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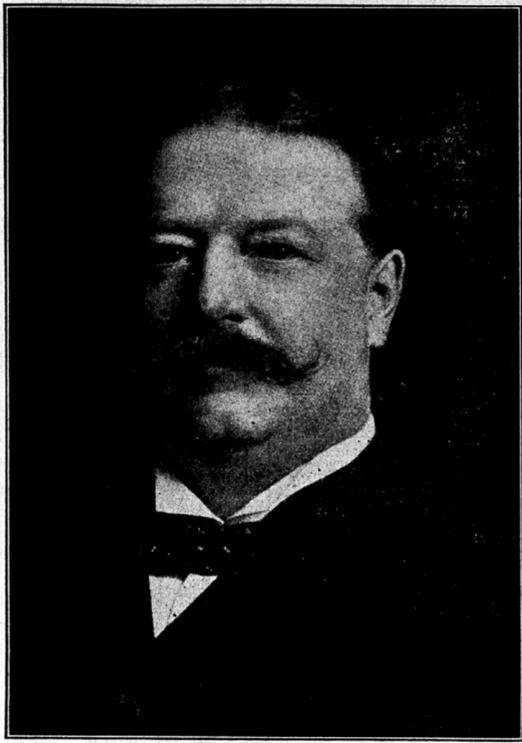
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**HON. WILLIAM H. TAFT**  
Next President of the United States.

**WHAT HIGHER EDUCATION HAS DONE FOR THE SOUTHERN AFRO-AMERICAN.**

Southern extremists insist with frenzied vehemence that higher education has accomplished nothing for the Southern Afro-American, but to impair his efficiency as an economic element. Governor Davis says that it has been a flat failure, and even some men in the North incline to the same opinion. Let us make a brief examination of the subject. So soon after the close of the war as was practicable, the United States government and many Northern philanthropists entered upon the work of educating the Southern Afro-American. It was a vast task, the means were very inadequate, and the obstacles almost insuperable. Still, within a very short period of time, quite a number of Afro-American youths received a limited amount of higher education. Meanwhile, the parents and friends of the youth had organized churches of rude type all over the South, and had bought thousands of houses for places of worship. These educated youth found at home a great demand for their services, and entered, with great zest into the work of organizing and improving. They added to the religious organizations of their fathers, many of a social nature; such as the Freemasons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and many others. These churches and societies call for the services of a vast number of men and women of higher education, to act as bishops, elders, trustees, deacons, preachers, teachers, choristers, organists, treasurers, secretaries, agents, etc., etc., and the multiplied thousands of men and women of higher education are performing all of these functions throughout the length and breadth of the Southland. These men of higher education have organized a National Baptist convention with a clientele of over 2,000,000 persons, one-fifth of the entire race. The Methodists have their general conferences, representing nearly another fifth of the race, and the other denominations have, also, a considerable representation. These denominations are also publishing annually millions of pages of religious literature, including music, and distributing them among the churches and schools, and doing it through the instrumentality of the men of higher education. These men of higher education have also established hundreds of newspapers and hundreds of schools in the South. They have gone by thousands before white examiners, and successfully

passed the very same examination as the white applicants. They are practicing medicine and law, they are in the civil service, they are bankers, merchants and planters. They have written books which are eagerly published by the great publishers of the country, and which are strongly commended by the great scholars. They established and are carrying on, Fisk, Atlanta, Tuskegee, Talladega and scores of other educational institutions, and according to the census of 1900, THEY HAVE REDEEMED MORE THAN HALF OF THEIR RACE FROM THE CURSE OF ILLITERACY.

**THE HISSING OF JEFF DAVIS.**

In commenting upon the hissing of Jeff Davis by the Arkansas Democratic State Convention, the Chicago Tribune remarks: "It has been most unfortunate for the south that it is burdened with alleged statesmen of the Jeff Davis type. One after another they have forced themselves into the limelight to the shame of a great section of the country. No state had had a monopoly of the blatant, vociferous, eccentric demagogues who have depended upon extravagant language and startling methods to give them a notoriety constituting their only stock in trade." But the Tribune does not go back to the source of the evil, and it remains for The Appeal to go behind the returns. The source of the evil, the hot-bed which breeds statesmen of the Jeff Davis type is the fearful and wonderful ignorance of the Southern electorate and the fact that the brawling demagogues of the Davis type have used that element to "down" the brainy aristocrats of the south. Jeff Davis paid little attention to the river bottom counties of the state; but up in the mountain sections, he was more numerous and pestilential than the flies of Egypt. The Democratic State Convention was a gathering of "high-collared roosters" whom Jeff has been laboring ever since he began his meteoric career. But for that class of men to have an opportunity to retaliate upon the Jeff Davises is a very rare thing.

