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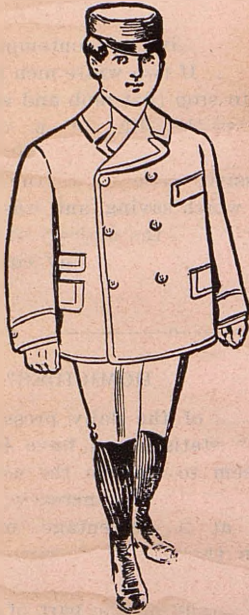
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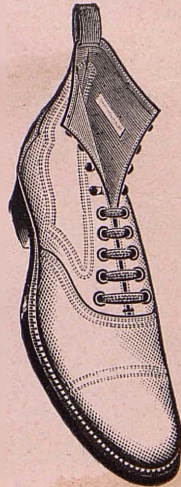
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The White Press

Sees the Folly of Encouraging the Mob.

Have Endangered the Lives of White Men.

Changed Their Tune.

"Lynch law appears to be on the increase in this country and in the negro race. In the southern states we recall no recent instance of the lynch-majority of cases the victims are of the ing of a white man. That such acts disgrace our nation and tend to graver consequences than many realize is sufficiently evident. In the end society will have order, and communities which show incapacity to govern themselves will be ruled with the strong hand. Lynching not only disgraces the community in which it occurs, but tends directly to the increase of crime. Especially is this true when the executioners are of one race, and the victims are of another. Swift and certain punishment under the solemn forms of the law is an effective deterrent of crime. Death at the hands of a mob has the opposite effect. A race numbering millions in one country cannot be subdued by the fear of lynching. They can be, and in the South are being, turned into wild beasts, reckless of their own lives and of the lives of others. The object of lawful punishment is repression of crime. The object of lynching is wild vengeance upon some one assumed to be guilty. Every negro in Mississippi knows that the three persons who were lynched on Thursday at Carrollton met their fate, not because they were

criminals, but because they were negroes. Had they been white they would have been duly convicted before punishment. We know that the low-class negro is prone to crimes against women. The planters who are said to have been prominent in the Carrollton lynching were seeking by terrorism to secure the safety of their families. They will never do it by such means. On the contrary, brutal negroes will be made more dangerous, and those who would otherwise be good citizens will be led to aid and protect them. In a conflict of races the blacks will stand by each other, with ever-lessening regard for law and justice. * * * Negro crime can never be suppressed by white men alone. The respectable negro element must be enlisted in the cause. And that can never be accomplished while negroes are lynched for crimes, for which white men would be tried."—S. F. Chronicle.

LYNCHING.

Some incidents in the recent epidemics of lynchings have illustrated with extraordinary clearness the fact, which was already coming to be understood, that the cause of lynching is not the delay nor the uncertainty of legal punishment. The mob at Pierce City, Mo., killed two or three innocent men and banished a large number of others, but has not yet caught the guilty man, who will be punished, if at all, by the law. It was not the uncertainty of the law that impelled the mob, but its certainty. The law would have singled out the guilty wretch and punished him, but the mob was thirsting for the blood of the innocent, and preferred indiscriminate massacre to discriminate punishment. Still more clear was the case at Asheville, Ala. Here the guilty wretch was already convicted and sentenced to death. The trial had been as summary and ruthless as any improvised vigilance committee could have provided.

The mob, in that case, could have had no conceivable motive but contempt or defiance of law. If two white men had to be killed to stop that mob and save for a few days the life of a condemned negro, the lesson was all the more impressive. The life of the negro was not worth saving, and was already forfeited, but the majesty of the law was worth saving at any cost.—Fresno Republican.

WHY SO MANY HOMICIDES?

The columns of the daily press, as well as such statistics as have been compiled, seem to confirm the assertion that homicides are increasing in this country at a percentage much greater than that of the increase in population. This fact furnishes a subject for deep study on the part of our criminologists. There seems to be no apparent reason for such an increase in our murder records. While we have been insisting, in spite of the reference often made to "the good old times," that public morals have not deteriorated, but have steadily improved, we are confronted by the fact of an increase in the form moral depravity regarded as one of the worst known to ethics or law. To what can be ascribed the cause of this situation? * * * It must be apparent to every unbiased observer that the laxity of the law against lynchings in the South has had a considerable influence in promoting homicide there. A very large portion of the murders committed in the United States during the last five years have been the work of mobs. These crimes, many of which were accomplished by burning the victims at the stake, are of the most brutal and heartless character imaginable. Such scenes, accompanied by the wild excitement which attends them, tend greatly to brutalize those who witness them, and every failure to punish those who are guilty of these crimes encourages others to commit similar outrages. * * —L. A. Times.

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A NATIONAL CALAMITY—THE LESSON IT TEACHES.

