

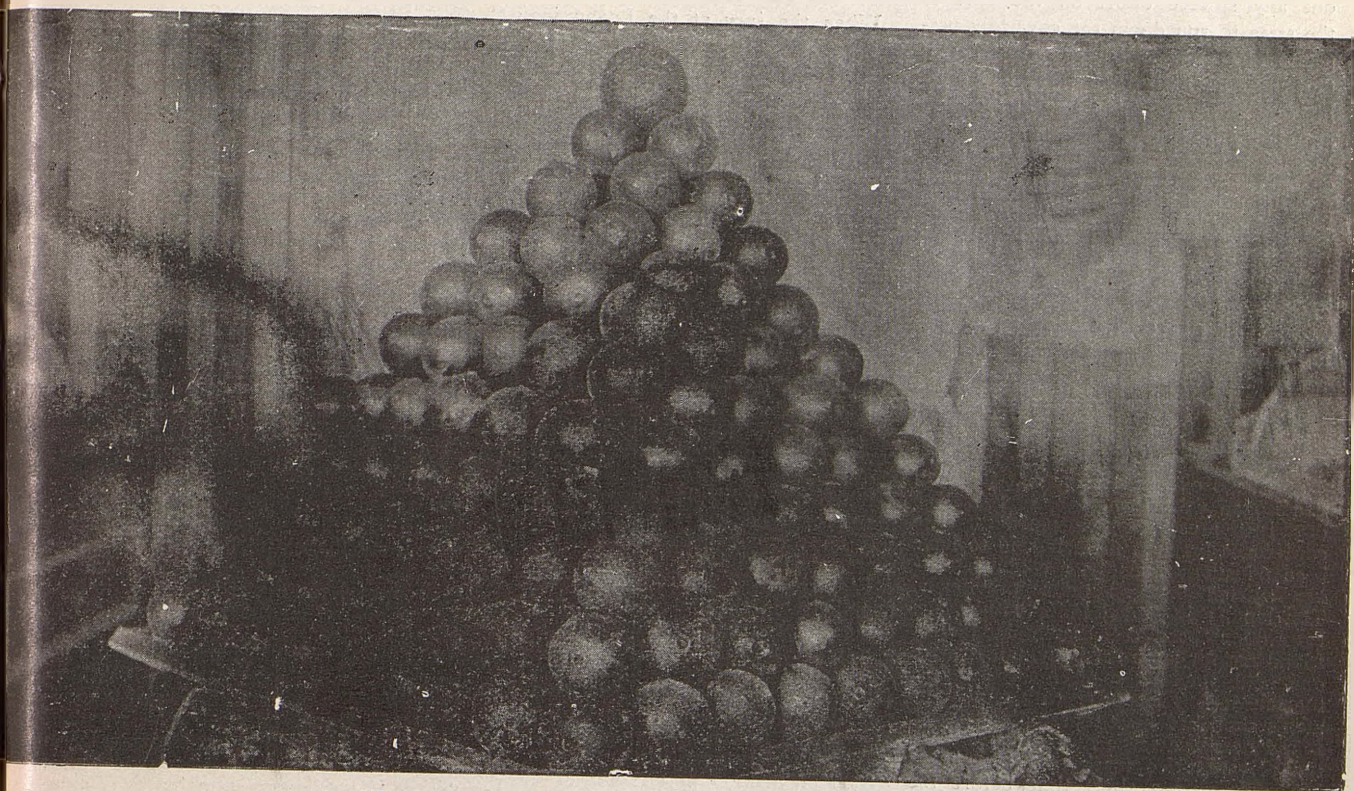
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JACKSON MUST FACE A JURY FOR THE MURDER OF JAMES LOGAN.

