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NEGROES TO HOLD BIG CONVENTION AT NEW YORK CITY

Pres. Taft, Gov. Wilson and Col. Roosevelt to Speak. Negroes urged to Run for Congress.

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Rev. Simon S. P. Drew, pastor of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. and National Organizer of the Consolidated Republican and Independent political clubs is in the Metropolis making preparation for a national convention of the organization to be held here September 18th to 20th at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in East 132nd St.

The purpose of the meeting will be to get a national expression from the men of the race, as to who in the last analysis will be a worthy candidate to support, and to discuss vital matters pertaining to the political and civil welfare of the Negro in this country.

Some of the subjects discussed will be the restoration of Companies B, C and D 25th Inf. to the army, the urging of Negroes to run for Congress, and the denunciation of any unjust discrimination of the race in this country. The convention will be free from any partisanism, but Republican and Democrats will meet on a common level, and take up the issues as they face the race.

One of the subjects that will receive much attention from the convention will be the urging of Negroes to run for Congress, especially in districts where a large Negro constituency reside.

During the session Taft, Wilson and Roosevelt will make addresses and set before the country just where they stand on the Negro question. The convention will be one of the most notable gatherings of Negroes ever held in this

country, and will be epoch making in the political and civil welfare of the race in this country.

Fully 2,000 delegates representing all political faiths, and from every section of the Nation promise to be present. Some of the most prominent men in the political life in the country will be present and make addresses. The appearance of Taft, Wilson and Roosevelt before the convention will be one of the most interesting features of the convention.

Prominent politicians in the Metropolis are looking forward to the convention with considerable interest, and will be ready to contribute their share to the success of the convention. Rev. Drew, who will be largely the moving spirit in the working up of the convention, is one of the best known men of the race.

Few men wield greater influence in the City of Washington than Rev. Drew. He is personally known to most of the senators in Washington and enjoys the friendship of President Taft. He is a notable figure in the Nation's capital and figures largely as a preacher. His life has been one of activity for his race. He is the founder of the St. Stephen Baptist Church in New York and the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Washington. It is one of the largest churches in the country and has a membership of 2,000.

The Mount Bethel Baptist Convention, one of the largest of the Baptist Conventions will meet in the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church from August 26th to 28th. President Taft will address one session.

Dr. Drew is one of the most widely known men of the denomination. He has established headquarters in New York at the Hotel Maceo and at 210 West 18th St. Rev. Drew will be in and around New York until the time of the convention.

COLORED DEMOCRACY ALL READY FOR WILSON

Your correspondent made a visit to the headquarters of the United Colored Democracy at 122 W. 136th St. last week and found things lively at the headquarters. Splendid headquarters have been fitted up and everything indicates that a lively campaign will be handled from the headquarters.

Robert N. Wood, President of the local Democracy and the leader of the colored Democrats of New York City and State, and one of the most prominent men in the political life of the country is enthusiastic over the candidacy of Wilson. Mr. Wood, who has just had a conference with Gov. Wilson at Seagirt, said he was received in the most cordial manner, and was assured by the Governor that he would stand by the Negro in the event of his election. Mr. Wood said that every phase of the Negro question was discussed and that the Governor showed a keen interest in everything that was brought up by him.

Mr. Wood in talking to your correspondent said: "It is safe in saying that Mr. Wilson of elected will stand by the Negro. In talking to him, I appealed to him from the standpoint of a Southerner who knew the situation of the

Negro in the South. Mr. Wilson appeared conscious of the importance of recognizing the Negro votes and I feel that he is sincere in this matter."

THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

At Friendship Baptist Church
Pasadena, August 10th to 23rd.

This promises to be the greatest meeting in the history of the Association as the great host of Baptists are coming from all parts of the State and Pasadena will be their Mecca. Pastor R. W. Johnson, the members of Friendship Baptist Church and the good people of Pasadena, are planning a royal welcome to the delegates and visitors. Much interest is centered in the meeting as matters of vast importance to the denomination and race are to be considered. The report of General Missionary, Dr. J. Gordon McPherson, whose incessant work throughout the State has made churchmen sit up and take notice, will be made Thursday morning. "On to Pasadena," is the cry.

NEGRO IS RECEIVED INTO JEWISH FAITH

New York, Aug. 5.—Rufus L. Perry, a Negro lawyer of Brooklyn, has embraced and been formally received into the Jewish faith. It is said that Perry is the first Negro to accept the Jewish faith in 20 years.

Perry was appointed assistant district attorney in 1895 and in 1911 was mentioned as a candidate for justice of the state supreme court.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lewis of 1236 1-2 Hobart Blvd., were host and hostess at a dinner party Saturday, given in honor of Mrs. King and daughter, Miss Hattie, of Stockton, Cal. Those present were Madames Calvin, Brantly, W. H. Washington and C. A. King.