To say that President McKinley is dead, died at the hands of an assassin, is one of the saddest things that we were ever called upon to chronicle. The heads of an entire nation are bowed in sincere and heartfelt grief for the untimely taking off of one of their noblest sons. A soldier, statesman, citizen, whose public and private life has never been assailed. In life he enjoyed the confidence of the entire country. His death is a personal loss to every true American citizen. It is a national calamity. The lesson taught the American people is a costly one and should not be forgotten. It shows the fearful cost of tolerating lawlessness under any pretext, whether it be the cowardly anarchist, who shoots down in cold blood his unsuspecting innocent victim, or the brutal, heartless mob, which murdered its victim merely to appease their thirsts for human blood.

It amounts to the same in the end—the cheapening of human life, rendering the lives of all unsafe. The crazed brained anarchist murders his victim, believing it his duty and brings upon his head the violent hands of the law and the hatred of mankind. But the mobs roam in thousands, killing and burning defenseless citizens without fear of punishment, claiming to be "our best citizens," and the fact that our lawful authorities take no cognizance, their murders, heartless and brutal as they are, become popular, and respect for law ceases to be a duty or a virtue. This talk of down with the anarchists will not insure the safety of the lives of our public men until the mob is stamped out also. Let the American people who have always had the manhood and patriotism to meet every emergency crush this species of anarchy before it crushes them. The white press is already trying to ignore this national disgrace, which has been largely instrumental in bringing upon us our present national calamity. The reason is obvious. If the nation is to live, mob law must go.

THE PRESIDENT A VICTIM OF THE MOB SPIRIT.

Since the cold-blooded shooting of our good president by the anarchist Czolgosz has aroused the people as nothing else could against anarchy and anarchists and a demand will be made for laws for the suppression of this band of cold-blooded murderers of innocent people. When the people set to work to rid the country of anarchy no species of this dangerous disease should be overlooked. The mobs that have been murdering and burning American citizens without the slightest hindrance for the past twelve months have done as much to bring about the fiendish attempt upon the president's life as the assassin himself by setting the law at defiance and bringing our civilization into contempt. The anarchist must go, whether he be a cowardly Czolgosz or a Ben Tilman in the federal senate. Upon this subject the Times comments strongly as follows:

"Finally, this desperate action of a degraded man should fill us with a determination to insist more strictly up-

on the enforcement of law and order. There has been altogether too much laxity in this direction of late. The liberty of which we boast is rapidly degenerating into license. The courts are becoming lax in their methods and justice too frequently halts, or stumbles. Let us have a revulsion of public sentiment on this subject. Let a strict line be drawn between law-breaking and law-abiding citizens. Let it be clearly realized that, in this country, where the people are sovereign, there is absolutely no excuse for any contempt or defiance of the laws that have been made by the people themselves."

THE NEGRO ALWAYS ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

It is a remarkable coincidence that the negro has played a prominent part on the side of the government in every catastrophe that has befallen it since his advent within its bounds. In spite of the fact that the country has never treated him with the consideration due man; he has defended her flag with his life whenever it has been assailed, whether by foreign or domestic foes. In peace, with his muscles, he has added to her wealth and material welfare. In war he fought her battles, always returning to the pursuits of peace, only to be forgotten. When President Lincoln was assassinated the entire negro race was stricken with grief. The first to attend President Garfield, when he fell by the assassin's bullet was Dr. Purvis, a colored physician. Mr. Halph Wamley, colored, was a member of the jury that convicted Guiteau, the assassin. It was James Parker, colored, who felled Czolgosz after he had fired the two fatal shots into the body of President McKinley. He had gone there to shake the President's hand, just in time to fell his assassin. Brethren, let us take courage. God brought us to this house of bondage in order that we might assist the American people in working out the great destiny of human freedom that has been entrusted to their hands. Faith in God, obedience to the laws, industry, honesty and frugality will bring us into our rightful heritage.

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PHENOMENAL PROGRESS OF THE NEGRO RACE.

In Education, Religion and the Accumulation of Property.
(Special prepared for The Liberator by Hon. Cyrus Lindell of Lincoln, Neb.)

At the conclusion of the Civil war the negro found himself in a peculiarly awkward position. He found himself an unfettered adult with the experience of a little child, so far as the practicable responsibilities of freedom were concerned. Almost at the same time the duties of citizenship were placed upon him by constitutional amendment. Such a precipitation of august responsibilities upon the recently emancipated slave, formed a nucleus for much adverse comment by the many who were then opposed to him as a citizen. Indeed, when one stops to consider this action from an unbiased standpoint, one must admit that there was some justifiable argument advanced by those who opposed such hasty action. By this action of enfranchising the negro, there were some results immediately manifested in the days of reconstruction that have had a very decided tendency to militate against us in the south. This, however, was far from the intention of the good men and women who were instrumental in giving the negro his citizenship, for the reason that they had in view the restoration to him of as much as possible of the good things of which he had been so long deprived of by slavery, just as soon as possible. But there were a number of unscrupulous carpet-baggers to be considered. These men flocked to the south and sought to engender a hatred between the two races in the south, and by this means place themselves in high offices. How well they succeeded, history tells. This hatred did not confine itself to the black and white races of the south, but soon found place in the breast of the southern white man against the so-called "Yankee." Unscrupulous greed was the cause of sowing these seeds of discontent where the seeds of harmony should have been sown.

