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## How About an Overcoat

We want you to come in and see the Overcoat we have ready for you—a splendid, serviceable, stylish Overcoat that will wear for seasons, the right shape, right style, right quality, and not one penny higher in price than you'd pay for an ordinary, every-day, common overcoat.

**CHAS. W. ENNIS, 233 S. Spring St.**





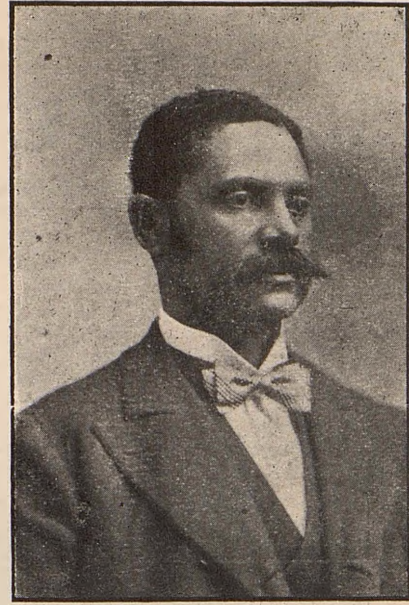
MRS. HARRIET OWENS, A SUCCESSFUL REAL ESTATE DEALER.

In presenting to our readers half-tones of a few representative colored business men and women of this city who are solving the race problem, we present Mrs. Owens first. She is in many respects a remarkable woman. Although but 16 years old at the close of the war, she was the mother of one child, and in spite of the struggle incident to raising a family of children, she learned to read and write. Being a Christian and public-spirited woman, her little education made her a valuable member of the church and community. She is a member of the Second Baptist Church of this city and is one of its original 25 members, which number has grown to 700.

Impressed with the idea that the ownership of homes is an important factor in the elevation of a people and a strong inclination to do missionary work, she made a list of property in her neighborhood advertised for sale and secured the privilege of the owners to sell the same. She easily induced colored families to buy homes and soon found herself doing a prosperous real estate business. Persons with property to sell or houses to rent listed them with her, and in a short time she sold homes to 26 families and secured tenants for a large number of landlords. While her income from sales and rentals is considerable, Mrs. Owens says her greatest income is the

pleasure she derives from helping to better the condition of her race. The worth and influence of such a woman on the fortunes of a race that's down is inestimable. She is building homes not only for time, but for eternity, and is rendering to her race a greater service than she imagines. If a woman who never spent a day in school can accomplish in her humble sphere such results for the upbuilding of the race, what must be the responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of our educated women whose time is wasted in attending so-called "swell entertainments." How many colored families have you club women assisted in getting homes?

Mrs. Owens, an ex-slave and a great-grandmother, is setting an example for usefulness that our educated club women would do well to emulate. Her two-story cottage at 2916 New Jersey street, is one of the most attractive in that locality.



MR. E. G. HILL, PROPRIETOR OF THE H. H. RUBBISH CO.

It is the men that do things that add to the worth of a community or race. Mr. Hill belongs to this class. Like the rest of our men who are doing something, he commenced in his "shirt sleeves" as a janitor. Now he employs 4 to 6 men and 6 teams, and owns besides several valuable lots in this city, and 80 acres of fine farming land on which are three splendid cottages. This property will soon be reached by one of the interurban electric lines which will add immensely to its value. If the government at the close of the war had given each negro "40 acres of land and a mule," they would own less today than they had then, for even now the negro has not the experience necessary to properly handle an inheritance. That the average black man was left a fortune on condition that he earn it dollar by dollar, was in itself a goodly heritage.

Mr. Hill is a member of the board of trustees of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, his business experience making him a valued member.

Messrs. Williamson Bros. desire, through the columns of The Liberator, to thank their colored friends for the liberal patronage given them during the year just closed. They take this means to inform them that they are prepared to give patrons better bargains in musical instruments than ever before. Their stock comprises everything in musical instruments and sewing machines. 327 South Spring.



J. B. LOVING, 128 N. MAIN.

Mr. Loving, the pioneer colored real estate man, has just completed a prosperous year. In the real estate business he has rendered valuable service to the colored people by enabling them to get valuable property, a thing that was becoming more and more difficult, as most of the white real estate dealers kept their undesirable properties for colored patrons, or refused to sell them at all. Now they not only sell to colored people, but advertise in colored papers; so he is a benefactor to his race in more ways than one. He has other business interests, and furnishes employment for a number of men.





Mr. A. J. Jones, proprietor of Hotel Jones.

