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PEACE!  
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### Bishop Grant's Visit to Helena.

Helena is to be highly honored by a visit from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Abram Grant who is the presiding Bishop of this district of the A. M. E. church, which district comprises the entire Northwest and California. The bishop is one of our really great men and his presence is an honor to any community. Rev. Jordan Allen announces that the Bishop will be here on August the 22nd for several days, and his sojourn should be an epoch making event in so far as our people are people.

We have the honor of a personal acquaintance with our distinguished and able prelate and we can assure our readers that his coming will be fraught with great moment and much good for the uplift of our people.

### Woman Methods Prevail Not.

In Helena at least, it has been demonstrated that there are those who believe in the principles of our strenuous chief executive, "a square deal for all," and the efforts of Lissner and the Independent to prejudice a community, on personal antagonism, self-aggrandizement and race hatred, is of no avail; justice has stepped in and in stentorian tones has said give every man a chance.

As far as Graye and Gordan or the Zanzibar are concerned, personally we do not consider or care, but in our advocacy for a square deal for all, we believe that we present a principle which is so broad and generous that no one will suffer an injustice by its application.

The council has acted wisely in reconsidering the vote by which the license of Graye and Gordan was summarily revoked, for had it not, the effect would be far reaching; they would have set a dangerous precedent. The question will now come before the police committee on its merits and if the contentions of the people who have cited such notorious violations of the law by the proprietors of the Zanzibar can be proven, the license of the Zanzibar can be withheld as it should be. On the other hand if the charges are not sustained these people should be given the same opportunities as others in the same line of business.

The Independent we fear has a very bad case of colorphobia. The editorial writer who exhausts Webster's unabridged dictionary for high sounding adjectives—aside from his constant flings at a race which has made such phenomenal progress in only forty years—says that the people of Helena were ad-

verse to attending ball games on account of the color of one of the teams, and that they now go out and attend freely because there is a white team at Fort Harrison. We advise this would-be moulder of public sentiment to put his ears to grass roots and hear the opinion of the people when the conduct of the white men now at Fort Harrison and their predecessors are compared.

Lissner the great advocate [?] of morals should move that his own license from what we can learn. He is an exalted member of the council,—at least, in his own estimation—conducts a place which is a rendezvous for immoral women and brawls are of frequent occurrence. We have seen with our own eyes little children coming out of his side door with buckets, the contents of which could be easily guessed.

The Independent who went to dreamland in its ecstasy of joy over the revoking of a license to Graye and Gordan, have now probably awoken from its dream and are experiencing the excruciating pains of grief.

The Colorado Statesman is out in a bran new "head dress" which is very becoming indeed and shows that the managers of that paper are wide-awake and hustling all the time.

What will the American white man think of this? An American lieutenant of the regular army has married a Filipino, which race the whites claim is part Negro. It seems very hard for the Negro to keep the white man from mixing. Our American brother had better go to the Phillipine Islands and look after their brothers there, or else amalgamation will reign supreme there at least.—*Topoka Plaindealer.*

### POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

Judge Cheddle of Lewistown is looming up on the political horizon as a formidable aspirant for judicial honors and we doubt will be a strong factor in the coming state convention for associate justice.

At least a majority of the members of the city council believe in the Roosevelt idea to give all a square deal.

Look at Lissner! See his tactics; and you have a fair conception of Ben Tillman who gained notoriety for his opposition to a persecuted race.

Officer Wm. Irvin in general demeanor, courtesy and all that goes with the duties of a public officer can easily give his superiors on the force valuable lessons in that important requisite of any well regulated police force.

Former City Treasurer Kirken-dall is now a politician without a job, but he was one of the most courteous and painstaking officials the city ever had and will always remain a prime favorite in the hearts of the people.

If 70 per cent of the crimes in Lewis and Crake county was committed in one place, what a snap for the police, sheriff, etc. To save mileage, post one man near this place, discharge all the others, keep only enough to catch the 30 per cent and LaCroix assisted by the Vardaman sentiment of the Independent could easily convict. But oh! The Remy, King, Mentzel and other cases; well, but the cost in these were only a bagatelle.

## Spirit of the Negro Press.

The apparent similarity between Roosevelt and Bryan, in their high moral courage and plainness of utterance, have made both prime favorites with the masses, regardless of party lines. Their ideas have won the approval of the thinkers of the age, and having been weighed in the balance and not been found wanting, they are therefore sound. Radicalism has moved so far away from the old landmarks that one is obliged to go all the way to the Hearst camp to find its outposts. The picket lines are labeled with red signal lights—and the nation scents danger. The democrats of the Jefferson, Jackson and Tilden stripe now turn beseechingly to Bryan as a welcome relief from the vagaries of "Hearstism," and if the national democratic convention were held at this hour, William Jennings Bryan would be nominated by acclamation, and the lion and the lamb of '96 would lie down in an atmosphere of harmony that no seer would have ever dreamed of during that stormy epoch. On the other hand, so typical of the popular spirit is Theodore Roosevelt, it is almost a certainty that if the republican national convention were called together today, with Bryan tide rising, no earthly power could keep the gathering from forcing a

United States in 1908."

