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## Does the District Attorney Prosecute or Persecute Negroes Accused of Crime?

### THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE NEGROES

The manner of late in which the District Attorney's office has handled cases where Negroes are accused seems so much more like PERSECUTION than prosecution, that Capt. Fredericks most ardent Negro supporters have thrown up the sponge. It is admitted on every hand that the Negro vote can never again be depended upon to save him from defeat as it did in 1910. Somehow, since his election, the Negroes are feeling the weight of his mailed hand more than before.

The costly "persecution" of Burr Harris has been followed by the "persecution" of Morton Asbury. Of course no one ever believed that Harris or any other Negro murdered Mrs. Haskins, but the tax payers stood the expense of a costly trial in order to boost Capt. Frederick's campaign for governor.

On June 18, 1912, Morton Asbury, while coasting down hill on his wheel with a white boy companion, ran down an elderly white man who later died from his injuries. The accident was due to Asbury's attempt to prevent his hat from blowing off thus losing control of his wheel. The coroner's jury after a full investigation returned a verdict of "accidental death." In such cases the person held responsible for such deaths are usually discharged. But Asbury was sent to jail in default of \$10,000 bonds in spite of the jury's verdict. Asbury is a Negro.

On June 22nd Herbert D. Stokes, a white switch man, was run down and killed at a street crossing by an automobile driven by E. W. Prichard accompanied by A. W. Spears, who were returning after midnight from a Country Club of ill repute. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of death due to criminal negligence of E. W. Prichard the driver of the machine. A bond of \$500 was required of Prichard. "This is so plain that the blind may see and the way faring man though a fool need not err."

The preliminary hearing was before Justice J. W. Summerfield, a candidate for the Superior Judge.

That colored gentleman, who, in a moment of silly ecstasy at the Fool's Paradise, some time ago, launched Capt. Frederick's boom for Governor is beginning to think that he was too previous."

Persecuting innocent defenseless Negroes may increase the tax payers burden but it will not make Capt. Frederick's governor.

### AZUSA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WIN HONORS AT CHICAGO

**Whitted and Jackson Score Seventeen Points in Big Track Meet on Marshall Field—Colored Sprinter Shows Up Other Runners in Quarter-mile Dash, Winning Easily.**

Chicago, June 8.—(Exclusive Dispatch.) Herbert Whitted, a hurdling and broad jumping wonder, and his colored team-mate, Stonewall Jackson, a quarter-mile speeder, who came from Citrus Union High School at Azusa, Cal.,

landed the honors in the eleventh annual interscholastic track and field games of the University of Chicago today at Marshall Field with a total of seventeen points.

Stonewall Jackson, the colored runner from Citrus Union, made himself famous by capturing the second quarter-mile in 0:53, without exerting himself to the limit. He shot out of the rear group on the back stretch after he had fared ill the first turn, took a lead of three yards, gradually increased it to nearly ten yards and then let down to a margin of four yards at the tape ahead of O'Mera of Evanston Academy, Millar of Oak Park and Mellor of Des Moines came in for third and fourth. Ballentine of South High Minneapolis took the first 440-yard race in 52 2-5s.

In the track meet held in this city last spring, Jackson was cheated out of a race by tactics that were roundly condemned by many of the spectators who witnessed the outrage. The mangy trick was played by running him on his second race with their best white runner who was running his first race. In spite of his advantage he won the race by the "skin of his teeth" and was awarded the prize.

The position of hundreds of white people who witnessed the race was both pathetic and amusing; for, while the white boy was straining every muscle with his black antagonist hotly contesting every inch, (the white people) were yelling at the top of their voices: "go it white hope!—go it white



hope!!—beat the nigger!!!—beat the nigger!!!”

With no one to urge him the black runner kept the result in doubt up to the last jump.

It was, however, gratifying to note by the vigorous protest raised against the unfair methods, that the California spirit of fair play is not all dead.—Ed.

#### CITY-BY-THE-SEA

New comers to the Beach:—Mrs. L. J. Jackson and family, from Boyle Heights, L. A. to spend the summer; Mrs. John Scott and daughter, of Los Angeles; Mr. Geo. Smith is visiting Mr. Carlyle Perry for a few days.

A very pleasant evening was spent last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. S. L. Nichols, 1560 Seventeenth Streets, where all of the young people played games and enjoyed themselves in an old fashioned way.

