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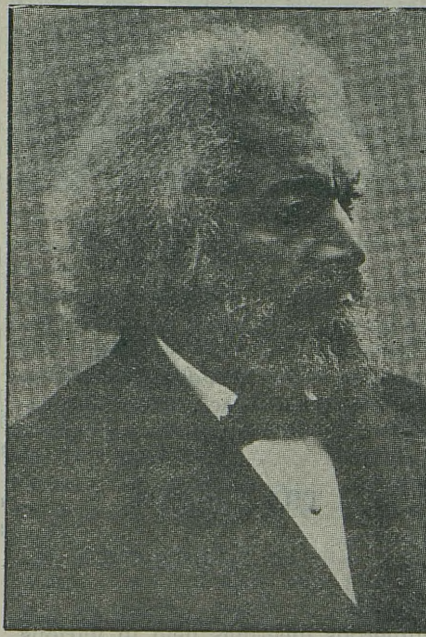
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PORTRAYED IN HISTORY AS ONE OF OUR GREATEST CITIZENS

"The constitution knows no man by the color of his skin. The men who made it were too noble for any such limitations of humanity and human rights. The term 'white' is a modern term in the legislation of this country. It was never used in the better days of our republic, but has sprung up within the period of our national degeneracy."

"I am, myself, not insensible to the many difficulties that beset us on every hand. They fling their broad and gloomy shadows across the pathway of every thought full colored man in this country. For one I see them clearly and feel them sadly. Standing, as it were, barefoot and treading upon the sharp and flinty rocks of the present and looking out upon the boundless sea of the future, I have sought in my humble way to penetrate the intervening mists and clouds, and, perchance, to descry in the dim and shadowy distance the white flag of freedom."

"The people in whose cause I came here to-night are not among those whose right to regulate their own domestic concerns is so feelingly, and earnestly and eloquently contended for in certain quarters. They have no Stephen A. Douglas—no General Cass, to contend at North Market Hall for their popular sovereignty. They have no national purse, no offices, no reputation with which to corrupt Congress, or to tempt men, mighty in eloquence and influence into their service. Oh, no! They have nothing to commend them, but their unadorned humanity. They are human—that's all—only



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human. Nature owns them as property, and only property. Every right of human nature, as such, is denied them; they are dumb in their chains. To utter one groan or scream for freedom in the presence of the Southern advocate of popular sovereignty, is to bring down the frightful lash upon their quivering flesh. I know this suffering people; I am acquainted with their sorrows; I am one with them in experience; I have felt the lash of the slave driver, and stand up here with all the bitter recollections of its horrors vividly upon me."

REV. GORDON HEARD FROM

The Liberator's criticism of Rev. Gordon's Emancipation address was so extensively read and commented upon that he thinks a statement of his side of the case ought to be presented to our readers. *The Liberator* has no desire to harm anyone and its columns are always open to persons who believe themselves injured by statements published in them.

Did Pull His Hat Off.

Rev. Gordon says that while his stay in Liberia was not long enough to make a crop, he did pull off his hat and can produce a number of photos taken bare-headed with the natives of that country. These photos show Rev. Gordon standing surrounded by groups of admiring natives who looked upon his well groomed, manly form with enthusiastic delight. So this hat incident is closed.

The African trip cost the people of Dr. Gordon's church \$600 the outside "back to Africa" shouters contributing only \$25. It seems that the \$25 bunch are the most disgruntled of all. In spite of the fact that Rev. Gordon decided that Liberia was no place for the American Negro, he purchased a large tract of Liberian land for his church members. After hearing Rev. Gordon's report there was considerable surprise expressed at his investment. A place that isn't good for the Negro is a poor location for the investment of his money. The people who furnished the money with which that African real estate was purchased feel like the white people did who

bet on Jeffries at the Reno fight.— that some people and their money soon part.

Race Enterprises.

As to race enterprises Rev. Gordon exhibited a big bunch of receipted bills showing that he patronized race enterprises of every kind. Having no regular place of business he purchased his supplies wherever the spirit moved him. One of these receipts shows that he gave a colored laundry man some work three years ago and his church members purchased him a suit from the colored Main street merchant tailor three years ago. This tailor is still in business at his old stand. In this connection Rev. Gordon says his money is his and that he proposes to do with it as he pleases.

