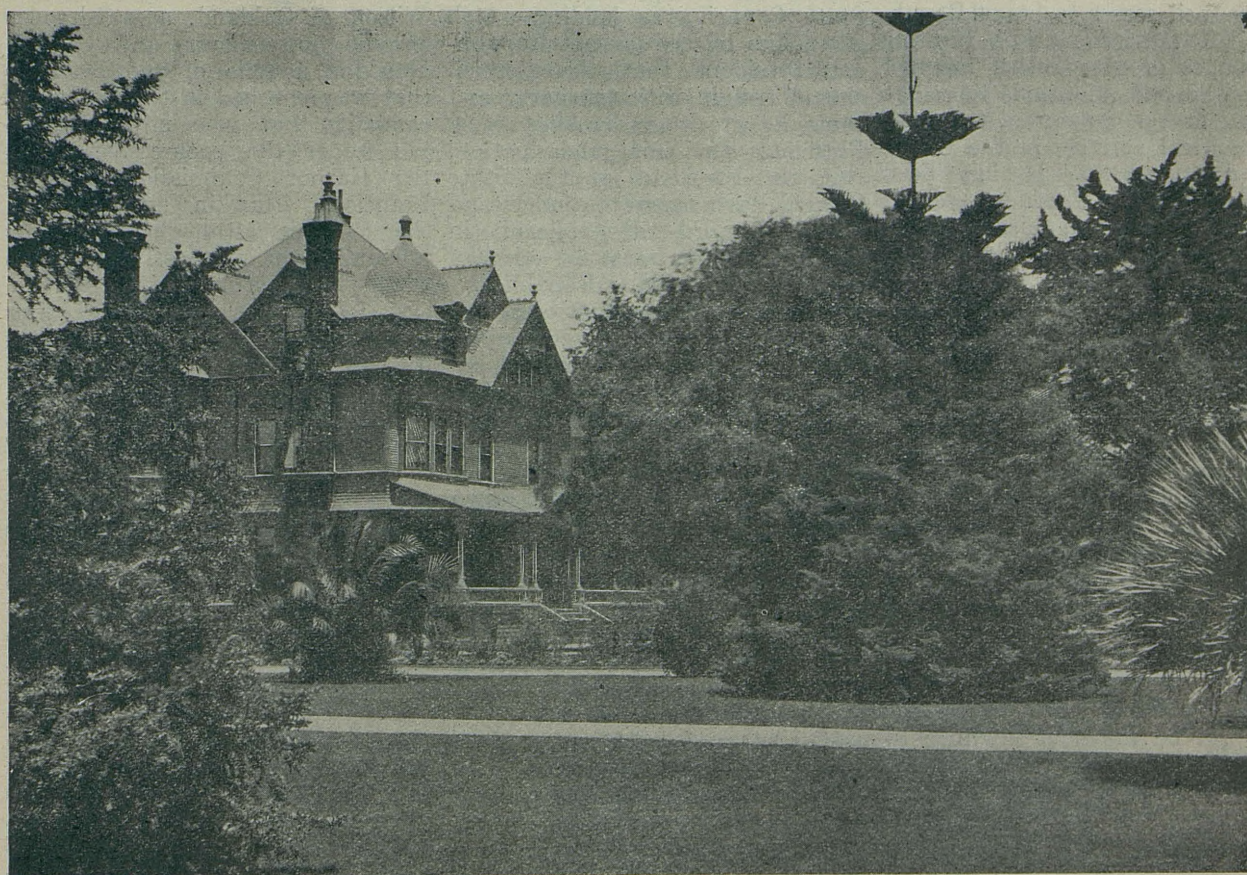


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## President Taft Thrown Down.

**The Afro-American Council and its President. Willing to Sacrifice Every Job Held by a Negro in the Government Service to Save His Own.**

Hoping to save his job in the government service the President of the Afro-American State Council, had a resolution passed by that organization at its recent annual meeting in this city striking out the word "Republican" from its constitution and by-laws. By the adoption of the said resolution, upon the demands of the President, the council ceases to be a "Republican" organization thus blasting the hopes of every other member of it who had ambitions to secure a job in the government service for political activity in the Grand Old Party camp. It has been charged that the President secured control of the organization and made use of it for the sole purpose of the job he has.

Having secured the job he forces it to abandon its policies during the seventeen years of its existence, with the hope of keeping himself in office.

Taking it out of the Republican party practically disbands the organization. The president remembering the results of endorsing candidates before the primaries or convention is held, is determined not to take any chance of losing his hold on his job by endorsing any man that may be left at the polls.

Not confident that President Taft will be the next nominee to head the ticket for the Grand Old Republican party he had it taken out of that party in order that no endorsement for its party candidate could be made—and thereby take no chances on getting in the wrong band wagon.