In the industrial number of The Liberator, published a year ago, we presented two cuts of Hotel Jones, one of the building and one of its interior. It is gratifying in need to present to our readers through the medium of the above cut, the man who erected the first brick business block in this city to be used by colored business men. Another feature of the matter is, with the exception of the supervising architect, all of the work was done by colored mechanics and it stands as a monument to their handiwork. When Mr. Jones erected his block a row of shacks lined that part of San Pedro street. The White property owners followed his lead, raised the unsightingly huts, replacing them with splendid blocks whose white press brick fronts presents an imposing appearance. From this it can be seen that his presence has added immensely to the value of property in his locality.

On Spring street two blocks away even Booker Washington would find it difficult to get entertainments at the hotels, except in a condescending way, so strong is the color line drawn by the Southern men who lease and run them. But call at Hotel Jones at the noon hour and you will find it crowded with white and colored ladies and gentlemen, all dining in the same room and at the same tables as though color prejudice was an unknown species of heathenism. White men and women pass by the

Spring street hotels while en route to Hotel Jones for dinner, among whom are many Southerners. The whole thing is a splendid object lesson and is another proof that white people's prejudice against the negro disappears in proposition as the negro gets possession of the things the white people want. White people who raise a great howl about eating in the same dining room with negroes in a white man's hotel will often walk blocks to eat with him, if he owns the hotel and gives a good meal. It is the good, clean, wholesome meal that the white man is looking for, that's why he goes to Hotel Jones. As a good useful citizen he is a credit to his community, a man of whom his race is justly proud. He is not only helping the race by demonstrating its ability to create things, but the success that enables him to furnish employment to its members. Mr. Jones tolerates no color line; he therefore employs both white and colored waiters. How a look into Jones' dining room at the dinner hour would jar Vardaman!



MR. V. W. MORRIS,

Proprietor of the H. M. & H. restaurant, corner of 8th and Wall streets, is an enterprising young business man, who is not "waiting for something to turn up." His restaurant is one of the best conducted in the city and we are pleased to state that it is well patronized. Mr. Morris is intelligent, possessing the qualifications that lead to success in his line.

His location, between the Second Baptist and new Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, is a splendid one and his wholesome meals and polite service will be appreciated by the church-going people.

Mr. Morris deserves the respect and encouragement of our people as every man does who creates a job instead of looking for one. The young man who is ambitious to employ himself has in his make-up the elements necessary to a successful career. It is the men who depend upon themselves, the men who are willing to "labor and to wait" and who trusts no short cuts to fortune, that leave "foot prints on the sands of time."



DR. M. E. SYKES.

In presenting Dr. Sykes as a representative of the medical profession, we say without any disparagement of the merits of other colored physicians, all of whom are capable men; that he is the pioneer and in the matter of success stands at the head of his profession. When quite a young man he taught school and preached. He came West and held the pastorate of the Second Baptist church of San Diego. Thinking perhaps that he could render humanity greater service as a physician, he returned to the East and entered the Meharry Medical College and graduated, commencing the practice of his profession in this city in 1893. He immediately built up a lucrative practice, which has steadily grown and which is proof of the people's confidence in his medical ability. His real estate holdings in the city are valuable. He owns besides other property 12 modern cottages worth at least \$24,000 and yield a handsome income.



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### SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION WILL NOT BE CUT DOWN.

The above statement was made in a recent edition of the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Whether it will prove true or not remains to be seen. There seems to be an almost universal doubt in the minds of the negro editors of the country as to whether the Republican party will make good its promise. In the interests of fair play, we trust that some thing will be done to destroy the present inequality of suffrage, due to nullification of the national constitutional amendments. But if the white voters of the North and West are willing for the vote of one ignorant, non-progressive, lawless white man in the South to have a political power equal to that of 14 intelligent millionaires of the North, the negro can stand it. Of course this whole thing is wrong, no less to the white man than to the negro, and, like slavery, of which it is an offspring, if let alone will bring lots of trouble for both. If constitutional government is to survive, the great bill of rights of this coun-

try will have to be enforced without regard to race, color or section. If anarchy is to take the place of law, just to prove that an ignorant southern white law breaker is superior to negroes like Booker Washington, the white man has more to lose than the negro. All the negro asks is the enforcement of the law; he needs no special or class legislation to help him in the race. President Roosevelt is pledged by the platform upon which he was elected to remedy this evil as the law provides, and he is not a man that regards his pledges lightly.

