THE CALIFORNIA EAGLE

Friday, July 29, 1927 Volume 41, No. 8

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY AT
847 Central Ave. Phone: VAndike 9244 Los Angeles, Cal.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

ONE YEAR	$2.00	THREE MONTHS	$ .75
SIX MONTHS	1.25	PER COPY	.05

Entered as Second Class Matter, November 17, 1913, at the Post Office at Los Angeles, California, under the act of March 3, 1879.

J. B. BASS — Editor
C. A. BASS — Managing Editor
JOHN E. PROWD — Business Manager
R. G. LAMAR — Advertising Manager

All News Copy must reach this office not later than Wednesday Noon, and Advertising Copy not later than Thursday Morning, to insure publication in current issue of this paper.

EDITORIAL

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The President's announcement that he will not "choose" to run for the office to succeed himself in 1928 will no bout cause many heads to bob up for the place and the year 1928 will be memorable indeed for a multiplicity of seekers for the highest office in the land.

The decision of the President, while not expected at this time, will tend to clarify matters and give the rank and file of the party ample time to concentrate upon the strongest contender. To some groups of voters much more enthusiasm will be invoked into the campaign than there would have been for the President who was regarded as a cinch had he chose to run.

MAKING GOOD

Thus far our newly elected City Council is running true to form. The invisible hand has failed thus far to sway it from functioning in the interest of all the people. Let us hope it keeps the faith and the people will sustain them in their stand.

UNITED SUPPORT

The fight being made at Manhattan Beach under the leadership of Dr. H. C. Hudson, President of the local N. A. A. C. P. is one which should have the united support of all of our citizens who stand for justice and fair play. If the Hill Billies, Red Necks and Crackers of Manhattan Beach can get away with the putrid "Stuff" they are attempting at this place, indeed California will be but a whistling post for Mississippi and Texas.

It is a fight for all the people to maintain their rights. Just think of a city leasing out all of its public improvements in order to enforce a black and degrading edict born in prejudice and hate. This is the situaton at Manhattan Beach.

MAKE IT $4000

Down at Manhattan Beach they fined four of our citizens $400 for standing on the Beach. They had just as well made the fine $4,000 for no higher court in the land would uphold for one moment such an unconstitutional and ridiculous law as set forth by the red necks and crackers of Manhattan Beach.

WATCH FOR THE REAL CROOKS

In this Community the same as many others we have in our midst men and women who aspire for leadership and in so doing they can see nothing good in anybody else save and except themselves will dare to start a movement; they immediately endeavor to start up an anvil chorus to drown it out. This species of citizen will stoop to anything to gain their objective. They are invariably double crossers and hypocrites, they will laugh in your face and stab you in the back. They will denounce everybody except themselves as fakirs and grafters and at the same time do all the faking and grafting themselves that it is possible to do. Their holler that the other fellow is a crook is just a smoke screen to call attention from them.

The people are fast getting wise to this species of crooks and in due time they will be shown up in their due color for the good of all concerned. Don't think for a moment that they are immune for regardless of whom the shoe fits, they must be prepared to hit the tall timbers for a firm determination has been decided upon to HEW TO THE LINE in all matters of interest to all the people and let the CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY.

COMMENTS

Well of all things! There seems to be a concerted effort to put the preachers in the place that they should occupy—Spiritual Leaders. Too much stress cannot be laid against their activities in other spheres to the utter disregard of that most potent factor—Religion. Some writers even go so far as to term them as an incubue to racial progress; we cannot go so far. We believe that they occupy or are a cog in the wheel of racial progress, and as long as they don't slip that cog the wheel will function properly. If the preachers of the Race are losing caste it is their own fault—"You cannot serve God and Mammon" must be practiced as well as preached. To be an Ambassador of Christ is one of the most valuable contributions to civilization. To humanity. But it necessitates sacrifice. This newer generation cannot see why they should contribute heavily to those "who toil not, neither do they spin." Really, you cannot blame them for acme of the preachers are too lazy to prepare an intellectual discourse, and are proficient only in the art of begging two or three collections.

—00—

The appointment of former U. S. Marshal, Hollohan, as Warden to the prison of San Quentin, came as a surprise to even the "knows." Since he vacated the post of U. S. Marshal he has been Sheriff of Santa Cruz. As a Peace Officer, the Warden has a national reputation. We remember when by his cool alertness he averted a second tragedy by the killing of the Hindu, Singh, who had shot one of his countrymen, in a U. S. Courtroom, crowded with spectators. In his politics he is registered Democrat, but he is an ardent admirer of Senator Hiram Johnson. The appointment was made by the Board of Prison Directors.