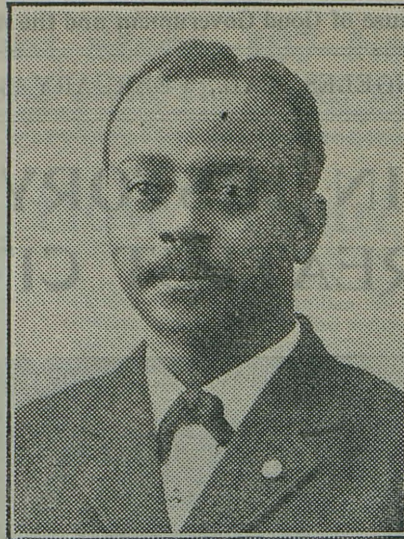
WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES

The services were largely attended last Sunday, Rev. Kenchin delivering a sermon of great spiritual power.

A big audience turned out to hear the able address by Capt. Helm: "The Cross and Flag". Capt. Helm saw service in the naval battle in the Cuban waters which resulted in the destruction of the Spanish fleet.

Master Kenchin the latest comer to Wesley is said to possess a strong voice.

Mr. George and Theodore Bronson are expected to visit their brother Lewis W. Bronson a prosperous farmer of Kings County soon.



REV. E. W. KENCHIN

Rev. E. W. Kenchin who will address the Lyceum Sunday Feb. 12th, 1912 4p. m. Subject: The Importance of Leadership. Wesley Chapel choir will sing. Everybody cordially invited.

THE LYCEUM

The Lincoln-Douglass day at the Lyceum was attended by a representative audience owing to the numerous meetings held in various parts of the city the attendance was smaller than expected as the occasion was one that should have appealed to every colored citizen in the city. It has been truly said that the present century has produced but three great Negroes: Toussaint l'Overture, the founder of a state, Bishop Allen the founder of a church and Frederick Douglass the founder of Negro citizenship. The linking together of the names of Lincoln and Douglass is a beautiful and appropriate combination, inseparably associating in the minds of men the names of two great orators, whose mutual friendship and personal contact redounded to the lasting good of the nation. Every young American regardless of race or color should read and study the lives of these two

great orators and statesmen. No American citizen is educated who is ignorant of the life history of either Lincoln or Frederick Douglass.

The addresses by Judge Dillon and Prof. Moore were both fine and consisted mainly of reminiscences. Prof. Moore entertainingly told of many thrilling incidents in the life of Douglass. Judge Dillon announced at the opening of his address that he would not make a speech but would talk to them as a teacher to his class. And in a soft conversational tone, delivered the most inspiring address ever heard at the Lyceum. He told the story of the lives of Lincoln and Douglass as they sympathetically touched each other in a manner so intensely entertaining that the audience sat as if transfixed.

To colored audiences Judge Dillon is the most popular and best known public speakers in the city. Those who failed to hear him last Sunday sustained a great loss.

Rev. E. F. Henderson the vice-president, recited Lincoln's favorite poem "Oh why should the spirits of mortals be proud?"

America and the Battle Hymn of the Republic were sung by the audience led by Mrs. Prentice.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. G. Walter Snell received the sad news of his mother's death which took place at Columbia, Mo., recently. Mr. Snell has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

Mr. C. H. Daughtery the grocer at 2053 Santa Fe avenue has been confined to his bed for a week with rheumatism.

Mrs. R. H. Lambert and her daughter have been spending a few days at the beach.

FOR SALE CHEAP

I have for sale on easy terms two modern cottages. 1445 and 1449 West 35th Place. J. C. Whitby 1455 West 35th Place. Phone West 3788.

Miss Julia Williams niece of Mrs. Spicer of San Julian street died suddenly on the 10th.

ANNUAL SERMON K. of P.

The annual sermon of the K. of P. of E. W. & W. H. will be preached at the A. M. E. Z. church corner Pico and Paloma streets Sunday, Feb. 18th at 2:30 p. m. Rev. W. J. J. Byers, pastor will preach the sermon. All invited.

A. M. E. ZION NOTES

The revival services are still in progress. At this writing there have been 14 conversions and two back sliders reclaimed and 10 accessions to the church. Sister Dollie Lewis will preach Sunday morning and night. Go and hear her; take your friends.

FOR SALE LOTS

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The Sojourner Truth Society raised \$50 at their rally last Sunday. It was a fine evening's work. The club is engaged in a noble cause and deserves the support of the people.

Mr. C. W. Holden who has been confined to his room for a week or more is recovering.