THE NEGRO SOLVES THE PROBLEM.

Amid this jungle of conflicting preju-

dice the negro paused in his phantom-like chase for political greatness and realized that he had yet to fit himself for the duties and responsibilities of life, and qualify for the eminence of American citizenship. The negro realized that he needed education. With the realization of this truth he had found the key that would unlock the door of prejudice and uproot the sprouts of hatred that had been planted. When in the early '70s this idea of education had become generally a set desire, there arose from the humble log cabins of the American negroes such a bustle, and actual activity to accomplish their desires for culture as have never been put forth by any people in the history of the world. They were the days of the Freedman's Bureau, the old blue-back spelling book, the spelling match; the days of the barefooted boy and girl, with a zeal and determination to learn something; the days of pine-knots, that furnished light for the little groups of poorly clad students by night; these were the days when God had come to lift and guide with His own strong hand a much neglected and persecuted people. In a short time method and system found a place in the conduct of the education of the young negro. School houses began springing up here and there, and the negro took advantage of every opportunity that was offered. After the common school of the olden time came the graded school. Then there was a demand for higher education, which was met by the erection of such schools as Hampton, Fisk and Howard universities. Today the negro is proud of some of the best Normal schools and colleges in America. He has twenty-seven thousand school teachers, one thousand lawyers, two thousand physicians, and a host of educated men and women fitted for other spheres in life.

CHURCH WORK.

Nature has been generous in dealing with the negro from the standpoint of piety. He has ever been religiously inclined and faithful to his church. What he has done in the line of church work is the result of persistent and concentrated effort. His success in this is but a sample of what he can do along other lines. Today, out of eleven million negroes, three million are

church members. The following is a statement of money handled by him in his church work for the past thirty years:

Church property owned by negroes in the U. S.....	\$26,600,000
Salaries paid preachers from 1870 to 1880	\$22,500,000
Salaries paid preachers from 1880 to 1890	45,000,000
Salaries paid preachers from 1890 to 1901	66,000,000
Maintenance of organizations	16,000,000
Home and foreign missions.	3,000,000

Total \$179,100,000

That is a large amount of money. With such a sum of money one could construct a railroad from ocean to ocean, three thousand miles, at a cost of \$59,700 per mile. It is to be hoped that the negro will get a sufficient return for this monster investment. It is not out of place however, to suggest that the trend of the negro pulpit must be toward the proper educational qualifications. Ignorance must leave the negro's pulpit. You are seen by the entire country through your churches; then your churches must be intelligently conducted.

TAXPAYERS.

With but thirty-eight years of freedom, the negro, today, pays taxes on \$325,000,000 worth of real estate. Slowly but surely, step by step, he is beginning to take his place among the citizens of the country. This beginning makes for him a per capita of \$29.50 in real estate for every black man, woman and child in the United States. He spends millions of dollars foolishly every year, but experience will soon overcome that. The negro is a success as a citizen, the race has progressed with more rapidity than any other race under like circumstances has ever advanced in the history of the world. The young negro of today should start in life with a fixed purpose to succeed in some line. Let all unite to build up our race and thereby complete the link that will unite all in the great brotherhood of man.

Yours for success,

CYRUS LINDELL.

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The Afro-American Congress Elects its Officers.

An Aggravated Aggregation of Political Highwaymen.

The work done by the late Afro-American Congress has not tended to increase the confidence of the Afro-Americans in the so-called league. As a race organization it has secured for its members no privileges or advantages that they did not enjoy before. In shaping the financial and political future of the race it has had no influence whatever. In this city, to be a member of the league is regarded as a detriment and no colored man who wants a job of cleaning spittoons will jeopardize his chances by admitting that he is a member of the Afro-American League. The league's endorsement for a position debar the unfortunate applicants' petition from any consideration whatever. This is due to no defect in the organization, but to the fact that it has been used merely for the benefit of its officers, especially the officers of the local league, who are generally men in whom respectable people have no confidence. As a result colored men who had the interest of the race at heart would have nothing to do with it. A perusal of the following list of officers recently elected will lend no inspiration to those interested in the advancement of race in this end of the state: President, T. B. Morton, San Francisco; first vice-president, S. B. Carr, Pasadena; second vice-president, George Russell, Bakersfield; secretary, James Alexander, Los Angeles; assistant secretary, F. W. Moore, Alameda; treasurer, William Oakman, Pasadena; state organizer, J. J. Neimore, Los Angeles; chaplain, Rev. S. W. Hawkins, Los Angeles. The new directorate consist of Geo. M. Warner, Los Angeles; William Prince, Pasadena; C. C. Flint, Los Angeles; Rev. D.R. Jones, Los Angeles; William Pickney, Bakersfield; Norman Williams, Riverside; Ed Jones, Fresno; Dudley Sebree, Stockton; G. W. Wilson, Marysville; J. C. River, San Francisco; C. H. Overton, San Jose.

