



THE DOOR OF HOPE

I cannot consent to take the position that the door of hope—the door of opportunity—is to be shut upon any man, no matter how worthy, purely upon the grounds of race or color.— PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

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FOR 'PRESIDENT, 1904, Theodore Roosevelt. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, Charles W. Fairbanks.

"I KNOW OF THE BRAVERY AND CHARACTER OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN SOLDIER. HE SAVED MY LIFE AT SANTIAGO, AND I HAVE HAD OCCASION TO SAY SO IN MANY ARTICLES AND SPEECHES. THE ROUGH RIDERS WERE IN A BAD POSITION WHEN THE NINTH AND TENTH CAVALRY CAME RUSHING UP THE HILL, CARRYING EVERYTHING BEFORE THEM. THE AFRO-AMERICAN SOLDIER HAS THE FACILITY OF COMING TO THE FRONT WHEN HE IS NEEDED MOST. IN THE CIVIL WAR HE CAME 400,000 STRONG, AND I BELIEVE HE SAVED THE UNION."—President Roosevelt.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1904.

PARKER NOT OUR FRIEND. The wisest man can not assign a single reason for supposing that Parker's election would effect any good whatever for the Afro-American race, for it can not be shown that in any one of his public utterances he has ever hinted at any of the remotest plans for doing anything of the kind.

mobocrats are his warmest friends and most enthusiastic admirers. If, by any single incident, vote or saying, Parker has shown an interest in the welfare of the Afro-American race, or any individual thereof, history has failed to record the fact.

Several attempts have been made to sound him upon his attitude toward the Afro-American people, without any other effect than to show his wonderful dexterity in dodging. He was afraid to say anything unfavorable, lest he should offend Afro-American voters in states where they held the balance of power, and equally afraid to say anything favorable, lest he should offend his friends the Southern lynchers and the Northern mob.

Parker represents no correct principle or sensible policy whatever. Some of the moves made in his behalf seem totally idiotic, as for instance, that of importing Tillman to speak his doctrines into the faces of decent people. The single fact that the lynchers of the South, the Tammanyites of New York, and the cranks of everywhere are supporting Parker, is sufficient evidence that he could not be trusted with a much smaller office than that of president.

Afro-Americans have more to fear than any other class from the evils the election of Parker would produce. They now share the general prosperity of the country under a Republican administration. They would be the first to experience the inconvenience of evil times.

There is nothing in Parker's policy for the Afro-American, nor does he pretend that there is. Remember the words of the immortal Douglass, "The Republican party is the ship; all else are passengers and vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks."

DEMOCRATIC PROMISES BROKEN. The Southern states were re-admitted to the Union in 1868 after the civil war and it was expressly provided that no state should ever abridge the right of any voter. The act passed July 28, 1868, was as follows: "That each of the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama and Florida, shall be readmitted to representation in Congress as a State of the Union when the legislature of such State shall have duly ratified the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the 39th Congress, known as Article 14, upon the following conditions, to-wit: That the Constitution of neither of said States shall be so amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the right to vote in said State, who are entitled to vote by the Constitution thereof, hereinafter recognized, except as a punishment for such crimes as are now felonies at common law, whereof they shall have been convicted under laws equally applicable to the inhabitants of all the States."

Four of the states named have passed laws restricting the right of suffrage to the white race. In the Southern states the laws are enforced in such a way as to deprive thousands of men from exercising their rights as citizens, because their skins are black. The Southern states were re-admitted to the Union upon the fundamental condition that they would never amend or change their Constitution so as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the right to vote. It was a sacred obligation. Have they kept it? Can the Democrats who have deliberately broken their promises be trusted? Are they not a dishonest, deceitful lot?

RALLY ON THE CENTER! The campaign is over. The long roll has sounded; the bugles have longed and the boys have fallen into line, touched elbows, and wait with eager impatience to charge the enemy and rout them. The outposts have all been called in and from Maine to California they are rallying on the center with a courage that presages victory.