It is simply wonderful how the southern people's confidence in the President has grown since his election. This, too, in spite of the fact that he received less votes in that section than any other presidential candidate since the war, and was the victim of more mean, contemptible personal abuse than any candidate since the sixties. Why this change of heart? He has secured the confirmation of Dr. Crum. He says he is not going to change his negro policy. The whole thing is a bare-faced attempt at seduction. Will the President allow himself to be seduced?

A race that came unscathed out of 240 years of bondage, and made progress along every line of improvement, in spite of the Ku Klux Klan, class legislation and the mob, will survive the present onslaught upon its rights.

### EXIT OLD YEAR.

The year 1904 has passed into eternity and the deeds of men, whether they were good or bad, are records in the summary of their life works. The business man takes stock at this season of the year to find his standing in the business world, to see whether he is richer or poorer than he was the previous year. This is necessary if he hopes to succeed. But if life is to be made worth the living, men and women must take stock with their conscience, for in a few short years, whether rich or poor in the world's goods, each of us will have arrived in that country where gold and silver cut no figure in the distribution of rewards. If you lived simply to make money, it is hoped that you are satisfied with the result, but in the things that count for time and eternity—sacrifices made to make men better, scattering seeds of love and kindness—

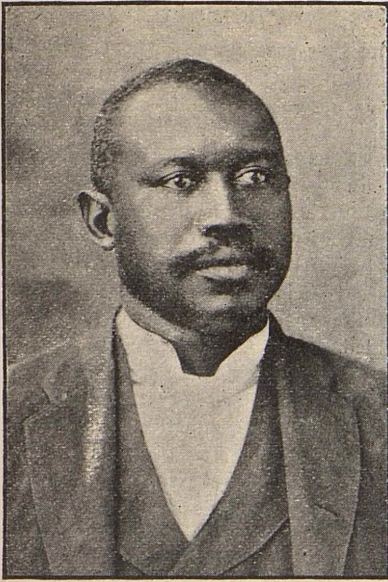
are you richer or poorer? There is nothing so lasting as a life of love, and nothing so transitory as the wealth and glory of this world. When the multi-millionaire, Cornelius Vanderbilt, was dying, he requested those at his bedside to sing "Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy." Jay Gould would have freely given his millions for another year of life. In more recent years there were other great American statesmen and financiers whose words stood against the world, who now have less say-so in the affairs of men than the humblest pauper. And, like yours, their happiness in time and eternity will be in proportion as they stood, "for all men up, rather than some men down."

### EDITOR GREENE GETS A CLERKSHIP.

Editor T. A. Greene of the Enterprise has been appointed second assistant journal clerk of the Assembly at Sacramento, the number of assistants being seven. He is worthv of the place, being possessed of a good stock of book learning and a bigger stock of common sense. We congratulate him on his success, feeling assured that it will not affect him as it does too many negroes, especially in this state by completely obliterating their memory of the men whose sacrifices made their success possible. The only negroes in the state holding political positions carrying with them official dignity are from this section, but the men sweated blood to bring it to pass, though forgotten, are still doing duty on the firing line. Green hails from the state that made Bruce, Lynch and Hill. He is loyal and true. Success, old boy.

Notice.—Many of our readers are indebted to this paper for subscriptions and other small amounts. These friends will do us a favor to remit at once. This will enable us to make the improvements that we contemplate making. Whatever you owe please remit it without further notice. Thanking you for your liberal support in the past, we are ambitious with your aid to increase our efforts in the struggle for the elevation of the colored citizens. If you are not a subscriber, send a dollar to push the good work along.





REV. G. R. BRYANT.

Rev. Bryant, pastor of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, is one of those quiet, earnest, conscientious men whose labors tell for the good of every community that has the good fortune to claim him as a citizen. Two years ago he resigned his charge at San Antonio, Texas, one of the largest and best paying in that state, to take charge of Wesley Chapel with the understanding that the new charge was poor, necessitating the reduction of his salary by several hundred dollars, but that the good of the cause demanded the sacrifice. He made the sacrifice. He came and found the church almost in the throes of dissolution, due to an unfortunate misunderstanding between the members and a former pastor. By his wonderful personality Rev. Bryant immediately brought order of chaos, peace out of confusion and the church entered upon a career of usefulness and prosperity unprecedented in its history. Many members who had left the church returned and these with new accessions and visitors soon over-taxed the seating capacity of the building. While devising ways and means for building a larger church without burdening the members with a heavy debt, Rev. Bryant and the trustees sold the Sixth street site for \$24,000 cash and paid \$12,000 for a lot 80x136 feet corner of Eighth and San Julian streets. This

left the church with \$12,000 cash with the old building and parsonage and three cottages worth about \$800. They have been offered \$15,000 for the new site, but will not take less than \$20,000 for it.