Thursday evening, June 27, a four course dinner was given in honor of our two Santa Monica graduates, Miss Alberta Muse and Walter Edmonds. Covers were laid for ten. We all wish our successful young graduates all the good there is to be had.

Saturday evening Mr. C. J. Clark and Mrs. S. L. Nichols opened their new ice cream parlors and restaurant at 1511 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica. They earnestly solicit your patronage.

Rev. J. A. Stout has returned to Santa Monica.

Mrs. McFarland and Brooks of San Diego, Cal. are to spend the summer at the beach.

Don't miss the entertainment to be given at Odd Fellow's Hall, Third Street, Santa Monica.

#### CARD OF THANKS

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#### A GREAT GATHERING

Three thousand persons attended the alum ni reception tendered the graduates of 1912 at Wesley Chapel Friday eve. It was the largest colored audience that ever assembled under one roof in this city. The Sunday School room was thrown open making the ground floor one vast auditorium, every foot of which was occupied. The galleries encircling the entire building were packed to the walls.

On the platform in the rear of the pulpit, in a semi-circle, sat eighteen bright looking young men and women graduates of 1912. On their right, on the choir platform, sat the members of the alumni association. On their left, occupying the entire Sunday school room, were students from the numerous city schools. From the electric bulbs which encircled the horse-shoe shaped room were penants of various colors representing the schools whose happy students made up the brilliant assemblage. From their places on the platform the graduates looked out upon an audience that would lend inspiration to any one starting on life's journey. From floor to ceiling were a cloud of witnesses whose faces, in the brilliantly lighted edifice, beamed with hope and good cheer for the success of each happy young voyager.

#### The Program.

The exercises were in keeping with the occasion amply paying the big audience for its attendance. On the whole those taking part on the program acquitted themselves becomingly.

The addresses by Dr. Leonard Stovall and Miss Ella Kenard were excellent and well received.

The Class Prophecy by Miss Pauline Slayter furnished the amusement of the evening. Portraying the future occupations of the

graduates, she brought down the house when she said: "I found Mr. Walter Edmonds in the great *Liberator* office working away, in complete harmony with the preachers." The entire audience seemed to understand the significance of the latter part of the statement and went wild with laughter. Miss Slayter's paper was meritorious as well as amusing; its brevity being one of its virtues.

The solos by the Misses Wrenn, Washington and Brown were well received.

When Attorney Ceruti, who was on the program, was speaking, the audience showed a strong disposition to doze. It, however, awoke with a jump when he denounced all agitation for separate schools as pernicious. The applause that greeted that denunciation was unanimous and hearty.

Had the address by Prof. Frances, superintendent of the city schools, constituted the entire program, the members of the audience would have been paid many times over for their attendance. It was a great address and dealt with the practical side of life and the education that broadens it, thus uncreasing the power and usefulness of its possessors. He dwelt at length upon the great importance of having an object in life, and the bending of one's energies unceasingly towards its attainment. He gave the ability to "labor and wait" a high place among the things one must possess in order to attain success.

Referring to handicaps, he said: "That while race prejudice was proving a considerable handicap to the young Negroes that there are still unbounded opportunities for those who were willing to take advantage of them. The soil, he said, offers equal opportunity to all. Those who return to the soil and simple life are free from all the more serious handicaps of which men complain. He paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Booker T. Washington stating that the future historian would place him pre-eminently above any man of this age."



The occasion was a great one and will be pleasantly and profitably remembered. The presence of such an audience displayed the interest the Negroes are taking in the cause of education.

Seated among the graduates was a young man of quiet, unassuming disposition with no attraction other than his very ordinary appearance. He was Stonewall Jackson of the Citrus Union High School of Azusa, Cal., who has won national fame in the Marathon contests. He had just returned from Chicago where he easily ranked first among the fleetest runners. The principal of the Citrus High School says: "Jackson is a gentleman in every respect." Of the Alumni's guests of honor Jackson was the most distinguished.

#### THE MOTHER'S MEETING

The mother's meeting held at the Lyceum last Sunday, was well attended and an interesting program was rendered. The paper by Mrs. Noah D. Thompson was full of valuable suggestions touching the influence the mothers of today will have upon future generations. Mrs. Thompson has had a large experience in settlement work in Chicago and will be a valuable acquisition in this city, where much work is needed to be done.

The presence of the Misses Senola D. Maxwell and Ella Kenard two recent graduates of the State Normal, was one of the very inspiring features of the program. By their presence and participation these young ladies showed a determination to make their educational attainments of practical service in the work of race uplift. Too often many of our young graduates know so little of the use of an education that they are practically useless, even to themselves.