There is not a coward in our ranks; not a living soul who does not feel that next Tuesday night the Parker-Hill Tillman-Taggart-Vardaman-Graves-Hefflin party will be routed, horse, foot and dragon, and will be scuttling hither and yon, utterly demoralized. It is a consummation devoutly to be wished, a deserved rebuke for a party which has dishonored our country and brought reproach upon the proud title of American citizen. Tillman, Vardaman, Parker, Hefflin, Davis and their cohorts will pass out of public notice and will be remembered only as we recall some horrible dream that was filled with dire forebodings and impending disasters. God Almighty still reigns supreme,

THE FUNDAMENTAL IDEA. This Government is based upon the fundamental idea that each man, no matter what his occupation, his race, or his religious belief, is entitled to be treated on his worth as a man, neither favored nor discriminated against because of any accident in his position.—President Roosevelt in his letter of acceptance, Sept. 12, 1904.

and He will continue to guide and direct this country until its mission has been accomplished and mankind the world over are brothers indeed.

VOTE YOUR TICKET STRAIGHT. We are on the eve of the most important election which has been held in this country since 1860. That election was followed by a bloody war in which the lives of thousands were sacrificed on the country's altar. In the event of the election of the Democratic ticket this year we believe that the injury to the country would equal that which followed the election of 1860, when war spread over our beautiful land and drenched the soil with the blood of the flower of the country. War should not be the result of the election of Parker, but hunger and want would visit homes where now peace and comfort dwell.

We wish to continue to enjoy the good times we have had since the election of McKinley in 1896 and the only way to be assured that prosperity will continue is to stand by the Republican party. We should not indulge in petty spite as every vote is needed and where any one fails to vote for the Republican candidate, that is equivalent to a half vote for the opposition. This is an important matter especially in some of the close Congressional districts, for it is necessary to have a Republican Congress to uphold a Republican President.

It is possible that some objectionable men may be on the ticket in certain localities, but there is so much at stake this time that they should be overlooked. Do not take any chances by voting a split ballot. VOTE THE REPUBLICAN TICKET STRAIGHT.

NOT FIT TO GOVERN. From the way the Democrats are running the Southern states it would seem to be a very risky experiment to trust them to govern the United States. A few weeks ago, Mississippi had two quarters and two dimes, all told in her treasury and had to borrow half a million for current expenses; Texas is suffering from boll and political weevils, one hundred bills passed by the last legislature were invalidated by carelessness and recklessness and recently Alabama came to the aid of her last legislature which leaves the state without any courts by throwing the new judges and solicitors out of office. In all of the states law abiding citizens have been disfranchised without cause.

The Southern Democracy should give better evidence of its ability to run a government, if it wishes to be entrusted with that of the United States. Oh, ye Southern brethren, tarry in Jericho until your beards are grown.

SOCIAL EQUALITY. We do not hear much about "Negro Domination" nowadays, for the disfranchising constitution, the people clauses and shot guns have allayed the fears of our Southern brethren in respect to that Jack O'Lantern; but in its stead, the spectre of "social equality" is disturbing their equanimity. Many of the Southern Democrats believe or pretend that they believe that in case of Roosevelt's election, he will at once have a law passed compelling all the white girls to marry black husbands, invite all the laborers of the South to lunch at the White House and fill all the Southern offices with Afro-Americans.

That's what the matter with Hefflin and Tillman and Jeff Davis and Vardaman. Coming events cast their shadows before; and these people are battling with the shadows as valiantly as Don Quixote ever did with the windmills. But these valiant warriors are battling with shadows. They know nothing of search lights, torpedo boats and wireless telegraphy. If Hefflin saw a bomb, he would think it was a "cushaw"; and Vardaman would not know the Constitution of the United States from a bill of lading.

JEFF DAVIS OF ARKANSAS. Jeff Davis, the rip-snorting governor of Arkansas, the "Cotton King" of Texas, recently gave utterance to this classic sentiment: "Can you think of anything dirtier or nastlier than eating with a nigger? I would rather eat out of a trough with a hog than to eat with a nigger. I would rather drink pot liquor out of a pot with a hound pup than eat with a nigger. And, by the way, in a speech delivered only a few months ago, he declared that he had drank pot-liquor with the 'niggers' until you could hear it slosh—so there you are. The Dallas News failed to appreciate the above-quoted and admirable sentiment and went for Jeff in great style, but the whole argument of the News to its