The announcement that J. C. C. Jackson must stand for the murder of James Logan, gives general satisfaction to the Afro-Americans, who had begun to think that the case was about dropped, without any sincere effort on the part of the state to run down the cowardly perpetrators of the deed. The predicament that Jackson finds himself in is wholly his own fault. His flat refusal to prove an alibi and thus secure not only his liberty, but free himself from a suspicion that would blast the life of any man, is a mystery as deep and dark as the mystery of the murder itself. Jackson, besides being a member in good standing of the A. M. E. Church, is a member of the Masonic, K. of P. and Odd Fellows' societies, and president of the San Gabriel Investment Co. On the night of the murder Jackson was absent from the meeting of the company, over which it was his duty to preside, arriving at the meeting at 9:30 o'clock, just before adjournment. Logan was murdered between the hours of 8 and 9:30 o'clock that night. Jackson and Logan were seen together twice the day just preceding the murder. The conference between them is said to have been unusually friendly, a coldness having existed between them previously. The long, thin-bladed knife with which Logan had been deliberately butchered, found not far from the body, tallied with one sold Jackson some months before the murder. The puffer with which the man's skull had been repeatedly crushed, found near the scene of the crime, bore the private price mark of one sold to Jackson's wife a short time before the murder. Jackson gives as the reason for his absence from the meeting, "That he was fitting a suit on a customer on Lake street," but has made no effort to produce the man in court. The white man, Goldy, who was working for Jackson, left for Massachusetts immediately after the murder, and when arrested at Brockton, Mass., claimed that he did not know Jackson, but finally admitted that he had just left Jackson's employ, and gave some damaging testimony against him. It is claimed farther that Jackson, the day after the murder, requested Rev. Hunter, a member of the company, to swear that he (Jackson) presided at the meeting. These scraps of circumstantial evidence coupled with his flat refusal to establish an alibi amount practically to a tacit admission of a knowledge of the crime.

DID JACKSON COMMIT THE MURDER?

The prevailing belief among Afro-Americans that Jackson and Goldy were present when Logan was murdered, and one or both of them held him while he

was being slowly butchered by some white man who was crazed with a thirst for blood and revenge. The 24 ghastly knife wounds in his abdomen were inflicted first perhaps to cause intense agony without producing instant death, the thing that a hired murderer would have sought to accomplish. The mutilation of the remains after death and other nameless indignities offered the corpse point unmistakably to revenge as the motive. If Jackson and Goldy took any part in the deed, it was for money.

DID THE CORONER BLUNDER?

When the jury at the Logan inquest called for his bloody clothes, it was informed by the undertaker having charge of the body that the clothes had been burned by order of the coroner. If the statement is true, what could have been the coroner's reason for such an unheard-of proceeding in such a case? The clothing might have contained some clue that might have led to the identity of the murderers, and ought to have been preserved at all hazards. A bloody handkerchief found near Logan's body was taken from the body while the inquest was in session. Who got that handkerchief? Is it possible that some person not a member of the jury stole it from the body in the jury's presence? If the coroner ordered the clothes burned, it was a serious blunder, and may have covered the murderer's tracks. With the clothing burned and the bloody handkerchief again in his possession, the murderer doubtless congratulated himself on the completeness of his gruesome, cowardly job.

We trust that Jackson is innocent of complicity in that awful deed, and will come forward and vindicate himself, as any good man and citizen should do. To attempt to escape by technicality will fasten upon him a dark suspicion that will hound him to a dishonored grave; a suspicion that will drive him from the church, society and state; a suspicion that will make him an outcast among his fellows and plunge him into unending, hopeless despair; a suspicion that will make the mention of his name odious to every member of his race.

Will Jackson lose his life if he tells of his whereabouts on the night Logan was murdered?

FIFTEEN HUNDRED AFRO-AMERICANS VISIT FURLONG ON THE FOURTH.

After the old Southern fashion, the Afro-Americans of Furlong celebrated the Fourth of July, with a grand barbecue and speech-making. Fifteen hundred Afro-Americans enjoyed the festivities of the day and returned to their homes in various parts of the city and suburbs delighted with an outing the like of which they had not witnessed since leaving the sunny South. Lawn tennis, croquet and baseball were the sports engaged in. So orderly and dignified was the crowd that the whole re-

sembled a gathering of students on a college campus.

Furlong as an Afro-American municipality within the city having its own mayor and council and other officers, differing from the latter only in the fact that it has no police or police department. Editor T. A. Greene is mayor; Messrs. Harry Mitchell, Capt. F. H. Crumbly, B. W. Sikes, C. C. Leake are members of the council. Editor Greene, secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A., is a college-bred gentleman, and a safe and sane leader. Mr. Mitchell is a successful real estate dealer and business man. Mr. Sikes is mail distributor in the city postoffice, where he has been employed more than ten years. Capt. F. H. Crumbly is an Atlanta, Ga., man, a fit representative of that educational center. Capt. Crumbly rendered Uncle Sam valuable service in the Philippines as captain in the 49th Infantry. Mr. C. C. Leake is a maker of chairs and fancy settees. From among the above named gentlemen the city could get a councilman that would lend dignity to its law-making body and throw a dark cloud between the grafters and the taxpayers, whom they keep in constant dismay.

