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SOLID AGAINST

THE NEGRO.

Northern Negroes who have listened to appeals to vote the Bryan ticket, and thereby endorse the political program of Southern lynchings and Negro-haters, ought to be interested in the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia to be voted on at the coming election. There is no concealment of the fact that the object of the amendment is to prevent Negroes from voting, without violating the provisions of the Federal Constitution forbidding disfranchisement on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The amendment provides in substance that the voter shall have paid all taxes assessed against him since 1877, and shall have the usual qualifications as to residence. To prove that a would-be voter has paid his taxes for thirty-two years might puzzle a Title Guarantee Company, and this requirement easily places within reach of the registering officer a legal excuse for excluding any applicant who appears undesirable.

In addition to taxpaying and residential qualifications, which are supposed to apply to all, there are five special qualifications, each one of which permits the person possessing it to vote. The first two admits soldiers of all wars and their descendants to the suffrage. This is fair and would enable many Negroes to qualify but for the thirty-two year taxpaying qualification already mentioned. Even in the soldier provision, however, there is a "joker" as to descendants, requiring that they shall be "lawful descendants." The possible uses of this are obvious.

Class number 3 includes all who are of good character and understand the duties and obligations of citizenship. The registrar is judge of character and understanding. An applicant under class 4 is required to write correctly in the English language a paragraph of the Federal or State Constitution, as dictated by the registrar, and if by reason of any physical disability he cannot write, he must interpret a paragraph to the satisfaction of the registrar. Imagine a Georgia "cracker," or ignorant colored man interpreting the Constitution of the United States, which has been interpreted in different ways by chief justices of the Supreme Court!

The fifth class includes property-owners, and would let in many Negroes, but for the omnibus requirement as to taxes since 1877. The proposed amendment plainly leaves it within the power of the Democratic registrars to admit whom they please and exclude whom they please and their proclaimed purpose is to exclude the Negro, thus putting Georgia in line with other Southern States which disfranchise the colored

man. And yet Henry Watterson and other Democratic leaders have the assurance to ask the Northern Negro to vote for Bryan, who has publicly expressed his approval of Negro disfranchisement in the South! And a few misguided and self-deluded colored men ask the race which produced a Toussaint and a Douglas to grovel at the feet of the Democracy, which nominated Bryan, and which is his only reliance for electoral votes!

A SOCIAL CLIQUE.

The complaint of many of the female teachers in the public schools is that they are discriminated against because they are not well and favorably known and associated with the social clique that dominates the public school system.

While the Bee doesn't object to married women teaching in the public schools, but, since there is a law against it; it is of the opinion that the graduates and those single teachers who pass an examination should have the preference over married teachers.

Since the installation of male teachers in the colored schools there has been more trouble and scandal than ever known in the history of the colored schools. Male principals are failures, and their domineering dispositions are injurious to the public school system. The Bee invites the Board of Education to visit the schools under the supervision of male principals, as to discipline and good order in general, and compare their records with female principals in former years, positions at this time.

The Bee is in possession of information of a certain male principal in the colored schools, whose order and discipline are something disgraceful. The supervising principal over this particular school takes delight in marking this individual excellent, and marking female teachers who formerly served under him, fair or good.

A thorough investigation of this marking system should be started at once by a special committee composed of members of the Board of Education. There is too much favoritism in the colored public schools, and the sooner these evils are eradicated, the better it will be for the school system.

The President of the Board of Education has put the stamp of condemnation upon cases where it is shown that favoritism prevails.

The complaints of teachers and parents have been numerous, but still they continue while known to the school authorities. The suggestion of the Bee is, let the Board remove the cause and the evil will be cured. Appoint no more male principals; remove those who are now at the head of the schools and the Bee is certain that there will be no more trouble. This continued importation of outsiders in our schools should be stopped. There is plenty of competent local talent, sufficiently competent to be appointed. For thirty years, the Bee has been opposed to these social cliques in the colored schools, and as fast as they are removed others spring up.

Under female supervision, the colored schools are morally and educationally better.

WM. E. CHANCELLOR.

The deposed superintendent of the public schools, Dr. Wm. E. Chancellor, published a vile tirade against the colored citizens of this city. The Bee knows that his article was false from beginning to end, but the people of other cities and states would no doubt be convinced that there was some truth in what he said.

For the benefit of people in other states who don't know Mr. Chancellor, The Bee takes this

occasion to state that the colored citizens of Washington possess more sense than Dr. Chancellor, and they make better citizens than he ever will make, no matter where he goes.

The colored members of the Board of Education who assisted in holding him in check, are citizens of the highest type. The colored citizens of Washington will compare favorably no doubt, with the white citizens of Patterson, N. J., to which state this deposed superintendent fled when the Board of Education declared by a unanimous vote, that his usefulness in the public schools of Washington was at an end.

There are but a few idlers in this city among the colored people, and the only men who live upon the women in this city are the lovers, who may be found in all states and cities where certain sporting houses exist. There are many colored sporting houses that have women at their head, who possess greater executive ability than Dr. Chancellor, and certainly there are many who own their own property and possess more hard cash than Dr. Chancellor.

