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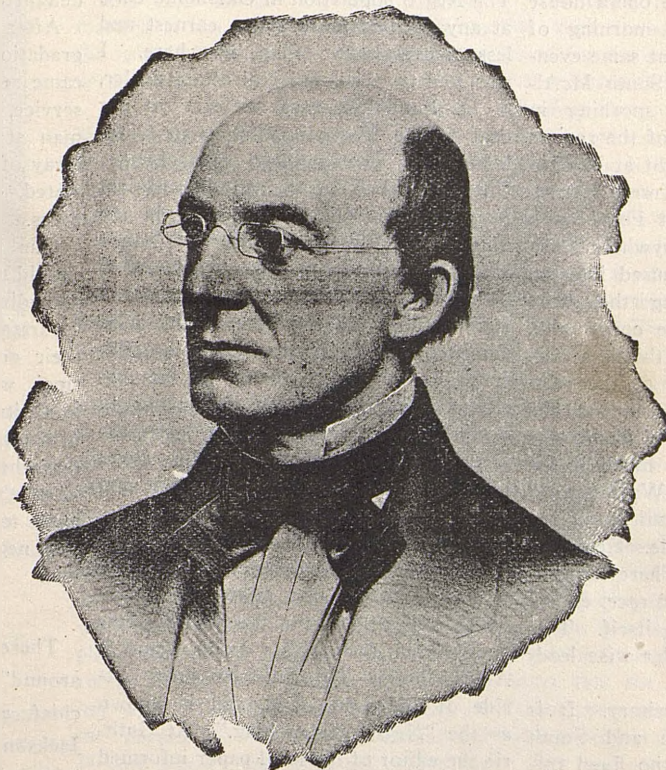
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SOME WESTERN OBSERVATIONS  
*From the Springfield, Mass., Republican.*

SOUTH MCALESTER, I. T., November 20, 1905.—The party which has accompanied Booker T. Washington on his western tour reached this place Sunday night, the 19th. Mr. Washington has been traveling and speaking since the 15th. He spoke at the opera house in Oklahoma City on the morning of the 18th, and in Guthrie that same evening. Sunday he spoke at South McAlester and spent Monday morning in visiting the mining towns of the region. He will speak Monday night at Muskogee, the capital of the Creek Nation, and will finish his tour at Fort Smith Tuesday evening. Everywhere Mr. Washington's visit has aroused interest. There is a feeling among the more thoughtful members of the community, both white and black, that this is a critical period in the history of the relations of the races. J. H. Johnson, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Oklahoma City, said as much in his address of welcome. "Mr. Washington," he said, "is the man to whom the nation is looking to uplift his people. He comes to us at a critical time. There is nothing wrong with the colored race, except that it lacks confidence in itself. This confidence it will gain under wise leadership."

Oklahoma is border territory. It is a place where the North and South meet and mingle. It has no fixed traditions in regard to Negroes. If prejudice exists, it is of the northern rather than of the southern type. Many of the people who settled here came from Kansas and elsewhere in the North, and these people have had no disposition to deny the Negro any of the privileges that are granted to other citizens. The colored people have been encouraged to buy and own property. Their schools are equal to those of the white population, and there is no distinction in the distribution of the school taxes. But if there is no such prejudice against the Negro here as one meets in the South, there is also not the same prejudice against work. Here every one works, even the women. In Oklahoma and Indian Territory one meets women working in all sorts of places. They have largely taken the places of Negro waiters in the hotels. They work as barbers and as clerks. They run elevators,

and everywhere, as far as I can see, they work well. If there is no special place for the Negro in the street cars and railway stations, there is also no special place set apart for him in the industrial system. Everywhere he comes in direct competition with the most energetic and progressive people on the continent. The effect is in some ways surprising. The Negro population in Oklahoma City, at any rate, is more sober, earnest and less demonstrative than elsewhere. I was told by a colored real estate dealer, J. D. Randolph, that at least 70 per cent of the Negro population in Oklahoma City owned their own homes. There seems to be no prejudice against Negro labor. On the contrary, in the mines about South McAlester Negro labor is preferred because "Negroes do not make trouble," as the Poles and Italians do. On the other hand, it is admitted that the Negro laborer is neither so steady nor so thrifty as the foreign laborer with whom he comes in competition. As near as I can learn, the Negro has done best on the farm, where he owns and works his own land and has a permanent stake in the country.

There is no question about the success of the Negro farmer in Oklahoma. It was a Negro who raised the cotton which took the prize at the World's Fair in Paris in 1900. This man's name is Albert Smith. He owns 480 acres outside of Oklahoma City, and is known as the "Negro cotton king." At Guthrie the editor of the local paper informed me that he had met a Negro farmer a few days before who was carrying \$1,300 to the bank as a result of his season's work.