There are a number of good men among the above list of officers, but they are simply to be used to give the thing a look of respectability. The above list of officers taken as a whole as an aggravated aggregation of political highwaymen, among whom are men who have no regard for the truth, chronic deadbeats, men who do not support their families, leaders whose only pursuit is idleness, who set no examples, have nothing to give but advice, who have not the manhood to face an honest day's labor; this, with a so-called sin killer, is the gang who is to do politics for what there is in it and this in the name of the Afro-Americans of this state. The Liberator will camp on the trail of these six-bit "cusses," and don't you forget it.

PLAYING TO THE GALLERY.

During Monday's session of the Afro-American Congress a resolution was offered endorsing a Mr. Davis of San Francisco for a place in the commissary department. Before the vote was taken some old gentleman asked whether the applicant was a republican. Mr. Morton, to whom the question was addressed, replied, "that the fact that he had endorsed him was the best proof of his (Davis') republicanism, as he (Morton) would recommend no negro for office but a republican." This cheap appeal to the prejudice of the ignoramuses of the race called forth much unfavorable comment among the intelligent members of the audience as to his fitness for leadership. His friends sought to straighten up the matter by stating that Morton didn't mean what he said, but was merely playing to the galleries. Now, if Mr. Morton meant what he said, he is too narrow and small to lead a people who are rapidly growing in intelligence and wealth as the negroes are doing in this state. If he did not mean what he said, and has a habit of saying one thing and meaning another, his audience will be at a loss to know when he means what he says—a funny position for a leader. Playing to the galleries is the main chance of the demagogue. The day has passed when a difference of opinion made negro enemies, especially in Southern California. The intelligent,

progressive negroes of this section make integrity, fitness and personal worth the only requisite for the enjoyment of their confidence. We entertain no personal feeling against Mr. Morton, but simply take issue with his public utterance at a meeting said to be held in the interest of race advancement.

DOCTOR M. E. SYKES.

Elsewhere in this edition we are pleased to present to our readers a splendid cut of Dr. M. E. Sykes, one of the leading physicians in this city. By a thorough knowledge of his profession and a close attention to his business, he has built up an enormous practice, which is by no means confined to one race, but to the public generally. His successful manner of treating diseases has made him so well and favorably known that he needs no extended mention at our hands, but we speak of him rather to show that there is room at the top.

DOCTOR J. S. OUTLAW.

Doctor J. S. Outlaw, late medical examiner of pensions of Washington, D. C., has permanently located in this city. He has a neat, well-furnished suite of rooms, Nos. 150 and 157, Wilson block, corner Spring and First streets. He is a graduate of the Howard Medical college of Washington, D. C., and also of the Lincoln University of Philadelphia. The doctor is a cultured, affable gentleman, and has already made many friends. He has a good field and we wish him success.

Professor Booker T. Washington has been invited to spend a day as the guest of one of New York's famous "400," thus introducing him into the highest social circle in America. The time is not far distant when the hand that holds the golden key, backed by personal worth, will unlock the door of American society, regardless of the color of the hand.

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A PENNY SUBSCRIPTION.

There is a very worthy movement on foot to raise a penny subscription by the colored people of the United States for the benefit of Mrs. Ruth Brown Thompson and her faithful husband, Mr. Henry Thompson. Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of John Brown, the liberator, and is now 72 years old. Mr. Thompson is 79. Mrs. Thompson's health has been so feeble during the past few years that the presence of her devoted husband is continually required by her side. Their only means of support is a faithful daughter, whose entire salary as teacher has been spent

to relieve their wants. Even this has been found insufficient to meet the many and urgent demands upon it. To meet some of these demands their home was mortgaged, and came very near being sold from under them, but was saved by the timely aid of friends. We called upon Mr. and Mrs. Thompson on the 9th inst., and found Mrs. Thompson much improved in health and spirits, but they are hard pressed. The colored people of this state ought to raise \$200 in the next thirty days for these dear old people. We should not let them want for anything. Let each one who reads this send a dollar for them to Hon. W. S. Melick, Pasadena, Cal.



MRS. RUTH BROWN THOMPSON.
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MRS. RUTH BROWN THOMPSON REMEMBERED.

