

too many rascals and knaves among them."

This is a Christian age and this is a Christian country and it raises millions of dollars annually to promote Christinity not only at home, but in every land and country where humanity is oppressed and yet right here in this liberty loving and peace abiding United States of America eighty colored men, women and children were lynched last year and in a majority of the cases the most brutal forms of sabotage were practiced upon the unfortunates. The world now knows those colored unfortunates were not lynched for attacking white women, but for offences, in many instances, that would not have drawn a penitentiary sentence in any part of our country except the South and not even there unless the accused was a colored person. The odium and disgrace of the lawlessness against the colored people of this country rest upon the heads and hands of the white people and though the atrocities are committed for the most part by southern white men, yet white men all through the North, East and West will have to share the disgrace the same as the white men of the South. Think about sending millions of dollars and thousands of missionaries to Turkey and other places to save the lives of Armenians, when the brothers and fathers of those missionaries are practicing the same blood curdling outrages on the colored citizens among them that the Turks are perpetrating upon the Armenians. You say, there is no relief. Then you admit that this is a mere governmental experiment and it is just as likely to collapse as it is to continue. Thousands of European Reds are being deported to their former homes because they preach sabotage and the overthrow of our government, and yet in the South the white man is even more radically Red than those being deported but he is lauded for his patriotism and for his great love of country. This country can not exist half wrong and half right and if it continues to try it there is grave danger of a catastrophe overtaking it.

#### NEW BAPTIST CONVENTION

The permanent organization of the Pacific Slope Baptist Convention covering California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and the framing of a constitution and by-laws to govern the same was the object of a delegated convention held in the Mt. Zion Baptist church of this city last Wednesday and Thursday. It has for its object a missionary and educational campaign along the Pacific Slope and the permanent establishment of a book concern backed by a publishing house. Much enthusiasm on the part of the delegates was shown and they are very hopeful of unbounded success. After effecting a permanent organization the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. G. W. Reed, president; Rev. S. G. Wilson, 1st vice-president; Rev. J. M. Riddle, 2nd vice-president; W. L. Yancy, recording secretary; Rev. E. B. Reed, general secretary; Rev. A. E. Reynolds, treasurer. Those attending as delegates were: California, G. W. Reed, J. M. Riddle, W. H. Tillman, R. M. Holt and S. P. Johnson; Oregon, A. E. Reynolds, G. W. Anderson and George Gardner; Washington, W. D. Carter, O. L. Chatters, S. A. Franklin, J. E. Pius, W. L. Yancey, W. F. Green, M. M. Rodgers, S. G. Wilson and E. B. Reed.

The colored population in the Pacific Slope states has been on a steady increase for the past five years until at present it forms quite a percentage of the general population and since from a religious viewpoint they are largely Baptist and Methodist, such an organization as above seemed quite necessary. The missionary end of the work is doubtless the most needed at this time.

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If Chairman Will Hays makes many more such speeches as the one in San Francisco he will put himself in the presidential running.

The "fighting fields" of France are fast becoming farming fields again and soon the war in all its horrors will be but a remembrance.

It looks very much like the arrests of the editors of the Union Record of this city was a horse play on the part of the U. S. district attorney.

With Wood and Pershing hot after the Republican presidential nomination and sure of election if nominated this country seems to have a military career ahead of it.

It begins to look as if this country is to have another series of bland and childlike smiles from the immortal William Jennings Bryan.

Jim Bradford, so goes the story, is thinking seriously of filing for the mayoralty nomination and thereby hand to the public one "helfofamixup."

Japan is red hot after the Russian Reds and if she wins then look out for Uncle Sam's whites to soon be just as hot after the yellow Japs.

With a mayoralty campaign in full swing Seattle ought to have enough hot air about her streets for the householders to completely cut out their coal consumption.

Fault finding and criticising the efforts of others as usual prevailed at the regular monthly meeting of the Seattle Branch of the National Association last Tuesday evening. You smart men should cut it out.

Bryan wants the peace treaty question settled before the presidential campaign is precipitated because he knows the Democrats are split all to smithereens on the proposition.

Radicalism at the labor temple was not pleased with Caldwell's "One Hundred Per Cent American" speech and immediately trotted out Jimmy Duncan for mayor to hold the radicals intact, and you can bet your life, if it can be done Jimmy will.

The recent Milwaukee election to the contrary notwithstanding Victor Berger will not be permitted to be a member of the House of Representatives of Congress, which, it seems to us, is entirely too much big I and little u.

College professors have formed a union and one of its first public acts was to demand higher wages. Let's hope they will not get their demands and will go on a strike and never come back again for a great majority of them are absolutely worthless from an educational standpoint.

Government ownership of public utilities is a failure because the operators of such want it to fail and are determined that it will do nothing else but fail. If on the other hand government ownership was given an absolute square deal it would be as great a success as private ownership.

Rockefeller continues to dump millions of dollars into educational troughs and every time he makes a gift gasoline and other Rockefeller commodities take on an onward march. Just think how easy it would be for the government to own and operate its natural resources and cut out the middle man like John D.

According to published reports the Lincoln League, at the head of which is Roscoe Simmons will meet in Chicago, February 11th and will, the next day, hold a monster meeting, and perhaps a parade in honor of the man whose name the league bears. Many important questions are to be discussed and so far as the league can will be settled.

#### THE MAYORALTY SITUATION

In our opinion the municipal street car system is at issue in the candidacy of Hugh M. Caldwell. While he has not made any public statement to the effect that he did not favor Seattle's ownership of the street car system, yet what he has publicly said on the subject could be easily construed into meaning that he is opposed to the system as operated under the city government. If he did not actually oppose it as mayor he would do nothing to push it along, yea if he did not actually handicap its efforts. On the other hand Mayor Fitzgerald has been the constant and consistent friend of the street car system as the property of the city of Seattle and if elected mayor he will endeavor to give it a fair and impartial trial for success. Despite the fact the city paid a good round sum for the street car system, but at that its not a bad investment and is making good. As said above, if elected, Fitzgerald will try to make it a success. A majority of the citizens of Seattle showed by their votes that they favored the city taking over the system and we do not believe they have changed their minds. If, however, the street car system is to be the issue and if Caldwell is not favorable to it and Fitzgerald is, then the friends of the M. O. of the street car system should rally to Fitzgerald though they favor Caldwell as between the two men. Cayton's Weekly favors the election of Fitzgerald chiefly because he is for the success of the street car system and it is against Hugh M. Caldwell because he has not given any evidence of being favorable to the proposition.

Joe Smith says Fitzgerald took the "cake", and therefore is a public fake, which charge Joe Smith will have to prove or he himself will be reproved; and now in durance vile he's held until he wins the legal belt. Now Smith's a man of much renown, for fighting campaigns like a clown, and loves his country, oh how true, as he one time wore the patriotic blue; and its interest he protects, when something for himself expects. However, what he wanted at this time, is still a secret in his mind, but if Fitzgerald by him is skinned, Mayor Caldwell doubtless will take care of him. But, if its a fact our mayor's a crook, and Joe Smith had him in his book; why wait until election time, to tell the public of his crime? While grand jury work doeth often fail, yet an indictment turns the scale and relegates one in such disgrace to the official grave yard place. Now if Joe Smith possessed the facts that would have put our mayor behind the cracks, then to the jury he should have told how Fitzgerald robbed the city cold and if the jury thought his charge was true it would have made our mayor look blue; and then he never would have filed his declaration for a city child. To me it looks like campaign rot when such a low down stinking plot is only sprung at election time that things may come to me and mine.

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