At the close of the mother's program, the Lyceum was called to order by the president to listen to the addresses of Mr A. J. Roberts and Mr. E. J. Phelan explaining the operating of the Harding Land Co.'s methods in the sale and rear-

ing of orchards, which are sold by the unit system. Mr. Roberts, who has just returned from a tour of investigation, made a very interesting talk. Mr. Phelan followed with a talk on the method and culture of apples explaining how the orchardist makes the trees bear and rest at will. He showed the audience how the orchardist could know in advance the size of his coming crop and thus know what his income is to be. The Harding Land Company has many local investors here with many new applicants.

#### ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. A. J. Roberts, who visited Oregon to look over apple orchards in which a number of our enterprising citizens are interested, has returned with a very flattering report. He says the local investors have made no mistake.

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Members of the Booker T. Washington Art Club were entertained Thursday, June 20, by Mrs. Jno. Russel and Mrs. Taft at the beautiful residence in Watts, Cal. The affair was in honor of Mr. Taft's mother, Mrs. Heuston, a recent arrival from the east.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent; quite a number of guests including club members and friends of the hostess were present.

A dainty repast of punch, ice cream and cakes was served.

Guests departed at a late hour, every one present declaring it one of the most enjoyable evenings they ever spent.

Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Russel,

are charming hostesses. We hope to be invited again real soon.

The Booker T. Washington Art Club held its election of officers at the residence of Mrs. Higgins, 1012 Santa Fe Ave., Thursday afternoon, June 29.

Most of the afternoon was spent in selecting the officers which are as follows:—Mrs. J. W. Payne, President; Mrs. Higgins, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Joe Olliver, Recording Secretary; Mrs. S. Davis, Financial Secretary; Mrs. C. Cobb, Treasurer.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The club will hold a private picnic at Echo Park, July 4th.

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

The friends of Mrs. I. Davis, of 1245 Hawthorne Street, celebrated her birthday with an entertainment at her residence last week. There were 21 persons present who presented Mrs. Davis with many valuable presents. A \$5 chair was given her by the school where she works. After spending a very pleasant evening the merrymakers left, wishing Mrs. Davis many more happy birthdays.

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The nomination of Governor Wilson for President by the Democratic Convention was a triumph for Col. William J. Bryan, who makes himself the greatest Democrat of them all.

By eliminating Wall st. influence from the Democratic convention and thereby making the nomination of Governor Wilson possible, Col. Bryan performed a political feat that has no precedent. Wilson and Marshall is without doubt the strongest ticket the Democrats could have nominated. Mr.

Bryan has not only made Democratic success possible in November, but has completely eliminated Roosevelt and his third party. Governor Wilson is an able clean man and will attract a tremendous following from the voters of all parties.

President Taft and his backers will contest every inch of the ground but the division in the party is not likely to be closed this side of the poles. Col. Roosevelt has decided to defeat President Taft; that he can do. No matter what the outcome of the battle is Roosevelt is down and out. God be praised.

## THE HORSE THREW TONEY

*"Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this son of (New) York."*

Down goes the third term forever! At last Brownsville has been avenged and its author will return to the obscurity from which the gallant black soldiers lifted him at San Juan Hill. Back to obscurity goes the Napoleon of American politics—the chief among lynchers. The third term campaign inaugurated by the beaten rough rider, to be managed by Gov. Johnson of this state—another candidate for obscurity—will, in all probability, defeat Pres. Taft for re-election. But it is doomed to meet a more powerful steam roller in November than it met in June. The people of this country will have no more of Roosevelt or Rooseveltism.

Gov. Johnson has about reached the zenith of his career. Getting into California politics at a physiological moment, the Governor shot into the political skies like a comet and it looks as if he will disappear in the same manner. Although the colored voters broke away from the machine and made his political success possible, he has given them no consideration whatever, and that is not all, he has removed Negroes from positions which they held under both Republican and Democratic governments of this state for the last

twenty years and given their positions to white men.

Take the governor's messenger, for instance, this position was created by Gov. Budd, a Democrat, and given to one of his colored supporters, colored men held this position during the administrations of Governors Pardee and Gage and Gillett. Owing to the increased duties of the position the so-called machine increased the pay from \$100 to \$125 per month. This was too much pay for a Negro, under Gov. Johnson's (so-called) progressive administration, so the Negro was removed and the place given to a white man.