Mr. T. B. Morton of San Francisco was one of the many distinguished visitors who made the pilgrimage to the home of Mrs. Ruth Brown Thompson, daughter of John Brown, the liberator, during the present summer. He

presented her with a valuable memento in the shape of a nugget of gold. The dear old lady has not words to express her appreciation of this token of remembrance. Mr. Morton rendered very material assistance in lifting the mortgages off the Thompson home by raising \$33.48 among friends in San Francisco.

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with Appomatox as its climax. The progress made by the country in every avenue of human achievements, since the emancipation, has given ample proof that freedom is the best and happiest condition of a country, and best stimulates the productive qualities of its citizens. The advancement made by the emancipated slaves has been phenomenal and has already repaid the country a thousand times over for its sacrifice in securing their freedom. While it is true, there are disturbances here and there, caused by the hatred engendered by slavery, the general tendency of the country is toward a larger freedom and a kindlier feeling between man and man.

THE NEGRO IS COMING.

In spite of the bitter persecution to which the American negro is subjected he is coming, coming all along the line. Every year adds to his real estate holdings. He has fourteen banking establishments, thousands of stores and he is to be met with in every avenue of industry that white people will

allow him to enter. In every avenue he enters, if left alone or if no force is used against him, he makes a success. His happy, contented disposition bears him up in adversity and in prosperity he harbors no revenge. He is always praying to go to heaven, but will commit no rash act to get there, therefore, he never commits suicide. He rarely ever tackles such high-toned diseases as consumption. He shows a strong tendency to avoid the charitable institutions of the country. Although drunkenness and crime are on the increase in this country, they are on the decrease among the negroes. His birth rate is so much in excess of his death rate that the mobs are trying to help out the death rate. He generally avoids divorce courts. He can live on 50 cents a day and buy a home. He never strikes except with his bread-winning implements. His country will yet be proud of him.

When a woman reads a paper and exclaims, "that's a lie," something has been said.

While the law sleeps, mob law increases. For every negro lynched a white man kills a white woman.

Nicoll's Fall Announcement

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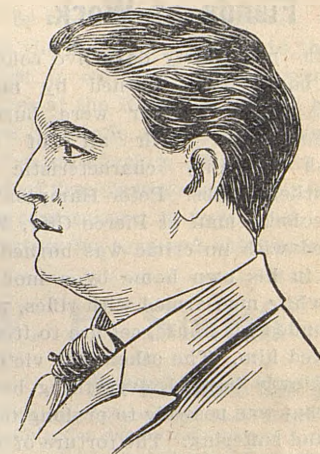
AFTER BEN TILMAN.

The negro press and leaders have been very severe in their criticism of Mr. Tillman, the mob leader, who is making a tour of the country sowing the seeds of murder and anarchy. When we take into consideration Mr. Tillman's environments he needs our charity rather than our criticism. Had he been born in Massachusetts or Maine he might have been a Philips or Garrison. It is certain that he would not be traveling over the country advocating the right of the strong to murder and rob the weak. He is a victim of circumstances—the legitimate offspring of slavery and its brutal teaching. Being the product of the poor white trash of the South and being far removed from the elegant of his race, his early training was such as did not develop the noble qualities inherent in the human family, but rather baser ones. He is a living, active embodiment of slavery's vicious teaching and proves again that it not only cursed both master and slave but the poor whites even worse, for its degradation fell heaviest upon the latter, filling their bosoms with undying hatred for the black race, which have fallen completely into the hands of this class of whites since the emancipation. The results of the war and the advancement made by the negroes since their emancipation has simply increased the hatred of the Tillman element which is now in the ascendancy in the South, with emissaries traveling over the North preaching the gospel of murder, hate, anarchy and robbery. Some time ago one Polk Miller a member of the same dangerous band of cold blooded murderers made a speech before the Chautauqua at Long Beach in which he not only indorsed lynching with its cold murder of defenseless women and its burning at the stake features, but he even charged Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe with falsehood, because she contributed so much to the overthrow of human slavery a system that for centuries made the women of a whole race the victims of the unbridled lust of the men of another race. When we beheld an audience of christian workers as they silently listened to Miller preach the gospel of murder and hate upon a platform erected by them for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel

of peace, and beheld still another audience going wild with applause at the announcement of Ben Tillman that he and his gang of law breakers have decided to set the constitution and laws of the country at defiance and commit murder and robbery at will, we concluded that if we entertained contempt for anybody in this connection it is not for Tillman or Miller.

A MOTHER'S AWFUL NIGHT.

