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The Japanese View of the Race Question

ALBINOCRACY TO BE TRIED OUT

According to the "Japan Chronicle," Albinocracy is an "ocracy" which is soon to have an inning. The world has had a struggle with beurocracy, plutocracy, partyocracy, militocracy and connubiocracy, but Albinocracy had been romping defiantly over the world long enough and according to the Japanese Chronicle the time has come for its extermination. This is the definition of Albinocracy: "For a long time the white men have behaved as though the world belonged to them, as though it were created for their delectation. Since the days of Greece and Rome they have acted as though they were a people specially chosen of God."

The white race goes about the world calling older and better civilizations "heathen," "pagan," and even when the colored races accept Christianity, Christian ideals, Christian laws, Christian ethics, the white race continues its lordly impudence. "In their pride they show religious intolerance towards other people, thinking they are the elect of God and calling other people heathens. But when other races accept Christianity, are they treated as equals? History does not hesitate to answer in an emphatic negative. If we may use such a comparison, we should rather say that they treat converts as though the latter were foemen who had made their submission on the field of battle. They appear to think that conversion is a sign that the convert can be easily controlled." This is a fair sample of what the "Chronicle" thinks about

Albinocracy. We refer to this to show the sub-basis of a feeling aroused by the late California anti-Japanese legislation. The Chronicle thinks conversion to Christian ideals a good thing, but is unwilling to accept for Japan the race humiliation and subordination which Albinocracy seeks to impose. "We may think such conversion a good and meritorious thing, but we can not picture it as improving Japan's position in the world. That position was won by another gospel—the gospel of force." Whatever we may think of the merits of this argument we must admit that some hard fundamental facts have been brought to the attention of the white man. Albinocracy, according to that authority, is not alone due to the pride and self-sufficiency of the white man, but to the spiritlessness of the colored races. They meekly put on the badge of inferiority and are all too ready to kowtow to Albinocracy. "There is no cause for enmity towards the white race, but for the sake of humanity at large and for fair and square justice, we must crush Albinocracy and establish proper relations between the different races."—*California Christian Advocate*.

THE NEGRO AND THE FLAG

The Negro soldier has carried it in every war since 1812.

Why do we honor the flag of our country? Why do we look with pride upon it? Because it is the emblem of liberty and justice.

The love of flag is the love of country, and the love of country means the love of institutions that

constitute the civilization of that country—and that means *now*, not fifty years ago.

The Negro soldier fought for his rights and freedom, and for the Union. He fought bravely, because he had a cause to fight for—equal rights before the law and protection under the flag.

The powers that now control the channels of authority have raised objections to the very rights that the soldiers fought, suffered and died for. As long as these conditions exist, regardless of our sensibilities, it is a known fact by every thinging American that there are institutions and State laws that ignore certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States favoring the rights of the Negro, and yet "Old Glory" must stand for it—these barbarities that have cast a stain upon the flag.

Can we truthfully say that the flag now waves over the free when American-born citizens are oppressed, discriminated and legislated against?

The Supreme Court of the United States has declared null and void the Civil Rights Act of 1875—passed by Congress to insure equal treatment for Negroes at hotels, theatres and public conveyances. It was not such a statute, said the Court, that a part could be legal and operative while the remaining part was unconstitutional.

Mary F. Butts, a colored lady, who claimed to have received second class accommodations and treatment on board the Merchants & Miners Transportation Company's steamship, was declared to have no remedy under the law. "The

statute gave Congress no right to control interstate commerce, and, as applied to the States, was unconstitutional," said Mr. Justice Van Devanter. The question is, are the colored citizens of the United States, who pay taxes, and who fought to save the Union, getting justice and the rights that they are entitled to?

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THE PRENTICE NEW IDEA STORE

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For teaching Jim Crow schools in Wilcox County, Alabama, Negro teachers receive 38 cents per year for each Negro child in attendance, while white teachers receive \$15 for each white child in attendance. The Negro girls there have something to do, don't they?

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MRS. HARRIET WASHINGTON

Mrs. Washington, who is one of the wealthiest colored women in the State, is a native of Tishomingo County, Miss. She has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the race, being a liberal contributor to their churches and other enterprises. A year ago she offered a prize of \$50 to the high school student making the highest average in scholarship and deportment. Miss Gladys Harris, of Pasadena, is the lucky student, and a more worthy young lady is to be found nowhere. She comes of an exemplary family of four, her mother being an intelligent, industrious widow. Miss Harris is a bright young woman possessed of a good deal of common sense.

