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"All things come to them that wait, providing they hustle while they wait."—Charles W. Anderson. "Get out of our sunshine."—R. H. Boyd.

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## BEAUTIFUL GREENWOOD PARK

### STRUCK DOWN BY CLASS LEGISLATION.

## AN UNWARRANTED LAW

### A MEANER PIECE OF LEGISLATION WAS NEVER RAILROADED THROUGH BY ANY LAW-MAKING BODY THAN THE ONE AIMED AT THE EXISTENCE OF THE ONLY PARK FOR COLORED PEOPLE IN THIS VICINITY.

A local bill entitled "To regulating the location of parks and places of amusements" was passed by the legislature of the State of Tennessee, Thursday night, April 4. The passage of this bill blotted out the only breathing place where the colored citizens of this place could go to get out of the dust, grime and foul gases of the city and get a little fresh air and enjoy themselves.

The bill was hatched up solely to affect Greenwood Park. It was so worded as not to affect any of the amusement places or parks of the whites. It was a gerrymander of the worst kind. It provides that no park or amusement place outside the corporate limits of Nashville shall be maintained, used, or operated within two miles of a cemetery, in the city limits within a quarter of a mile. So you see it was to put out of commission "Beautiful Greenwood Park."

What will be the next curtailment inflicted upon us by that class of prejudice-ridden whites who are having nightmares over what the Negro is doing? That class of whites is not bothered by the low, worthless Negro; it is the intelligent, thrifty, progressive, law-abiding Negro that looms up so disturbingly in its dreams.

The colored people have been shut out from the parks and places of amusements frequented by the white race, and now they are forbidden by a law to have one and the one they have is struck down by this unwarranted act. The class behind this law admits by its passage that the Negro must be checked in his progress. Every city in this country encourages the building and maintaining of parks and places where its people may go to amuse themselves. They are wholesome and civilizing influences which affect all people alike, and one race has as much right to own and maintain parks and places of healthful amusement in a given community as another, whatever may be said to the contrary notwithstanding.

The solons representing Davidson County in the state legislature deemed it wise and expedient and for the best interest of society and the community to legislate out of existence a beautiful park already in operation.

Greenwood Park is the gift of Elder Preston Taylor for the free use of his people as a place of amusement. This generous, prosperous, public-spirited man saw the need of such a refining influence for his people and his great heart went out to them to the extent of this magnificent gift which to them cannot be measured by dollars and cents, though it cost him twenty thousand dollars to put it into its present excellent condition. It is indeed a beautiful pleasure resort with everything conveniently and tastily arranged—a pretty club house, with several apartments and a large spacious open court or veranda, where hundreds of people, if they choose, may be seated and served with refreshments; a splendid skating rink—a large amusement hall beautifully seated with costly seating on an inclined floor and a spacious stage for concert, minstrel or dramatic performance—a bountiful spring with a covered, open platform and two pumps to raise the clear water therefrom to slake the thirst of the thirsty—healthy sanitary conditions were not forgotten and ample arrangements were made.

Six hundred trees have been planted which add materially to the beauty of the landscape; in short, everything has been done to make it an ideal place where the colored people could meet and enjoy themselves as do the whites at Glendale and their many other parks and places, against the existence of which there is no law.

Nathan the Prophet's exposure of King David's meanness and selfishness in taking Uriah's only wife while

he himself had hundreds would aptly fit the meanness that characterizes the act of the powers that be which takes from the colored people their only park.

David was awfully wroth when Nathan told him of the fellow who had a flock and then took the other man's one lamb. He wanted to kill something, but when the prophet, pointing an accusing finger at him, said: "Thou art the man," then David wanted a chance to repent in sackcloth and ashes. Davidson County's statesmen would have a chance of getting by St. Peter into the Celestial City were they as capable of seeing the "smallness" of their law which strikes down Greenwood Park, as David was in striking down Uriah to get his wife. The meanness in both instances transcends reason.

The law says for its authors: "We don't want you Negroes to be good citizens, therefore, we take from you one of the agencies which would tend to make you such. If you take any amusement you must take it on the curbing under police surveillance in the tenderloin districts or sweat it out within the compass of your homes. You shall not have a park inside corporate limits nor shall you have one outside of it, and you better not think of peeping through the fence of ours."

This law, which was aimed only at Greenwood, is a microbe of the blackest prejudice, and it was railroaded through in one night. Like the owl, it was conceived in the night, born in the night, presented in the night and passed in the night; so it is a malformation of the night.