The position taken by the President of the Afro-American Council can be thoroughly understood when it is learned that President Taft took the office out of the Civil Service to make the appointment, leaving the president of the Council free to do politics as any other political appointee.

When the debate on the resolution came up to remove the word "Republican" from the constitution and by-laws of the organization, the few old stalwart republicans left, made strenuous argument against being thrown out of the Grand Old Party. They argued farther that in view of the fact that the president of the State Council was holding a job given him by the present Republican President that the Council should remain with the party and show its gratitude by supporting President Taft for renomination. But the President of the State Council gave them to understand that the word "Republican" in the constitution must be stricken out. So the word "Republican" was stricken out and that organization without rudder was cast adrift among the political rocks of all the "isms" except Republicanism and that old watch word and fore-runner of impending dome: "Every man for himself and the devil for the hindmost," was passed down the line.

To the ambitious members of the council the outlook must be exceedingly gloomy. The President has safely housed himself in a job, secured by the use of their franchise and then have him coldly close the door of hope in their faces, cannot but arouse feelings of fierce resentment. That they have been used by the president for his own selfish benefit and then thrown down, is expressed on every hand by persons who have been members of the council for many years; and that officer is roundly denounced on every hand. But the president's nest being well feathered, he simply smiles while the boys left out in the cold, are wondering.

### SMALL ATTENDANCE AT AFRO-AMERICAN CONGRESS.

The small attendance at the

annual meeting of Afro-American State Council was unmistakable evidence that the colored voters of the state had lost confidence in the organization. On the 30th, the day for the election of state officers, there were about thirty members present including men and women. The north was represented by two delegates—J. B. Wilson of Oakland, a well-known chronic job chaser and S. W. Hawkins a relic of the machine that was smashed in the last state campaign but who now holds a job under the progressives with the Harbor Commission at San Francisco. Hawkins still serves the machine although holding a job under the progressives against whom he is still plotting. Not a city in Southern California was represented outside the city of Los Angeles, Pasadena, the old guard sent not a man. The County Court House, however, remained loyal being represented by five or six of its employees. Had the other part of the state and county been as loyal to the council as the court house employees, the meeting would have been a good success.

In passing a resolution to purchase 500 acres of land to be used by the members of the council, the officers are deceiving only themselves. They have no idea of purchasing 500 feet of land, much less 500 acres and if they think they are fooling the people, it is the best evidence that they are deceiving themselves. The resolution as offered authorized the purchasing of the 500 acres at Allensworth, but the local delegates, although they knew the resolution meant nothing had the name "Allensworth" stricken from the resolution to keep from boosting that colony. This action removed any possibility of the resolution in any way aided a race enterprise.

The whole meeting was a joke—



a meaningless farce, as big a joke as Professor Chew's speech. He grew black in the face while telling the boys how, he, armed with a gun and delivered himself of an unprintable message to some real estate men in merchantile place who had separated him from \$1800 or more dollars. Professor Chew said that some names he called these real estate men were so obscene that no man but a beastly coward would have taken them, and that he kept his hand on his gun ready to furnish a job for an undertaker the instant the men would show the slightest resentment. Amid considerable applause he took his seat and smiled at the credulity of those who applauded his little speech. The Council finally adjourned and adjourned "Sine dei," as many of its members put it.

#### PULPIT ELOQUENCE

Dr. Charles Edward Locke at the First Methodist Church last Sunday evening preached on the subject, "A Visit to the Yosemite and the Grand Canyon in Arizona and Their Thrilling Gospel Messages." The text was "O Lord how manifold are Thy works. In Wisdom hast Thou made them all." Psalms 104:24. Dr. Locke said in part:

"In quest of sermons in stones and good in everything I made my way to the wonders of the Colorado River in Arizona. Here is a monstrous chasm, called the Titan of Canyons, 200 miles long and a dozen in width, having been worn to a depth of six thousand feet by the tumultuous Colorado River. One Sunday morning in July I awakened in my room in the hotel and looking out of my window, not two hundred feet from the rim of the canyon, found the mighty chasm filled with a flood of purple light. In the western horizon there were delicate tints of white and blue and red. In a few moments the edge of the sun appeared above the eastern horizon and the yellow limestone rock which forms the upper strata

caught the first rays and glistened like a golden crown. In a similar manner the mountain peaks rising from the midst of the chasm were coronated with royal diadems. The purple flood dissolved into changing hues and sank into the depths and disappeared. All day long the colors and shadows change with every hour. At sunset the red sandstone is warmed into a richer glow, and the faces of the limestone precipices seem like silken draperies with a sheen of changing tints.