Mrs. Washington has set a splendid example, and one that can be followed by others of our wealthy people with profit to the race. We have fine public schools of every kind in this State, which offer education free to all, and our young people should be encouraged to attend them. Mrs. Washington is a benefactor.

WANT REV. PECK RETURNED

The movement to secure the return of Dr. F. Jesse Peck to the First A. M. E. Church is a good one. While there are possibly those

who differ with him on some matters of public policy, all must agree to his loyalty to his church and its cause. The growth of the First A. M. E. Church under his leadership has been great. His loyalty to his race is nowhere doubted. And if his return was put to a vote of the people at large he would be handsomely endorsed.

307-MILE FOOT RACE

Nine boys of the National Industrial Orphans Home, at Land Fair, will walk from that place to this city sometime in September. The distance is 307 miles, which journey they propose to make on foot as a test of their physical endurance. These boys have neither father or mother, and are working their way through school. As a reward for the trip, they want some person, or persons, to offer three prizes as follows: for the first boy who arrives in this city, \$50; the second, \$25; and the third, \$15. The money to be applied to their school incidental expenses. We trust that persons of means will realize the merits of the contest and offer the prizes. These boys are making excellent records in school and on the farm, and should be encouraged in every way possible.

The National Industrial Orphans Home and Training School owns a model farm of 40 acres at Land Fair, Cal., where these boys are receiving industrial, along with other training, which will make them useful citizens. This is a worthy institution, and should have the support of the people generally.

Any person volunteering to offer one or more of the prizes mentioned can write to the editor of this journal, or Rev. C. H. Duvall, 303 Willard Place, Pasadena, Cal.

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The carnival held Monday and Tuesday evenings at A. M. E. Church was a decided success.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe H. Broyles are preparing to take up permanent residence in Santa Monica. It will be remembered that Mrs. Broyles was formerly Edna B. Adams.

Miss Adell Ragland and Mr. H. White were the guests of Miss Ann Foye last Friday.

Many L. A. people are taking rooms at "La Bonita" for the summer.

Friday evening, July 4, a commencement aftermath was held in the C. M. E. Church in honor of Miss Alberta Muse, who was a graduate of '12, and Miss Hazel Brown, '13. This is the first of this kind ever held in Santa Monica.

Mrs. H. Furgerson is the guest of her aunt and uncle, Mrs. and Mr. P. Morrow, of Seventh street.

Mr. Butler Carter is visiting his mother and brothers now. Mr. Carter is here from Chicago.

Miss Kendall P. Mulholland was the house-guest of Miss Hazel Brown last week.

Mr. Geo. Wright is preparing for a visit to his home in Kansas, and various eastern cities.

Miss Katharine Lions entertained with a whist party Friday evening.

H. N. BROWN.

A GREAT TRIP FOR YOU

Two-week vacation full of pleasure. The Women's Federation meets at Oakland, beginning July 28th, for one week.

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Last year there were about five hundred women in attendance in

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So come and take your vacation. And also take advantage of the extremely low rates of \$12 round trip to Oakland and return, over the Santa Fe. Tickets good 14 days, from July 26th to August the 9th, inclusive.

We have arranged for special cars. The Masons went north on a "Special Train." We can't take a second place. We want the North to see what the South can do. We hope there will be at least 500 women going from Los Angeles.

Mrs. E. V. Moxley is President of the Colored Woman's Federated Clubs; Mrs. E. Warner, District Most Grand Household of Ruth, F. L. T.

NO "EQUAL RIGHTS" FOR NEGROES, RULES U. S. SUPREME COURT

Last of Civil Rights Act Wiped Out by Decision Affecting "High Seas"

(From N. Y. World)

Washington.—The Federal Civil Rights act was pronounced unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. The opinion was unanimous. It was read by Judge Van Devanter. The decision removes the last slender barrier standing between Negroes and discrimination in the matter of public utilities. It was the only legislative thread upon which they could contend for equal accommodations when traveling by train and boat, in seeking hotel quarters, in desiring to be served in restaurants, drug stores and other places and in demanding other equal privileges with white persons.