We hazard no guess at this critical stage of the national game with the bases full and nobody out, and Roosevelt himself at bat. The gentle reader is at liberty to take the opinion of the oracular Hoosier statesman for just what it is worth in the open market.—Thompson in *The Freeman.*

Perhaps one of the most striking political incidents of the century is the return after a quiescence of nearly six years of William Jennings Bryan into the political arena. Notwithstanding the fact that he has stood aloof from party matters and devoted himself to his newspaper and to travel, he is now the political cynosure of the Democrats, toward whom they now hopefully look for such gallant and wise leadership as will most likely insure political ascendancy. There is something remarkable in this. Whatever Republicans may think of Democrats, however much they may be chargeable with bad judgement and blunderings, yet there is some thing strange and even politically ominous in the tenacity displayed in their attachment to Mr. Bryan. And the strangest of it all is, that Mr. Bryan seems not to be his own promoter or to have had any particular "boomers" as has been the case when a defeated candidate seeks a second nomination at the

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renomination upon the hero of the rate bill, willy or nilly. The country believes Mr. Roosevelt to be sincere in his refusal to be further considered in connection with another term in the White House, but political exigencies have changed the minds of men as strong in their mental make-up as he, and it is not without the range of possibilities that the situation may be such that the gallant "Rough Rider" can not decline to run. What conditions we may be called upon to face two years hence, it were in vain to prophesy, but that there are some stirring times in store for us all in the year of grace 1908, is a safe proposition to tie to. A prominent Indiana republican, whose name is a synonym for political sagacity, said to us not long ago, with the air of oracle and the mien of a sage:

"Mark ye, and mark ye well! I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet; but it is my humble opinion, looking the thing up one side and down the other, that Theodore Roosevelt is the only republican in this country who can prevent the election of William Jennings Bryan as President of the

hands of his party. Here is a man who has been nominated twice, and defeated twice. And in spite of this Bryan has so strong a hold upon his party that now he looms up as the only acceptable candidate of the Democratic party. To be sure, others have been thought of, such as Gorman, Bailey, Hill and others. But they have now been swallowed up in the overwhelming demand for Bryan. What is the cause of this new rally? Why is a twice-defeated man again sought as the standard-bearer for the Democrats? Is it to court defeat? Is he selected as one to fill the breach in order that the Republicans may have what seems to be inevitable victory?

We think not. Surely it cannot be government ownership of public utilities, for in that case Hearst would undoubtedly be the Moses. It is because Mr. Bryan has shown absolutely sincerity in his expressions and his dealings. He has called a spade a spade and a man a man. Not only so, but he has staked his reputation and political prospect upon his sincerity. And he failed twice, yet he has not compromised one whit his real con-

victions. We are not so much concerned about his political theories. They may or may not much concern us. But we do admire his consistent sincerity and his unwavering devotion to his principles. We cannot fail to recall how, upon every occasion, regardless of the section in which he happened to be, he quoted the words of the immortal Lincoln and at all times and under all circumstances announced and expressed his belief in the brotherhood of man.

He was no trimmer. He did not coddle on section at the expense of another. He did not merely talk about a "square deal," but he meant it, and would doubtless have dealt it, had he been elected president. We are not talking Democracy. Indeed we would have a veritable man in the White House, and a Republican at that. But we cannot forbear contrasting the sincerity of men as we find them, nor of admiring those qualities of mind and heart which will attract and hold millions by the power of eloquence, the virtue of constancy and sincerity.

If we are not much mistaken, Bryan's creed is "a man's a man for a' that." And just here is where the colored man may come in for his share.—*Bee.*

### Believe in Square Deal.

The following members of the city council have gone on record as believing in giving every man a square deal. The matter came up on the question of a reconsideration of the vote by which the license of Graye and Gordan were revoked. Some of the councilmen on second thought and after acquainting themselves with the conditions and realizing the unfairness

of the proposition to take from these men their license without a hearing or trial of any kind, very promptly rectified the same by voting to reconsider the matter and referred it to the police committee for a full hearing of complaints, etc. That is all any fair minded man wants; a chance to be heard before he is condemned.

### For Square Deal:

WENDELL, BROOKE, BEATTIE, JENNISON, LATHAM STREETS, WITMER and DRYBURGH—8  
Absent—MURRAY

### Against Square Deal.

LISSNER, VAN WART, BRANDEGEE LONGMAID and CONDON—5

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The young people of Helena do not organize an up-to-date literary society.

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