Judge Paul J. McCormick

Judge McCormick who is a candidate for re-election to the Superior bench ought to succeed himself. This we believe he will do. His record on the bench has been such that it merits the support of every patriotic citizen.

On the bench he recognizes only the law, meeting out justice to all. Commenting upon the Burr Harris case which was tried before Judge McCormick last June, *The Liberator* had the following to say:

"Judge McCormick, to his lasting honor, saw to it that the defendant had an absolute square deal. His rulings were fair at every point. Judge McCormick would honor any Judicial bench."

The selection of men for the Bench is one of the most important duties of the voter. None should be so honored unless qualified by integrity, ability and temperament as well as by experience. This county is fortunate in having a man like Judge Paul J. McCormick on the Bench, and the people should use every effort to help keep him there. There is no

Judge whose decisions are more popular or just. Occupying as he has for two years the criminal department of the Superior Court of the County, he has won the admiration of all classes; enjoyed the uniform respect and confidence of the entire bar, and discharged his important duties with fairness, accuracy and expedition. For the last three months he has disposed of all criminal business in the Superior Court excepting the Darrow case and has thereby transacted the business which has heretofore required two departments of the court.

PANTAGE'S THEATRE FINED FOR DRAWING THE COLOR LINE

The question whether a theater management can exclude from parquet seats colored persons was determined August 5th by the Superior Court of Los Angeles county, in favor of the plaintiff in the case of G. O. Cochran (a colored man) against A. Pantages, proprietor of the Pantages Theater, Los Angeles.

The facts are substantially as follows, to-wit: On May 20, 1911, Mr. Cochran, accompanied by a young colored lady, went to Pantages Theater, purchased two reserved seat tickets, and when he presented them at the door he was refused admittance to the first floor on the ground of color; when he complained to the ticket seller, the latter offered to give him seats upstairs or refund his money, both of which Mr. Cochran refused. Suit was filed by Cochran against Pantages May 16, 1912, for damages in the sum of \$1,000.00. Suit was brought under certain Provisions of the Civil Rights Laws of the State of California, which prohibit discrimination, etc., in theaters and other places of public amusement and accommodation. After a stubbornly contested trial which lasted two days (July 23-24), the case was submitted to the Court for further consideration and decision. On the 5th the Court gave Mr. Cochran

judgment, and awarded him damages in the sum of \$50.00, and costs.

Attorney Paul M. Nash of this city conducted the case for the plaintiff.

WHITES DEGENERATING

On the 29th of July news comes from Memphis, Tenn., a big Southern city with numerous churches and schools that a young white man and a boy had burned a white man to death merely to see him run.

Robert Ellis, a white man, an employe of a local ice company went into the park to cool off and fell asleep upon a bench. While peacefully sleeping, he was discovered by Mitchel Cabaniss, eighteen years old and Clarence Shaw, aged ten. Just to have a little fun, they procured a gallon of coal oil which they poured over the sleeping man and applied a lighted match. In less time than it takes to tell it, the unfortunate man was a living torch. The culprits have been arrested and may be restrained temporarily but for that horrible crime it will be impossible to punish the guilty parties, for the fathers and mothers of these boys and Southern mobs that made a business of lynching and burning Negroes alive are alone responsible for that crime. If the truth was known, a few months previous to the birth of those boys, the parents took part in lynching some Negro; and they were born with a propensity to commit horrible crimes just as the children of drunks are born with an insatiate thirst for strong drink.

The chivalric Southern custom of taking their wives and daughters to witness the horrible lynchings and burning Negroes at the stake is beginning to bear its legitimate fruit. "The chickens are coming home to roost." For as sure as like begets like, women who witness such crimes will be the mothers of prenatal murderers.

A WHITE GIRL BRUTALLY BEATEN

Only a few weeks previous to this Tennessee outrage, news came from Georgia that a beautiful, poor white girl had been stripped and beaten so badly by a white mob that she had to be sent to a hospital. This beautiful poor white girl committed the crime of allowing the son of a wealthy white man to fall in love with her. For this crime her clothes were taken off and her skin beaten black. When it is called to mind that these same Georgia white gentlemen recently hanged a Negro woman without trial for killing a white woman in a fight, it should surprise no one to hear of them brutally beating a poor white girl for daring to allow a wealthy white man's son to love her. When men's sense of the sacredness of womanhood becomes so blunted that they respect only women of a certain complexion, they will finally reach the point where their respect for a woman will depend upon the amount of force that is behind her.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. Morgan T. White who attended the National Grand Lodge sessions of the U. B. of F., which were recently held in Chicago, has returned. He reports an important meeting of the Order. Owing to the long journey and the hot weather, Mr. White returned considerably worn out.

