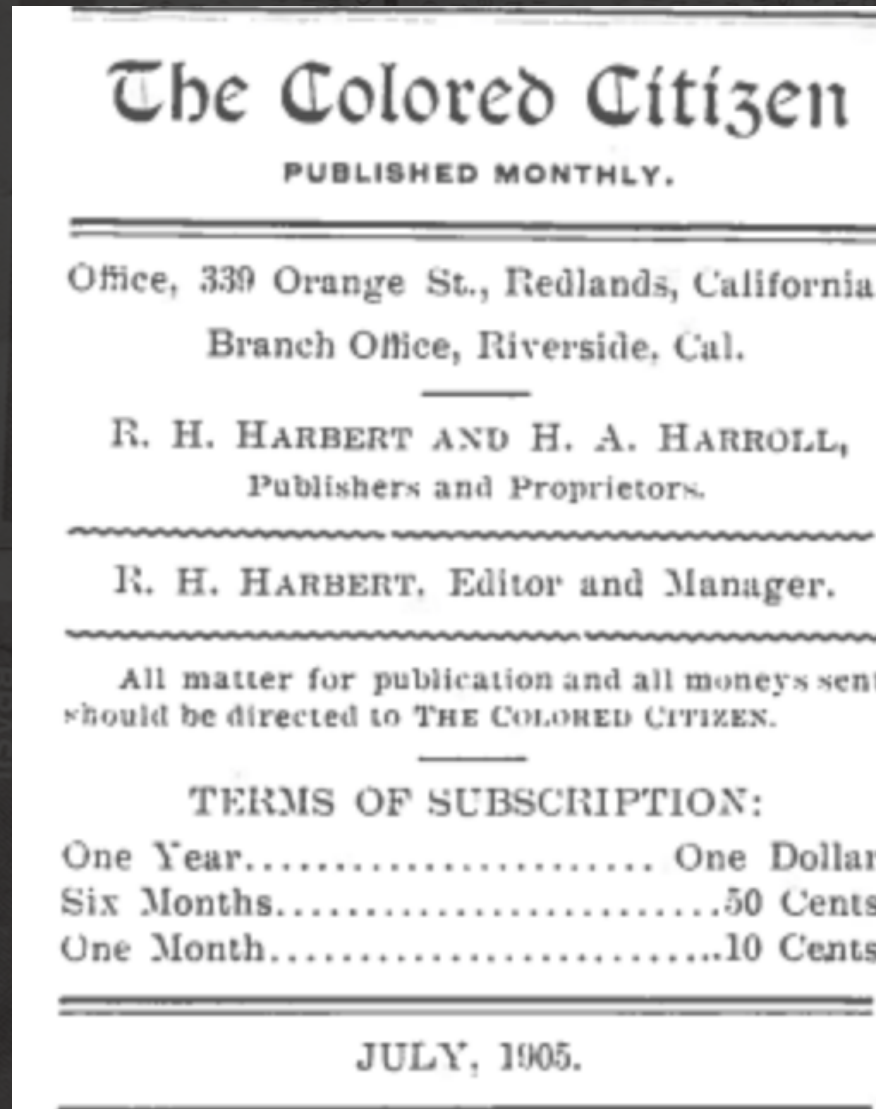




The Colored Citizen



THE 1ST BLACK PUBLICATION IN THE
REDLANDS & SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AREA



ABOUT THE NEWSPAPER

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"A square deal and a fair chance—No more, no less."

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RACE PROGRESS IN 43 YEARS



Forty-three years ago Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States by the providence of God, broke forever the shackles from the limbs of 4,000,000 slaves, who were bought, sold and bargained off as so many cattle.

The great strife between the sections of the country had brought about the shedding of much blood: had cost thousands of lives, had arrayed brother against brother, and father against son. Slavery, the cause, must be given a death blow. So the great President, with the approval of God, dealt it a death blow with his pen, and left it with Grant and the "500,000 strong," to seal it effectively with the sword. It did not take so many months thereafter before the South acquiesced in its edicts and the Nation was again at peace with itself.

The "40 acres and the government mule" was not the hand that these millions each received, but a legacy far more precious, the title to themselves, to abide or go where they pleased without the historic "pass" in vogue for centuries.

With rejoicing hearts these simple people started out, not knowing what was best to do. To go, to do something as free men they must. They wobbled in their attempt to walk as freemen. They began to earn and squander and save. Deeds began to pile up in the different court houses as evidence that these former slaves were settling properly. Houses began to be erected different to the "little ole log cabin in de lane."

ed, and soon we see a marvelous change.

As a freeman, as a citizen, we see him struggling upward to the State Legislatures, the House and Senate of the Nation, and various other representative places where he proved himself capable. He is today a new Negro—Shut out from many things to which he successfully aspired then, he has more than doubled his energy, with its righteous products, until today he is stronger of limb, intellect and courage, and doing commendable things in all avenues which once it was thought were out of his reach. Numerically, he has grown from 4,000,000 to 10,000,000. Financially he has grown from zero to be holder of millions of dollars worth of real estate and personal property. His home

Could Mr. Lincoln come upon the scene and behold what wonderful results have come from the energy, thrift and business ability of these slaves, he would shed tears of joy.

APPROPRIATELY CELEBRATED.

The centenary of William Lloyd Garrison was the drawing card at Fraternal Hall on November, 11.

Quite a large crowd was present to be counted, considerate of the black man's friend when it cost something to be so known. The Grand Army of the Republic—faithful old soldiers—and Sons of Veterans were out in a body. It was truly inspiring to see these patriots of the cause in which

thousands of lives were given and oceans of blood spilt.

General Frank C. Prescott, Speaker of the California Assembly, was the principal speaker. His style and manner delighted the colored people as well as the old soldiers and their sons. His special advice to these people, aside from his splendid oration upon Garrison, will not be soon forgotten. General Prescott will always have a warm place in the hearts of his colored brethren of Redlands and vicinity.

R. H. Harbert of The Citizen followed in a short sketch of Garrison as a journalist. Miss Mattie Lipe recited pleasingly some of the immortal sayings of Garrison. Little Mabel Harbert sang a solo. The Harbert Orchestra played between the numbers to the delight of the audience.

The occasion was a success and will be remembered long for the advice and inspiration which it made possible from men of experience.



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is highly improved and his children are happy. His churches are as fine in hundreds of sections as his white neighbor's. His children are coming out of the high schools and colleges by 10,000 a year. He is now some kind of living factor in medicine, law, language, mechanics, electricity, theology, music—and in short, he is found in these short forty-three years comparing not unfavorably with his brothers in white, who

Although short lasting, the publication was significant as the Redlands area in 1905-1906 did not have a means to highlight the accomplishments from the Black community.

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