"To me the Yosemite Valley also was a majestic cathedral of colossal proportions. I suppose to the painter, with the porcelain skies and green meadows, prismatic waterfalls and lofty crags, crowned with golden sunsets, the Yosemite is an exhaustless artistic study. To the musician the splashing of the waters, the murmuring of the pines and the sighing of the winds fill the valley with orchestral melodies and Aeolian harps; to the sculptor and builder, these precipitous walls and beetling cliffs, these weird profiles and eternal foundations rival the carving and architectural magnificence of man's genius; but to me, as a clergyman, all of these marvels shaped themselves into a minster grand. Here are domes and minarets, aisles and nave and transcripts and twin spires; royal arches and polished columns; the sides of El Capitan were to me like rich tapestries embroidered with artistic designs of bewitching beauty. The waterfalls, with their rainbow splendors were the altar pieces; the sloping meadows and sacred chancel, the cataracts and zephyrs, the birds and the echoes, and now and again the deep diapasons of the rumbling winds were the great organ accompaniment to the doxologies and halleluahs of praise which arose in tumultuous anthems from grateful hearts, and over all the blue vault of heaven, whose bending dome was resting upon lofty mountain peaks, If there is any place in all the world there the devout worshiper may feel the majestic God come down to

earth it is as he falls down to pray at the shrines of El Capitan or Half Dome.

"Not only, as perhaps never before, is the visitor impressed with the majesty and grandeur of his Creator, but with humble gratitude he remembers that this mighty God is also his Father and Savior. The God who hollows out the valleys and chisels mountains and sustains the heavens, who upholds all things by the word of His power, this God is our God, forever and ever.

"Whether in the canyon or in the Yosemite it is all a vast temple, a minster grand for the worship of the most high God, and all the voices are chanting an anthem in whose familiar lines we gladly join. Great and marvelous are Thy works. Lord God Almighty.

"The sublime culmination of all creation, of all God's marvelous manifestations of His power and wisdom and goodness, is the salvation and elevation of man. To make man divine is stamped upon all the works of God."

Mr. S. P. Dones, one of our young business men will take up the study of law. He is a bright young man and has our best wishes.

#### HOMESTEADING DESERT LANDS

Mr. Coleman Johnson a former resident of Hollywood, Miss., has homesteaded 320 acres of desert land at Victorville, Cal. He has built a house and is prepared to plant a grain crop next year. Mr. Johnson is settling quite a colony out there and have already taken up more than a thousand acres. water is obtained from wells.

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## PROFESSOR LANE SPEAKS AT THE LYCEUM

The meeting at the Lyceum on the third was one of the most important meetings of its kind held in the city during the year. Although the colored citizens have been unusually favored this year by visits of distinguished men and women from all over the country, whose lectures have enriched the minds of all who had the good fortune to hear them. The lecture by Prof. Lane of Jackson, Tenn., has thus far been unsurpassed. Like his illustrious father, the Bishop, Prof. Lane is the personification of dignity and simplicity.

In spite of the fact that Bishop Caldwell who was lecturing four

blocks away and had attracted a big crowd, a large and appreciative audience greeted Prof. Lane. And they were amply paid for their attendance. Prof. Lane's address, couched in simple words, was able and convincing. The need of pure home life, the education and care in rearing boys and girls who are to be the future citizens of our country, the acquisition of real property and what it will mean in the future to those who acquire it; the services that are being rendered the race by the teachers and negro newspapers and the value of our real estate men to whom so much is due for the splendid progress the race has made in the purchase of homes, were each discussed in masterly detail. He said that the services that are being rendered the race by the untiring, unselfish teachers and self-sacrificing newspaper men could neither be estimated nor appreciated, and that these untiring self-sacrificing laborers for the advancement of the race, would not be rewarded until they reached the farther shore. He said that it was a great pity that the black men of this day and generation, do not appreciate the services that a clean, able, fearless newspaper can render them. That the failure to properly support such papers was due to that fact.

Speaking of conditions in the south, he said that while they are deplorable, there are marked improvements to be seen on every hand due largely to the work that is being done by negro schools and the encouragement given by a small minority of white Southerners who still believe in the righteousness of fair play for all. But for these he said the South would be utterly intolerable for the negro. He said that mob law and Jim Crowism were systematic attempts to humiliate and discourage young negroes. But that the work that the schools are doing will finally be triumphant.

### NO SPECIAL ENACTMENTS

Pausing for a moment and speaking deliberately he pleaded with

the audience that he might leave with them one admonition and that was:—Under no condition were they to ask or allow to be asked, for the passage at Sacramento of any special legislation of any kind, at any time, for the benefit of negroes. That all the negro needs here or anywhere else, is to be let alone. That the negro was suffering everywhere from too many special laws. That the present day curse of the negro in some sections of the country are the special laws. This admonition was fully understood and warmly applauded.