The colored citizens of Washington are very peaceful and seldom disturb the white people. Bums, rowdies and many cut throats may be found in all states and cities, and especially South, where many of their brutal acts are sanctioned by legislative enactments.

SHOULD BE QUALIFIED.

There is some agitation among the citizens for a change in our local government. Notwithstanding the many protests that have been exploded, nothing reasonable has been advanced against the credit, integrity and honesty of the present Board of Commissioners. Has any member of the present Board of District Commissioners been guilty of any act that would discredit them? Is it not a fact that they have done everything in their power to advance the welfare of the people?

Now, if there is to be a change in the form of government, and the people desire to rule it should be started, but do not attempt to cast any discredit upon the honesty and integrity of the men who have been above suspicion for these many years.

Many of the citizens' associations, which are star chamber organizations, state that they want an elective form of government. An elective form of government is a constitutional prerogative to which every citizen is entitled. Not one association has suggested the kind of a government which is best for the city. Not one has argued upon the form of government that is the best. In the first place, if the form of government is to be changed, would it not be well to suggest a qualified suffrage? Educational and property qualifications?

Should a person be taxed outrageously because the majority has it in its power to levy taxes? Because a man has a vote, should that man be given a ballot to do with your property as he pleases and he has no property, or education whatever?

In the opinion of the Bee, suffrage should be qualified.

THE ELECTION.

The election is over and the prophets no longer hold the people in doubt. The result has no doubt, been disappointing to those who wished it otherwise.

The colored voter has had his revenge as is evidenced by the cartoon on the front page of the Bee today. What has he gained? What is he to hope for from the Democratic party now?

The business interest of the country wanted Judge Taft elected. The property of the country demanded his election. What are

the colored man's hopes? In every state where the Democratic party controls, colored men are disfranchised.

Last Monday evening, Assistant United States Attorney James A. Cobb and Attorney Thomas L. Jones were on the train en route for Rockville, Md. Just before they reached the District line, they were told to go back in the "Jim Crow" car. Both men refused and they both told the conductor that they would not go in the "Jim Crow" and if he felt disposed he could throw them out of the window. Both men acted manly and stood upon their constitutional rights.

The indorsement, and a vote for Mr. Bryan was an indorsement of the "Jim Crow" law, for which the Democratic party is responsible. What colored man with a grain of sense could vote the Democratic ticket, except from revenge. Some few men stated that the President was the cause of the Negro revolt. Must the entire race be damned because one man does something objectionable and in violation of the law? The colored man, if he is convinced, will see that the Republican party is his salvation.

REV. MASON SPEAKS.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, the colored Methodist clergyman of Cincinnati, who is also Secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, is another man who is qualified to speak on questions relating to his race. He has just finished a tour of the Western states, made for the purpose of ascertaining the attitude of the colored voters toward the Presidential candidates.

"I find," says Dr. Mason, "that wherever Judge Taft had the opportunity to meet the people and speak to them, his open, manly manner has won them. Many who came indifferent went away enthusiastic for him. Those to whom I talked seemed to feel that while Judge Taft desired to be elected to the Presidency, his rugged honesty made him face every question as it was, frankly expressing his honest opinion of it. They went away from Taft meetings feeling that a man was speaking and not a demagogue.

"From the middle of August to the middle of October I traveled through Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and I find that the trend today is decidedly toward Judge Taft. This is particularly true of the colored people, who, at the beginning of the campaign, showed some disaffection, but who, after careful consideration of the situation, have come to feel that it would be a great mistake on their part to vote against the party that for all these years has stood for giving them a man's chance in the Republic.

The feeling among them is quite general that Judge Taft, because of his great experience in handling great governmental questions, can be safely trusted as a fair and impartial President for all the people."

FALSE IMPRESSIONS.

The efforts of Henry Watterson and others to create the impression that the Negro vote of Kentucky would go to Bryan have proved futile. Recent reports from the Blue Grass state show that the colored voters there are almost solid for Taft.

"False prophets are trying to tell the colored people that the Republican party of today is not the party of Lincoln and Grant," says W. T. Hayes, presiding elder of the Louisville conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in discussing the Kentucky political situation in Kentucky. "That is not so."

"The Republican party of today is the same party, moving more aggressively in a more progressive age, under different environments. It needs new leaders,

and in Judge Taft it has selected a Twentieth Century American. We do not care what Bishop Walters or anyone else says. We know that Judge Taft represents truly the party that has given the Negro all he enjoys; that made it possible for him to have a home and a family. Were it not for the Republican party, the Negro leaders who are trying to blind their constituents to the truth would not be allowed to vote."

MR. LYONS' PREDICTION.

Judson W. Lyons, of Georgia, formerly Register of the Treasury, agrees with Dr. Mason on the general situation. He is active in National politics, as well as in Georgia politics, and has been keeping in touch with colored voters all over the country since the campaign began.

