

My dear Sir:

Your note of yesterday is received.

Of course you will do just as you desire about placing your matter in the hands of a lawyer. You know that both principal and interest are perfectly secure, but if you ~~wish~~ ^{wish} to change the investment it is entirely in your power ^{As for myself,} I have never made any objection to paying you interest on delayed interest. I can easily place the loan at a lower rate with graduated payments, which would ^{perhaps} ~~probably~~ be better as the ~~first~~ ^{second} mortgage will probably ^{be} wholly paid off this year. At all events, if you are so impatient for your money you know you will get it when you choose to ~~make~~ ^{make} demand and you must use your own judgment ~~pleasure~~ ^{pleasure} about what course you will pursue. Circumstances have prevented ~~me~~

are from
receiving money as expected, as ~~was~~ =
~~was~~ is frequently the case with one whose
income is derivable from his labor. For instance
the "Grip" closed me out of \$800. of lectures this
month and made it impossible to do as I ex-
pected. I shall pay you the balance as soon as
practicable but if you think it better policy
to bring suit of course you will do

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form.

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The objects of the league ought, to be few and distinct. They should be, as it seems to me, be

- 1- To organize the colored people of the United States so that their numbers, intelligence and united strength, may be rendered available to secure equal right, equal protection and equal opportunity to the colored citizen everywhere.
- 2- To collect information in regard to the actual condition of the colored citizen, the colored laborer and the colored student throughout the ~~country~~ ^{United States} in such a manner as to prevent the possibility of danger resulting to those giving information, to collect the same and make such use thereof as may from best promote the prime purpose of this league.
- 3- ~~To gather the same~~ To ascertain and authoritatively declare, the sentiment of the colored people of the United States, or of as many as may become members of said league, in regard to public measures affecting the rights, privileges and interests of colored citizens of the United States, and to secure not only equal laws but a just, equal and honest administration of said laws in every state of this Union.

These three things seem to me to cover the real work which such a league should undertake and such a declaration of purposes

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I think it would be wise to provide also, that

- 1- That only males over eighteen years old shall be allowed to become members of the League. This is to secure political ^{rights} ~~rights~~, and its strength and effectiveness depend upon the number of ~~citizens~~ ~~or those~~ ~~who~~ ~~are~~ ~~voters~~ or those soon to become voters, whom it enrolls.
- 2- The Convention should also provide that no officer of the League shall be a candidate for any public office while acting as such, and that such candidacy or an appointment to any such office, shall act as a surrender of his place as an officer of the League.
- 3- ~~All the officers~~ The chief officers of the League for the various states, should be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Council; the President having no vote on the confirmation, and removable ~~to~~ by the President by appointment of another in like manner.

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I trust that these suggestions, coming as they do from one having no personal interest in the matter but who has given ~~many~~ years to the special