When Rev. Bryant took charge the church had a membership all told of 150, it has now 315. Money raised for all purposes during the last conference year was more than \$3,000. But the work he has done for the moral upbuilding of the community, by gathering the young people and strangers into the church the encouragement given the people to practice economy and buy homes far outweigh all other considerations in estimating his services.

#### WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES.

The year just ended was one of the most prosperous in the history of the church. The increase in membership was unprecedented. In entertaining the great M. E. General Conference, Wesley Chapel did her full share. Rev. Bryant entered the annual conference with a clean bill. In the moral upbuilding of the community she has been a potent force.

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#### THE OLD CHURCH SITE SOLD.

The sale of the old Sixth street site for \$24,000 cash is the biggest real estate transfer ever made by a colored church in this State. Too much credit cannot be given to the pastor and officers for that splendid transaction which resulted in the sale of the old church, which has grown too small, for money enough to buy a larger lot and build a suitable church on a cash basis. The purchase of a lot 80x136 feet at the corner of Eighth and San Julian streets was a business stroke. The lot contains three nice cottages and cost the church \$12,000. The church can sell the property for \$15,000, but it ought not be sold for less than \$20,000.

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#### THREE BONNY BRIDES CAPTURED.

Recently three fortunate young men have led three of our bright, charming, young ladies to the altar in the persons of Misses Kate E. Bradley, Mattie Scott and Stella Henderson. The lucky gentlemen are respectively Mr. W. A. Stovall, Dr. T. J. Nelson and Mr. Fred Hudgins. By these unions each of the

contracting parties has been honored.

"Botany Bay," a dramatic play given at Elks' Hall for the benefit of the church, was well attended and was one of the most interesting entertainments of the year. It was creditable to all concerned. Mr. F. J. Bradley, one of the brightest young men of the church, was the leading character.

The musical concert given for the benefit of the choir leader, Prof. Woods, was a success and a fitting tribute to a worthy, painstaking teacher.

#### MR. C. W. BROOKS,

The enterprising carpenter who came here recently from Natchez, Mississippi, is erecting two cottages corner of 29th and Trinity streets. These cottages will be occupied as soon as completed.

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Elsewhere in these columns we present to our readers half-tones of a few colored business and professional men and women of this city. That we could not present them all is a disappointment. We present them not to show them off, but rather to emphasize what they stand for, what they represent. Their importance to a race cannot be estimated. Their success is the race's success. A race without them cannot compete with a race that has them. A race that is not proud of its worthy members has no future. A negro that is ashamed of his race, and is trying to get away from it is too contemptible to think of. Such a negro must be the illegitimate progeny of the lowest element of both races. We are proud of the negro race and its achievements, proud of its religious fervor and virtuous tendencies, proud to be a member of the race, that in spite of its unparalleled trials and tribulations produced Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington.

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A PIANO CHEAP. A. G. Gardiner is offering special bargains in pianos and musical instruments. His stock comprises a large assortment. As he owns his building, pays no rent and pays cash for his instruments, he is in a position to make terms to suit. See card elsewhere.

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If the knowledge that your neighbors are doing well is a source of pleasure to you you will have a happy New Year and no "swearing off" to do.





W. H. WASHINGTON.

The largest single real estate deal made by a colored agent was made by Mr. Washington last December, when he sold the Sixth street M. E. church for \$24,000. He has also secured loans amounting to thousands of dollars. As we have already said, the advent of the colored real estate dealer increased the chances of the colored people to secure desirable homes and made it easier for them to rent in decent sections and get better contracts. Few men, single-handed and alone, have rendered greater service to the race than Mr. Washington has. He furnishes employment for several members of the race, and is enterprising, always investing his money so as to benefit our people and their enterprises. This class of men and women cannot be too highly appreciated. It is the men and women of this class upon which the success of the race depends.

#### MR. EUGENE WALKER.

Mr. Eugene Walker, the tailor, commenced business 12 years ago with a capital of \$6. one dollar of which he paid his landlord as part payment on a room to be used as a tailor shop, for which he agreed to pay \$12 per month. He employs now four expert tailors, and his patrons are among the wealthy

people of the city. A significant fact is that he orders his goods in thousand dollar lots. He has sent out several young men who are succeeding well. Mr. Walker has made some good real estate investments.