Some years ago the Supreme Court held that Congress had exceeded its power in passing the Civil Rights act and declared that so far as it interfered with the rights

of a State it was "repugnant." That opinion in reality left the act operative alone as concerned the District of Columbia, the various Territories and the high seas. The cases at issue now involved extending the Civil Rights act to the high seas, and this the court refused to do.

Mary F. Butts, a negress, bought a first-class ticket on the Merchants and Miners' Transportation lines from Boston to Norfolk. She went from Boston on one boat and returned from Norfolk on another vessel of the same line. During the round trip it was claimed she had twelve times been denied equal accommodations under the Civil Rights act. She brought suit to recover \$6,000. She had been refused the same eating and sleeping accommodations as were furnished white people and was required to take her meals at a second table and sleep on the lower deck.

In this city more than one-third of the population consists of Negroes. They have assumed to possess equal privileges with white persons under the Civil Rights law. For years the rule here has been that if a Negro seated himself in a fashionable eating house and gave an order he was politely informed that a small steak would cost him \$30. Under the opinion just rendered the Negro will be plainly advised that his trade is not desired. No subterfuge to avoid serving him will be necessary hereafter, either in Washington or elsewhere.

BISHOP WATERHOUSE WILL PREACH

Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, D. D. of the M. E. Church South, will preach at Phillips Chapel Colored M. E. Church, 1406 Newton St., Sunday, the 13th, at 3:00 p. m. We invite our friends to come out and hear him.

Rev. J. A. Stout will preach at 11:00 a. m., and Rev. R. H. Wade will preach at 8:00 p. m.

S. L. HARRIS, Pastor.

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The colored voters, whose votes were cast almost solidly for the Judge, take especial pride in him. When we opened the campaign among the colored people for the nomination of Judge Rose, he was little known to the great body of them. This was due to his unostentatious, unassuming disposition. During his long term as police judge he came in contact with so few colored people that an extended acquaintance with any large number was not possible. A singular thing in this connection is that possibly nine-tenths of the Negroes who had business in Judge Rose's court supported him for mayor, for, whether they won or lost, their cases all agreed that he was fair.

We have known Mayor Rose for nearly twenty years, and the almost solid colored vote cast for him was due largely to the confidence they have in this journal, which took up his fight from the start. Then too, our fight against the Alexander administration for giving the Negroes "a square steal" had been so vigorously exposed that when this journal sounded the slogan, "Judge Rose and a Square Deal for All," the colored voters fell in line with military precision, knowing that *The Liberator*, for no consideration, would knowingly support for office men who oppose giving them justice. Mayor Rose has a great opportunity, and that he is equal to the occasion no one doubts.

GETTING TOGETHER

As has been our custom for a number of years, we recently made a round of the colored business places. Everywhere was optimism, each reporting an increase in patron-

age on the part of the race. Loyalty to race enterprises is rapidly becoming the watch-word. The Negroes of this city spend hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and all that is necessary to increase their opportunities is to turn a reasonable amount of this vast sum into their own business channels. This means not only employment for boys and girls among us, but the building up of a business class to finance all necessary undertakings.

What is proving true in Negro business circles, is equally true in political circles throughout the country. It was an unity of political actions on the part of the Negroes of California, Iowa and Ohio that prevented the enactment of class legislation in these states this year. It secured for the Negroes of New York the creation of a Negro regiment and the enactment of a law to prevent race discriminations in public places. It is holding up the Jim Crow street ordinances of Baltimore, and defeated the Jim Crow party in this city in the recent election.

Throughout the country the Negroes are learning how to get together in business, divide in politics, but act as a unit when their interest demands it. The encouragement the Negroes are receiving from their neighbors in all legitimate endeavor is having much to do with the revolution now taking place among them.

THE ALUMNI RECEPTION

The reception tendered the graduates of 1913 by the Alumni Association was a creditable affair. The graduates acquitted themselves as becomes people in their position. Their addresses were well prepared and greatly appreciated by the audience. The attendance was somewhat smaller than usual, and the program a little lengthy. The Association is in a position to render valuable service to this community, and as soon as it devotes its efforts to something more than a mutual admiration society, its presence will be felt in many ways for good.