But to our subject. The celebration and everything pertaining thereto was a success. The speakers were Prof. A. D. Langston of St. Louis, Mo., son of ex-Congressman John M. Langston; Lieut. Col. Allen, Allensworth; Prof. James C. Moore, Rev. W. H. Peck, C. C. Flint and Editor Greene. The speeches were not only helpful, but inspiring. The barbecued meat was all that could be desired, and there wasn't any of it left. The affair netted the Improvement Association \$100.

Under the beautiful pepper trees that beautify the little park, seats had been placed for the accommodation of the visitors. In front of these a platform had been erected for the speakers. Upon those seats sat Afro-Americans from nearly if not every state in the Union. The crowd represented every shade of complexion from jet black to the pure blonde. Among them were sons, grandsons and daughters of white Southern statesmen and leaders who formed the Southern chivalry of long ago—a chivalry now long dead. It was a gathering of kindred spirits, representing every department of Afro-American push and progress. After a day profitably and pleasantly spent, "America" was sung with a will, three cheers were given for Furlong, and the members of the gathering—wiser, better and happier for the day—left for their homes.

Wanted—Every Afro-American family to subscribe for and read The Liberator. Once a month it will visit your fireside like a letter from home. It stands for equality before the law and equality of opportunity. When these shall have become living realities, The Liberator will devote its energies to other patriotic endeavors.

Root and Taft Must Be Left at Home.

PREPARING TO BOLT THE REPUBLICAN TICKET IN 1908.

Should Secretary Taft or Secretary Root receive the Republican nomination in 1908, the party will witness a disastrous bolt of the Afro-American voters. The present administration, of which the gentlemen named form prominent parts, has violated every pledge made the Afro-American in the platform upon which the present administration was elected. The door of Hope, the "All men up," etc., "The square deal," and the "Durbin anti-lynching letter," that made the President so popular with the lovers of fair play, are regarded now as merely the bates of the politicians and office seekers to secure the colored vote. If these grandiloquent expressions had any other object, the President's actions toward the Afro-Americans have failed to prove it. In all of his writings the President never said anything commendable about the Afro-American till he became a candidate. By flattery he hoodwinked the gullible Afro-American and got his vote. Since his election he has given them the "cold shoulder." He has fraternized with Senator Buffoon Rogue Tillman and other rabid Negro-haters, constitution nullifiers and mob leaders. The promise to cut down Southern representation has been treated with contempt. The Afro-American voters have enough of the President and his cabinet, and the last Congress as well.

Commenting on Secretary Taft's North Carolina bid for Afro-American delegates to the next Republican national convention, the Washington Bee says in part as follows:

SECRETARY TAFT'S SPEECH.

Mr. Taft went to North Carolina this week and unloaded himself. He went to advise the Republicans of the state how to unite. It will be remembered that Mr. Taft is a candidate for the Presidential nomination. He had to take his text on the Negro and the so-called ignorant white man. All candidates for office, more or less, tell about the wrongs against the colored voter. Mr. Roosevelt in one breath abused them and in another he praised them. He assailed them before he was a candidate for office and praised them after he became a candidate. The colored man is an easy victim to flattery.

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Why was it necessary for Mr. Taft to go South and tell the Southern people what to do for the negro and ignorant whites? Mr. Taft is Secretary of War. Mr. Roosevelt is president, under whom he serves. Both branches of Congress contain a Republican majority. Why didn't this Congress enforce the very things of which Mr. Taft complained in North Carolina? He is the Secre-

tary of War and a member of the cabinet over which his chief presides. Will Republican politicians continue to deceive the colored voter? Is there to be no end to this rot? Will Mr. Taft explain to the country his reasons for going South and telling the white people what to do for the colored vote and citizen when his OWN chief and his OWN Congress have the power to do it? It is a bid for delegates to the next National Republican Convention. It is another spectacular exhibition of political buffoonery. The colored voter sees through it all and he will not be fooled again. He has had enough promises and he doesn't propose to take any more. This speech may deceive a few milk and water black Republicans, but it will never deceive The Bee. Mr. Taft must adopt some other method to secure colored delegates to the next Republican convention.

