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## That Washington Trip.

August 17, 1907 the delegation of Colored men elected to go to Washington to protest against the constitution, left on the evening flyer and arrived in St. Louis the next morning. After a short stay in this city they departed and reached Washington on Saturday evening October 19.

Work was begun at once and every effort was put forth to accomplish the desired end. A visit was made the Hon. W. T. Vernon, register of the United States treasury, and his aid secured. Mr. Vernon is a race man and one of nature's noblemen whose generous courtesies prompted him to render all possible assistance to the delegation. He has put the Negroes of Oklahoma and Indian Territories under lasting obligations to him for his kindness and aid in this hour of need.

The first step taken was the filing of the brief with the Attorney General which was done October 22. The Attorney General received the delegation in that kind and affable manner for which he is noted and after some considerable conference the delegation retired, feeling that they had a friend in Mr. Bonapart. An audience was secured with Senator Curtis of Kansas whose conversation showed that he was on the side of justice and right and through whose influence and assistance the delegation was permitted a conference with the Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Garfield was found to be courteous and willing to do all he could for our people.

After visiting several other men of prominence the delegation secured an interview with President Roosevelt and briefly stated their cause. The same consideration was shown us as was accorded by the President to other delegations. The impression was received by the delegation that the chief executive was a man who believes in the doctrine of a square deal to every man no matter among what class of citizens his lot chances to fall. Irre-

spective of tangible results, we yet believe that the protest was the proper course to pursue.

Members of the delegation were L. A. Bell, J. A. Roper, J. A. Roper, A. V. Jones, Willie Bradford, A. G. W. Sango, J. W. Simmons, W. H. Twine. Just before the conference with the President, J. C. Johnson, Morris Sango, Rev. Henry Resd and Attorney Harrison of Oklahoma city, joined the delegation.

Some of the delegates visited the Jamestown Exposition but the greater number returned home.

While in Washington the members of the delegation were invited to the splendid homes of the Hon. W. T. Vernon and Prof. A. J. Lankford, where they were entertained in royal style.

The work has been done and eagerly are results awaited.

### Prof. Reynolds.

It was Prof. C. W. Reynolds of the Dunbar school of this city who received an offer of \$1500 a year to be one of the Supervisors of the Colored setpools at Washington, D. C., instead of Mr. Fuller, as was stated in yesterday's Phoenix. An error was made in the name.—Phoenix.

### Anacostia.

While in Washington it was my good fortune, in company with J. A. Roper and W. H. Twine, to visit Anacostia and Cedar Hill the home of Old Man Eloquent, sometimes called the sage of Anacostia, the Hon. Frederick Douglass.

It is an inspiration for any Negro to visit the home of this departed patriot and view some of the scenes so intimately connected with the life and works of this mighty giant whose influence was felt during the critical period of American history. To visit the library where the old patriot did such great work for his race and country; to walk over the garden, the orchard, the grounds where he once trod is to breathe an inspiration of patriotism and race love which all Negroes

should enjoy. Moreover, when viewing these familiar haunts of our honored hero, the trials and struggles of that gloomy period during which most of his great works were performed one receives such an impression of the wonderful change which has been wrought in our condition that the present situation cannot wholly efface.

There is a mortgage on the old home that should be raised and every race loving Negro should send a contribution, be it ever so small. Send the contribution to Mr. W. McKinley, Anacostia, D. C. Mr. McKinley and family reside in the Douglass mansion and are doing their very best to restore the house and grounds to their old time condition.

It is a beautiful place situated on a high hill overlooking Washington giving a splendid view of the national capital. At night to sit on the porch and view the distant city gives the appearance of some vast moving picture show flashing across a mighty canvass in a continuous performance for the delight of anacostia.

This place can be made a Mecca for Negroes of the United States and they should visit it in the same spirit of reverence with which white Americans visit Mont Vernon.

Should you ever visit the National capital you will miss the best of your trip if you fail to go to Anacostia, climb Cedar Hill and gaze with ecstasy, pleasure, awe and pride upon the last residence of one of grandest actors in the history of our country and one of the world's great men though the hot blood of the African tropics flowed through his veins.

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## Race War in school.

WHITE PUPILS DRIVE INDIANS FROM SCHOOL HOUSE DOORS

## School is Closed and Moved

WHITE CHILDREN WERE ENCOURAGED TO ACT BY THEIR PARENTS

Fifteen Indian children driven from the Star school near Coweta, I. T., by white children, who were encouraged by their parents in making their attendance disagreeable, resulted in the issuance of an order today by Supt. J. D. Benedict closing the school and locating it elsewhere. The school was originally established for Indians but whites were allowed to attend.

This is the first instance of this kind in Indian Territory. Supt. Benedict says there has been a tendency for some time to crowd the full bloods out of the white school and when the government gives up the schools after statehood this question will bring about trouble between the races.

The matter was reported to Supervisor Falwell by Miss Eva K. Coleman, who teaches the Star school. There are forty students who attend the school and fifteen of those were Indians.

All manner of ill-treatment is said to have been used on the Indian children, especially the full bloods.

The teacher Miss Coleman, is the young woman, who a year ago married Harry Marshall, and left him shortly after her honeymoon in a Tulsa hotel when it was proven to her that he was a bigamist and had wives in Kansas and New Orleans.—Muskogee Phoenix.

Again we ask that every Negro paper in the Union make the request of their Congressmen and Senators to stay with us in the fight against the constitution and against the President's issuing a proclamation.