Jeff Davis and Hefflin, is based upon considerations of policy. It would, we are satisfied, highly applaud just such addresses, if only a state election were pending. But it is absurd enough to see that such ravings, during the pendency of the national elections, will lose votes for its party in the North and furnish ammunition for its opponents. It is, however, a fact that Jeff Davis is not a favorite of the intelligent Democrats of his state; for they opposed him bitterly in the primaries and tried to impeach him in the last legislature. But both Jeff and Hefflin know that what are called the "hill-billies" and "red necks" of their respective states are so ignorant as to know nothing about anything about the tariff, Panama, trusts or gold standards. They have the old Horace Greeley idea of the great principles of the Democratic party which are: "To love whiskey and to hate niggers." Hefflin boasts that if he should not be admitted to Congress, he would run for Governor of Alabama and be elected, and probably fold the truth. It is a fact that the South is now ruled by its ignorant "hill-billies" and the most reckless and shameless demagogue is the man they most admire. Such fellows have sent the most decent and conservative men to the rear—the South is solid and stolid, solely upon national issues. In reference to internal concerns, the South is simply an aggregation of discordant elements. It can cast an immense vote against a Republican Presidential candidate, but a very small one in other elections.

MR. ELLIS, FORMERLY OF TEXAS. William H. Ellis, who went to Abyssinia on a diplomatic mission to King Menelek, has returned to the United States. He states that he has secured a concession of all the diamond mines in Abyssinia, two hundred thousand acres of land on the Nile river and a commission to establish the Royal Bank of Abyssinia, which to use his language, "will give me control of the finances of the country."

Mr. Ellis is an Afro-American born in Texas, who has developed an unusual capacity for handling large enterprises successfully. Physically, he is a striking figure, standing over six feet in height and giving one the impression that he possesses great muscular power. He is evidently a man of remarkable nerve, his adventures, both in this country and abroad stamp him as being bold, resolute and capable.

Mr. Ellis has already amassed a fortune in New York City and if his concessions from King Menelek are matters of fact, he may yet live to become one of the wealthiest and most powerful figures in the financial and industrial world.

Abyssinia is said to be inhabited by about five million people. The king is a progressive monarch, under whose reign, telephones, telegraphs and

Lucy Waite, Helen M. Henroth and others. These ladies believe that intelligent and refined Afro-Americans should not be excluded from the society of Caucasians of culture. The status of those United States Officers who during their sojourn in the Philippines, entered into "friendly" relations with Filipino women, as did Lieutenant Burbank, is now under investigation. The gay lieutenant, it seems lived with the Filipino aforesaid, during his sojourn in the islands and after returning home, became engaged to marry a Kansas belle. This arrangement was interrupted by the appearance of the Filipino lady who had been acting as Mrs. Burbank; and now the question whether she was such in reality, or merely pro forma comes up for investigation. This presents another phase of the noted social equality issue raised in this campaign by Gorman, Hefflin and Tillman. We are not acquainted with Lieutenant Burbank and have never learned his opinion of the Booker Washington incident, but we are perfectly certain that he regarded the incident with horror and indignation; for it is precisely his class of men who do so.

Should anyone accuse the Democratic party of anarchistic tendencies, the accusation would be resented with much indignation, and the counter argument would be the easily made reference to the many eminent Democratic addresses which show no trace of such tendencies. But the doer does not completely refute the accusation. It does not prove the non-existence of the virus; but simply shows that it has not yet permeated the whole body. So up the president with bombs, and Tillman boasts of scattering hell-fire, the party must be held responsible for their utterances; for these men are its official representatives. The fact that some efforts have been made to muzzle these imprudent marplots, proves nothing; for it is easily seen that it is done simply upon grounds of policy for their standing in the party is not affected in the slightest degree.

According to Mr. Bryan, the methods used to secure Judge Parker's nomination were crooked, indefensible and burglarious; the platform is straddling, meaningless, vague and purposeless; the party is under the control of Wall Street, the plutocrats and the trusts, and the candidate is speechless. This is certainly a very curious aggregate of reasons why Mr. Bryan should support, and the American people endorse, such a conglomeration. We are of the opinion that on the 8th of November Mr. Bryan's reputation as a prophet will be firmly established; for he predicts that the battle will "begin with a footrace and end with a rout." Now the question arises: Are the plutocrats and trusts manipulating Mr. Bryan, or is he merely maintaining his

STANDS FOR HUMAN LIBERTY. 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 place if I could be capable of doing it. I do not expect to be elected President by those who would close the door of hope against the Afro-Americans. As a citizen, if I am elected to this high office it must be on my record as the executor of the law without favors or discriminations.—President Roosevelt.

manufacturing enterprises have sprung into existence. The people have become known as the "African Yankees." They welcome progress, and so does the king, and in such a country, Mr. Ellis, who would have had no chance to rise above his country and its customs, Rhodes was to South Africa. His pluck, energy and indomitable determination should be an inspiration to the Afro-American people.