Booker T. Washington says he is optimistic, he is hopeful, yet such laws, ranking in hatred, make the thoughtful stop and think loud enough to be heard, What's next?

### A BRIEF VISIT.

The noted newspaper correspondent, Mr. Chas. Stewart, with Northern headquarters at Chicago and Southern headquarters at Normal, Ala., passed through Nashville Monday morning en route to Normal. A Globe reporter learned that he was in the city but could not reach the station in time. However, he had a talk with him over the phone.

When asked by the Globe man where he had been, Mr. Stewart replied: "Oh, I have just been riding around over the country. I spent a month in Texas with my family, whose home is in Lamarque, Texas. I have been to Chicago, Washington, Philadelphia and a hundred other places. I am now slated to take care of the medical association which will be in Birmingham this week."

"What are your plans for the summer," was the next question asked Mr. Stewart.

"They are not all formed yet," replied the newspaper man. "I do know, however, that from June 26 and the 28, I will be in Mississippi attending the Negro Business League of that state, and I promised the Sunday School Congress management that I would be in New Orleans from the 28th to the 30th. Other than this I shall not be busy, except attending the regular annual meetings."

Mr. Stewart's famous typewriter was with him on this trip as usual. He expects to make Nashville some time during the summer.

### NASHVILLE LOSES THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS.

Nashville, by its inactivity, has lost another big annual meeting. New Orleans has gained one by its activity. This meeting is the National Baptist Sunday School Congress and Young People's Chautauqua. A call for this second annual meeting has been issued to convene in New Orleans, La., June 26 to 30. This is one of the annual meetings that brings hundreds of cultured young people from all parts of the United States. It is to be regretted that it could not hold its second session in this city, as it was contemplated at the inauguration of this movement to hold its regular sessions here. But it is learned from the management of the Congress that so little interest was manifested in Nashville by the churches and citizens to insure the sessions, it was forced to go where better inducements were offered. New Orleans has guaranteed the management that every attention will be given its delegates and visitors.

### ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

Miss Birdie Grant, of 1606 Jackson street, entertained a limited number of her friends last Thursday evening. Games and music were the features of entertainment. A light menu was served at a late hour. The participants were Misses Thomas, of North Carolina; Grayce Frank, Ruth McKinney, Charley Rosenberg, Ethel Spence, Belma Mahan, Messrs. Jasper Phillips, Fred J. Ewing, J. O. Battle, D. Wesley Crutcher and Lucian Searcy.

### SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN MRS. J. BENEFIELD, OF HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

A number of young ladies, under the leadership of Miss Belma Mahan, arranged and gave in honor of Mrs. J. Benefield at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Boyd, a very enjoyable surprise party, Saturday evening, April 6.

Mrs. Benefield, who resides at Hot Springs, Ark., came to attend the marriage ceremonies of her brother, Mr. J. Blaine Boyd, and also to pay a visit of several weeks to her parents and many friends. As the time drew near for her return home, the young ladies planned this social treat that she might carry with her the pleasant memories of it as a token of their regard.

Mrs. Benefield, before her marriage and taking up residence in another state, was very popular and prominent in the social life of the city, having numerous friends who still cherish their friendship for her and she always finds a welcome reception when she returns. She expressed herself as having enjoyed this visit passing well, having been the recipient of many social courtesies, but none which she enjoyed more or will live longer in appreciation than the one so successfully arranged, without her having an inkling of knowledge, by the young ladies for her pleasure on the eve of her departure.

The young ladies with their escorts, according to prearrangements, met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, 524 Third avenue, North, where a pleasant time was spent in chatting, games and music until all had arrived. Then the merry party proceeded to the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Boyd on Second avenue, North, taking Mrs. Benefield completely by surprise. The parlor was lighted up and thrown open and soon, as if by magic, the scene presented was one of animation and pleasure. Conversation, music and song were the order of the hour. The genial Doctor, after getting over his surprise, and his affable wife, who had been given a "tip" as what was going to transpire, were soon around and among the jolly surprisers, smiling and chatting, and as gay and happy as any. Those present were Mrs. J. J. Benefield, of Hot Springs, Ark.; Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Boyd, Misses Belma Mahan, Nellie E. King, Bertha Lee, Ruth McKinney, Georgia Bradford, Nannie I. Sumner, Bessie Martin, Janie E. Benson, Ethel H. Spence, Wertie Harris, Dewitt Shorter, Katie Shelton, Emma Shorter, Margaret L. Robinson, Reba Lathan, Estella Montague, Georgia Watkins, Mary Clark and Rebecca McCants, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blaine Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. A. Julius Williams, Messrs. Henry Floyd, D. Wesley Crutcher, J. Frank Battle, A. T. Landers, Geo. O. Boyd, J. D. Crenshaw, Joseph O. Battle, Lucian Searcy, Henry Allen Boyd, Wm. Boger, Hon. R. L. Mayfield, Samuel Carter, Fred J. Ewing, John H. Kelly, Eugene Page and Jasper T. Phillips.