The murder of Mrs. Betsie McCray, her daughter and son by a bloodthirsty mob composed of 500 white men at Carrollton, Mississippi, on the night of the 3rd of August was one of the most heartless, uncalled for murders in the annals of the South's bloody deeds. The boxers were never guilty of a fouler deed. For brutal heartlessness the actions of that mob of brave (?) white men, the proud defenders of female virtue (?) can be pitted against the most fiendish crimes known to savegy. Mrs. McCray was an industrious, well behaved colored woman and she and family enjoyed the confidence of all who knew them. This being the testimony of the white citizens of Carrollton. Every scrap of evidence secured tended to establish the innocence of the accused. Young Taliaferro, son of the murdered people, declared the prisoners innocent and pled for their lives, but the mob thirsted for negro blood and the fact that the prisoners were defenseless women aroused no sympathy for them. To secure a confession the prisoners were inhumanly tortured. The mother seemed insensible to torture, and with a devotion possessed only by a mother, prayed for the repose of her dear children's souls until she was swung into the air. The mob wanted a confession; it would satisfy the American people and justify their crime. From being drawn up and down by ropes the neck and wrists of the girl presented the appearance of a piece of bloody beef, but she made no confession, having none to make. The report sent out that she confessed was the same old thread-bare lie always sent to the country. Southern mobs believe in confessions and usually torture one from their prisoner, whether guilty or not. Go it, gentlemen. You are sowing to the wind only to reap the whirlwind.



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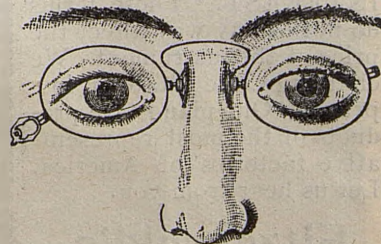
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"MADE THIS WORLD TOO HOT FOR HIM."

Was the shameless manner in which the Los Angeles Times called attention to the burning of an American citizen at the stake by a Tennessee mob a short time ago. In the presence of six thousand men, women and children the victim passed through the fiery ordeal without uttering a cry. The above headline is only a sample of mob endorsement that culminated in the dastardly shooting of our great President.

A CONTEMPTIBLE BAND OF ANARCHISTS.

That Milwaukee audience that applauded Ben Tillman, when he declared that he and his band of government wreckers were going to set at defiance the constitution and laws of the freest, greatest government on earth, proved themselves to be utterly unfit for American citizenship. It was the most contemptible band of Anarchists that ever contaminated our free air with their poisonous breath.

The toleration of the mob by the federal government has made the white American citizen so lawless that our great good president, the head of the greatest nation on earth cannot shake hands with the people without being shot like a dog.

Anarchy must be stamped out. The most dangerous Anarchy that confronts the nation today is the mob. The laws will have to be enforced without fear or favor, or no life will be safe. When we set to work to banish, or hang Anarchists Ben Tilman should head the list.

The attempt to place the blame for the cold blooded shooting of the President upon Mr. Hearst, is in our judgment cowardly. The mob spirit has been encouraged by the entire white press of America. Read the head lines describing mob murders and see for yourself. We have said all along that it would lead to a national calamity.

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Hon. Cyrus Lindell of Lincoln, Neb., spent several days in the city. His lectures at the A. M. E. Church were indeed helpful and were well received.

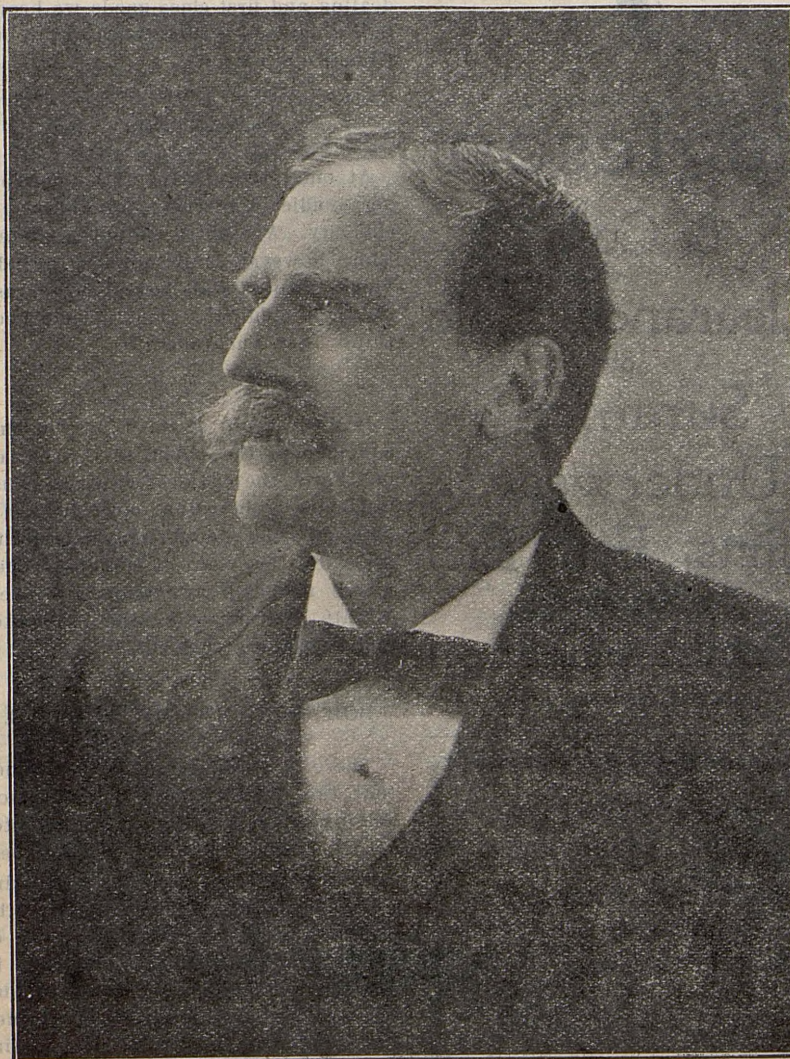
We had the pleasure of meeting Professor Easton, author of the drama entitled "Desalines." It is an original work of rare merit and should find a place in the homes of all who have a taste for pure, inspiring literature.