#### MR. H. STRICKLIN.

Mr. H. Stricklin, the butcher, landed in this city with seven dollars when Coxie's army was doing time between here and Washington City. He occupies his own building, a store 30x40 feet, with flats above, at 2053 East Washington street. In connection with his butcher business he carries a full line of groceries. He owns two stores on Central avenue, with flats above, which pay him a good income. He has just completed four 6-room cottages on Santa Fe avenue, making seven in one row, all of which are occupied. His monthly income is \$150. He has arrangements made for erecting 17 more cottages. Most of his buildings are occupied by white families, all of whom patronize his business.

#### MR. B. R. RANDOLPH.

Officer Randolph is another of our worthy men whose career has moved the race along. For eight years he has served the city as policeman to the credit and profit of the property owners. Such a record is the best service he could render his race. Some years ago he bought property out on Santa Fe avenue that was considered "too poor to raise a cow on." On this property he has erected ten handsome cottages worth more than \$10,000.

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#### MR. C. C. FLINT, THE GROCER, 243 E. Second Street.

Mr. Flint is the pioneer among the colored grocers. Noting his success, others embarked into the business so we now have five grocery stores run by colored men. Mr. Flint does the largest business of any of them. He carries a \$2000 stock of fancy groceries, stock and fixtures, all free from debt. As he pays spot cash for all goods, this enables him to compete in prices with competitors.

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The large stock of furniture of the late I. T. Martin, 531-3-5 S. Spring street, is being sold at greatly reduced prices as the business is to be closed out. The stock comprises everything in furniture. Persons in need of furniture will do well to examine the stock before purchasing.

#### A YEAR OF UNPARALLELED PROGRESS.

The year just closed, from a business standpoint was one of the most prosperous in the history of colored citizens of this city. The number of colored persons engaged in business is larger than in 1903, and those previously engaged all report an increase in the amount of business done. And there can be offered no better proof of the truth of their statements than the fact that the space they occupy has been doubled.

In the acquisition of homes and other real estate, 1904 beats all previous years; in fact, the real estate transfers for the year mentioned are as great as the five previous years combined. Besides the purchase of hundreds of lots on which modern cottages have been erected, the citizens have also purchased acreage property amounting to many hundreds of acres. Discussing this matter, Attorney Blair says he examined more contracts for real estate purchases by colored people last year than he did in his nine years' practice in the East.

It is estimated that if all the homes in this city owned by colored people were placed together they would form a modern city of 4000 to 5000 souls. This is based upon the fact that more than half of our 8000 colored citizens own their homes. This city would contain all modern conveniences such as street cars, electric lights, cement sidewalks and telephones. Its buildings would run all the way from ten-dollar shacks to \$7500 mansions, and churches in abundance costing from \$10,000 to \$30,000 each. In this city there would be no dives, for all property used by negroes for such purposes is owned by white people. Saloons and "red light districts" are luxuries that would not be tolerated within its borders.

Along all lines of industry, moral and intellectual improvements, our people have moved forward. Every one who wanted to work has been busy. The avenues for their employment through their own efforts have increased.

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#### CRIME HAS DIMINISHED.

Of the 291 murders committed in the city and county for 1904, only one crime of manslaughter was committed by a colored man. In spite of the fact that the colored population has greatly in-



creased, felony and other infractions of the law have shown no upward tendency. The counterfeit negro—the white man “blackened”—has put up some jobs for the negro, but the fineness of the work left the earmarks of the expert white criminal, and the suspicion went where it belonged.

As suicides, the negro is making a poor showing. One in 8000 is his record for this year in the city, while that of the white people, placing their population at 115,000, is one for each 1128 in round numbers.

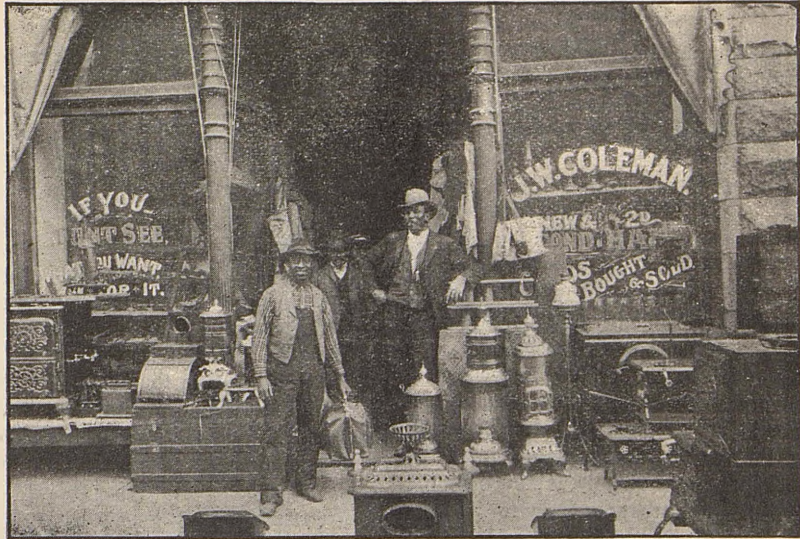
The divorce business, which is rapidly becoming an indispensable luxury among the white ladies and gentlemen of leisure, is not looked upon with favor by the negro, for it separates him from his wife.