CORONER TROUT LEFT AGAIN. SIMPSON A FREE MAN.

Henry Simpson, whom Coroner Trout held on a charge of murder for killing Harry Elton, a white man, in self-defense, was promptly acquitted when the case was given to a jury in the Superior Court. The verdict of the jury endorses the position taken by The Liberator at the time. Taking the actions of the coroner in the Godfrey and Elton cases, we believed that race prejudice played a part prejudicial to the impartial enforcement of the law. We believed that the coroner's verdicts in the cases mentioned would tend to cheapen the lives of Afro-Americans, which has been proven by frequent wanton attacks upon members of the race by white toughs, and threats of lynching when they had the nanhood to strike back.

The Liberator's comments on the coroner's left-handed verdicts when Afro-Americans were concerned has cost him the colored vote of this city and county. The Afro-American is becoming more and more jealous of his rights. In other words we are educating them.

Another thing that is well to mention here, and that is that Afro-Americans must have no communication whatever with immoral white men and women. The worst and most dangerous element with which the Afro-American can deal are the ignorant, immoral white folks. The intelligent, upright people are our friends everywhere, although sometime and in some places they are afraid to speak their sentiments. By clean lives and industrious habits let us as a race increase the strength and number of our friends. For the good of himself and the race, we trust that Simpson and all like him in the future will keep away from places visited by immoral whites.

Wanted—Every member of the race to subscribe and pay from one to twenty-five dollars per year for the support of the Afro-American Y. M. C. A. soon to be opened in this city.

A WHITE CHILD BURNED AT THE STAKE.

During the month of May three white persons were lynched. One of the victims was a little white child, burned at the stake by his playmates at Cedar Grove, Va., May 31st. The unfortunate child was tied to a stake and shavings were piled around him and lighted. The little one was burned so badly before rescued that he died immediately after. The Associated Press, feeling itself responsible for the crime owing to the lessons it has taught the children of this country in Negro burning, claimed that the children were imitating the Red Men's initiation of a new member. The Red Men's initiations are private, therefore they could not have been imitating them.

Monday, May 29th, Robert T. Rogers, a white man, was taken from jail at Tallulah, La., and lynched for the murder of a white man two years before. Fearing that Rogers would escape the penalty prescribed by law, a mob lynched him.

J. V. Johnson was lynched at Wadesboro, North Carolina, by a mob of two hundred white men. Johnson was strung up a tree and his body riddled with bullets. He murdered his brother-in-law, and at his trial the jury disagreed.

There were, of course, several Negroes lynched during the same month, but that has become so common that they are passed unnoticed. The Governors of these states declare that the lynchers shall be punished. Had they pursued a similar course in the cases of Negroes lynched, the white men would have been spared such fates.

JUSTICE OVERTAKES HIM.

The killing of Geo. Mitchell by his sister Esther was swift and just punishment for his cold-blooded murder of Edmund Creffield. The murder of Creffield was premeditated and cold-blooded. Although he came across the continent to commit the crime, a jury acquitted him in violation of the law and evidence. Creffield was the Mitchell girl's spiritual adviser and friend. The plea that he had wronged the girl, even if true, did not justify the taking of the law in his own hands. The blood of George Mitchell will be required at the hands of the jury. It is hoped that Esther has taught cold-blooded murderers a wholesome lesson. "The wages of sin is death," and no class of sinners is more deserving of death than cold-blooded murderers.

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INTER-MARRIAGE OF THE RACES

Some of the Southern ladies residing in our midst are all wrought up over something Bishop Hamilton said about the solution of the race problem. The fear that the white and black races will mix has driven Mrs. Wotton, a Southern lady, to write a letter to The Times if the white and black races should mix, telling what awful things will happen. The white and black races have been mixed, and badly mixed, so long that it is a little strange that any person, at least in this country, should be ignorant of that fact. This case is a little worse than that of the Irishman who beat a Jew nearly to death for killing Christ. The Jew, as soon as he got his wind, established an alibi by proving that Christ had been killed a thousand years before his birth. The Irishman, looking astonished, said, "But you see I just heard of the killing today."

To us it doesn't seem to be the part of wisdom to lie awake at night, pull your hair and harrass your neighbors to prevent something from being done that has already been accomplished. Life is too short.