About eleven o'clock a four-course menu was served, which, as the evening grew on apace, came as a welcome feature of the occasion and was heartily enjoyed by all. After the delicacies had been partaken of the surprisers prepared for home-going. They congratulated themselves on the success of their plans—the complete surprise given Mrs. Benefield—and after expressions of the pleasures of the evening, bade the family adieu.

### PRINCE HERRMAN.

Because of the heavy rain all day and at night, the crowd at Meharry Auditorium last Friday night did not number more than 500, but those who attended were more than pleased and many valuable presents were awarded the fortunate ones who held the lucky numbers.

Next week Prince Herrman and Duke Berryman play—  
At the Court House, Lebanon, Tenn., for the benefit of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. J. C. Holt, pastor, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, April 15th, 16th and 17th.  
Salem Chapel, A. M. E. Church, Thursday night, April 18th.  
Seay's Chapel M. E. Church, Friday night, April 19th.  
Brentwood, M. E. Church, Saturday night, April 20th.

### COLUMBIA NOTES.

Mrs. Braxton, of Brunswick, Ga., arrived the first of the week, having been called here by the serious illness of her son, Dr. A. T. Braxton, who died a few days after her arrival.

A play, "The Spinners' Club," was presented April 12, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church, under the management of Mrs. P. J. Armstrong. Mr. Albert Voorhies, of Chicago, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Sadie Vauhn, of Nashville, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Barton, who recently bought the late Rev. Daniel Maury place on East Seventh street, is making extensive improvements, and, when finished, will be the finest residence here among our people.

Rev. Mr. Darden, of Nashville, is visiting Rev. S. L. Howard.

Mrs. Green Shepard, of Hill street, is improving after a long spell of sickness.

Mr. Tucker Hedgepeth, of Tenth street, died March 30th.

### EBENEZER NOTES.

Dr. E. W. S. Hammonds, of Walden University, will preach at Ebenezer next Sunday at 11:00 a. m.

Miss Hattie E. Henly is to leave for Chicago soon.

Messrs. Hazzie Huggins, Elmore Tilford, Andrew McIntosh and Henry H. Walker have joined themselves into a club for the purpose of starting into some business which one alone could manage.

Henry H. Walker sang a solo for the Epworth League of St. Paul last Sunday evening, accompanied by Miss Beatrice Stewart, of Walden University.

The daughter of Mrs. Copeland has been very sick.

### MR. ALBERT SEXTON IN ST. LOUIS.

Nashville has lost Mr. Albert Sexton, who opened up the Temple Studio under the name of Sexton & Hynes. Mr. Sexton has gone to St. Louis where he has taken charge of an up-to-date photograph establishment. His journey here was not to be permanent and this was thoroughly understood, but it was hoped that he would remain in the city until the summer, but to no avail. The Temple Studio is now closed. Whether it will be opened or not is not known.

### MRS. STEPHENS ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. Stephens entertained at dinner Saturday evening the Misses Curtis, of Hot Springs, Ark., both of whom are students in Fisk University. They are the daughters of Dr. A. M. Curtis, of that city, who is one of the best known physicians of the race. Mrs. Stephens is the wife of Dr. Stephens, of Texarkana, Ark. They have recently purchased a beautiful home on Eighteenth avenue, North, just across from Livingston Hall. She is here in the interest of her children, who are attending Fisk University.

### VISITOR ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. Emma Battle entertained in formally a few friends Tuesday evening at her residence, 922 Blank street, the guest of honor being Miss Willie Griffey, of McMinnville, who has been visiting in the city for several days. The evening was spent in playing various games, after which loes were served. Those present were Misses Willie Griffey, Elnora Berry, Charley Rosenberg, Ethel Spence, Belma Mahan, Anna M. Tate, Ruth McKinney, Willie Battle, Eleanor Battle, Messrs. A. T. Landers, D. W. Crutcher, Wm. Boger, Geo. O. Boyd, Fred J. Ewing, J. O. Battle, J. Frank Battle.