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Mrs. Thomas Pearson, wife of the distinguished orator and lawyer of Oakland, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Washington during her stay in the city. She was among our welcome visitors who attended the Odd Fellows' convention and Afro-American Congress. The address delivered by her before the league showed that she is also an eloquent speaker.

Mr. J. B. Wilson of Oakland will please accept our thanks for kind words spoken of the Liberator. To know that the work the Liberator is trying to do is appreciated by such a gentleman is gratifying.



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Sunday, the 15th inst., was a sad day on account of the great sorrow caused by the assassin's hellish deed.

At 11 a. m. the pastor, Rev. Donohoo, took for his subject "Our Dead President, William McKinley;" his theme, "A Great Man Has Fallen." His text was, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" 2 Sam. 3:38. Rev. Donohoo spoke from his heart, setting forth in glowing terms the greatness of President McKinley. He first showed that men were not born great, but they made their own greatness. And that McKinley was great in all that goes to make up moral and spiritual character. He was great intellectually. He was a great statesman and he was a great husband. Then he handled, "He Has Fallen," which was indeed touching to every heart. In closing he showed how we may, and urged upon each one, to become great in their own sphere of opportunities. It was a powerful sermon and the large audience who heard it will not soon forget it.

In the evening a memorial service was held and the following program was rendered: Song, "That Beautiful Land;" invocation, Mr. Wm. Liester; song, "America." President McKinley's Boyhood and Military Record, Mrs. E. Tibbett; President McKinley in Marriage and as Devoted Husband, Mrs. E. G. Hill.; song, "Star-Spangled Banner;" President McKinley's Political Career, Mr. F. R. Rogers; McKinley as President, pastor; solo, "I Surrender All," Miss Maggie McCray; assassination and Death of President McKinley, Mrs. F. L. Donohoo; solo, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," Miss Catherine Wites; Miss Lennie Hardwell sang "We Shall Part, But Not Forever." Prayer by the pastor. Mr. Frank Wiley presided. The service was impressive throughout. The edifice was filled to overflowing. One young man joined the church. Collection \$20.

Mrs. Bowden has organized a literary and social club for the elevation of the young people. The club has an excellent membership of young people, and is to meet once a month at the homes of different members. Its principal officers are Mrs. Bowden, superintendent; Miss Rosa McGowan, president; Miss Vada Watson, secretary.

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ON WITH THE SCRAP.

There is an "awful" scrap going on between the Western Outlook and J. J. Neimore. If what the Outlook says of Neimore is true he is indeed a honey. If all reports are true how the Eagle man can get through the towns between here and Sacramento with a whole skin when he goes up there to finish his little job is a mystery. A colored gentleman supposed to be Neimore was roughly handled at Bakersfield a short time ago.

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BOB COULDN'T GET LODGING.

There is a rumor going the rounds that the devil refused Bob Ingersoll lodging when he reached that winter resort, stating that all of his best heated rooms had been let to distinguished church members up in the United States. From the actions of those American church members in London, who left a big hotel because their colored brethren were entertained his satanic majesty will have to increase his space.

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NORTHERN NEGRO OUTRAGES.

A suburb of staid old Philadelphia furnishes the latest example of mob violence against negroes. The account reads almost like a repetition of the news of similar outrages in northern states that have been reported recently. In the case of South Camden a negro was arrested for an offense, the nature of which is not stated in the dispatch, and a vengeful mob soon collected. Attacks were made indiscriminately on the homes of negroes, and many might have been killed but for the timely arrival of a strong police force.

