

Secretary Root on The Race Problem.

In his address to the Union League club of New York, February 7, Secretary Root, after referring briefly to the labor problem, touched upon the race problem thus:

"After the Civil war the great question was 'what shall we do with the black man?' and the answer was 'give him citizenship, equal rights and he will rise.' Three amendments were added to the constitution, and I fear we will have to face the conclusion that the experiment has failed."

The failure, if there has been any, is due to the failure of the country to enforce its laws. Any law that is not enforced is a failure. The officers of the law who allows an armed highwayman to relieve a citizen of his valuables because the citizen is an ex-slave or a Jew, can make the same plea, and it would be just as logical as Mr. Root's plea. You can't fool the people, Mr. Root, by dodging the issue. The question to be settled is: Shall all of the citizens exercise their constitutional rights? Dodge it as you may, it will have to be settled. He concludes as follows:

"A curious development has been seen within the past year. President Roosevelt has appointed fewer black men than President McKinley and there are fewer black men holding office than when McKinley died. Loud outcries are to be heard in the south about President Roosevelt's policy of appointing black men to office in the south. Under previous presidents, McKinley, Cleveland, Harrison and back to Hayes' time, more negroes were appointed to office and nothing was said.

"A black man attended one of the receptions in Washington at the White House a short time ago. The black man, as an official of the government, had always attended the receptions. Yet the invitation of the president to this man was the signal for an outcry of a thousand papers in the South that the whites are being insulted.

"I do not wish to argue this question. I am only showing that we have to face a change of feeling in the South, where the black man is denied the right to aspire to the highest there is in American citizenship. This right to aspire to the highest dignity, which

was formerly unquestioned, is now questioned. In a short time the white man will succeed in excluding the black man from all the offices in the Southern states. We can never throw off the responsibility that rests upon our people for the welfare of these black people that we held in slavery for so many generations. Now that the first attempt has failed the question is what to do and it should take the greatest thought of the greatest minds of the country."

If the amendments had been enforced from the start there would now be no race problem. It will have to come.

AFTER DR. PARKHURST'S SCALP.

The Southern press is redhot with Dr. Parkhurst because he is credited with saying that:

"Even at this day, so long after the proclamation of emancipation, there is in many parts of the South a condition of veritable slavery. Although we claim to be a civilized people, there is a degree of barbarism in our treatment of the black race that is not exceeded in any part of the world. And although we send out missionaries to Christianize other lands, there are communities in the South as un-Christian as any part of heathendom."

It is difficult to see how any person claiming to be honest can deny the above. Look at the everyday lynching of negroes in the South, the burnings at the stake with unspeakable barbarism. To give the women and children a chance to take part in these brutalizing crimes, holidays are declared and excursions are run. If burning a human being at the stake with slow fires is not barbarism, what is barbarism? Only a few months ago a negro suspected of crime was burned at the stake at Corinth, Miss., a town of 2500 inhabitants. The burning, which was well advertised, was postponed till Sunday, that being a holiday would insure a larger attendance of the men, women and children who had to work. To keep the ladies of the high church and social circles from mingling with the common herd a platform near the stake was erected Saturday for their accommodation. From that platform they witnessed unmoved that shocking outrage with all of its debasing details, except when excited, to applaud a scream tortured from the victim by the

application of a red hot iron to his nude body. Of these ladies we have no criticism to make. We leave them to their conscience and their God.

Where in heathendom can a parallel to that crime be found? And yet it is only one of fifty similar crimes that have taken place in the South in the past ten years. The commission of such crimes in the South make them no blacker, or the people more savage than were they committed in the North or West. Indeed the people in the North or West are more reprehensible for allowing such a display of brutality, for their environments are different. The South cannot diminish crime by denouncing those who condemn it. No section can encourage crime without paying the penalty, murder, robbery, nullification, oppression, cruelty and the encouragement of race hate will bring an abundant harvest after their kind, regardless of the section in which the pestilential seeds are sown. Because mob law from the South has found its way into Northern communities and turned them into brutes, does not justify crimes against human rights in that section. We still believe that the wages of sin is death. We still believe that murder and robbery are wrong. Our faith in the ultimate triumph of right is founded upon the solid rock of God's everlasting promises.