"There is very little foundation for the talk that the Negro voters will desert the Republican party and vote the Democratic ticket in November," he says. "In the first place, the Democrats offer no inducements to the colored voter; on the contrary, the colored voter has nothing to expect from the Democratic party.

"Why it was only the other day that Georgia disfranchised us, and in West Virginia they are talking of not only taking away the ballot, but 'Jim Crowing' us as well. For the Negro voter to go with the Democrats would not be jumping out of the frying pan into the fire, but jumping into hell's fire. In my judgment, based on what I know of the Negro vote and on my correspondence, I do not hesitate to say that Mr. Bryan will get but few Negro votes."

DR. WASHINGTON'S

PREDICTION.

Prof. Booker T. Washington, just before the election predicted that the colored voter would be with Mr. Taft. Dr. Washington knew what he was saying, and true to his word the colored vote, with but few exceptions, stood by Judge Taft.

The colored Americans believe in Dr. Washington. They know that he gives them the proper advice.

Dr. Vernon and Auditor Ralph W. Tyler rendered invaluable service. Everywhere Dr. Vernon was booked to speak he received the greatest ovation. So great were the demands for him throughout the country that it was impossible for him to meet them. He brought the colored vote into line in the West by his great eloquence.

He is known as the black Rossius.

COMMISSIONER OYSTER.

Thousands of citizens would no doubt be glad to see Capt. James F. Oyster one of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Capt. Oyster is an honest man and believes in fair play. There is no doubt of him administering the laws of the District in the interest of justice and fair play. He would not oppress the people, and neither would he pretend Christianity and practice the code of the devil. It is believed that he would make the same sacrifice for the people as District Commissioner, as he does as a member of the Board of Education.

If of course, there is to be a change by the transfer of Col. Muir, no better man could be selected.

JUSTIFIES "JIM CROWISM."

One of the most remarkable documents that was issued by Rev. J. Milton Waldron, president; Bishop H. M. Turner, vice president; L. G. Jordan, recording secretary; Wm. M. Trotter, secretary; A. H. Grimkie, treasurer and Rev. Charles Wm. H. Scott, organizer of the so-called National Independent political and other Negro Democratic leagues, is a justification of "Jim-

Crowism." The document bears the names of the men above mentioned.

Rev. Corrothers seems to be running his part of the Democratic campaign on his own "hook."

DR. GILBERT SPEAKS.

In a sermon on "Religious Patriotism," Dr. Matthew W. Gilbert, pastor of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, which has the largest Negro congregation in New York City, urged his congregation to vote for Taft on November 3rd. Bryan, he declared, was no friend of the Negro, and added that the Denver convention had opposed the interests of the race. Dr. Gilbert declared that Bryan, in his Cooper Union speech, had justified the disfranchisement of the Negro in the South.

AUDITOR PETTY.

In another column of The Bee this week, is an excellent letter from ex-Auditor James T. Petty, concerning the mission of Gypsy Smith. Mr. Petty's letter is full of good sense. He reviews the Christian religion as all honest men do.

Mr. Petty is no pretender. He is an honest man and generally speaks what he thinks and believes. If the people in this world were as good as Mr. Petty, conditions would be better. His record has been one that all honest people will commend.

MACK THE PROPHET.

Chairman Mack is no doubt a prophet? He claimed everything in sight and lost all.

John Sharp Williams said three weeks before the election when Chairman Mack declared that Mr. Bryan would be elected by a tidal wave, Mr. Williams said that those tidal waves of which he had heard so much, generally carried the Republican into office.

JUVENILE COURT REVERSED.

On Thursday of last week, Burrell Johnson, who is an employee of the Government Printing Office, was brought into the Juvenile Court upon a warrant issued from the Juvenile Court charging him with carnal knowledge of a female under the age of sixteen years. When he was called upon by the Clerk of the Juvenile Court to enter his plea to the information, his counsel refused to permit him to enter a plea upon the grounds that the Juvenile Court had no jurisdiction whatever in the case and thereupon moved the Court to discharge the defendant from custody.

The Court overruled the motion and ordered the Clerk to enter up a plea of "not guilty" and proceeded to hear the testimony of the prosecuting witness. After hearing the testimony of the prosecuting witness, he continued the case for a further hearing until the next day at one o'clock, and in the mean time, committed the defendant to jail in default of One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00) bail. By seven o'clock of the same night, Lawyer Scott had secured from Justice Barnard an order for a writ of Habeas Corpus and the same was made returnable before him at twelve o'clock on Friday and at the hearing upon the petition, Justice Barnard promptly ruled that the point was well taken—that the Juvenile Court had no jurisdiction in the matter and thereupon ordered Johnson released from custody. On the next day the matter came up for hearing in the Police Court and Johnson was promptly released again, it being shown that there was absolutely no merit in the charge and that Johnson was absolutely innocent.

Charles W. Anderson is a potent factor in this campaign in the Empire State. The masses trust his judgment and are standing with him as one man. Mr. Anderson says New York is safe for Taft and that Governor Hughes will be re-elected. Why worry further?

HOTEL MACEO.

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