Improvement all along the line has been the watchword. Let it be the watchword still. More love for God and men, more respect for law, more labor and economy, more money for race enterprises, and victory is ours.

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#### MR. R. H. DUNSTON, MEMBER OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

In recounting the achievements of our colored business men, Mr. Dunston has been perhaps the most successful of them all. Entering the transfer business several years ago with a one-horse spring wagon, he now owns six vans. Five of them have a carrying capacity of nine tons each, requiring three large draft horses to each van. These, with one truck and a piano van, comprise his present outfit. He employs 12 to 16 men at wages from \$15 to \$20 per week each. He is erecting a warehouse at a cost of \$10,000. It is not to be wondered at that the wide-awake business men who compose the Chamber of Commerce and who are doing so much to develop this section, should honor this quiet, unassuming gentleman by electing him a member of that body. Although he is rendering to the race an inestimable service, he is a stranger to the so-called “social set,” his name never appearing in the weekly write-ups of their doings, which occupy so much space in our weekly papers. It is inspiring to chronicle the achievements of such a man as R. H. Dunston, proprietor of the Los Angeles Van and Storage Company.



#### J. W. COLEMAN'S NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE STORE, E. SECOND.

Mr. Coleman, former proprietor of Hotel Coleman, conducts the largest, new and second hand furniture business in the city. “By square dealings, and politeness” he has built up a business which requires four employes. In

business and political affairs, he is an all-around good and useful citizen. He is secretary of the Afro-American State Council and takes a lively interest in the affairs of the race. He owns a splendid home on Boyle Heights, near that of his mother, Mrs. Harriet Owens, in whose business successes he takes great pride. He is the worthy son of a noble woman and deserves the success he is meeting with.

#### PORT ARTHUR HAS FALLEN.

After a siege unequalled in the world's history, Port Arthur, the earth's greatest citadel, with 48,000 prisoners, has fallen into the hands of the Japs. Perhaps no nation on earth could have captured that formidable fortress with a smaller sacrifice of life than did the Japs. When it is taken into consideration that the rank and file of the Japanese army is unsurpassed, that their engineers, guns and gunners have no superiors, and their explosives are the most powerful in existence, the secret of their manufacture being known only to the Japs themselves, it is a serious question whether any other nation in existence could have accomplished that task in the same time without a much greater sacrifice of life. From a national and military standpoint, the capture of Port Arthur was worth the sacrifice made, and increased Japan's prestige an hundred-fold.

The opening of the war in the Far East was one of the events of 1904 that have moved the world along. It has taught some lessons that must redound to the good of the whole human family,

and doubtless will bring them into a closer bond of union. The Japanese are fighting humanity's battle, and whether they win or lose, the cause of the weak as against the merciless strong will have received such a momentum that nothing short of success can check it. When we study the battles thus far fought by the Japs and Slavs on land and sea, it gives a rude setback to the heathenish idea of some self-styled intelligent people that superiority depends upon the color of one's skin. The belief that the European, by virtue of his pale skin, was the superior of the brown men of the Orient, has been rudely shattered. Since the meeting between the Russian and Japanese navies, the Russian navy has existed only as a memory, and the land forces have had almost a similar fate. With all advantages on the side of the Russians, the Japs beat them at the Yalu River, killing 1363 and capturing 613. Their loss was only 223 killed. At Liao Yang, Gen. Kuropatkin's chosen battle ground, 20,000 Russians were killed and wounded. The Japs lost 18,000. The advantage in numbers was slightly with the latter. At the Shahke River, with 240,000 men and 950 guns, Gen. Kuropatkin attempted to drive the Japs back. The attempt cost him 68,000 killed and wounded, the loss to the Japs being 16,000.