In the death of E. E. Cooper in Washington, D. C., recently, the Afro-American press loses one of its veteran editors who did much toward the advancement of journalism in his day. That he died poor, as most Afro-American journalists do is evidence that their work is more a labor of love than a medium of riches. Requiescat in pace.

**NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE.**

The Ninth Annual meeting of the National Afro-American Business League is to be held in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 19th, 20th and 21st, 1908.

The day sessions of the League will be held in the Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church. All of the night sessions are to be held in Richmond Market Hall, formerly used by the Crack Fifth Regiment of Baltimore and recently by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Richmond Market Hall is one of the most satisfactory assembly rooms in the whole city of Baltimore. The League is indebted to the Baltimore Business League, of which Mr. Harry T. Pratt is President, for securing this splendid hall for the use of the League. His Honor, Mayor J. Barry Mahool, aided the Baltimore League in having this hall secured for the meetings.

Upon petition of Mr. Pratt and other members of the Local Business League, the City Council of Baltimore has passed two resolutions of interest to the organization, one providing for the electrical illumination by the city of Druid Hill Avenue during the sessions of the National Business League and the other, for the use of the largest steamer belonging to the City Harbor Board during Convention week. Honorable Harry S. Cummings, a member of the City Council, has given the weight of his influence toward having these two resolutions passed by the City Council.

The citizens of Baltimore are well organized in various committees and are earnestly at work arranging the details of entertainment, etc., for the delegates. Officers, Life Members and Delegates, who are intending to be present, are urged to write Dr. Louis H. Fenderson, 1418 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore, advising him of such intention, so that proper accommodations may be provided.

The far-reaching influence of the National Business League assures an attendance at Baltimore second to that of no former session of the organization. Reduced rates will be secured from almost every section of the country. It is altogether possible, however, for groups of individuals coming from such centers as Chicago, Indianapolis, Louisville, Atlanta, Birmingham, St. Louis, New Orleans, Little Rock, Nashville, Chattanooga, Jackson, Memphis, Kansas City, and other cities to secure such special excursion rates as are being offered to Washing-

**CAT THAT EATS ASPARAGUS.**

And Cantaloupe Too—A Sign of the Increased Cost of Living. "Now when I was a boy," began the Brooklyn man in the approved reminiscent manner, "the family cat worked for its living by rustling for mice, or if mice were scarce got a dole of milk and maybe liver occasionally. There was no pampering to fancy tastes.

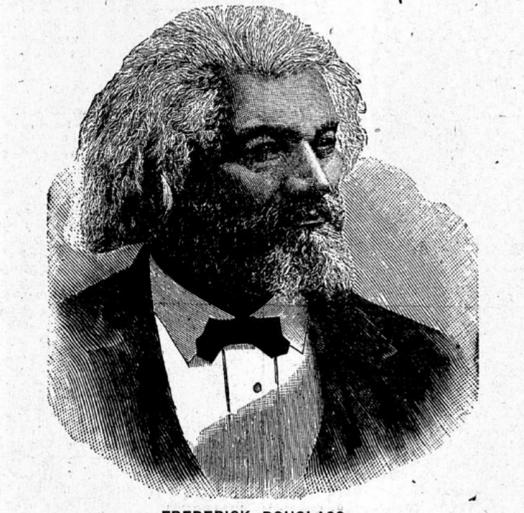
"It may be but another example of the increased cost of living, but it shocked me the other night to find my wife feeding our cat asparagus. It was a new thing to me to see a cat eat asparagus.

"Asparagus is rather a luxury for humans, and as for cats—well, it must be a foretaste of the cat heaven if there is one. Now Pompey—that's the cat's name—didn't eat asparagus voraciously, as you would expect, but daintily. My wife would hold out a stalk and he would bit off a piece and so on until he got to the hard end, when he stopped and looked inquiringly for a fresh stalk to come.

"He got it, too. In fact, I saw him eat five, all that remained of the family dinner. It was lucky for the cook that she doesn't like asparagus. "My wife thought it was so cute of Pompey. Yes, and she had discovered that he ate cantaloupe and that was cute of him too. She gave him a piece as a chaser for the asparagus and he nibbled out the edible part with a twinkle in his eye that showed he enjoyed it. I am wondering what taste he will develop next."