Mr. O. S. Fletcher one of our enterprising business men has purchased the Liberty Dye Works at 1420 South Main Street. This is the largest dyeing establishment to be operated by colored people in the city. Mr. Fletcher is employing nine men and runs four delivery wagons and an automobile.

The Helping Hand Society held a bazaar at the home of Rev. R. H. Lambert, tenth and Wilson streets on Friday evening the ninth.

A BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING

Daniels-Phillips Nuptials

Miss Elberta Phillips and Willie Chester Daniels were married at the home of the bride's aunt Mrs. Mary Young, 1419 Tennessee St., Thursday, February 8th at eight o'clock, Rev. W. J. J. Byers officiating. Miss Felicia Paloa sang "O Promise Me." Miss Beulah Howard played Mendelsohn's wedding march. The bride was given away by her brother Mr. Clifton Phillips. Miss Phillips chose for her wedding gown a beautiful creation of white crepe de chene, over this fell a tulle veil caught up with orange blossoms and she carried a shower of brides roses. Miss Maggie Lewis assisted as maid of honor and Miss Ophelia Jones was brides maid, both wearing dainty gowns of pink messaline with an iver drape of embroidered roses; each carrying a shower bouquet of pink carnations and ferns. Mr. Cleophus Bruce was best man, Mr. Ervin Lyde attendant. The bride stood under an arch of lilies and ferns from which hung a large white wedding bell. The decorations were in pink and white; little baskets of pink sweet peas and asparagus plumossus adorned the ceiling. The bride received many useful and very beautiful gifts from her many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels will make their home with her aunt for the present, 1419 Tennessee.

The author of the new book "Christophe" is receiving strong endorsements of his work from various sections. Among the members, from Monsieur Solon Monos Haitian Minister to this country, who declares the story is historically correct and is appreciated by his government. A number of folks here, under the direction of Mrs. L. V. Stewart, are now rehearsing the play in order to stage "Christophe" at one of the large theaters here, immediately after Easter Sunday.

AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL FIGHTING OFFICERS OF THE LAW.

The Afro-American Council is making a bitter fight upon officers Watson and White. These officers have been so vigorous in their pursuit of colored vags, that most of them have been forced to leave town or go to work. As a result crime among Negroes is less now than ever known. Somehow or other, the councils of late furnishes bonds and counsels for many of the vags arrested which is proving somewhat costly. If the council can get these officers off the force it could save this expense.

To have its moneyless friends forced to go to work, leave town or board in jail, is a source of no small annoyance to the council. Several meetings have been held by the council of late to devise ways and means of disposing of these "blue coated hounds" as they are called. These colored officers have not only rendered great service to the city, but invaluable service to the Negroes by reducing opportunities to commit crimes

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DOUGLASS ANNIVERSARY

The 85th anniversary of the birth of Honorable Frederick Douglass will be celebrated at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Eighth and San Julian streets next Sunday evening 7:30 o'clock. This great event will be celebrated with appropriate exercises. Able speakers will address the audience and everything will be done to make the occasion a memorable one.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DRAW THE COLOR LINE

And Use It as an Excuse to Keep Our Young Women from Getting Experience as Trained Nurses

The weak statement by certain members of the board of Supervisors that their refusal to admit Negro girls to the nurse training school at the county hospital was based upon the fear that the other nurses would desert their posts, is a base subterfuge. Why haven't the white children left the public schools—there are Negro children in them? The presence of young Negro men and women in the high schools and colleges of this city both public and private has caused no trouble—not a school has been broken up. The appointment of Negroes in the fire and police departments of the city has in no way impaired their efficiency.

When Mayor Snyder several years ago recommended Negroes for the fire department he was informed that the other men in the department would not work with Negroes, the mayor simply stated that Negroes appointed to the fire department were fire men and that fire men who did not want to work with fire men could retire. That settled the matter. Mayor Snyder took the same manly position in the appointment of policemen.

Contrast these departments with the nurse training school at the county hospital and you get an idea of the size of the side steppers who constitute the majority of the supervisors.

The pretended fear that certain nurses would resign if Negro girls were admitted, is the creation of the imagination of the members of the board used as an excuse to avoid giving the Negroes a square deal. When the pucilanious actions of the Board of Supervisors are contrasted with those of the County Recorder and the present city clerk who is a democrat, their cowardly, unmanly position is apparent.