UNACCOUNTABLE TASTES. By virtue of being the balance of power in several Northern states, the Afro-American is exercising a very great influence upon the course of national events, and this is the greatest leverage he has. Upon this, and alone, he must depend to secure for himself any special consideration in congress, in the courts, or from public sentiment. Would it not, then, be completely suicidal for him to recklessly throw this advantage away? Yet, that is just what some of the race are doing when they coquet with the Democratic party. How can any Afro-American prefer Parker and Davis to Roosevelt and Fairbanks? Roosevelt is the defender of the rights of the Afro-American, and so has Fairbanks. Parker is "speechless," and Davis is an old plantation overseer. The political associates of Roosevelt are the old and tried friends of the Afro-American: Judge Parker, Gorman, who has stood by law and order are on one side. On the other side are: Parker, Davis, Tillman, Vardaman, Graves, Jeff Davis, John Sharp Williams, Hefflin, Herr Most, Thomas Nelson Page, Thomas Dixon, Jr., and those who stand by law and order are on one side. On the other side are: Parker, Davis, Tillman, Vardaman, Graves, Jeff Davis, John Sharp Williams, Hefflin, Herr Most, Thomas Nelson Page, Thomas Dixon, Jr., and those who stand by law and order are on one side. ON WHICH SIDE DO YOU STAND?

John Alexander Dowie, the apostle, in a recent discourse thus lit into Parker: "Parker is a prodigal son. He comes back after having squandered the free silverites, and because of his return he immediately wants to be made boss of the whole ranch." It is worth noting that Dowie's speech means 5,000 votes for Roosevelt. Dowie's religious eccentricities do not prevent him from being very level-headed when it comes to financial matters and his followers do what he tells them to do. Gen. Jackson said that he had sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT. Perhaps Mr. Parker would, if elected, enforce the laws of the United States as he understands them; or as Tillman, Vardaman, Hefflin and Gorman would interpret them; and that is just

OF course such things as Tillman, Vardaman and Jeff Davis would not be admitted to decent society in Chicago, but if these worthies could have peeped in the window at the residence of Mrs. McGhee of University avenue last Thursday night they would have thrown up their hands in holy horror, and perhaps dropped dead. When they saw tea being served to Afro-American and Caucasian ladies who occupied alternate seats in the palatial residence of the lady. Mrs. McGhee is a member of the Frederick Douglass social center, which has been organized to combat race prejudice against the Afro-American. Mrs. Celia Parker Wooley is president, and the club counts among its members such noted women as Jane Addams, Mrs. Julia Rosenthal, Dr.

JUSTICE TO ALL MEN. We have shown in fact that our policy is to do Justice to all Men, paying no heed to whether a man is rich or poor, or to his race, creed or birth-place.—President Roosevelt.

what worries the people. They do not want that kind of enforcement.

Augustus Octavius Bacon, who represents Georgia in the United States Senate, emits a piteous wail because the Nation does not entrust its government to the Democratic party and fails to see any reason for such a course. The Democratic party has been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

It seems to me that it is a good thing from every standpoint to let the Afro-American people know that in marked degree the qualities of good citizenship, the qualities which white men we feel are entitled to reward, then he will not be cut off from all hope of similar reward.—President Roosevelt.

"President Roosevelt has won the respect of the American people because he is honest, because he is brave, because he possesses much common sense, and Charles S. Deneen will be elected governor because he possesses the same qualifications."—Governor Richard Yates.

The Supreme Court of Kansas has issued a mandatory order requiring the Board of Education of Coffeyville to admit to the public schools the children of Bud Cartwright, an Afro-American. The children have been denied admission on account of color.

First came Anarchist Tillman, now Herr Most, the high priest of anarchy, is in Chicago preaching his revolutionary doctrines, and it is possible that Hefflin, the leading anarchist of Alabama, will be requested by Herr Most to assist in the propaganda.