#### A PERNICIOUS PRINCIPLE.

The principle of separate schools for the races in the North is pernicious. Such a course creates race prejudice of the deepest dye. It imbitters one race against the other, and creates the idea in the mind of one that he is better than the other, and is therefore entitled to more advantages under the laws of the nation. Separate schools are the foundation upon which all other separations of the races are based. It is simply the beginning of the rankest sort of race prejudice and race hatred. It is the laying of the foundation of one of the very worst evils that any neighborhood in any Northern State could possibly

have within its bounds. Race prejudice, like a snake, always begins small, and after it gets a start it "just grows." The disfranchisement of the black race in the Southern States was laid in the school room. It began with the little, innocent school children, years ago, and has now wrapped its coils around the necks of the strongest men of the race in that once delightful part of the United States.

After segregation, humiliation and degradation of the race in the school room came separate cars in the public carrier service, disfranchisement of the black man at the ballot box, and the taking away of his rights in the courts of those states.—Red Bank (N. J.) Mail and Express.

Our local separate school agitators should take notice and govern themselves accordingly. However, if they must have separate schools, no one will object to their going down in Texas or Mississippi, where jim-crowism is flourishing in all its glory. Perhaps a short sojourn in South Carolina might suit them better, where the law makes the negro ride in the rear of the street cars with his back to the way the cars are going. The negro is a strange inconsistent animal.

There is no gainsaying that the "all-around" climate of Los Angeles is the chief asset. Years ago Helen Hunt Jackson, Charles A. Dana, Charles Nordhoff and Charles Dudley Warner gave its climatology extended consideration. They penned a profusion of wonderful word pictures about the enticement of the balmy air, the cloudless heavens, the green fields and flowering hedgerows of resplendent bloom in this land of sunshine. This fascinating allurements, compelling as ever, is calling thousands. The number of commodious dwellings and artistic cottage homes increase monthly and the general spaciousness of the building sites impress the visitor. Drop a New Yorker down among the beautiful homes clustering around Chester Place, the West Adams or Westlake districts, and he would marvel at the prodigality in private landscape gardening.—Arthur M. Doyle, in *Sunset Magazine* for December.



MR. LEMUEL MOORE.

President of the Moore & Burnett Company, undertakers, is a prominent churchman. He was trustee of and took a very prominent part in building Quinn Chapel in Chicago, where he was engaged in the undertaking and embalming business.

## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

## A GREAT TENNIS CONTEST.

At the Furlong Tract. That popular resort, destined to become famous as a resort for the best representative citizens of the Angel City, will witness a tennis contest under the auspices of the Business and Professional Men and Women's Tennis Association on Xmas morning at 10 a. m. sharp. Some of those who will take part are: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchel, Capt. and Mrs. F. H. Crumble, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Garrot, Mrs. M. Liles, Dr. W. R. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. B. Sykes, Lawyer J. D. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Jackson, Miss Nowlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Outlaw, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Leake, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Green, Mr. C. S. Darden.

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Mr. J. B. Loving, grand vice-chancellor of California, returned recently from an extended trip in the East, looking a picture of health. He reports our people as enjoying a season of great prosperity. Mr. Loving is a prosperous real

estate dealer, and is a popular member of business circles.

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Mr. Ben C. Talbot, our enterprising young tailor, was the victim of a sneak thief a few nights ago. An overcoat and other articles amounting to \$30 was stolen.

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The Elks Lodge will hold a called meeting at the Santa Fe barber shop on the 26th of December. All interested persons should be present.

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## BISHOP TURNER NOT PLEASED.

At the A. M. E. Conference, held at Macon, Ga., November 24th, Bishop Henry M. Turner, senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Church, made a bitter attack upon the Supreme Court of the United States. Some race papers have criticised the good Bishop for his utterances, but after reading what is reported as being his words, we agree in part with him. The Bishop said:

"I am not pleased with this nation. No man hates this nation more than I do. When I go to say my prayers I have a struggle to get to the place where I am willing for God to allow the United States Supreme Court to have part in my prayer. That damnable institution, which raped the negro of every vestige of human or manhood's

right—the men that compose that body may get to heaven the best way they can, but very little help God will grant them from any request that I make.

"The Negro will never be anything in this country but a scullion until he shows his manhood. Go to Africa and build up a great nation that will command the respect of the civilized world.

"We could organize and agitate and pay men to stay at Wahsington and plead for the cutting down of the Southern representation, while the South is pleading for our disfranchisement, and much good could be accomplished. But the Negro is a miserable coward. He just stays here and preaches, 'Heaven up yonder' and 'Hell down yonder,' and says, 'Wait on the Lord.' Why wait on the Lord to do for you what you can do for yourself?"

