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LABOR ORGANIZATIONS PROTEST IMPORTATION OF PORTO RICAN LABOR

Efforts to Dispense With Negro Labor In Southwest Cotton Fields Blocked.

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 9 .- (Pacific Coast News Bureau).-The labor situation in the cotton producing states of the Southwest has reached the critical point of choosing between using Black American labor or the less efficient Mexican from our sister republic.

With a bumper cotton crop in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, thousands of harvest hands must be secured. The Chinese, Japanese and Hindus, heretofore the chief source of labor supply, have been driven away through the strict enforcement of the anti-alien land law. The Mexican is unavailable in sufficient quantities due to the United States immigration laws. The influx by holding back improvements of all for fear of attracting a parasite class of migratory labor whose permanent abode will be undesirable. Free from Oriental domination yet unable to recruit sufficient white farm hands to more serious than ever.

Seeking Several Solutions

A solution in the Mexican situation Black American farmers.

California legislature.

Labor Organizations Protest

laiming that their use in the South- conditions and wages.

TRUST IN GOD

Call it not faith to trust in God When ample is your store, And when to barns already filled, The Lord is adding more.

Call it not faith to give your tenth, While yet nine-tenths remain; And while your offering to the Lord Is felt not from your gain.

'Tis when the fig-tree blossoms not, Nor fruit is in the vine, The labour of the olive fails, Nor corn is there, nor wine.

when the flock fails from the field,

Nor herd is in the stall; To trust in God then, that is faith-The strongest faith of all.

-By the late Hon. John Macdonald.

west cotton fields will lower the wage scale to the point where American labor could not compete. This same objection has applied to the use of the Chinese, Japanese and Mexicans, together with the fact that they are unassimilable, and retard the commercial, industrial and educational growth of the respective communities of Black American labor is undesired kinds, as well as withholding their money from general circulation.

Black Americans Solution

The bankers, railroads, merchants and moneyed interests are gradually reaching a consensus of opinion that make up the deficiency, the farmers the only real solution to the problem find themselves faced with a problem is to populate the various communities in the cotton districts with a thrifty, selected class of producing

is being sought through an attempt The Black American of all the restrictions for the purpose of allow- numbers is the only class that measing contract Mexican labor to be im- ures up to the Southwest's requireported across the border under the ments. The only objection to him is for the Orient. condition that they are to be returned that he is Black. Nevertheless, Black after the harvest. A bill to this ex- Americans are assimilable to Amerof living. They maintain the same Another solution is the attempt of standards of morals and living as conthe Arizona Cotton Growers' Associa- ducive to the highest type of Amertion to import 1,500 Porto Ricans and ican civilization. As shown by the their families into the Salt River Val- 100,000 or more who now reside in ley district near Phoenix where there this Southwest territory, the Black exists a shortage of 2,500 cotton American maintains highly organized Pickers. Claiming that the Porto bodies of Christian worshipers, he has Ricans, being classed as American hundreds of good, modern, comfortcitizens, are not barred by Federal able homes, his household is mainmmigration restrictions, a shipload of tained on an independent and self-Porto Ricans are being brought in by respecting basis; he is engaged in the association. They are expected to business; his money is constantly in arrive at Galveston within a short circulation; and as a wage earner he is to be found in thousands of homes, factories, banks and business estab-The labor oragnizations of the lishments, occupying positions of reouthwest have filed in Washington spect and trust without detriment to complaint against their importation, the prevailing local stand of labor



BISHOP J. S. CALDWELL, D.D., Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, U.S.A. He is one of the distinguished fraternal delegates to the B.M.E. Conference, which convenes in Toronto next week.

Colored Orchestra On Oriental Tour

Will Fill Ten Weeks' Engagement at Plaza Hotel, Shanghai, China.

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 8 .-(Pacific Coast News Bureau.) - After being royally entertained at the Jazz- enough votes collectively to have deland and Bronx Hotel Palm Garden by feated their white opponent by a marthe colored motion picture and theatrigin of 191 votes. Splitting the vote to set aside the present immigration laboring classes available in sufficient cal profession in Los Angeles, Jack cost Tyler the victory. Howard W. Carter and his orchestra, of Chicago, Davis, incumbent, defeated Tyler by sailed August 31 from San Francisco

Ten Weeks in Shanghai

tent will be introduced in the next icanism and the white man's standard ment at the Plaza Hotel in Shanghai his wonderful success in fighting local the orchestra will tour the Orient for segregation cases. a period of a year.

Featuring Valada Snow

Valada Snow, America's most versatile colored soubrette, formerly of Sissle & Blake's "Chocolate Dandies" lican, was entirely satisfactory to the and "In Bambille", will be featured as colored voters. Richardson, who apfew female race musicians equally Atty. Ceruti, of Los Angeles, the race proficient with every instrument in candidate, has never appointed a the band, and has just finished a long Negro to a single position during his engagement at the Sunset Cafe, entire administration. Chicago.

In the orchestra are Billy Page, cago.

In Los Angeles Miss Snow was roy- York News".

TWO RACE EDITORS **VICTORIOUS IN CALIFORNIA** PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Colored Assemblyman Re-Eelcted to Legislature for Fifth Term.

Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 8.— (Pacific Coast News Bureau.)-Returns from California's state primary election reveal the fact that two race editors have been victorious. Fred C. Williams, editor and publisher of the "Pacific Defender", was nominated as a member of the Republican County Central Committee.

Roberts Re-Elected to Legislature

Frederick M. Roberts, editor of the New Age", and for four terms the only race member of the California Legislature, carried 1,431 votes against his white opponent's 814, thereby receiving the nomination which in his case means Roberts' return to the Legislature for his fifth term.

Other Colored Candidates Defeated

Titus Alexander, the only Negro Democratic candidate; Atty. Broyles and Atty. Tyler, colored candidates for the assembly, were defeated. Tyler and Broyles, opposing each other in the 73rd Assembly District, polled 446 votes.

Atty. Tyler, a Harvard graduate, was undoubtedly opposed by the After filling a ten weeks' engage- powerful realty interests who resent

Governor's Defeat Satisfactory

The defeat of Governor Richardson by C. C. Young, a progressive Repuba cornetist. Miss Snow is one of the pointed 57 judges without appointing

former conductor of King Oliver's ally entertained by her former asso-Band of Chicago, and Theo. Weather- ciate in the "Chocolate Dandies", ford, Q. R. S. rolls artist and formerly Curtis Carpentier, formerly secretary pianist at the Vendome Theatre, Chi- to Sissle & Blake and later advertising and circulation manager of the "New