—00—

As the time draws near for the reorganization of the State government to function the Governor names his appointments to head the several Departments. The two most recent being P. G. Stevenot of Cavaleras and Dr. Walter Dickie of Los Angeles. They head the division of Natural Resources, and Public Health, respectively. The Division of Stevenot comprises mines and mining, forestry, parks, fish and game. Both these appointments, as the others which have preceded, are receiving commendable criticism. Gov. Young has been very fortunate in obtaining the service for the State of men of high character and splendid calibre. Now, there is representative Carr, Los Angeles, selected to fill the vacancy on the Railway Commission. Just and fair-minded. One of the pet phrases used by Carr in the legislative debates was, "Now, let us be fair in this matter." It was for him the soubriquette of "Let us be fair Carr." He will bring to the Railway Commission that same sense of fairness. Then there is State Printer, Chas. A. Whitmore, who is ably demonstrating the practical business of the big plant on 11th and "O" Sts. All in all, the Governor has shown splendid judgment in his selection of aides.

—00—

"Judge Lynch" is still in the spotlight. Mob murders are becoming so common that they fail to create comment. It is a bad sign—not so much as to those affected by the crimes directly—when the people become so calloused in perpetration of crime—murders and burnings—that they fail to awake interest. Such laxity is a sure sign of decadence. The Roman Empire was on the decline when Nero began his reign. "The wheels of the gods grind slowly." Thank the Christian God! The new generation of the Negro is discarding the "turn the other cheek" admonition and even in the face of certain death is beginning to strike back. Fight! Sometimes it takes a club to force the fact into the craniums of some who fail to realize that there is a big difference between civility and servility; courtesy and submissiveness. When it has to be done, we recommend the club.

WHAT AB OUT IT ?

The above cartoon is the suggestion of the California Federated Clubs and truly symbolic of real Americanism. All peoples, instead of gathering together for selfish aggrandizement, should meet and take up the problems of business angles in order to improve the condition of all the people.

NEGRO BATHERS OUTRAGED

(Continued from page 1)

ens was drawn. Atty. Macbeth then quizzed him in this manner:

Q. Were you present at a meeting of the trustees May 19, 1927?
A. Yes.
Q. Do you remember of having seen People's exhibit "A" at that meeting?
A. I do.
Q. Was this particular lease discussed?
A. I don't know.
Q. Was the object of the lease to give Mr. Bessonette police power?
A. I don't know.

And this particular personage even though he was a city trustee, was as dum as an oyster concerning the city's business.

City Marshal, John F. Garvan was next called. He was the last minute in belts and spurrs with a great gun decorating him on the right hip, his face a dingy red and a voice less musical than a fog horn on a stormy night easily made him the most trying ordeal for those who looked and listened.

Q. Were you present July 17th when these four defendants were arrested? shot Atty. Macbeth.

A. I - - - w - a - s, came the long, drawn-out answer.

Q. Where did you see them?
A. At the foot of 26th street.
Q. What were they doing?
A. Two of them were in the water the others standing on the beach.
Q. How far were they from the water?
A. About 25 feet.
Q. Did you show them the lease?
A. Yes.
Q. What did they say?
A. Said they did not care about the lease because it was not worth the paper it was written on.
Q. Then did you tell them to leave?
A. I did.
Q. Did they go?
A. No.
Q. What was said?
A. One of them insisted that they did not want to go off the beach said he would rather be locked up and make an issue of it.
Q. Was there any disorderly conduct on the part of any of the defendants?
A. There was much talking.
Q. What finally happened?
A. We took the four men to jail, and they all, except this man Conly, paid the $10.00 bail required.
Q. How many colored people were on the beach at the time of the arrests?
A. About fifteen or twenty.
Q. What became of them?
A. They went away.

Court adjourned for noon recess at this point.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Court was called at 1:2[illegible] P. M. and police officer Haddock was called upon to testify.

Q. Where do you live?
A. In Manhattan.
Q. How long have you been a resident of Manhattan?
A. Four years.
Q. On or about July 17th were you an officer?
A. I was.
Q. Did you see any of these defendants on or about that date?
A. I did.
Q. Where?
A. At the foot of 26th street.
Q. Did you say anything to them?
A. Yes.
Q. What if anything did you say?
A. I told them that they would have to stay off the beach.
Q. Did they leave?
A. No, we had to take them away.
Q. What time was it?
A. About 7 o'clock in the evening.
Q. Who was spokesman?
A. That man (pointing to Dr. Hudson), I believe his name is Hudson.
Q. Did you have orders from Mr. Bessonette?
A. Yes.
Q. What were the orders?
A. To keep people off the beach.
Q. What kind of people?
A. Colored people.
Q. When they refused to go what happened?
A. We arrested them and lodged them in jail.