PENSIONS FOR EX-SLAVES.

Confederate Veterans of Fort Worth Will Adopt a Resolution Endorsing the Hanna Bill.

(By the Associated Press—P.M.)

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 8.—At the regular meeting today of R. E. Lee camp, United Confederate Veterans, a resolution indorsing the Senator Hanna bill to pension ex-slaves was introduced by State Historian Judge Cummings, and was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. There was some objection on the ground that the resolution might be construed as political.

The resolution suggests that the Texas representatives in congress support the Hanna measure to the extent of rewarding all ex-slaves who remained at home within the ages set forth in the bill, or those who went with their masters in the Civil War, but that those be excepted who were enlisted in the United States volunteer service and are already on the pens on list.

SENATOR PERKINS JOINS THE MOB. HE WANTS NO NEGRO OFFICE HOLDERS.

DR. CRUM REJECTED.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The Senate committee on commerce today voted to report adversely the nomination of W. D. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. Every Democrat on the committee voted against Crum, and Senators Perkins of California and Jones of Nevada joined them, making a majority.

Perkins said he had looked into the matter carefully and had satisfied himself that the President had made a mistake in appointing a colored man as collector at Charleston. No Negro does business with the custom house, and Crum is entirely ignorant of the duties of the office, according to Perkins.

Perkins said he would not like to have a colored collector at San Francisco, and respected the feelings of the whites at Charleston.

In voting with Ben Tillman to reject Doctor Crum's nomination for collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., Senator Perkins emphatically endorsed every outrage that Tillman and his gang have perpetrated upon the negroes. The actions of Senator Perkins are not only a base betrayal of the colored voters of this state but the President as well. To desert a pure statesman like President Roosevelt and the cause for which he stands, for the association of a self-confessed, cold-blooded murderer, and ballot thief, as Tillman says he is, is so out of harmony with the actions of decent mankind, that one is at a loss to define Senator Perkins' actions.

But Senator Perkins is not the first California Republican that betrayed the colored voters of this country at a time when they most needed a friend. Judge McKenna, associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, put himself on record as an enemy of the Negroes by handing down a decision upholding the infamous disfranchising constitution of Mississippi. Aside from drawing his salary this is all that he has done or ever will do that will prevent the memory of him from sleeping in the obscurity from which he should never have been dragged.

The United States Senate has been regarded as a place of evil association ever since the admission of Ben Till-

man, but his manners have been so coarse and his actions so offensive that they have generally kept self-respecting senators at bay. But after Senator Perkins broke his pledges to the people of his state, it was easy for him to join Ben Tillman in their fight to thwart the progress of the Negroes. Notice is hereby served upon Ben and his whole mob, including Senator Perkins, that their fight upon the Negroes is a losing fight. We have God and all of the good white people on our side.

OUR COTTAGES BY THE SEA.

At Santa Monica, that beautiful city by the sea, our people are not behind in the acquisition of this world's goods. There are not many of them but what they lack in numbers they make up in push and pluck. They all work and nearly all of them own their homes, supplemented in many cases with a snug little bank account. This fact is a certificate of good character. Of their comfortable homes for want of space we can mention only a few. Corner of Colorado and Seventh streets, surrounded by ever-blooming rose bushes and orange and lemon trees is the neat cottage of Mr. J. Walter Moxley. Besides the ownership of a barber shop on one of the principal business streets, Mr. Moxley owns two acres of land in the thriving village of Sawtelle, on which he raises potatoes and beans.

