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WHY AFRO-AMERICANS SHOULD SUPPORT ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS

A SPLENDID SYMPOSIUM OF PROMINENT MEN OF THE RACE WHO GIVE THEIR REASONS IN THESE PARAGRAPHS.

Afro-Americans Solid for the Republican Ticket.

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Ex-Congressman to Santo Domingo, Author of "Life of Charles Sumner." To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. The South has insisted on making the Afro-American the leading issue in this presidential campaign. The Northern wing of the Democratic party had hoped to divide the Afro-American vote of the doubtful states, and in sundry doubtful Congressional districts with the Republican party. It has therefore tried hard to raise some other issue, to switch the Southern wing from its one-track idea and issue to another one, better suited to carry the party to victory next November. But the Southern Democracy will not be deflected from its course, from its one idea and issue. And that one idea and issue is the everlasting Afro-American, the everlasting Afro-American to be Jim-Crowed politically, industrially, educationally, religiously; Jim-Crowed in every conceivable way as a man, as a laborer, as an American, in the South and in the nation likewise. The Northern wing of the party says "Let us make the tariff the issue this year." The South answers, "The Negro is the issue," spelling Negro with a small "n" and two "g's." On it the South will win or lose this election, and on no other, the Northern wing of the party to the contrary notwithstanding. And as the South dominates this year the councils of the Democratic party, the Southern question is in reality the paramount issue of that party in this presidential canvass. This then is the situation in a nutshell, the situation which confronts the Afro-American voters of the North. They have no choice. They are forced in defense of their manhood rights, in defense of their constitutional rights as American citizens, to strike the crushing blow at the polls as they can. And this, thank God, the Afro-American voters of Massachusetts do so in a united vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Archibald H. Grimke, Boston, Mass., October, 1904.

REV. W. T. VERNON, A. M., D. D.

President of the Western University, Quindaro, Kan. To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. The general prosperity of the country, under the party of which they are leaders is apparent to all. Any patriotic citizen, loving his country as does the Afro-American, will desire the continuance of the same. This can best be secured by the return to power of the party under whose administration the country is always prosperous rather than by placing in power the Democratic party whose administration has paralyzed the country always has financial reverses, business failures, and industrial stagnation paralyzing our life. Again, Judge Parker's belated telegram, eight years overdue, is an admission of the rightfulness of the views of the Republican party on the money question which has given financial success to the country and for which the Republican party should receive indorsement by the election of Roosevelt and Fairbanks. And above all gratitude, duty, a regard for the future safety and happiness of our race throughout the country should all impel us as a race to support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. They should be elected because the triumph of the Democratic party means continued and extended disfranchisement, and degradation of the race, the triumph of Southern sentiment working North and the moral effect of such in its latest analysis means the retard of the race for a time no man can estimate. I cannot but believe that my race, seeing the light, will work and vote and pray for the election of the Republican candidates. W. T. Vernon, Quindaro, Kan., October, 1904.

HON. GEORGE H. WHITE

Ex-Member of Congress, Attorney at Law at Washington. To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. I have to say that the Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks, because the Republican party, because they stand for American manhood, American industries, for equality before the law for all American citizens, irrespective of race or previous condition of servitude. They should support Mr. Roosevelt because he has declared, and lived up to his declaration, that the door of hope should not be closed against any man on account of his color or racial connections. He should be supported because he is positive, courageous, honest and strenuous—and a known quantity in the country, and with the Morgan, Tillman, Vardaman coterie in the Southern states at the helm, the door of hope of Afro-Americans seeking relief from inhuman, illegal and unconstitutional oppression in the South, would be indefinitely closed. To elect Theodore Roosevelt President of the United States is to elect a man who has declared himself upon the question of human liberty, in language which I believe so far as he is concerned is irrevocable. Mr. Roosevelt has said "If I could be absolutely assured of my election as President by turning my back on the principles of human liberty as enunciated by Abraham Lincoln, I would be incapable of doing it and unfit for president if I were capable of doing it." S. P. Peaker, New Haven, Conn., October, 1904.

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Attorney at Law, Chicago, Treasurer, The Brotherhood Insurance Co. To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans Should Vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. First, because to vote against Roosevelt and Fairbanks would be to approve every disfranchisement law and other race discriminating measures passed by the Southern wing of the Democratic party. Second, because to vote against Roosevelt is a vote to increase the power for mischief of Tillman, and every other reactionary politician in the Southern democracy. Because as loyal citizens, we take pride in the achievements and progress of American statesmanship abroad, and the heretofore unequalled material developments at home under the leadership of Roosevelt. Because the Democratic party as exemplified by its Tillmans and Vardamans, is a stench in the nostrils of decent Americans and a disgust to the national conscience. Because of Roosevelt's breadth of sympathy for the poor and oppressed as expressed in his aphorism, "All men are my brothers," and his interest in industrial education and its chief promoter, Booker T. Washington.

ALBERT S. WHITE, ESQ.

Attorney at Law, Dean College of Law, Louisville, Ky. To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. The present campaign in many respects the most momentous in the history of the Republic. Wrapped up in its outcome are problems of the most far reaching significance to all. This campaign will not only decide whether we are to have in this Nation hunger or the full dinner pail, but another question which reaches down to the very corner stone of all government: Shall the Federal Constitution be the law South as well as North and shall equality before the law be enjoyed by all of the citizens or by only a part of the citizens? In a splendid outburst of eloquence, Frederick Douglass once asked the question: "What does it profit a Nation if it builds its wealth to the clouds, if it is false to the great trusts committed to it?" The question as to whether the Afro-American shall be secure in the civil and political rights vouchsafed by the Federal Constitution dwarfs all other questions. President Roosevelt will not close the door of hope to the worthy Afro-American and for that reason every voter of the race should support him. Albert S. White, Louisville, Ky., October, 1904.