These recent manifestations of hatred toward the negroes in northern communities are difficult to understand. There is no rational justification for it. The negroes are naturally the most peaceful element of the population, and there is no reasonable incentive for such hostility against them as has recently been reported. The only solution of the mystery seems to be a northward spread of the intense antipathy that has developed in the south within the last few years. It seems improbable that northern people of average intelligence should be influenced by southern hatred. * * —L. A. Herald.

LYNCHER PUNISHED.

Member of Alabama Mob is Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

WETUMPKA, Ala., Aug. 28.—Geo. Howard was today convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to life imprisonment. Howard was a member of the mob which lynched Robert White, a negro, in this county some months ago.

Howard is one of the most prominent farmers in this part of the country. White, who was accused of shooting at a white man, was taken from the officers who had him in custody and was hanged.

Colored men, let us unite in an effort to smash all dives owned by negroes and encourage our young men to seek honorable employment. This is the only way to win the confidence of respectable people.

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The only thing that we are proud of in connection with the fact that we were born in the South is that we left it. It is indeed hard for anyone with a spark of human feeling in his bosom to find anything in a section in which to take pride where defenseless women are hanged on the public road and their bodies riddled with bullets for no other reason than that they are black. Why has Southern chivalry fallen from its high place into the valley of degradation and barbarism? Where, oh, where have all of the brave white men of the South gone?

The refusal to allow negroes to enlist in the First Cuban artillery shows that the hellish American color prejudice is paving the way for trouble in Cuba. The United States is the smallest great country on earth, when the question of color is being considered. Gentlemen, the negro is here, and you are going to complete the work of absorbing him that you enjoyed so well when he was a slave.

THE ODD FELLOWS HOLD A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

The Odd Fellows' convention was a successful one, every section of the state being represented. The reports of the various departments of the order showed a healthy growth, and the future of the order looks bright. The entertainment at Elks' Hall was a success in every particular. The program was especially interesting and elicited much favorable comment. Among the excellent pieces rendered was one by Mrs. G. M. Warner. Mr. J. Thomas Norris, one of the popular young men, was made one of the grand officers for the ensuing year.



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"The President shook hands with the little girl, and then reached out his hand to this fellow.

"Bang, bang! went a revolver, which the fellow had in his right hand near his waist. He had his hat in his left hand.

"When I heard the shots I grabbed him so"—throwing his forearm around the neck of the reporter from behind by way of illustration, and causing the subject of his illustration to experience strangulation. "'You son — —! You've shot the President!' I shouted.

The hold I had on his throat caused him to throw up the hand with the revolver. If it hadn't been for that action he would have fired the other three shots. As soon as his hand went up, Foster grabbed the revolver.

"An artilleryman grabbed the weapon out of Secret Service Officer Foster's hand and drew a big knife on him. He must have thought Foster looked like an anarchist. He did look more like one than the other did, because he had glasses and a three-days' growth of beard.

"Just then a big, fleshy officer struck the man that fired the shot a heavy blow in the face. It knocked us both down. The murderer tried to get up, but I held him down by that elbow clasp of his throat. If he had got up, he would have escaped, because the struggle was all about Foster, who kept crying: 'It ain't me that shot the President. There he is!' In spite of that he got pommelled up by the artillerymen and the guards."

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"Yes, yes; that's all right, but where on Boyle Heights?"

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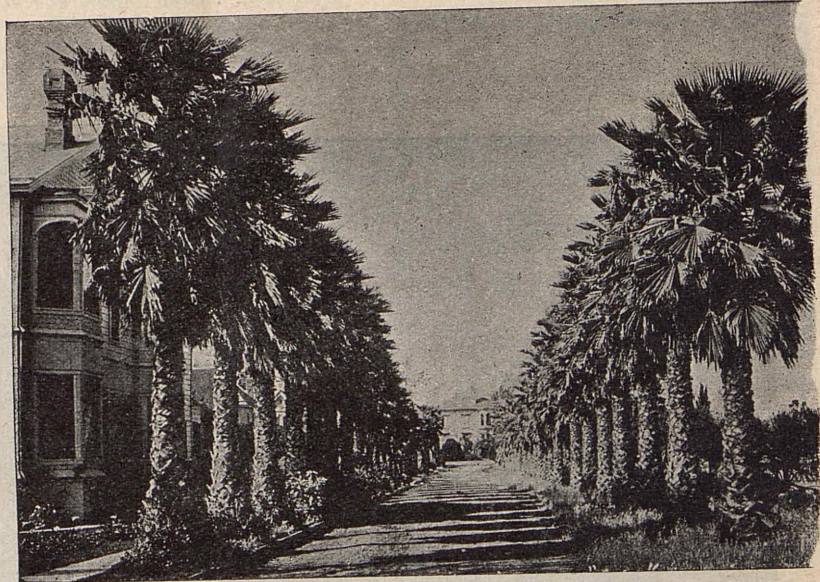
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