This same Johnson progressive policy has been adopted by the Good Government office holders of this city and county. As a result all Negroes have been taken out of the parks where the pay was good and life and limb safe; and all teams owned by Negroes let out of the street department.

Lily whiteism in the South and Progressivism in the North are synonymous terms; both would close the door of hope to the Negro. Both were for Roosevelt and both are against the Negro. And if the Negro hopes to enjoy his rights he will have to vote solidly against lily whiteism and the so-called Progressive Republicans.

## THE K. OF P. WIN THEIR SUIT

The decision handed down by chief justice White of the U. S. Supreme court, denying the injunctions asked for by the white K. of P.s of Georgia is a great triumph for the Negro Pithians of Georgia and the country as well. Had the Georgia Negro-hating crackers secured the injunction prayed for, it would have served as a signal for the destruction of the colored secret societies throughout the south. It is not the harm but the good that Negro secret societies are doing that has aroused the enmity of the non-progressive Negro-hating whites. Chief Justice White who handed down that decision is a



Democrat from Louisiana and Justice Holmes who handed down a dissenting opinion upholding the Negro-hating Georgia crackers is a Massachusetts Republican and son of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the great anti-slavery poet.

the mutual benefit of all. Such a meeting will bring the masses in closer touch—a thing now very needful.

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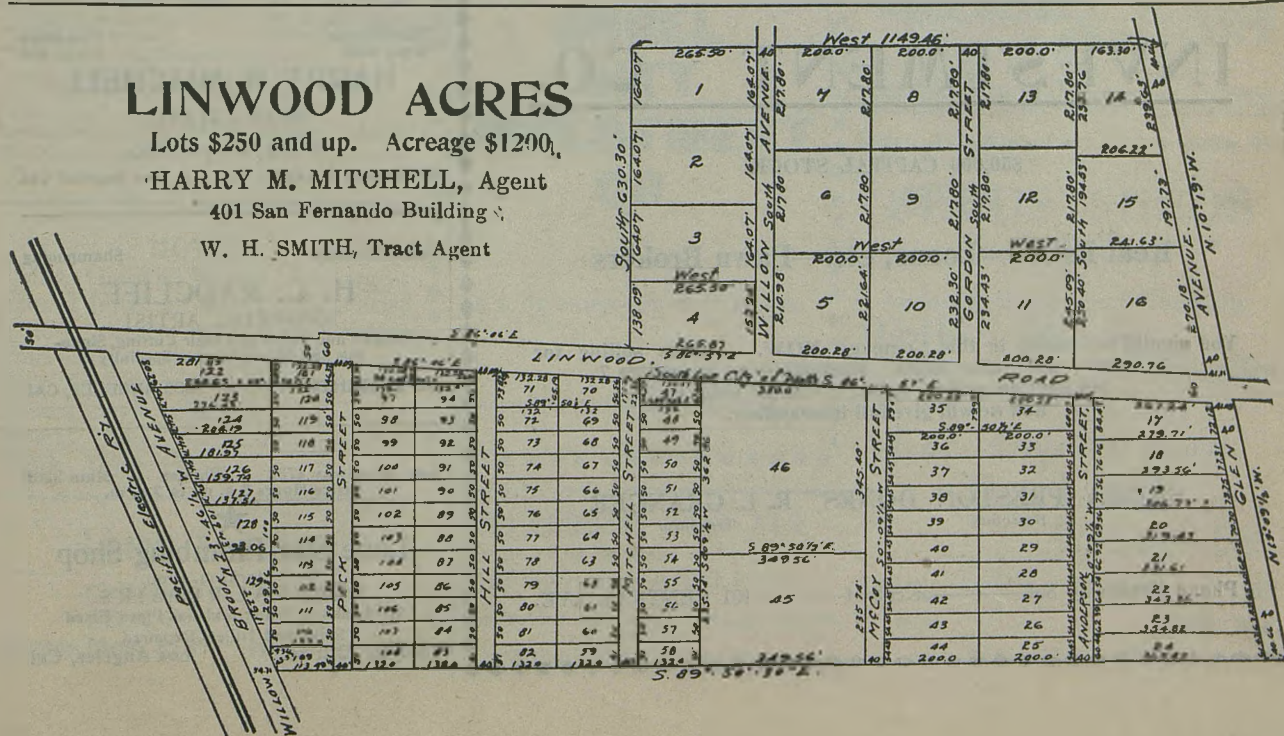
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