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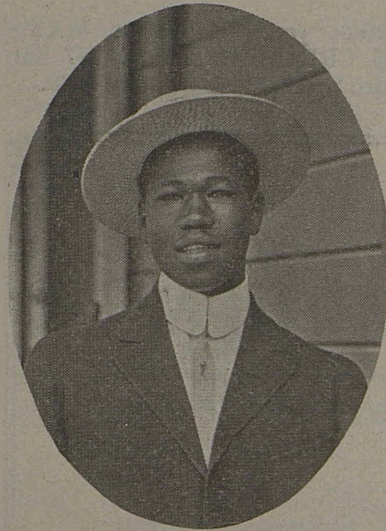
When education does not broaden people, it curtails their usefulness. Money is useful only as a medium of exchange, locked in a vault it simply dwarfs its owner's soul.

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The failure of many Negro business men to advertise is another serious drawback to their business. Through his failure to advertise only a few people know that he is in business, and those who know he is in business have little or no knowledge of what he has to sell. Although competing with men who are advertising extensively, he will tell you that advertising will not help his business. By the policy pursued regarding advertisement by many colored business men, one would infer that they are afraid of getting more business than they can do. They remind one of the Irishman who said that if a piece of timber was too short he would splice it; but if it was too long, why, he didn't know what to do with it.

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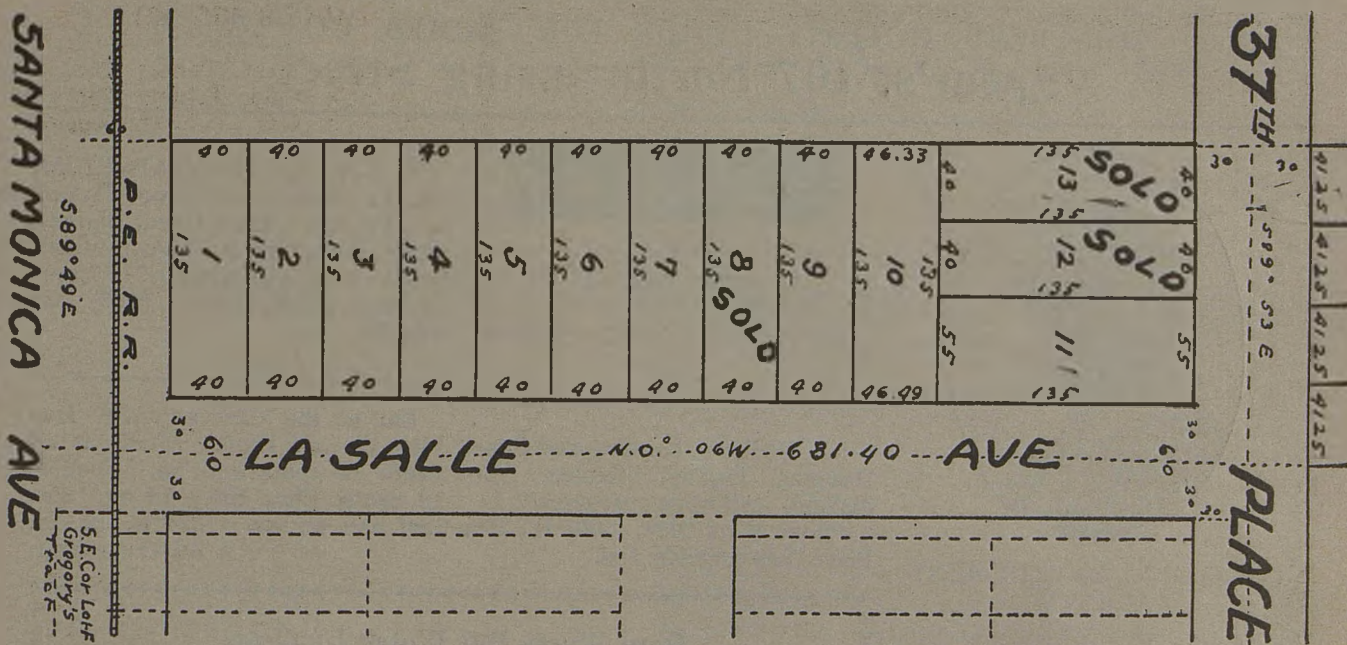
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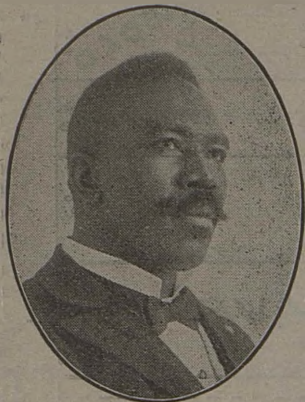
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