The Republicans rely upon intelligent discussion in order to convince voters that their principles are the better for all our people. Anarchists like Hefflin, Tillman, Vardaman et al, rely upon bull dozing in order to intimidate voters.

The lowest temperature ever recorded was on December 30, 1871, by Professor Werchojansk at Corochon, Siberia, 81 degrees below zero. The temperature will fall lower than that for Parker next Tuesday.

Bring out the halt, the lame and the blind, the sound and the lusty of limb, the young men who cast their first votes and blast anarchistic hope by plugging up a great majority for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Mr. Parker ought to inform the people of the United States as to whether he is in favor of the enforcement of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States.

It is the highest duty of every American citizen to maintain against all enemies the paramount authority of the United States. Parker would pull down the flag; is he a good citizen?

As the boys in '61 buckled on the knapsack and clutched the gun, resolved that the government should be preserved, so today the same spirit animates them and their progeny. Hurrah for Roosevelt and Fairbanks too, We're going to see both of them through. It's all over but the shouting.

"The Republican party has done more for humanity, for human liberty, and more for human progress than any other party since the stars first sang together."—Senator Fairbanks.

James K. Jones, former chairman of the Democratic national committee, says that the outlook is promising. It will be recalled that James K. said a few things four years ago.

The Southern nullifiers know that there is no truth in the "social equality" howl they are making. "Social equality" does not exist among any class of people. Be sure to make a vigorous fight for the Republican candidates for congress in every district. A Republican congress is needed to uphold the president.

The opinion of the white people in the South is, that, so far as the Afro-Americans are concerned, the theory of the "consent of the governed" does not apply. Fall in and forward to victory.

When the glorious sun beams on the smiling earth on the morning of November 8, be at the polls ready to vote and work for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Hefflin, the Alabama rabble-rouser, who "joked" about throwing a bomb at the president, must have been sorely at a loss to find a fit subject for mirth.

If you desire the election of Roosevelt and Fairbanks you must not only vote for them but you must see that your friends cast their votes right.

Protection to our wives, our sweethearts, our children, our merchants, our manufacturers, our ship builders, our country, and the old flag. Some one neatly says of Ex-chairman Jones: Jones moves in a mysterious way. His blunders to perform.

When business is booming, everybody is happy and contented. Elect Roosevelt, business will boom and you will be contented and happy.

By the way, why do not the Democratic orators say something about the way their party treated Mexico when it slobbered up Texas. Get a hustle upon yourself; see your neighbors and your neighbors' neighbors, and induce them to vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

The election of Parker would mean the adoption by the national administration of the creed of Tillman, Vardaman, Graves & Co.

The 219 Afro-Americans employed in the Interior Department at Washington, D. C., draw salaries aggregating \$167,260 every year. Take off your coat and work for Roosevelt until the evening of November 8; then we can shout and yell until we are hoarse.

"If we can't get the Negro out of politics peacefully and legally, by the eternal gods we'll do it anyway."—Senator Tillman.

The Republican party recognizes ability and rewards it accordingly. All Afro-Americans look alike to Democrats. See to it that every voter who favors the right, puts his ballot where it will count one for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Weary, windy, wandering Willie is still rushing around trying to trade off his empty plattitudes for votes for Parker. A vote for Parker is a vote for an empty market basket; hard times come when the Democratic party is in power.

If you do not wish to be at the mercy of such men as Tillman, Vardaman and Graves, vote for Roosevelt. With glee we'll sing: "My Country 'tis of Thee, Land of the Noble Free," when Roosevelt is elected.

Get up early in the morning and stay up late at night, working for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Let us see what a big majority we can give for Roosevelt, Fairbanks and the Old Flag.

Work, work, work night and day until the election and Roosevelt will be President. If you wish to see "Old Glory" wave in proud triumph, vote for Roosevelt.

Wake up; come out; shout and hurrah for Roosevelt and Fairbanks. Get out the votes and there'll be no doubt of Roosevelt's election. It's all over with Parker; it's no use for him to keep trying. Oh how sad Parker will be when the returns come in. Go to the polls next Tuesday and do your full duty. Fall in and forward to victory.

THE PROPER TEST. It is an infamous thing in our American life and fundamentally treacherous to our institutions to apply to any individual any test save that of personal worth.—President Roosevelt.