This old rot about races' superiority has been exploded and thrown into the mental waste basket so long that to

mention it puts one's intellectual and religious training under the ban of suspicion.

It's the same old story—every race that has enslaved another by face, murder, robbery, perjury and duplicity, has set up this claim of inherent superiority. Thus the Romans were inherently superior to the Britons, Anglo-Saxons and Teutons. The Greeks were inherently superior to the nations they conquered. So Nimrod, the "mighty hunter before the Lord, a descendant of Ham and ancestor of the black race, was inherently superior to all of the descendants of Noah, including the present white race; and so on from Nero down to Tillman and Vardaman.

Booker T. Washington and Frederick Douglass were the sons of Southern white men by ignorant negro women. In each case the son has outshone his father. Negroes have never shown any great desire to marry white women. To the credit of the negro men, practically all of the mulattoes in this country have white fathers and helpless, defenseless black mothers. And all of their fathers were Southern white men of "gentle breeding." In the days of slavery the time the races were mixed the poor white trash were not allowed to consort with the virtuous, stalwart black slave women. That was a privilege enjoyed only by those of "gentle breeding." The writer was a plantation slave and lived in the South forty years.

The whites and negroes are intermarrying every day, and when it comes to unlawful mixing, the South beats the world. That's the hot-bed of unlawful cohabitation between the races.

The negroes are well satisfied with their women. It's the other fellow that's continually slipping into our back yard.

If the white woman is willing and persistent, black men now and then consent to marry them. Only a short time ago a pretty, young white woman in this city asked the court to grant her a divorce from her negro husband on the ground that he had deserted her for a jet black negro woman. Wasn't that something awful? If the white ladies will just keep their men at home, we will guarantee them that there will be a shortage in the mulatto crop next year.

WALKER FOR PRESIDENT.

Mr. Eugene Walker is a candidate for president of the Afro-American State Council. He is a successful business man, and the congress would make no mistake by electing him. Mr. Alexander, the present incumbent, is being backed by the Council for a federal position. This he deserves, and he should have the united support of the race. The election of Mr. Walker would unite all of the factions and make the Council what it should be. Let us unite, brethren.

MIXED MARRIAGES.

Los Angeles, July 28.—(To the Editor of The Times). Will you give space in your valuable paper for the purpose of entering my protest against the views expressed by Bishop Hamilton—like-wise the gentleman from Colegrove—in recent issues of your paper.

I, being a Southern woman, very much regret that a Southern man promulgates the doctrine that he has preached in regard to the inter-marrying of the white and colored races, as there is no true Southern person would admit such a thing into their family.

I, for one, would sorely regret should my child marry a negress and would disown them for life, and if Bishop Hamilton would admit such a thing into his family, it would be better that he claim Africa for his native land instead of the beautiful Sunny South.

It is a matter of note that when two persons of unequal class marry, the superior mind too often deteriorates instead of lifting the inferior one to its height.

If this intermarrying of the refined cultured Southron with the coarse unintelligent negro, became general, very soon the boasted gentle breeding of the South, which is instantly recognized wherever met, would be a matter of past history.

I am for the uplifting and betterment of the colored people in every reasonable way, but believe the best results would be obtained by keeping the races distinct.

It may be the right of any individual to marry whom he pleases if the future generations are not to be considered; but if they are, their common-sense and not "pashion" must guide.

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MR. W. B. B. TAYLOR.

The many friends of Mr. W. B. B. Taylor, Sawtelle Precinct No. 2, have asked him to allow them to elect him a delegate to the Republican County Convention, and he has permitted them to use his name. Mr. Taylor without doubt will be elected by a good majority. Sawtelle Precinct No. 1 is entitled to two delegates, and No. 2 is entitled to three delegates.

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COLOR LINE.

(From the Pasadena Daily News.)

All the talk about transporting the colored people to various localities on this planet and others is useless. We might as well talk about transplanting all men under six feet in height to the moon. The Negro is here and has as good a right to be here as any white man has. Not only that, but he has as good right to open opportunity as any white man has. If he commits crime, he ought to be judged just as impartially as a white man, punished as severely, and no more so. His forefathers were brought here as slaves, and if any man

is entitled to a square deal and a fair chance, it is the one who has had the most to contend with and has shown his manhood by growing out of most limitation.