Mrs. S. A. Wright, a widow and pioneer resident, owns a beautiful six-room cottage, 233 Sixth street. This home, provided with all modern conveniences, represents a part of what she has accumulated by her own efforts. She is a prominent member of the Woman's Club of this city.

Mr. George Hunt, the pioneer barber, has a splendid five-room house on Seventh street. His shop is one of the neatest in the city and he is rated as one of the solid citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Thurman own a large and commodious home on Fifth street. Mr. Thurman has served as janitor at the court house for a number of years. He is a veteran subscriber to The Liberator and will get a big pension if the Hanna bill goes through.

The handsome cottage of Mrs. Mattie Williams, with its well-kept lawn, surrounded by shrubbery and flowers, is one of the pleasing landmarks on Seventh street.

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Mr. Jessie Pettis, an enterprising citizen of the Angel City, owns a neat cottage on Sixth street which he rents to white tenants. These are little beginnings that will grow to big things if kept up for a century.

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Mrs. Nannie V. Reynolds owns some valuable unimproved property.

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Besides the ownership of a large, well patronized rooming house on Second street, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Abney have a paying tailoring establishment at Ocean Park. Our people on the sea shore are wide awake.

BUYING HOMES. FORTUNES IN GARDENING.

It is gratifying to note the increase in the number of homes that are being purchased by the colored citizens and the improvement that is being made upon those already purchased. The good work must be kept up for one of the essential needs in our struggle to better conditions is the ownership of homes and farms. Added to these there must be self-respect and race pride. Without these things no people can rise. There is a growing demand among the colored people for small tracts of agricultural land and the number of these holdings are increasing rapidly. This is a good sign for nothing else offers the colored man larger and quicker returns for his labor than truck gardening, poultry and stock raising. There is a fortune in sweet potatoes. Although they are cheaper now than they were a few weeks ago, they now sell at 10 pounds for 25 cents, or \$1.50 per bushel. For a large yield of sweet potatoes you can put the soil of Southern California against the world. Green peas, 7½ to 5 cents per pound. Peas, cabbage and many other varieties of vegetables grow in the open field the year around. Poultry. Dressed chickens, 20 cents per pound; chickens on foot, 17 to 13 cents per pound. Butter, 25 to 40 cents per pound. The high price paid for vegetables is not due to the cost of production, but to the large number of visitors and other consumers who are not farmers.

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AH! THERE, KELLEY.

There is a rumor which is generally credited that Ex-Rev. Kelley is the financial power behind the throne in the publication of The Independent, that has just made its appearance at San Francisco, with R. F. Douglass as editor. Douglass is said to be also an ex-pulpit man. Revs. Kelley and Douglass have always been warm personal friends, whether in ways crooked or straight. We cannot vouch for the truthfulness of Kelley's connection with the paper. Douglas boasted while here last fall that although Kelley was guilty he, Kelley, had plenty of money and could not be convicted. This with other scraps of evidence taken together give the concern a rank smell of rat swallowing and seduction. The relationship between these preachers? has been so intimate that they are said on good authority to have traveled on the same railroad ministerial pass till the railroad people got onto the scheme and captured the pass while in the possession of Rev. Kelley-Douglass. Writ-

ing to the paper Rev. Kelley says:

"Your paper is clean and consistent, and it should succeed. My services are at your disposal. J. H. KELLEY."

This will not help The Independent here, where Kelley is known. Those who know him best believe strongest in his guilt, with the exception of one or possibly two dear old feeble-minded grandmothers. Sent here is un-animously in favor of his conviction.

ANOTHER SUCKER CAUGHT.

Judging from the screeching that is now emanating from Eagle's nest, that old bird must have caught another sucker. That he will be skinned from head to tail there is not the slightest doubt, for, owing to the scarcity of picnics and fake celebrations, the suckert trade has been "awful" dull. If all reports are true, our esteemed friend Mr. R. C. Owens, left a \$20 gold piece in the Eagle's sucker shop to secure a bit of information about somebody's business that he could have gotten for the asking. It has been noted of late that the Eagle man has been sitting behind a broad grin, which indicates the presence of game in his sucker trap. Since Owens left that \$20 gold piece with the Eagle man he has been frequently heard humming "When you get a good thing save it, save it;

When you get a — cat skin 'em to 's tail."

