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EDITORIAL
HENRY O. TANNER, ARTIST.

Henry O. Tanner, a Negro artist, was recently awarded the N. W. Harris prize of \$500, for the best painting of the nineteenth annual exhibition of American painting which will open at the Art Institute tomorrow. The painting is entitled "Two Disciples at the Tomb."
Henry O. Tanner is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1861. He is a son of Rev. Benjamin Tanner, a minister of the African Methodist church. He took his first lessons at the Academy of Fine Arts in his native city. He remained there four years and ranked high among his fellow students, but he realized that he was handicapped by his color. In 1893 he went to Paris and began to study under Benjamin Constant. With the exception of several vacations spent at home in this country, he has since been a resident of the French capital.
In the early days of his student life Mr. Tanner turned to the study of animals, and went to the Jardin d'Acclimatation in order to study their habits. His skill in the depiction of the king of the jungle is evidenced in the artist's great picture, "Daniel in the Lion Den." It is a weird and impressive scene, laid in a rude underground den, illuminated from above by the ghostly moonlight. Daniel is clothed in a white garment, and leans against the stone wall. The face is in shadow while the lower portion of the figure is outlined against a square of light. The lions seem to have rushed forward to devour their prey, but pause, as if arrested by the prophet's saint-like personality. This painting was accepted by the Salon and received "Mention Honorable."
A man of strong religious bias, Mr. Tanner's subjects of predilection are mostly from the Bible. "The Raising of Lazarus," received many encomiums from the press. The "Societe des Arts" showed their appreciation of its merits by purchasing it and presenting it to the gallery of the Luxembourg. He was besides awarded a gold medal of the third class. The subject it treated with reverence, pathos and skill. Christ, with divinely benignant countenance calls upon the dead to arise. The awe-stricken countenances of the attendants, and the rich dark coloring are brought out with painstaking fidelity. It is a great honor to have a picture in the famous gallery of the Luxembourg and gives an artist a fine standing among his peers. Thus, Mr. Tanner climbed the first rung of the ladder of fame.
"The Death of Judas" is a weird and uncanny subject and is quaintly original in its conception. The first impression is that of a smiling landscape with a sweep of the gray-green foliage of olive trees. Suddenly one becomes conscious of the figure of the traitorous disciple hanging to a tree in the dim gray wood, while a couple of peasants with horrified expressions gaze upon the ghastly object.
Many of the studies for the faces in these biblical pictures were made in Jerusalem, and are those of typical Jews. The rich taint and the atmosphere, so different from anywhere else, are all the result of an intimate acquaintance with the country and the people of the Orient, whose physiognomies remain the same today as at the time of Christ. Neither has America failed to pay tribute to her gifted son, for some of his paintings adorn the walls of the public galleries in Philadelphia. Mr. Tanner's native city. "Necodemus Coming to Christ" is in the Wilstadt collection, also "The Annunciation." While religious subjects have usually been the artist's inspiration, he paints landscapes, but this is relaxation rather than serious work. He is a sculptor of no mean pretensions.

FORAKER'S GREAT SPEECH.
In a speech before the Army of the Cumberland here tonight, Senator J. B. Foraker reviewed at some length the great struggles of the Civil War and some of the struggles growing out of that conflict, and then continued:
"It seems incredible that the government that is all powerful to accomplish the long list of splendid achievements that have been wrought at home and abroad is yet, nevertheless, incapable of protecting at home, on our own soil, under our own flag, in the enjoyment of all his constitutional and political rights, our humblest citizen.
"It is our boast, and has been for 40 years, that we abolished slavery and lifted the Negro up out of his degradation to a plane of political equality with all other citizens, in the presence of our constitution and our laws. With the encouragement and inspiration thus given him the black man has made a great deal of progress. The 4,500,000 Negroes of 1860 owned nothing. Nearly all of them were owned by somebody else.
"And yet, while we have seen their population barely double, we have seen them accumulate property to the amount of more than \$500,000,000. We have seen them seeking and finding education, until where probably not one man in a thousand could then read or write, today less than half of them are illiterate.
"To talk about eliminating the black man by deporting him to Africa or some other foreign country to be acquired by us for that purpose is the veriest nonsense. The thought of exterminating him is a thousand times worse, and more talk about it, no matter how idle it may be, is a shocking moral crime. All attempts by lynching or other forms of violence to reduce him to a servile condition, will be found, if persisted in, just as odious to the American people of this day as was slavery to the American people of 1861-65. None of these suggestions will answer. Some other remedy must be found, and it must be one consistent with the recognition of the Negro's manhood, and with his just rights as a citizen of this republic. I earnestly appeal to everybody, North and South, white and black, Democrat and Republican alike, to help in the great work of freeing us from this menacing trouble."