### REV. PAGE NO BETTER.

Rev. Robert Page, one of Nashville's old and much beloved preachers, the pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, who was so painfully hurt by the running away of his horse on Tuesday, April 2, as was reported in the Globe last week, has not shown very much improvement in his condition. The attending physician is of the opinion that it will be several days before there will be a change for the better and it will be a long time if ever before he will be able to be out.

### AN URGENT REQUEST.

To Alumni and Students of Roger Williams University:

An urgent request is hereby made to the alumni and undergraduates of Roger Williams University, particularly those who were students at the time of the fire, to meet in the Chapel at Walden University, Friday night, April 19, 1907, at 7:30 o'clock. Business of immediate and vital importance to us demands your presence. Please do not fail to be present and on time.

A. M. TOWNSEND, M. D.,  
President of Alumni.

### UNION MEETING B. Y. P. U.

The City B. Y. P. U. will meet with the First Baptist Church, East Nashville, Sunday, April 21. The following program will be rendered:

Song—First Baptist Church Choir; Scripture Reading—Study of 1 Timothy—Rev. J. C. Fields; Prayer—Rev. G. B. Taylor; Song—First Baptist Church Choir; Paper—Miss Maggie Hall; Discussion: "My relation to the meetings of my church"—Rev. Wm. Haynes; Solo—Miss Geneva Bender; Missionary offering; Solo—Mr. J. Blaine Boyd.

## UNION TRANSPORTATION CO.'S

### INTERESTING MEETING MONDAY NIGHT AT

## NAT'L BAPTIST CHAPEL

### A NUMBER OF STOCKHOLDERS PRESENT AND EXPRESSED THEMSELVES SATISFIED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES—ANOTHER MEETING SOON.

The stockholders of the Union Transportation Company held a meeting Monday night in the chapel of the National Baptist Publishing Board, corner Second avenue, North, and Locust street. The inclement weather prevented a full attendance, yet a sufficient number of the stockholders was present to open the meeting and transact such business as was pressing. President Taylor presided. The future of the company seemed to be the most important matter coming up for discussion. Every stockholder present expressed himself as having been well pleased with the slow progress that has been made by the company. The suspension of the operation of the cars has by no means broken down the confidence of the stockholders in the management and the officers, who have been handicapped by lack of finances.

It is learned that the failure of many of the subscribers of stock to pay up their shares has to a great extent embarrassed the company, although it has through their energetic officers met every obligation upon it. It is freely asserted that at the next meeting of the stockholders an expression will be had as to what is to be done during the coming summer months.

Mr. Henry A. Boyd, the secretary, stated that he had possibly a dozen letters of inquiry from different cities wanting to purchase the cars. A firm in Owensboro, Ky., another in Memphis, one in New Orleans, and several in the state of Tennessee had made propositions in writing. These were taken up by the stockholders and discussed, and by unanimous vote they decided that a sufficient number of cars could be sold subject to the original purchase mortgage. Just who the lucky people will be in purchasing the cars is not known.

A Globe reporter asked Rev. Mr. Taylor if it was the intention of the Company to dispose of all the cars? "Not by any means," responded President Taylor. "We have put the cars here for the benefit of the colored people. They want them; all they will have to do is to get in new batteries and the cars are ready for service."

Another meeting is called for an early date and a full attendance is requested, not only of the paid up stockholders, but of all subscribers of stock and any of those interested in the project.

### WILL NOT GO TO MOBILE.

A few weeks ago rumor was afloat that Dr. R. H. Voorhees, who has dental parlors in the Pythian Temple, would leave Nashville to locate in Mobile, Ala. A Globe representative has been trying to find out whether this was true or not. In a recent interview with Dr. Voorhees he stated that while it is true he has had flattering inducements to locate in Mobile, with an assurance of a lucrative practice, he could not accept the offer for several reasons. The first, because he has been in Nashville so long that he did not care to break up and leave. Second, the continued poor health of his father, who is aging very fast and who, in his advanced years, becomes more attached to the children. Last, but not least, because of the pressure brought to bear by his host of friends as well as his practice. Thus he stated that he had positively declined the offer, after giving it due consideration.

### FOSTER-BUNCH.

Dr. John W. Foster and Miss Euphenia Bunch were quietly married Tuesday evening, April 2, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bunch, on Cartwright street. Rev. Mr. Par performed the ceremony. The bride was beautifully gowned in a dress of white lace over silk. After the ceremony the bride and groom left for their future home in Jacksonville, Fla.