What the Bishop had to say about the United States Supreme Court is true in every particular. There is not a more anti-Negro body on earth than the said court. The United States Supreme Court has sided with the mob or constitution nullifiers in every case involving the Negro's constitutional rights. We have heard Negroes pray for many men and things that needed damning more than they did prayers, but we never heard of a negro praying for the United States Supreme Court, the concensus of opinion being that the majority of that august body have reached that point in life where prayers avail nothing.

The war records show that Bishop Turner is not the first man in that section who hated this country. We did not agree with the men who hated this country so bad that they fought four years in an attempt to destroy it. We did not agree with them then, and we do not agree with Bishop Turner now, although we admire him for having the courage of his convictions. This is a white man's country only in the sense that his superior numbers enable him to dominate in its administration. The negro is a citizen, and by an independent manly use of his ballot can force those charged with the execution of the laws to respect his rights. The Bishop says: "The Negro is a miserable coward." This is all too true with respect to the defense of his rights. He is waiting on the Lord or some white man to do what he alone should do, and which will never be done until he does it himself. There is no need of the Negro going to Africa. This is his home. Emigration is not a remedy in the present crisis.

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#### THE GARRISON CENTENNIAL.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Wm. Lloyd Garrison was fittingly observed by a large audience which met in the auditorium of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church on the 10th inst. The large auditorium was filled with representatives of every colored church in the city, the overflow filling much of the space in the gallery. The meeting was in charge of Major Allensworth, late chaplain of the United States army. One pleasing feature of the meeting was that it opened on time, with the seats all filled, thus preventing the interruption of the program by late comers. Major Allensworth is a forceful, logical and enthusiastic speaker, and soon imparted his enthusiasm to his audience. He read one of Garrison's anti-slavery speeches with such eloquence and zeal as to call forth repeated applause from the audience. Papers on Garrison's life were read by Capt. Crumbly and the editor of this journal, after which the chairman turned the meeting over to the audience, requesting each to give a quotation from Garrison's writings. It was a revelation to see how widely the productions of his pen had been read by the men and women he sacrificed so much to free. The meeting opened and closed by singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." It was

sung with a spirit that is known only to colored audiences. The celebration was a success in many ways, and was very educating to all present.

#### THE MALLORY CASE.

The ease with which the El Paso, Texas, authorities identified Mallory, suspected of killing a policeman there six years ago, shows the danger of taking the word of persons in that mob-ridden section when a Negro is the subject. The Governor who respects human life or liberty should be slow to extradite Negroes wanted in the South on a criminal charge. The Governors of Ohio and Kansas each refused to grant the extradition of Negroes wanted in Southern states. Their refusal was based solely on the ground that the Negro would be subject to mob violence, or denied a fair trial, if returned. Ex-Governor Taylor of Kentucky, who is charged with complicity in the murder of the late Governor Goebel of that state, is protected by the Governor of Indiana from extradition, not for fear of lynching, but on the ground that he could not get a fair trial. We understand that even Governor Vardaman recently refused to extradite a Texas Negro, giving as his reason his desire not to be a party to a lynching. In the Mallory case Governor Pardee acted a noble part. He gave the man a chance. That was all he asked.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message is a long, well-worded document, and is well worth careful reading. It is disappointing in some particulars, especially in its seeming bid for a compromise on some measures of reform that he has so strenuously advocated. While devoting considerable space to corrupt election methods in the North, he had nothing to say of nullification in the South. His failure to take a firm stand against southern disfranchisement is to our mind a sad yielding to the lawless element of the country. The President has lost the opportunity of his life.

THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE REALLY WORTH WHILE, AND MR. ROOSEVELT IS THIRD AMONG THESE.

"There are eight men really worth while in this country, and first of all I place Booker T. Washington," said Dr. Albert E. Winship, editor of the New England Journal of Education of Boston, in an address before the Los Angeles City Teachers' institute, in the polytechnic high school, this morning.

„Second, I place Jacob Riis, third I believe I must put Theodore Roosevelt, fourth I place Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver, because of his great work in reforming the youths of the country.

"Power and poise are the standards which will rule education in the future. Organization will be wiped out and one day will be only a tradition. Power is the new watchword, and it will be the effort of education of the future to develop it.

"But power must have a poise. That is what is the matter with organization today. It has the power but not the poise, and as a consequence Chicago, which always has been democratic, went republican. Ohio, which always has been republican, went democratic; Philadelphia went prohibitory when it had not known such a thing existed; New York was Jeromized, while all parties fought each other for the mastery.

"This school system of today will have to be rechristened. We must build up power to fight the game of life, and we must have the poise to use that power correctly. We must build up a power in the child to defy the 'gang,' which would lead him astray; we must teach him poise to use that power to the best of his advantage. Such is the mission of the schools."—Evening Express, Dec. 18th.

A celebrated financier one day in crossing a vacant lot came upon a group of loiterers lying under a tree. He paused and held up a silver dollar in his hand. "The laziest man of you gets this silver dollar," he said.