Mrs. King and daughter of Stockton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Washington of 1607 Toberman Street.

Miss Ella Clayton of San Francisco is spending a few days with Mrs. Nellie Reed.

Mr. S. A. Downing of Porterville, formerly of Riverside, was a delegate to the Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Downing is engaged in installing irrigating systems at Porterville. He is an

employe of the Cement Pipe and Construction Company of Riverside. Mr. Downing says that there are many openings in and near the small towns for industrious colored families, and says that colored people who fail to get out into the country and buy homes are making a serious mistake.

Mr. J. G. Lindsey left for Oakland, Saturday. He goes to assist in the organization of a K. of P. lodge in the Bay City.

Miss A. Barnett of Stewart, Nevada, stopped in the city for a few days. Miss Barnett is a teacher in the Indian School at Nevada City. She will spend her vacation at her home in Kansas.

QUEEN ESTHER CIRCLE BOX SOCIAL

On Wednesday evening, Aug. 28th, this, the Queen Esther Circle and the Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church will cooperate in giving a Box Social in the reception room of the church. It will be given for the benefit of the two societies. A short program will be rendered. All members and friends of the church are earnestly requested to be present.

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STAYING AWAY FROM THE POLLS WILL NOT CURE POLITICAL ILLS.

Owing to the attitude of both Taft and Roosevelt respecting the Negroes' civil and political rights and the treatment he is receiving locally, there is much talk among the Negroes of staying home and letting the coming elections go by default. This is wrong, as there are many questions affecting the Negroes' rights, both National and local that present a very strong argument in favor of them going to the polls and taking a hand. It is true that there seems

to be a studied attempt to avoid any recognition of the Negroes' political strength so as to deny him the recognition to which he is entitled. But the colored voters owe it to themselves to silently concentrate their forces, moral and otherwise, wherever necessary to defeat any office holder who has shown himself unfriendly to them and their rights—Pridham for instance.

THAT NURSE TRAINING OUTRAGE

The absurd claim made by Pridham and his immediate associates that the admission of intelligent Negro girls to the nurse training school at the County hospital would cause white girl nurses to desert the sick and dying, puts them, the white girls, in a brutal position.

When it is known that the lady nurses at the County hospital attend to the wants of the sick inmates, no matter what they are, and that these unfortunates are made up of white people, Negroes, Mexicans, Hindoos, Chinamen and all other members of the human family, to claim that they, the nurses, would resign and leave those unfortunates to suffer, before they would perform the same duties by the side of healthy, intelligent, upright Negro girls, is so ridiculous that words cannot describe the disgust it arouses in the minds of the average intelligent person. This claim made by Mr. Pridham and his associates, the Lissner crowd, is just as disgusting to fair-minded white people as it is to colored people. There are thousands of white people who are growing tired of being held up to the ridicule of the world just to enable a few scheming politicians to dodge their sworn duties.

If every Negro man and woman do their duty, the fair-minded white people of the 5th Supervisorial District will help to defeat Pridham. *This will be done.*

SUPERVISORS NELLIS AND McCABE

No two candidates for reelection deserves more at the hands of the voters than do Nellis and McCabe. These gentlemen are making the race for reelection on their records as public servants, and we are certain that they will receive the endorsement of the voters at the primaries. With the defeat of Pridham in the 5th district, which is certain and the reelection of McCabe in the 2nd district and Nellis in the 4th district, which is also sure to come to pass, the rights of every citizen without regard to race, color or condition will be protected in all matters over which they have control.

After carefully considering this whole matter, we have reached the conclusion that the interest of the Negro voters will be best served by the reelection of Nellis in the 4th district and McCabe in the 2nd. We therefore urge every voter, male and female in the 2nd and 4th districts, to vote for McCabe and Nellis respectively. If this is done, the door of hope will stand open for every citizen. The fact that these gentlemen in all matters of public policy have stood for, and advocated a square deal for all, is one of the best reasons for their reelection.

Vote for them and ask your neighbor to do the same.

MRS. K. D. TILLMAN TO SPEAK

Mrs. K. D. Tillman, the well known poetess and club woman, will speak at the Lyceum Sunday, Aug. 18th, at 4 p. m. Everybody cordially invited, ladies especially. It is sincerely hoped that the citizens of Los Angeles will show their appreciation of this great woman by giving her a big audience.

FROM THE CITY BY THE SEA at Philips Chapel C. M. E. Church.

Mr. J. W. Goodwin and family have removed to San Bernardino to make their home.

Mr. Wm. Pierson and several members of his Juvenile Stock Co. spent the week end in Santa Monica.