## PROFESSOR EASTON SPEAKS

At the Bishop Grant memorial services held at the Lyceum on the 27th of August, Prof. W. E. Easton delivered the eulogy. It was the real feature of the occasion and constituted the program for the evening. It was a masterly extemporaneous speech and is regretted that it cannot be reproduced and given the circulation it deserves.

## DON'T READ THE LIBERATOR

"Don't read *The Liberator*" was the admonition given his congregation by the pastor of the First A. M. E. Church last Sunday. "I advise you all to take no notice of what that paper says," the pastor rose to remark. He made no denial of the statements of this journal concerning his political associations. We know he was too manly to deny the facts as set forth. We knew something had happened in advertising *The Liberator* for the sales of the paper Sunday evening after his remarks were the largest in the history of the church. And we wager a dollar to the hole in a doughnut that every person who bought a copy will become a loyal supporter of the paper as each one after reading the article that called forth the pastor's wrath, smiled his approval and walked away. The pastor has therefore rendered the public his first valuable service by denouncing this journal.



## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Dr. Kenchin and family spent the First at Santa Monica. They were guests at the Thurman Rest cottage.

The Mason's Chapel Sunday School had their picnic at East Lake Park on the Fourth.

Miss Claretta Tabb of San Francisco, Miss Rachel Johnson of Alameda, Mr. Charles Hatcher of Santa Barbara are at the Tennessee House.

Mrs. Mary Lomax and Miss Florence Callion and Mrs. Bradley of Houston Texas, are guests of Mrs. Thomas on Newton street.

Mrs. J. D. Groves of 914 Hemlock street, who was a delegate to the Sacramento, Odd Fellow's Convention, has returned from a protracted visit to the northern cities. San Francisco and Oakland were visited.

Mrs. Chas. Elgin and Mrs. Hearne and son are back from their northern visit.

Misses Georgia Elgin and Mary Bowan accompanied by Mr. Lewis Houston of Bakersfield, visited San Diego, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore, Mrs. S. H. Hearne and son, Mrs. Lily Love and Miss C. Tabb, spent last Sunday on Catalina Island.

Miss Mallie Salisbury a music teacher of New Orleans, Louisiana, is in the city and will locate permanently. She will give music lessons to those desiring them as soon as she is located. The piano solo she rendered at the Lyceum was a rare treat. She will play at the Lyceum next Sunday. It will pay you to come and get acquainted with that gifted musician.

Bishop Caldwell delivered an interesting lecture to a large audience at the A. M. E. Zion church last Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Elgin, Jr., and B. K. Edmonds were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. De Joie, 1464 Central Ave., last Sunday.

The misses Stovalls and Asbury accompanied by B. K. Edmonds traversed the scenic railway, visited Merryland and Ye City last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Wood took an automobile ride to San Diego on the Fourth for a week's stay.

Mrs. Toney of West 36th street and Mrs. Joyce spent Labor day at San Diego.

Mrs. Grimes of Blakley, Ga., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Brown of 1338 East 33rd street.

Dr. J. L. McCoy, pastor of the Second Baptist Church left Tuesday for Pittsburg, Penn., to attend the National Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Chas. Walters of San Pedro is the guest of Mrs. Fingers.

Mrs. T. W. Rainey and daughters entertained Bishop Phillips and daughter at a dinner last Sunday.

Mrs. Ellis Cook who has been visiting the Bay cities around San Francisco has returned home.

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Mrs. Marie Campbell leaves this week for a brief stay at San Diego.

Phillip Givens who has been at Santa Ana for some time spent the holidays with his relatives in town.

A large number of the Uniform Rank of K. P. and their friends spent Labor Day at San Diego and all reported as having a splendid and most enjoyable time.

Mrs. George Munroe of Colegrove accompanied by Messrs Chester and Paul Williams are spending the week at Santa Monica.

The wedding of Miss Ethel Carroll of East 33rd street and Mr. Claude Vaughn will take place on September 21st.

Miss Clara White, daughter of Mr. Morgan T. White of this city is visiting her aunt at Redondo.

Miss Hallie Asbury was the guest of the editor and family Tuesday the Fifth at Sawtelle.

Misses Eleanor McClellan, Viola Spence and Ethel Maxwell spent Sunday at Venice.

Mr. Cate and wife, editor of the Everett Washington Rising Sun are sojourning in this city. Mr. Cate has been suffering for several months with rheumatism and comes to Los Angeles in the hope that the change of climate will relieve him. Mr. and Mrs. Cate have the best wishes of this journal.

Dr. and Mrs. Asbury and family returned to the city on Wednesday the 6th after spending two weeks at Santa Monica.

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