All jumped up but one, who continued to lay on his back. The financier threw the dollar to him, saying:

"You earned it."

The idler turned over and said: "Put it in my pocket."—Magazine of Fun.



MORGANT. WHITE.

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#### MRS. JULIA B. ROAN AT REST.

By the death of Mrs. Julia B. Roan, a well-known and talented singer of this city, the community has lost a valuable member whose services will be greatly missed, and whose place will be hard to fill. As a singer, Mrs. Roan possessed rare talents, and would easily have attained a national reputation had her environments been such as can be found in any eastern city of this size.

She was a public-spirited woman and devoted her splendid talents to every good cause that needed assistance, and her untimely death comes as a severe blow to the whole community. A noble woman too early has fallen asleep.

## The Mob Disappointed. The Negro It Prepared to Lynch Didn't Come.

### MALLORY GOES FREE.

After spending two weeks in jail, Mr. Levy Mallory, who was arrested by Officers Randolph and Glen on suspicion of having killed a white policeman in Texas six years ago, was discharged, having proven his alibi. That Mallory got an opportunity to prove an alibi was due to the untiring efforts of Messrs. James Alexander, Capt. F. H. Crumbly, Major Allensworth, Editor T. A. Greene, Eugene Walker, R. C. Owens, Rhone, Rev. G. R. Bryant and others. On Monday following the arrival of the Texas Sheriff, Messrs. Alexander, T. A. Greene, Capt. Crumbly and the editor of this journal went to the city jail and, through the courtesy of Chief of Police Auble, had an interview with Mallory, which convinced each that he was innocent, and they resolved that nothing should be left undone to secure his discharge. Governor Pardee was requested by telegraph to withhold his signature from the extradition papers pending an investigation of Mallory's past record. Mallory is an ex-Union soldier, having served in the Ninth Cavalry, and was stationed at Fort Wingate, N. M., at the time of the killing. The wires between this city and the War Department at Washington were kept hot until Mallory's innocence was established. Surgeon Major Nichols and his good wife also came nobly to his rescue. Major Nichols was surgeon of Mallory's regiment at Fort Wingate and came voluntarily to his aid, Mallory being unaware of the presence of the doctor and his wife in this city. But for the aid of the persons mentioned, Mallory, though innocent, would have been lynched or burned at the stake long ago. The mob to put him to death was already formed and was looking forward to the event with the same ecstasy that children do to the arrival of Santa Claus.

Officers Randolph and Glen have been severely criticised for making the arrest on suspicion, knowing, as they did, that Mallory would be identified by the authorities in Texas, whether he had ever been in that state or not. Had the pic-

ture of either officer making the arrest been sent to Texas it would have been promptly identified as the Negro wanted, and a mob formed to execute him. When the Governor of any Southern state issues a requisition on the Governor of a Northern or Western state for a Negro, it means a lynching, whether guilty or innocent, if the Negro is returned, and no one knows this better than do the officers named. Had Mallory been wanted in any state north of the Mason and Dixon line, where the people generally respect the law, the case would have been different. As there is no law for the protection of Negroes in the South (to evade the arrest of a Negro wanted there not only violates no law, but saves the country the disgrace of a lynching. If the majority of the Southern people knew that lynching is heathenish and disgraceful, they would put a stop to it. Messrs. Randolph and Glen are both good officers and did their duty as they understood it, but in its performance came dangerously near sending to the stake an innocent member of their race. While our entire race stands ever ready to aid the officers of the law in apprehending criminals, they draw the line on mobs. The man who aids the law in suppressing crime renders to his community and to himself his best services, but to any way aid a mob assassinates the law. If Mallory had been returned to Texas he would have been lynched, and Officers Randolph and Glen would have been kept busy catching innocent Negroes to be identified and lynched by Southern mobs.

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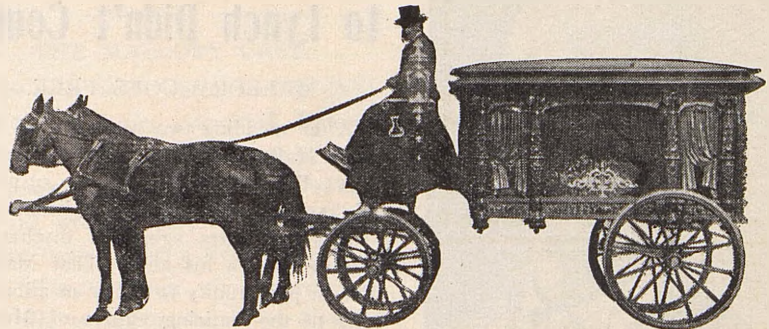
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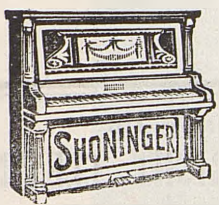
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