COLORED MEN FOR HEARST
The Colored Independence League of the state of New York opened its headquarters at No. 136 West Fifty-third street yesterday. The league is composed of colored men drawn from both political parties, who have in this campaign come out for William Randolph Hearst for governor.
C. A. Hughes is chairman of the committee and James O. Wright, secretary. Mr. Hughes has for some years been an ardent Hearst man and is a former Californian. Mr. Wright was head of the Colored Hearst movement last year.
The announcement was made here today that John D. Rockefeller has made a conditional gift of \$25,000 for a building for a Negro branch of the Washington Y. M. C. A. The condition imposed is that an additional \$25,000 be raised for the site and building. The building is to be turned over to the Young Men's Christian Association which is to support the branch.

GREAT COLD IN WYOMING.
Snow Falls, in Some Sections Accompanied by High Winds.
Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 25. — The worst storm known in years for the season now prevails over Wyoming. It is accompanied by heavy snowfall, and in some sections very high winds. The Union Pacific has snow plows out on the entire line between here and Ogden. West of Green River, Wyoming, the line is blockaded, and all communication shut off. All wires are down.
A dispatch from Green River says the highest wind known in 25 years is now blowing, with the temperature 10 degrees above zero, and snow falling. One flagman near Granger was found dead and another man was found on the track unconscious and badly frozen. One building at Green River was demolished by the wind. The news from Northern and Central Wyoming reports practically the same conditions. Stockmen are apprehensive of great losses, as the storm came upon them unprepared. The storm is slightly abating here.

THE REASON WHY
Bourne Should Not
Be Elected U.
S. Senator

The New Age has said before and it now says again that it does not believe that the next legislature will elect J. Bourne, Jr., to the United States senate. It has been said that our opposition to Mr. Bourne is inspired by prejudice, and that we can give no good reason for opposing him since he was regularly named by the republican voters for the office.
We opposed Mr. Bourne during the primaries for the reason that we knew him to be unfit for the high office to which he aspired.
First—That he is not a loyal and consistent republican.
Second—That he is a traitor and political black-leg.
Third—That he could not be depended upon to support Roosevelt.
If he had been a loyal and consistent republican he would not have deserted his party in the hour of its dire distress, when the blight of Bryanism and populism overshadowed the country in 1906. But as a true and loyal republican would have put self aside and rendered whatever service he could for his party and his republican friends, if Bourne's will had prevailed and Bryan had been elected who can say that there would have been today a strong, invincible republican party in Oregon to honor him for his perfidy.
The legislative session of 1895 was the most spectacular in the history of Oregon and the King Pin of that session was J. Bourne Jr., whose malodorous record is even yet a stench in the nostrils of decent people. With a goodly supply of money and other corrupting influences the trick of thwarting the will of the people and debauching the honor of the citizenry was the special mission of this political mountebank, who, now, ten short years afterward, has the brazen affrontery to seek this high and honorable position at the hands of the party, whose murder he conspired to bring about.
In the light of the past record of Mr. Bourne, who is so unsuspecting as to trust him in the future? Does anyone who knows him, save his hired henchmen, think for a minute that he can be depended upon to stand up for republican principles and policies in the United States senate, and to uphold the hands of life-long, true and tried republican leaders in that body, and to "stand pat" with the party's matchless leader, more profound statesman, patriot and humanitarian since the days of Lincoln—Theodore Roosevelt.

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