Messrs. Rufus Marshall and Wm. Dudley left Tuesday for Imperial Valley.

Mr. Robert Brown is making his temporary home with his father in San Diego, Cal.

Messrs. Raymond Isum and Claude Neal made a speedy trip to Santa Monica last week.

The "Dont Worry Club" entertained with a six course luncheon Monday, in honor of Mr. Jas. Buchanan of Sacramento. Covers were laid for six.

Mrs. Jennie Alexander of Los Angeles is spending a few days in our small city.

Conference was held last week

Santa Monica is soon to lose one of her girls. Her (lost) loss will mean a gain for some other city or town.

The Bay City Confectionery has closed for the season.

Miss Ella Hunt left Monday for San Diego, Cal.

Be sure to go to the ELKS' GRAND MATINEE PICNIC at Seal Gardens, Saturday, August 17th (tomorrow). Good order and a pleasant outing for all. Take Watts local car to the gate.

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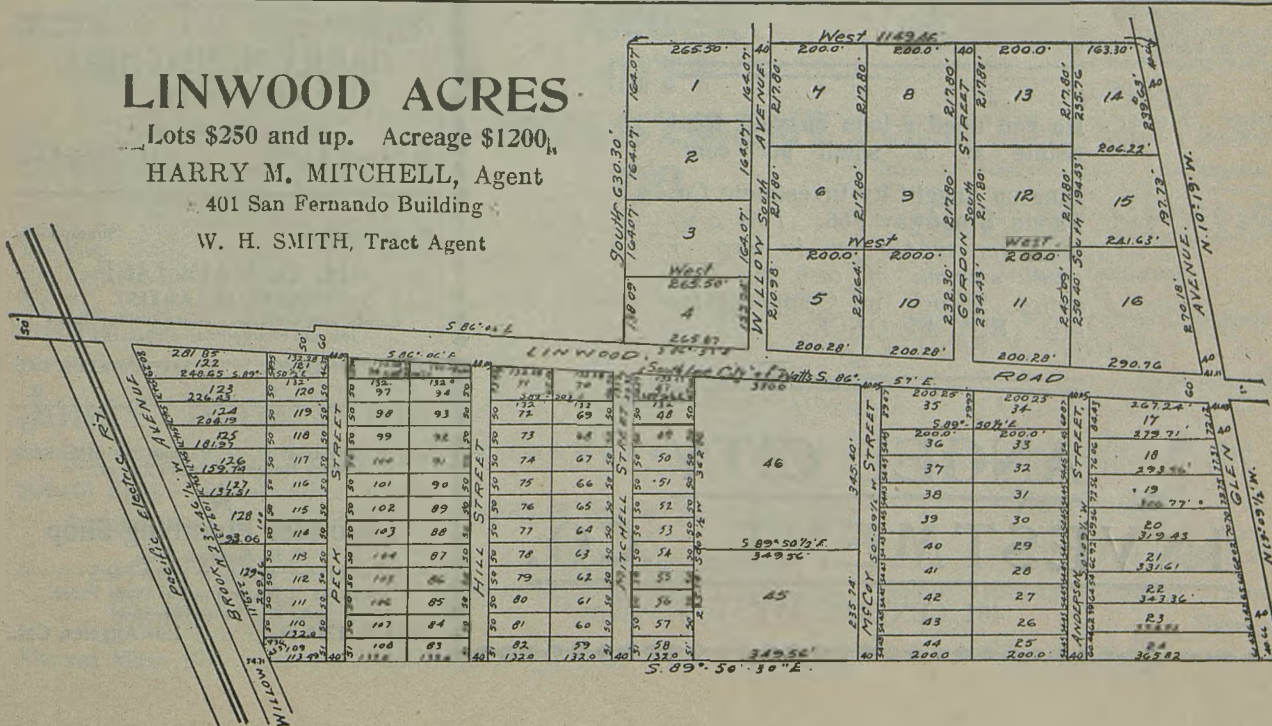
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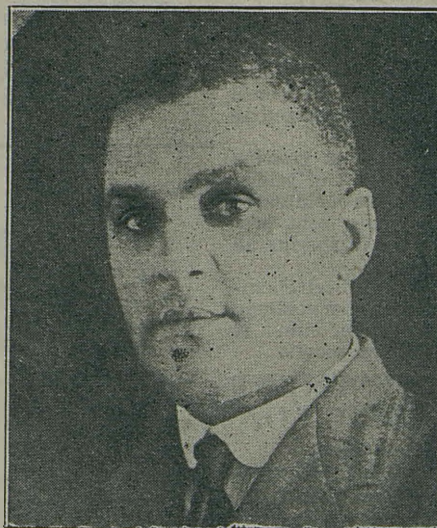
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