Lawyer Hayes of Virginia has been roundly condemned by the colored press for his remarks before the Afro-American Council at its meeting in Washington, D. C., some time since. But they have offered no word of condemnation to the Atlanta Constitution for advocating the organization of the Ku Klux Klan to murder colored federal officeholders. Oh, no; the editor of the Constitution is a white man.

EX-SLAVE PENSION.

The bill introduced in Federal Senate by Senator Hanna to pension ex-slaves is a worthy measure and should have the support of the entire country, especially the South, which would be the greatest beneficiary. The Confederate veterans at Fort Worth, Tex., have come out unanimously in favor of the bill. If their actions are followed by the Confederate veterans in other

Southern states, the bill will become a law. On the part of the Southern people it would be a graceful act and would be a partial reward to the ex-slaves for their fidelity to the white women and children of the South during the dark days of the Civil War.

\$25 TO CALIFORNIA.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found the colonists' rates inaugurated by the Southern Pacific R. R. Company, which will be in force for four months. Those who have relatives and friends in the South and East whom they would have migrate to this great state should call attention to the low rates now offered. Industrious colored men and women who desire to better their condition will make no mistake. There are many opportunities for small farmers which bring sure and good returns. No state offers colored people better opportunities or treats them fairer than this state does. California is the coming state of the Union and if the rate of increase in her population continues will have a population of ten or twenty millions at no distant day. For the industrious, economical colored man there are many opportunities not to be found elsewhere. Will they be allowed to slip as usual?

If the Hanna slave pension bill should become a law, what about those old-time ex-slaves who did time in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia before the war, but who have changed their birthplaces to Boston, Mass.; Rochester, N. Y.; Oberlin, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill., since they came to California. But wouldn't they miss it?

NEVER SAW A GOOD NIGGER.

One white man from Texas refused to go and hear Booker T. Washington speak, giving as his reason that "he had never seen a good nigger." Is there anything strange in this? During Mr. Washington's visit he was lonesome as the University club. In their rush to do Washington honor the people didn't even leave a greasy spot of that club.

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We are not surprised at Senator Perkins being against the negroes, but we hardly expected to find him against California and the president. Nothing that Republicans of the Perkins-Jones' stripe do against the negroes can surprise us.

BUSINESS AND PERSONAL.

H. C. Blaney, the shoeman, wants his old friends to know that his place of business has been removed from 352 South Spring street to 456 South Broadway. He has a fine new stock of boots and shoes, and will be pleased to have his old patrons and the public generally call on him.

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Mrs. Carrie Nation, the saloon smash-er, is in the city, hatchetless, but as busy as ever. She has a good field. She says there are 200 women in the redlight district; of these four or five are colored. The wreck that these unfortunate women have made of their lives can all be traced to treacherous men and new women. The social evil will be with us as long as conditions exist that furnish victims.

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Some of the white people on 29th street, who live in \$1500 cottages, raised a howl because Mr. Edward Bellamy bought a lot out there and commenced the erection of a \$1900 residence. These people even threaten to go to court to prevent the "nigger" building a better house than they have. Strange mortals, some white folks are. Go ahead, Bellamy; the intelligent white taxpayers are willing for you to help pay the city taxes.