**He Obeyed Orders.**

A ranchman living in that locality noticed a small bunch of teal that were in the habit of using a pond not far from his dwelling. He requested Legrand to try his luck with them the next morning when they could be easily found. Legrand, however, was short of ammunition, so the ranchman gave him a shell, which he jokingly remarked was enough for a good shot, and he expected him to come back with the whole bunch, numbering six. On the ensuing day Legrand departed before sunrise, but returned to breakfast empty handed. "No ducks, Legrand?" He shook his



**FREDERICK DOUGLASS.**  
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ton, Baltimore, New York and Atlantic City. By arranging for stop-over privileges, delegates will be enabled to make the trip to Baltimore at an expense or state that the usual one, one-third rate, and at the same time visit the National Capital. Delegates are especially urged to begin making arrangements at once for special Pullman and Coach accommodations to Baltimore. If delegations are organized in each of the states they can arrange for special Pullman and other accommodations, securing privacy, comfort and congenial companionship en route. Local Business Leagues are urged to begin electing their delegates at once. The names of all delegates thus selected should be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Mr. C. F. Adams, 934 S Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., will be pleased to co-operate in any way possible with the state delegations in making transportation arrangements. Further information, if desired, may be secured from any of the officers whose addresses appear in the forefront of this announcement, or from: Booker T. Washington, President, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. T. Thomas Fortune, Chairman, Executive Committee, New York City. Emmett J. Scott, Corresponding Secretary, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Officers for 1907-8: Booker T. Washington, President, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Charles Banks, First Vice-President, Mound Bayou, Miss.; F. D. Patterson, Second Vice-President, Greenfield, Ohio; Dr. S. G. Elbert, Third Vice-President, Wilmington, Del.; Harry T. Pratt, Fourth Vice-President, Baltimore, Md.; J. A. Lankford, Fifth Vice-President, Washington, D. C.; Emmett J. Scott, Corresponding Secretary, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Gilbert C. Harris, Treasurer, Boston, Mass.; S. Loring Williams, Comptroller, Chicago, Ill.; F. H. Gilbert, Registrar, Brooklyn, N. Y.; R. C. Houston, Assistant Registrar, Fort Worth, Texas; William H. Davis, Official Stenographer, Washington, D. C.; C. F. Adams, Transportation Agent, Washington, D. C.

near: "No ducks." The next morning the result was the same. "No ducks, Legrand?" "No ducks." The third morning a shot was heard. Legrand returned with three beautiful blue winged teal hanging from each shoulder. "Legrand, how did you manage to have so much luck all of a sudden when you were not able to get anything the two preceding mornings?" "To-day," he replied, "was the first time I could get them lined up so that I could bag them all at one shot."

**A Call to Arms of Peace.**

Six weeks ago some one said something about the unemployed. One day last week Free Employment Agent Gerow at Topeka blew the dinner horn for 20,000 men and 1,500 teams to take care of the approaching wheat harvest.

Within two weeks the harvest will begin down about Wichita. Then Mr. Gerow in all probability will blow the horn for another 20,000. A man and team can get \$5 a day at the drop of a hat.

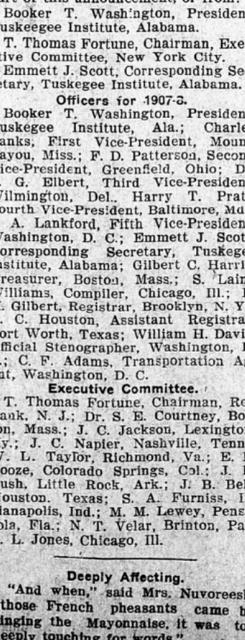
If there is really an "army of the unemployed" it would do well to communicate with Free Employment Agent Gerow of Topeka, Kan., by the first post—if it wants work.

**Water Greatest Explosive.**

Water, looked upon as the tamest of liquids, is as great an explosive as dynamite under certain conditions. In one day water breaks up more earth and rock than all the gunpowder, gun cotton and dynamite in the world do in a year. These explosives can be controlled by human agency, but water does not hold itself accountable to man. It runs into the ground, freezes, expands and splits the soil into little pieces. Finding a crack in a huge rock it repeats the same process, forcing it asunder. If frozen in the pores of a tree it often explodes with a report like a gunshot and the force of a dynamite bomb.

**To Turn England From Tea to Coffee.**

The state of Sao Paulo, in Brazil, troubled by an overproduction of coffee, has had a company organized to conduct a propaganda on behalf of coffee drinking in Europe. It will be directed against England especially, which is given to tea rather than coffee. In London the coffee houses which so flourished in the eighteenth century have become tea houses, but it is probably not an imposing task to turn them back to coffee again.



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"The Negroes will continue to be a source of irritation and friction and riot in proportion to the number of illiterate white people among us. Whatever of opposition there is to the Negro in the South is found among uneducated people. The educated classes owned the Negro before the war, and they were then, and continue to be, his best friends. The Negroes understand them and they understand the Negro. Education of the white people is the solution of the so-called Negro problem." The foregoing is an extract from an address before the educational society of the Methodist Church South, by Dr. Lee, of Atlanta, and it contains a large amount of truth. But the opposition referred to is encouraged and stimulated by men of the educated class for political purposes, as illustrated by the late campaign in Georgia and Tennessee. In the former, Hoax Smith fairly raved over "Negro domination, and, in the latter, Carmack closely followed his pernicious example. It is an encouraging indication that both of these rabble-rousers were plowed under.