## SAWTELLE AND INCORPORATION.

The agitation for the incorporation of Sawtelle is becoming more and more popular as the merits and demerits of the proposition are discussed. The ground upon which the anti-incorporationists stand is rapidly being swept under their feet, and that gallant little band is growing less by conversions and desertions. Every argument advanced against incorporation by the anti is an argument in favor of the proposition as soon as it is aired. The advantages to be derived by incorporation are so many and were so ably set forth in the Sentinel of December 24th, and the reasons urged against it by the exponents so completely exploded by the same journal, that our space will be kept for future emergencies, if such arise.

Apropos: that scrap between the Sentinel and the Veteran-Enterprise, is getting to be something fierce. The lady editor of the V. E. has donned her war paint and hurls some epithets at the Sentinel man that would make a saucy school girl blush. In her desperation she strikes at every imaginary foe. The "colored man" who edits this journal has already received several right-hand swings. Now, while the "colored man" is going to stand for incorporation until it is an accomplished fact, he is too old to be drawn into the controversy that is being so fiercely waged between these rival journalists. In this fight there is an uncertain quantity. These combatants are both unmarried. Should the editor of the Sentinel become Mayor of Sawtelle and the two papers pool their interests by electing the lady of the V. E. to the position of first lady of the Sawtelle White House, where would the "colored man" be?

In a recent edition of the V. E. appears the following paragraph:

"It is hinted that the incorporation idea is not as popular in our town as it might be, and the colored man was selected to circulate the incorporation petition because he had no business interests to jeopardize by so doing."

There are some statements in the paragraph quoted that are due possibly to a lack of correct information. The "colored man" has never circulated a petition for incorporation, and no one has ever asked or suggested that he circu-

late one. The statement that the colored man "has no business interests to jeopardize" is another error. The fact of the matter is, the "colored man" not only has business interests to jeopardize, but would not part with his interests in Sawtelle for \$5000. Can the editor of the V. E. say as much? The lady of the V. E. always refers to the editor of this journal as the "colored man." Either she does not know his name or she emphasizes the word "colored" hoping thus to prejudice the cause of incorporation. In this she is again misinformed. The fact that a wealth of rich, red blood in the veins of a man makes his cuticle a few shades darker than that of his less fortunate brother is no longer regarded by well-informed people as evidence of inferiority. The unfortunates who are still held down by this belief would do well to study the struggle in the Far East. Furthermore, in a town inhabited by old Union soldiers, those grand old men who responded to their country's call in the dark days of the sixties, no black man will lose prestige because he is referred to as "colored." Between the heroes that followed Grant and his lieutenants from Fort Donaldson to Appomattox, and the black men of the South who, although unswerving in their loyalty to the Stars and Stripes, never betrayed a trust reposed in them by the men who followed Lee, there is a tie of friendship that grows stronger as years broaden the circle of eternity. The editor of this journal referred to as the "colored man" is a member of the class last named.

## HOPE FOR THE SOUTH.

During the year just closed public sentiment in the South in favor of law and order showed a marked increase. Leading men and newspapers have been loud in their denunciation of mob law throughout that section. The disposition to punish this class of cold-blooded murderers is growing throughout the South, especially in Alabama and parts of Mississippi, where lynchings have been dealt with as their crimes deserve. In Lincoln county, Miss., in the December term of the Circuit Court, Judge Wilkinson sentenced a number of white-cappers to life imprisonment and others to fifty and twenty-five years respectively. This change of front in favor of law

and order is due to several causes, the principal one of which is the fact that the white people of that section are slowly learning that the only way to make their lives and property safe is to protect those of the negroes. Secondly, that where life is not safe, property has no value. This is shown in their thousands of abandoned farms, which only a few years ago by negro labor yielded a handsome revenue, and which farms were depopulated by the lawless acts of worthless white criminals. Thirdly, that the toleration of lawlessness when practiced upon negroes by lawless whites has made law breaking so popular that it has been adopted as an industry by a large portion of the white citizens and left as their only legacy to their children. The white men of this country cannot remain free while holding the negro as a slave; they cannot go up while holding the negro down; they cannot long enjoy their rights while denying the negro his. To make their lives and property safe they will have to protect those of the negro. Herein lies the hope of the intelligent, upright, progressive negroes of this republic.

In suppressing lawlessness in the South, very little is done out of regard for the negro and his rights, for Judge Wilkinson said in his lecture to the whitecappers: "I have no more use for the negro than you have. \* \* \* The bad effect of this whitecap business is on the lives of those who join. If you should take a negro or a white man out and kill him, it would not make much difference if it stopped there. The negro that is hung or shot is in a much better condition than the man that does the deed. It is over soon as far as the mortal part is concerned, but the perpetrator, with a black conscience and a seared heart, to eke out a miserable existence is left. There is no way on earth to remove the scar. This whitecapping business must stop, even if the law has to make every woman in Lincoln county a widow."

