteous moans of the victim as the crackling fire eat up his vitals and dried up his heart's blood fell like music upon the ears of the mob and was greeted with cheers. He was burned at the gate of the negro cemetery, an attempt to insult the negro dead who had escaped mob hate and mob torture. On the hill above, the bleaching bones of more than 5000 federal soldiers slaughtered by the ancestors of that very mob were silent witnesses of that crime against all law. They were martyrs to the cause of justice and equal rights. They died in vain. Scattered everywhere at the scene of that tragedy in long nameless trenches mingling with the common clay is the dust of twice as many southern soldiers

whose lives God required as a sacrifice for the wrongs their fathers had heaped upon a defenseless race. Perchance that iron stake to which the negro was chained was driven through the remains of a confederate soldier. They too were mute witnesses and their sad fate offered a silent protest. It was heartless, shocking, cruel, inhuman beyond the power of language to describe. It is a crime the depth of which none but God can fathom and perhaps nothing but an eternal relentless hell can punish. They set going a conflagration in human flesh that like Pelee will sweep the whole country, for the spirit of the mob has already gone beyond the power of the government to check. These people go to church and pray to whom? They know not God; respect no law. They live in houses, have schools and have the full protection of the very laws that they treat with scorn. They vote for officers to rule a country whose constitution and laws they hold in utter contempt and by whose savage deeds it has been made the leper of nations.

If Clark was guilty he deserved and would have the severest penalty known to our laws. No negro criminal ever escapes in that section if once he falls into the clutches of the officers of the law. According to the laws of this country he is innocent, having never been proven guilty. The story of his confession comes from the foulest gang of heartless, cold-blooded murderers that ever breathed the breath of life. They never fail to get a confession when one is needed. They torture a confession from the defenseless victim—they torture him for confessing. Their victims are black and the laws of this country do not protect the blacks. This is a sad condition. When will it end? What is to be the outcome of this increasing lawlessness and savagery among the white people? The responsibility for this awful state of affairs lies at the door of every white voter in this country. Every one of them was a partaker in that crime if not, then this is not a republic, government by the majority, but a government by a savage, lawless minority. What have the American people done to bring the perpetrators of these awful crimes to justice. What protest have they offered against this wholesale violation of their constitution and laws? Absolutely nothing.

Mr. G. E. Cummings has opened a new and second-hand store house at 234 East Second street, where he buys and sells all kinds of new and second-hand stoves and kitchen utensils. He also buys and sells junk in large or small quantities. Those wishing to buy or sell goods in his line will do well to give him a call.

## INDEPENDENT CLUB ORGANIZED.

The organization of an independent club by a number of intelligent colored citizens is a movement in the right direction. This club, which bids fair to be the most important organization among colored voters looking to their advancement, is composed of many of the leading business and professional men of the city. There will be branch organizations in Pasadena and neighboring towns. The feeling among the colored voters that independent political actions own their part is necessary, is the prevailing one. In independent political action lies the negro's future political hope. The negro's identity as a partisan must be lost or he is lost.

## REV. DONOHUE.

Nine out of every ten members of the Wesley chapel M. E. church want a change of pastor. Among these are the working members or supporters of that church. The immediate resignation of the pastor, Rev. Donohue, would be a graceful act on his part. The mere fact that the pastor requires the aid of the police force in holding down his pulpit shows that his congregation is against him. The continuation of his pastorate under police protection may result in the conversion of the police force, a thing the city would doubtless pay for, but his congregation wouldn't. In this unfortunate affair the pastor is wrong. We say this with no ill feelings toward him. The majority is against him. Right is against him. His hope lies in his resignation.

If the negro hopes to enjoy the confidence and respect of the white people who control the affairs of this community, he will have to make better use of his money than giving so-called "swell entertainments," picnics and excursions. We had rather record the purchase of a single one-room cabin by a negro than tell of a hundred "swell" entertainments when we know that these entertainments mean the useless sacrifice of many weeks' wages. The negro who buys a home, it matters not how humble, exhibits intelligence and self-respect that counts, gives a bond for his good behavior and lays the foundation for a citizenship that his country will recognize.

The attempt to put all negroes on a common level by the negroes themselves works a great hardship upon those who are laboring for the advancement of the race. The man who tries to do something receives no more credit than the vagabond who does nothing. The man who succeeds has to do so with the odds all against him and succeeds to still be a common negro in the estimation of those whose plaudits he ought to have gained.

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## VOTE FOR JAMES HANLEY.

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Honest Jim Hanley is a household word.

The fights over crap games in this city have been called off to get out of the way of church fights. When it comes to a fight over a good paying pulpit the crap shooter ain't in it.

One of the crying needs of the colored people of this city is the ownership of homes and farms. If our people hope to command the respect of their white fellow citizens they must become self-supporting taxpayers. Religion, character and self-reliance will make a place for any people. The religion that does not teach morality, industry and frugality is a religion without a god.

Elsewhere in these columns we publish an interview with Dr. Geo. D. Taylor relative to his southern trip. It will doubtless prove interesting reading to many of our readers we give only a brief synopsis of his interesting report.

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The awful tragedy at Birmingham, Ala., by which 115 people lost their lives, is one of those occurrences that are not confined to any people. No class is exempt from them. Although there have been many such catastrophes among the white people, this is the first on record among the colored. Near Birmingham only a few days previous an excursion train left the track while running at a high rate of speed and killed 30 colored passengers. Alabama is not a good place for colored visitors this year.

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