One of the regular clerks in the

County Recorder's office is a colored woman. The city clerk's appointees are limited to extras only, but among them were three Negroes. When it was hinted to him that the other extras would quit if the Negroes were put to work said: Allright, if they quit it would make places for others who were beseiging him on every hand.

But why discuss the matter further. There will be a number of big, capable, broad minded men aspiring for the office, making it an easy matter to defeat at the primaries every guilty member who desires to succeed himself. C. J. Nellis was the only man that stood up for fair play; McCabe kept under cover; the other three voted against fair play. *Don't forget them.*

A FEDERAL LAW AGAINST LYNCHING

The agitation in the east to have Congress enact laws against lynching is very timely. This demand for the protection of American citizens against mob violence at home as well as abroad is one that should have the support of pupilit and press of the entire country. Lynching is not a sectional but a national disease—a disgrace to the age. A nation like an individual its duty to fulfill its pledges in order that it may maintain its own self-respect as well as that of others. An individual who makes promises with no thought of keeping them or who knows that he cannot keep them will make for himself a low moral standing. A nation is a collection of individuals bound by the same moral laws.

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Song:—Before I'd Be a Slave.

As a Leader—by Attorney Paul M. Nash

Song:—Battle Hymn of the Republic.

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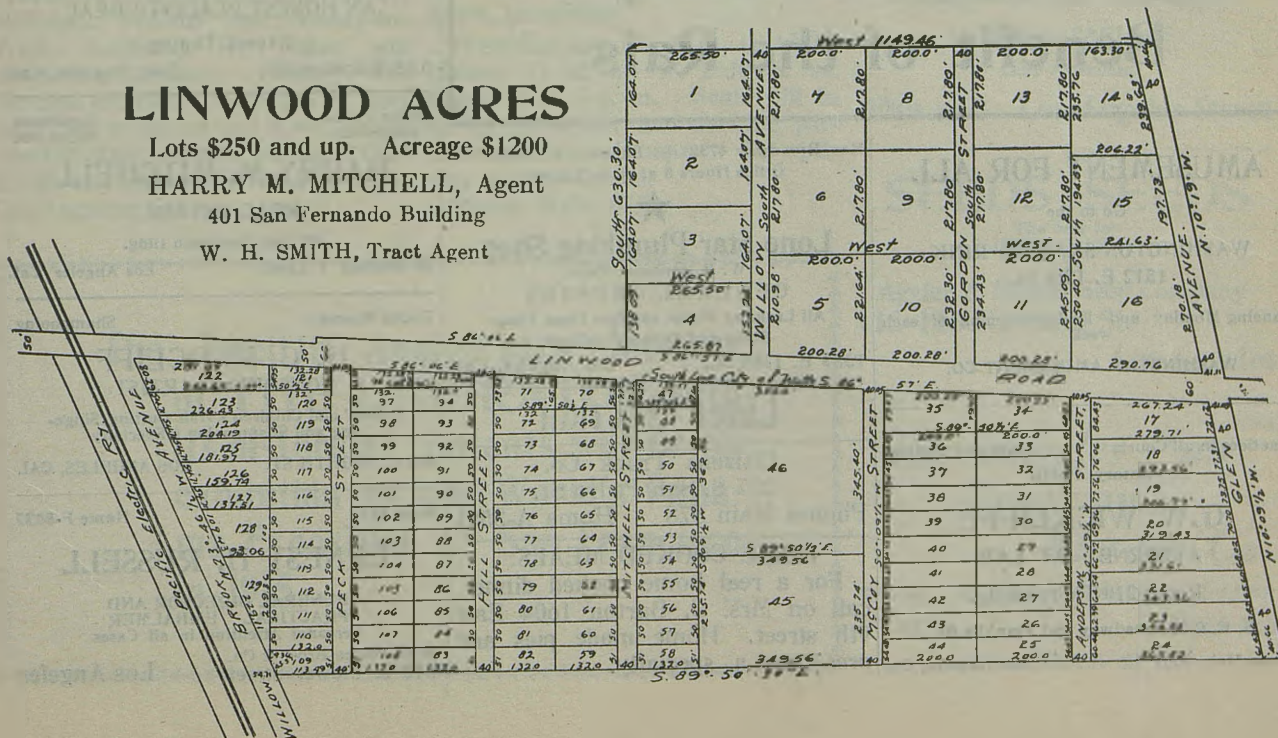
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