The effect upon the lives and posterity of the white criminals and the turning of valuable plantations into waste, howling wildernesses will ultimately reach the white man's sense of justice, through the medium of a depleted pocket book. There are everywhere rifts in the clouds that have so long overshadowed our path. All is well. A great destiny awaits us.



THE LIBERATOR.

MAY PREVENT NEGRO COLONY.

San Bernardino, Jan. 2.—The County Supervisors will officially inquire into the proposed settling of negroes on Mojave River lands. Considerable alarm is expressed over the project, Supervisor West explaining that should the negroes be lured to that section it would only be to expose them to inevitable hardships, suffering and ruin, and finally throw them on the county to be provided for.

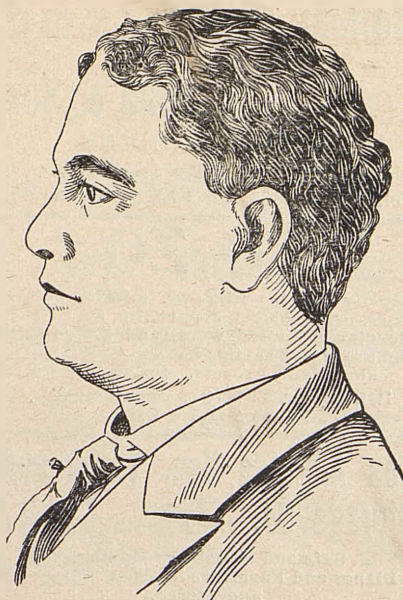
While there is vast acreage of highly fertile land in that region, open to entry, no water is obtainable, except at great expense, a well costing \$5000, with a daily expense of \$15 for pumping water on the land.

We knew all along that the promoters of the colonization scheme mentioned above were making a mistake, one that they could easily have avoided making and saved several hundred dollars. But a white surveyor wanted a job of surveying, so he got up the scheme, and upon his word some of the negroes made a rush to get rid of their money. Colored men who want to farm can get an abundance of land with water, and this in less than an hour's ride from this city, at from \$150 to \$500 per acre. You want to avoid the cheap lands of California, so called, as you would a "gold brick." If you would avoid starvation, you had better keep away from the desert lands until the national government supplies them with water. When lands in the vicinity of this city sold for \$100 to \$200 per acre, with terms to suit the purchaser, the colored people could not be induced to buy. Now that the price has advanced from \$150 to \$500, they are wasting their money on land that you could not give a white man, and this simply because a white man wanted the job of surveying it.

RURAL NOTES.

Mr. J. L. Edmunds, editor of the Liberator, the organ of the intelligent colored citizens of this section, has a beautiful home in Sawtelle. We lunched with this journalist a short time ago, when Mrs. Edmunds and daughter acted as hostesses in a charming and hospitable manner.—*The Globe*.

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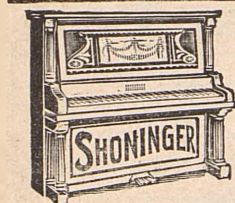




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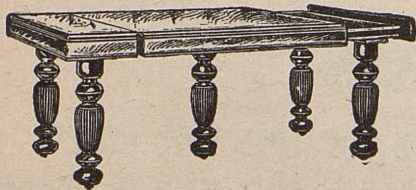
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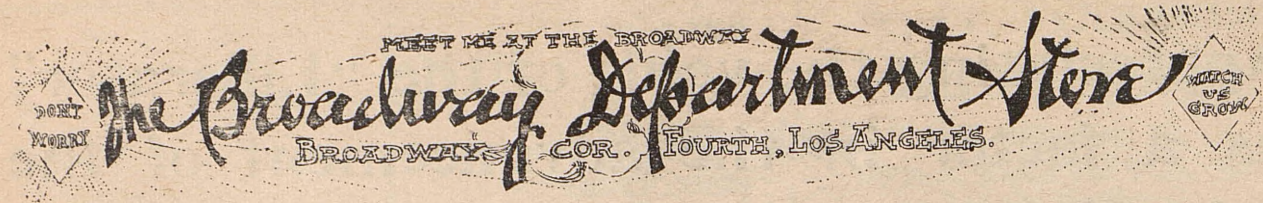
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