THE MINISTERIAL UNION

has been reorganized and an unrelenting warfare will be waged against the so-called club or dives. Rev. J. E. Edwards is president, Rev. Bushnell of Pasadena is vice president. The union will also render whatever assistance possible to the white ministers in their crusade against crime. There is work for the white pulpits to do if the white youth of the country is to be saved. The white pulpits have been silent so long in the face of crimes and outrages perpetrated upon the colored citizens that like a contagious disease crime

threatens to overwhelm everything. Crime allowed a free hand in one section will spread out in some form or other in every section.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At a men's meeting held at the A. M. E. church Sunday, February 1st., to which all men were invited and the different churches requested to send a committee of three, went into permanent organization and elected officers as follows:

President, Rev. J. E. Edwards.
Vice, T. A. Harris.
Vice, P. J. Anderson,
Vice A. S. Eagle,
Vice W. H. Shores.
Treasurer, J. L. Edmunds.
Secretary, T. W. Troy.

Meeting next Sunday, 3 o'clock p. m., at the A. M. E. church. All men are invited. By order Rev. J. E. Edwards, President; T. W. Troy, Secretary.

The following letter from the editor of "The Times" was crowded out of the January Liberator:

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1, 1903.
Mr. J. L. Edmonds, Publisher of "The Liberator," 620 South Broadway.

Dear Sir:—I have your letter of this date, extending an invitation to me to be present at Simpsons Auditorium next Saturday evening to listen to Booker T. Washington on "The Race Problem." My absence from the city at that time will prevent me from attending this interesting meeting. It had been my full intention to see and hear this champion of the colored race while in the city, and hence I regret my absence from his forthcoming lecture. Yours truly,

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HIS FIRESIDE DULL WITHOUT IT.

Robinsonville, Miss., Feb. 6, 1903.
Editor Liberator, Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:—I enclose you \$1.00 as payment for your paper. My fireside is dull without it. Yours,

J. A. TAYLOR.

A BIG CONTRACT. The largest contract ever awarded to colored contractors in this city was that awarded to Bowman & Adams. It is a three-story brick building, corner Eighth street and Central avenue. It is 110x91 feet, containing 350,000 brick. The building consists of six stores with seventy rooms above. The cost of construction when complete will be \$35,000. The work has all gone on without a hitch and will be ready soon to be turned over to the owner. This speaks volumes for them and shows what colored men can do when they possess the ability.

TO PENSION EX-SLAVES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Senator Hanna today introduced a bill granting pensions and bounties to all ex-slaves who were freed by the proclamation of President Lincoln during the war of the Rebellion. It provides that persons over 5 years of age and less than 60, male or female, shall receive a cash bounty of \$100, and monthly pension of \$8 per month; persons between 60 and 70 years of age, a bounty of \$300 and a pension of \$12 per month, and persons over 70 years of age a bounty of \$700 and a pension of \$15 per month. The bill also provides for the payment of the bounty and pension to relatives who may be charged with the care of ex-slaves. President Mitchell, of the National Industrial council, at whose request the bill was introduced, issued a statement tonight to the effect that no one has the authority to charge the petitioners who will benefit should the bill become a law any money to further its passage.

A NATIONAL SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

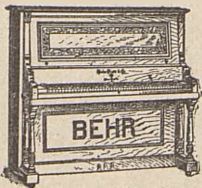
The agitation for a national suffrage convention of the colored citizens to be held during the present year should succeed. The political and other rights of the negro is progressing backwards. His rights are abridged in the same proportion that his ignorance and poverty decreases. The disfranchising constitutions and jim crow car laws are not enacted to degrade the ignorant, worthless class. If the negro does not offer a protest to the wholesale nullification of his constitutional rights that is now going on, his silence will be construed as acquiescence on his part. A people that will not contend for their God-given rights rarely ever receive them as an act of charity. This crime of the century should be kept before the country. The great body of the American people believe in honesty and fair play. It is only a small minority who, by nullification and other acts of lawlessness, admit their inability to compete with the negro unless he is chained hand and foot. The crime of nullification, like slavery, cannot stand agitation. Let us have the convention made up of representatives from every section of the country, with the office-seeker left out as largely as possible, as he is generally a truckling time-server only a little better than the average negro office-holder.

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