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What Ganz and Bennett Stand for. The nations of the earth are not breathlessly waiting for the returns from the Phoenix election; neither are Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan and Grover Cleveland lying awake nights worrying over the bearing which the election may have on the politics of the nation.

But there is, nevertheless, a great deal of importance attaching to this election. Ganz has served one term as mayor and retired from office only two years ago. The people know what he is. Judging from their actions near the close of his term, they have a sad knowledge of Mr. Ganz. For weeks the people had demanded that the mayor and council call an election to give the citizens a chance to vote on the question of municipal water works.

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dertake to "hold up" the taxpayers with his connivance. He is a republican, but he would block attempts at graft by republicans just as quickly as he would block such attempts by democrats. He will be the mayor of all the people, and although his constituents may divide on important questions because of honest differences of opinion, nobody will have occasion to complain of his unfairness. No mass-meetings will be necessary to make him do his duty.

CURRENT COMMENT

IT IS UP TO THE NEGRO.

The refusal of the United States supreme court to interfere with the franchise clause of the Alabama constitution must throw the negroes of that state on their own resources in securing political privileges. Color alone does not bar them from voting. The franchise is conferred upon any man who can read and write an article of the federal constitution in the English language, and who has had regular work for a year preceding the date of registration; or who is the owner of property assessed at \$200 or more; or who is a descendant of one who has served; or who is "a person of good character and understands the duties and obligations of citizenship under a republican form of government."

While the law discriminates in favor of illiterate whites it does not put unreasonable restrictions upon the blacks. In the case before the supreme court the complainant asserted that 5000 adult negroes of Montgomery county were disfranchised by the constitution. That may be true. But if they see to it that their children learn to read and write there is no reason that the disfranchisement be passed on to the next generation. It is within the power of the negro in Alabama to acquire voting qualifications. So long as he lacks them he has slight ground for complaint. It is undeniable that northern sentiment on the franchise question has changed in recent years. So many northern communities have seen elections controlled by a venal negro vote that there is much sympathy with suffrage restrictions in the south. It is all very well for theorists to assert the equity of universal suffrage. The experience of the south cannot be waved aside by hair-splitting arguments. The southern negro cannot look to the north or to congress to give him the right to vote. The thing for him to do is to prove himself worthy of it. When he is capable of asserting his right to a share in the government on the ground of his good citizenship he will probably get it; but not before.—Kansas City Star.

Little James

(Concerning the Recurrence of the Street Improvement Season.) 'Tis time of year has come again when the Young Peoples Democrat Society begins to make Phoenix look Butte. It takes a whole lot of men to sweep the streets an' clean th' ditches. Th' Democrat members of th' Council gives th' police orders, sayin', "You don't need to make any arrests for th' next few days. Th' Young Peoples Democrat Society needs all th' help it can get to put th' Town in order an' git it ready for th' Leckshun day. We could let 'em have th' Chain Gang but they dont want any prisoners to be brought in competition with free American or Mexican Labor."

'Tis Council ortherizes th' Young Democrats to go a head an' hire th' men 'ats needed for th' Brushin' up of Feenix an' fer gradin' down th' Streets so's at they'll haf to be graded up agin' just before th' next Leckshun. They sez though: "You ort to hire only Democrats or men 'at will vote th' Democrat ticket. They is better work-ers 'n any other kind speshully when it comes to puttin' on th' Finishin' Touches at th' Poles on Leckshun day."

Th' Young Democrats begun recruitin' th' Street an' Ballot Box Improvement Gang. They sez to their selves, "They seems to be a grate Secerity of skilled Ballot Box Workers. We'll haf to go out into th' Poorie District an' compel 'em to come in or we won't never git th' streets cleaned in time. When they come back they was followed by a Grate Wale out of th' farmers an' th' Owners of Flox of Sheep. Th' former Complains 'at their Hay is goin' to Waste an' th' latter Crize 'at their Sheep is left alone a wanderin' on th' Dessert. They sez 'at th' Feenix City Leckshun is a Mennus to th' Sheep industry in th' norther part of th' Territory an' th' Aggercultural Industry of th' Salt River Valley 'at its worsen th' foot rot fer sheep or th' drouth fer alfalfa."

When they got th' Street Improvement Gang enrolled th' Young Democrats sez: "Now our troubles is just a beginnin' to begin. Gawd only knows where we're a goin' to Consel our Forces out of th' site of th' Indigent Tax Pair."

Some of th' Young Democrats says 'at they knows a place in a Alley, an' 'at they been there frequent an' never seen a Decent citizen or Tax Pair in th' Naborhood. They sez, "We'll Ron-dysoo our Forces there an' send 'em out to work in six small Squads at a time 'at they won't create no Alarm."

"Wun of 'em sez: "But they'll be notised at th' Poles."

"We should Hoop so!" sez th' Rest of th' Young Democrats.

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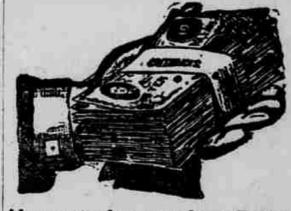
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