And at this juncture the Prosecution rested its case.

To our mind, without proving anything other than that a conspiracy had been formed by a class of illiterate white Americans and the authorities of Manhattan who wanted to vent their prejudical spleen on the Colored population of that section, who apparently are making greater economic progress than they are.

ATTY. MACBETH IN THE LEAD

At this point the mock court was turned over to Atty. Macbeth. He called as his first witness John F. Jones, one of Manhattan's luke-warm trustees.

Q. Are you a trustee of Manhattan?
A. I am.
Q. In what class is Manhattan?
A. Class 6, Certificate 2000.
Q. Calling your attention to Oscar C. Bassonette's lease I wish to ask if it was authorized by the board of trustees of Manhattan?
A. Yes.
Q. Was there any publication of said lease?
A. I don't know. (Later) I think not.
Q. Did he ever pay one dollars?

To this question came an emphatic, "I object," from the City Attorney and the objection was as readily sustained by ye honorable judge, who however never lifted his drooping eyelids while sustaining.

Q. Did you put Oscar C. Bessonette in possession of property.
A. I delivered the lease.
Q. Assuming that Mr. Bessonette testified that you put him in possession of property in question would that be true?
A. I don't know.

And in answer to a string of similar questions waged by Atty. Macbeth there came from Mr. Jones the same faltering, "I don't know."

Everett Crandall, another trustee, was called. He testified that he was a Chemist and knew nothing about real estate values; was present when the said Bessonette lease was drawn, but did not know whether or not it was designed to keep Colored folk off the beach.

Manhattan's water inspector, Carl D. Edwards, also a trustee, was placed on the stand and asked to examine the lease.

Q. Is that a true statement of what transpired when this lease was made, he was asked.
A. Yes.

Geo. A. Belvan, a dapper young lawyer, tanned and trim in a bright gray suit, took the stand.

Q. What is your occupation? asked Atty. Macbeth.
A. Attorney-at-law, was the crisp answer.
Q. Are you a Christian gentleman?

The court gasped because the attorney with the rather overgrown red nose went up in smoke, feeling that he had been grossly insulted.

Atty. Macbeth very gently withdrew the question, and once more the ship of State moved on.

Dr. Henry C. Hudson, president of the National Association was called.

Q. What is your name?
A. Henry C. Hudson.
Q. Your occupation?
A. Dentist.
Q. Were you at Manhattan Beach, July 17th?
A. I was.
Q. Did you see these other defendants?
A. I did.

"Well," continued Atty. Macbeth, "tell the Court what happened at that time."

In a well-measured voice, untinged with any emotion, Dr. Hudson testified that while out driving, he stopped by Manhattan about 5 o'clock on the evening of July 17. Seeing the officers talking to some other colored men he went where they were on the immediate water edge to ascertain what was going on. I asked these officers, present here, what, if anything, was the trouble? They answered that that was private property, and the Colored people should follow the line of least resistance.

"But," said I, "the Negroes did not do this in the world war. If they had they would have scampered off to the backwoods claiming conscientious objection, but instead they wen even to the front lines." But in answer to my argument these officers insisted that unless we moved on they would have to arrest us. I asked on what charge? "Resisting an officer" was the response.

"But we are not resisting," I insisted, "and that is rather a serious charge."

But to no avail did I argue. We were hustled off to jail.

The other defendants were J. H. Conley, Romollous Johnson and John McCaskill, who testified that he was a property owner at Manhattan; and a tax payer; that on July 17th for no other cause than bathing in the ocean he had been arrested and thrown in jail in is bating suit for which offense he was seeking redress from the only source from which he could expect fair play.

Others who testified for the defense were Mrs. Sarah Hall and Mrs. Mattie Johnson.

The four defendants and the other defense witnesses gave practically the same testimony as to what occurred on the beach July 17th.

When both defense and prosecution had exhausted their witness supply, the judge turned to the City Attorney and to Attorney Macbeth, asking if they had any closing remarks, and for a minute or two the all-wise City Attorney who very likely knew before hand just how the case would pan out, hesitated and insisted that Atty. Macbeth take the floor; Mr. Macbeth, smiling, waved the honor, but when the City Attorney insisted that Mr. Macbeth should address the waiting assemblage he did so with honor and credit to his profession, to his race and to his country.

In part, while pointing to the American flag that hung over the judge's head, he said:

"I am not here to defend any race, or color or creed, but the Stars and Stripes—the honor and integrity of my country. I charge this trustee board and other authorities of Manhattan with fraud, and with concocting a scheme under the guise of the law by which they may discriminate against a certain class or people—Negroes—in this community, many of whom are property owners at Manhattan and a loyal American.