The colored man who behaves himself, is industrious, improves his mind and lives an upright, honest life, is entitled to just as much generous treatment as the white man who does the same thing.

To get away from false standards ought to be the endeavor of every true man. The child of colored parentage is born black; but to deny that boy or girl opportunity because of the color of his mother's or father's skin is to inflict a cruel blight on one who is deserving of encouragement and is entitled to hope. The manhood test is the only fair one. No other standard is just.

There are phases of the problem that are perplexing, but the only solution will be the just one. The colored man must overcome prejudice with manhood, industry and true refinement. What representatives of the race can do, the race can do. They should be given the chance.

MR. S. S. SYKES.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. S. S. Sykes of Decatur, Ala., who is visiting his brother, Dr. M. E. Sykes of this city. Mr. Sykes is accompanied by his two daughters, Misses Rebecca and Venicia, both handsome

and accomplished young ladies. Mr. Sykes is making a success in the undertaking business in Decatur. Like the doctor, Mr. Sykes is a self-made man, both being left orphans in early childhood and "grewed up" while being thrown around as he puts it. While he is a leading business man in his city, the doctor stands at the head of his profession in this. Without parents or home, thrown out upon the cold charity of the world, they have fought their ways from ignorance and poverty to intelligence and affluence, from insignificant, homeless boys to strong, useful men.

Mr. Sykes brings cheering news from our brethren in the mob-cursed South. He says each year witnesses greater strides and increased accumulations in intelligence and wealth and all other things necessary to the healthful growth of a people. "As the winds against the sails of a ship drive it into the desired haven, says he, so race discriminations have driven the Afro-Americans of the South into every avenue of business and professional life. "Mob law," he says, is the curse of all curses to which the colored people are subjected. The thought that one is to be put to death by a mob without trial if suspicion of crime affects the colored people like showers of salt water upon growing corn. Give every man in the South the protection of the law and the strong, brave black men of that section will solve the race problem to the lasting credit of all concerned," he said.

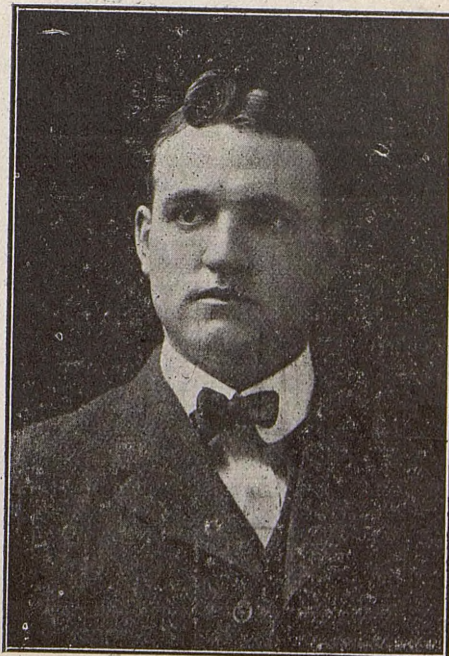
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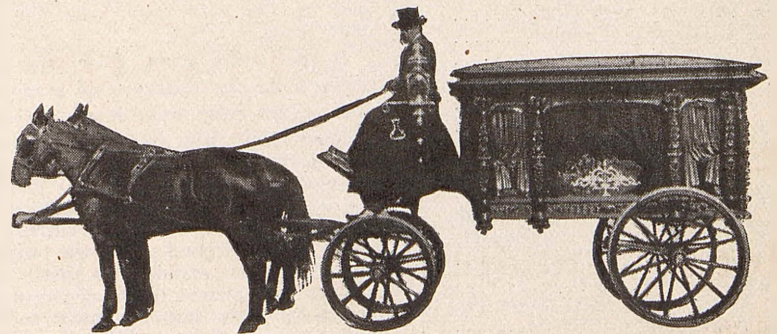
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MEETINGS .

Preparations are being made for the second meeting of the Young People's Christian and Educational Congress of the United States, which is to take place in Washington July 3 to 8.

The Seventh Annual Negro Conference of Farmers was held at the State College near Savannah, Ga., last week.

The Fifteenth Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference was held at Tuskegee. Thirty States were represented.

The Afro-American Emancipation Day Association will hold a celebration in Richmond April 3d.

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