HON. J. T. SETTLE

Attorney at Law and Noted Orator, Memphis, Tenn. To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Every man in the United States who has one drop of Negro blood in his veins, who is loyal to, and not ashamed of that blood, should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks, because they are the only party on whose platform there is room enough for every creed and race to stand. Their defeat means the success of a party on whose platform the Negro has no place, who are opposed to his education and advancement, and who would close every avenue to distinction to him, and eternally bar him from the higher walks of life, and take from the Constitution the 14th and 15th Amendments. The platform of the Republican party is as broad as humanity, and Roosevelt and Fairbanks cover the entire platform. Josiah T. Settle, Memphis, Tenn., October, 1904.

S. P. PEAKER, ESQ.

Prominent Worker in the Interest of Race in Connecticut. To the Editor of The Appeal: In reply to your question, "Why Afro-Americans Should Support Roosevelt and Fairbanks?" I have to say that while the question is pertinent at this time, the answer is so apparent that it would seem a waste of time and space in making reply to do more than to refer to the present, attitude of the two great political parties on the so-called race problem. If Judge Parker should be elected president he would be dominated by the South, which is the body and strength of the Democratic party of the country, and with the Morgan, Tillman, Vardaman coterie in the Southern states at the helm, the door of hope of Afro-Americans seeking relief from inhuman, illegal and unconstitutional oppression in the South, would be indefinitely closed. To elect Theodore Roosevelt President of the United States is to elect a man who has declared himself upon the question of human liberty, in language which I believe so far as he is concerned is irrevocable. Mr. Roosevelt has said "If I could be absolutely assured of my election as President by turning my back on the principles of human liberty as enunciated by Abraham Lincoln, I would be incapable of doing it and unfit for president if I were capable of doing it." S. P. Peaker, New Haven, Conn., October, 1904.

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Attorney at Law, Topeka, Kansas. Organizer National Afro-American Council. To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Because they are the exponents of the true principles and doctrines of Republicanism, principles that stand for justice, equal and fixed to all men, principles that favor a free and untrammelled suffrage, and equal political rights to all. Because their election will insure a continued prosperity in the commercial and financial world, a pro-

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To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Because they are the candidates of the Republican party. More than fifty years ago a band of liberty loving patriots met at Jackson, Michigan, and brought into being the greatest political organization ever formed in any country. Its watchword was "Liberty to All Mankind." Its early struggles resulted in the emancipation of 4,000,000 slaves and had engrained into the Constitution such measures as would make perpetual his freedom and secure to him his civil and political rights as today the Republican party stands as the protector of the Afro-American people. 2. The Afro-American should vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks because both of these candidates represent in their careers the true spirit of our Constitution and laws. The Afro-American only asks that he be given a man's chance and he will prove his capacity and ability. For this fair play for all American citizens, there is no stronger advocate than Theodore Roosevelt. He is a noble example of the true American citizen, who believes that merit not color, ability not nationality should be the standards by which Americans should be judged. The patriotic career of Fairbanks, his devotion to duty as a Senator, his sterling character as a person to reside over the U. S. Senate of which he has been a useful member. Harry S. Cummings, Baltimore, Md., October, 1904.

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To the Editor of The Appeal: Why Afro-Americans should support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. There has not been a National Campaign in the last 40 years fought with so much interest to the Afro-American of this country as the one now in progress. Although the Democratic party failed to make the Afro-American its National Platform, the Afro-American, nevertheless would be the greatest sufferer through Mr. Parker's election. I know nothing of Mr. Parker's individual views as to the Afro-American's constitutional rights of this country but issue by express declaration in the National Democratic Convention, heard the speeches, and noted the men who controlled its deliberations and directed its sentiment. I am convinced that the Democratic party offers nothing to the Afro-American of this country but deep humiliation, base injustice and a gloomy future. Disfranchisement of the race in the South is not all that such men as John Sharp Williams, Tillman, Vardaman and Jeff Davis are hoping and contending for the cry of "White man's government" means that the Afro-American should not be allowed to participate in the affairs of government that he should not be allowed to vote or hold official positions under the government. It means in short, that the citizenship guaranteed us by the 14th amendment to the Con-

VOTE STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Rev. E. C. Morris, President National Baptist Convention With Over 3,000,000 Members. To the Editor of The Appeal: Referring to the subject, "Why Afro-Americans Should Support Roosevelt and Fairbanks," would say, that to my mind the following would be an excellent summary of most of the many reasons why Roosevelt and Fairbanks should be elected President and Vice President. First, they are the nominees of a party whose wisdom in the conduct of the affairs of our Republic is firmly and irrevocably established. This party can be relied upon not only for soundness of government, under reasonable tariff regulations, the gold standard, a wise and winning international policy and, consequently internal prosperity and happiness, as well as the truest service in promoting civilization; but this party can be relied on to select men fully qualified to stand upon its platform of principles and faithfully execute its policies, or even to be its real representatives or exponents in any emergency on which the party through its representatives or exponents in any emergency on which the party through its representatives did not have occasion or opportunity to express itself. Second, Roosevelt and Fairbanks are in every way competent and qualified from a personal view point to fill the offices to which they aspire, and, pre-eminently so, for they are ideal Americans and able statesmen. They have the courage of their convictions. Their party is broad and they are broad, and may be relied upon, if elected, to be the representatives of all the people of our common country, and the exclusion of no class or race or section of American citizens. The principles for which they stand are the safest, broadest, more in accord with the Declaration of Independence in toto, and more likely to conserve the best interests of all concerned in or by the government of our great country than those of any other candidates now aspiring to the exalted position