

# OAKLAND MAY HAVE A NEGRO PATROLMAN.

## A. F. YOUNG'S APPLICATION.

### PROMINENT CITIZENS FAVOR HIS REQUEST.

#### Colored People of the Town Want Representation on the Police Force.

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OAKLAND, May 22.—Aaron Franzo Young will be the first colored policeman to go on the Oakland police force, if the Police Commissioners heed the request of ex-Mayor William R. Davis, Howard Osgood and Fred Whitney and make him "one of the finest."

An application was filed with the Police Commissioners to-day by Young to secure the appointment, and it is thought that he will be successful in his quest.

Young is 23 years of age, but does not look to be more than 25. He weighs 190 pounds and is of splendid physique. At present Young is a porter for the Southern Pacific Company. Until recently he held a United States contract for handling the mail between the depot and Postoffice, in which capacity he served to the great satisfaction of the postal service.

He points to the fact now that there are colored policemen in Los Angeles and Fresno, and asks in part, that the



J. F. YOUNG, THE FIRST COLORED  
MAN TO SEEK A POSITION ON  
THE OAKLAND POLICE FORCE.

Commissioners consider the colored contingent of the city and give it representation upon the force. A feature of the application is the attitude of Commissioners Piersol and Wilson, who recently declared that they would not draw the color line in making selections for the police force.

Young has lived in this city eight years, has a common-school education, and has such men as William R. Davis interested in his behalf to the extent that a strong endeavor will be made to place him in a good position with a star and baton at an early date.

### YOUNG REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE.

#### A League Formed in Alameda County.

OAKLAND, May 22.—Two hundred and fifty young men met to-night and perfected the organization of the Young Men's Republican League of Alameda County. J. W. Stetson was made president, Phil Walsh first vice-president, Marston Campbell second vice-president, J. F. Cronin treasurer, W. D. Powers secretary and James Brannan and Al Williams sergeants-at-arms.

An executive committee of eighteen, made up of two members from each ward and one from each township, will be named at the next meeting. Phil Walsh, in support of a motion to inculcate McKinley, made a speech that stirred up the wildest enthusiasm. Eli Denison gave the club 100 McKinley buttons. The club will meet the first and third Fridays of each month.

### YOUNG'S HASTY FLIGHT.

#### An Anonymous Threat Has the De- sired Effect.

OAKLAND, May 22.—"Messian" F. Young is nearly in readiness to flee from the unknown persons who have threatened him with a coat of tar and feathers and a trial heat on a rail, if he does not cease his impositions upon the family of Lieutenant Earl Lasher of the United States cruiser Adams.

He declares that he is being persecuted by "Satan's followers," but nevertheless he is making all haste to leave the country.

He stated to-day that he was leaving because Mrs. Lasher wanted to sell her house, but as the place is not in her name no credence is placed in the declaration.

The police officials say they cannot station additional officers on the Twenty-third-avenue beat to protect Young.

### TO AVOID DALTON'S FIGURES.

#### Suits Are Filed Contesting Tax Levies.

OAKLAND, May 22.—In Judge Clift's court this morning a suit for \$191 25 was filed against the Postal Telegraph Company by District Attorney Snook, who acted in behalf of Alameda county. The action is a direct assault upon Assessor Dalton's work.

Auditor Whidden has given Dalton fifteen days in which to produce the amount of the assessment which it is claimed he failed to collect of the Postal Telegraph Company.

The East Oakland Street Railway Company is also in the arena on the heels of the city officials. The ground for complaint is a payment upon a franchise made under protest.

### A Sheepowner Sued.

OAKLAND, May 22.—Mary Ives Crocker and Kate May Dillon, heirs of the McLaughlin estate, have sued Frank Kelley for \$600 alleged to be due for damages sustained by the latter permitting 1500 sheep to run upon their land and destroy herbage.