"Why, your honor, the whole thing reeks with fraud, and deception, and is a blot on Americanism."

The only sign of feeling displayed by his honor, the judge, was the reddening of neck and face as he sat beneath the fiery darts of Atty. Macbeth, who, in his handling of this case demonstrates utter unselfishness in defending the defenseless. In closing his remarks Atty. Macbeth said that our contention is that this board of trustees had no right to give away the property in question.

In deciding the case the judge invited the defense's attention to section 416 of the Penal Code.

Each defendant was found guilty, and had to furnish $200.00 cash, or $500 property bond pending an appeal.

(Continued from page 1)

REPORT OF STATE FEDERATION

The evening session marked the closing of a three-day successful meeting with Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, third vice-president, presiding. (A very successful program was rendered. The treasurer, financial and recording secretaries made their annual reports. Treasurers report: Récepts $1923.10; disbursements $1770.06, balance $163.04 in main treasury. Total raised for education $276.64; disbursement $75.50; balance $201.14.

Friday morning concluded the Federation, with the Executive Board in session. Returns from the balloting were announced Friday evening at Independent Church, 18th and Paloma, preceeding the spectacular Spanish Operetta, "The Belle of Barcelona," under the auspices of the California Federation of Colored Women's Clubs and the Sunday School of Independent Church. The following officers were installed by Bishop J. W. Martin.

Mrs. Esther Jones Lee, Pres.; Mrs. Edna Steward, Vice-Pres.-At-Large; Mrs. A. A. Knight, 1st Vice; Mrs. Z. Otey Smith, 2nd Vice; Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, 3rd Vice; Mrs. Francis M. Burleigh, Pres. Imperial Valley; Mrs. Octavia Longras, Cor. Secy.; Mrs. A. E. Bomar, Rec. Secy.; Mrs. Sadie Sims, Ass't. Secy.; Miss Mary Reed, Financial Secy.; Mrs. Ada Jackson, Chairman Executive Board; Mrs. L. J. Williams, Treasurer; Mrs. Lydia Smith Ward, Chaplain.

The Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles donated buses for the beautiful scenic trip that the delegates enjoyed so much Saturday morning.

This closed the pages of the twenty-first annual convention of the California State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, to meet in San Diego for their twenty-second annual convention, July, 1928.

BISHOP CLAIR AT WESLEY M. E. CHURCH

Bishop M. W. Clair Preaches Hamilton Church Sunday, August 7th, at 11:00 A. M.

Bishop M. W. Clair, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the first Negroes elected Bishop will preach at Hamilton M. E. Church, East 18th St. and Omi Avenue, Sunday, August 7th, at 11:00 A. M., and at Wesley M. E. Church, Sunday evening at 7:30. Bishop Clair is one of the outstanding men of the race, and has a message that is vital. Come and hear him.

CITY BROTHERS
Real Estate Company
ADVICE TO HOME SEERS

For the cheapest and best buys Homes or Income Property, with payments to suit you the kind of house you want to rent, SEE CITY BROTHS.

Our Mott Is: "Honesty and courtesy"

G. W. CITY — Res., 816 E. 27th St. — Phone, HUmbolt 6800-M
R. J. CITY — Office 15 Central Ave. — Ph. HUmbolt 1500

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

What great glory inspires the poets? What luxurious growth materializes the dream of artists? What has ever been one of the crowning glories of humanity?—A BEAUTIFUL RICH AND ABUNDANT HEAD OF HAIR. Can you boast of this priceless gift?

You can have one of the glories of all: a full head of long, silky, smooth, and straight hair by using the following:

Spanish Straight Hair Restorer—Recommended for scalp diseases, commencing baldness and a thin grade of short hair. Price 50c.

Spanish Straight Shampoo—Recommended for cleansing the scalp and reviving the hair roots. Price 50c.

Spanish Straight Hair Straightner—Recommended to give life, growth and straightens the hair. Price 50c.

Manufactured by MME. R. G. KAMAZAL, P. O. Box 1357, Santa Monica, Cal., Phone Santa Monica 28190. Agents Wanted!

Slavery Still Exists

(By: A.)

New York City, August 3.—That slavery exists in other parts of the world was indicated in the report of the July meeting of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, which was held in Central Hall, London. The examination reported that while all civilized nations have formally abolished slavery, there are yet millions of people being held in the outlying parts of the world.

The delegates from Australia reported that conditions of natives there is very bad, declare that "the great evil was the misuse of native women by whites, which had led to a large population of half castes." The whites are disposed to regard the Australian natives as being hopeless and declare they are yet in the "stone age" but missionaries testify that they have many commendable qualities.