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TAFT AND BOOKER T.

Scott County Democrat: The following most interesting letter was written by Thomas Dixon from Chicago to the St. Louis Republic of March 27th and it speaks so forcefully our own sentiments that we publish it in full:

To the Editor of The Republic:

I must say that it seems incredible that Booker T. Washington is guilty of the crime of which Ulrich and the woman in the case accuse him. And yet it was certainly a shock to me, as it must have been to every citizen of America, when the chief magistrate of the United States so far forgot his dignity as to rush to the defense of this negro before a court of justice could pronounce judgment in the case.

President Taft in his eagerness to favor the negro, actually denounces the white man who was acting in defense of his home and the sanctity of its womanhood. Surely a white man has as much right to a fair trial as a negro. If he is guilty the courts should decide it on the evidence presented at the trial. The President of the United States has lowered the dignity of his high office by attempting to interfere with the process of law for political reasons. Mr. Taft was a Judge before he became President. He stood for the dignity, integrity and power of the courts. In this act he has reversed his practice and set a dangerous and vicious precedent.

If Booker T. Washington is guilty he should suffer the consequences. The President of the United States has no right to use his mighty office to whitewash a man accused of crime, merely because his skin is black. He has no right to interfere with our courts of justice to shield any man, black or white, nor has he any right to condemn this man Ulrich before the court pronounces him guilty.

The President declares it would be a national calamity if this incident should interrupt the work of the great leader of the negro race! I say it would be a far greater calamity if he is guilty and yet is allowed to continue his work as an educator of negro youth! Booker T. Washington must convince the American people that his accuser is a liar, or resign his position. His word is not enough because he is a negro educator. He must produce convincing proofs without the aid of the President. There's a lie in it somewhere, either Booker Washington has lied or the who accused him. This case must be tried on its merits. The white man surely has some rights in court a negro and his friends must respect.

Personally, I repeat it seems incredible to me that Washington is guilty. But the circumstances are curious and suspicious. His statement is conflicting and his action in running away is against him.

If I should catch any negro, educated or uneducated, nosing around my door in a suspicious way when defenseless women were behind that door, I should certainly attempt to kill him. Education is the development of that which is in man. It does not change his nature. It only gives that nature more power. For this reason I have always maintained that education does not solve the negro problem. It only makes it more dangerous and apparently insoluble.

THOMAS DIXON.

Chicago, Ill., March 24.

This is a parallel of the incident when President Roosevelt wrote the letter condemning

Hayward, before Hayward had had his day in court or any evidence had been produced. It is a serious matter when the highest official in the United States endeavors to prejudice the minds of the people and the courts. When Hayward had his day in court, however, he was given a fair and impartial trial, and was according to the law and evidence, properly, promptly and legally acquitted of the charge of murder.

PROUD OF OUR COUNTRY.

The postoffice department now has "its eye" on the Critic. Five years have we edited the Critic in this city, and we have never had the postoffice department inquire into our business until our circulation grew into the thousands. They are after us, and damn 'em, we are after them, and we will be able to put them out of business as quick as they do us and our friends. Free speech will be recognized in a few years,—when the socialists get in power.—Portageville Critic.

We love our country and our flag, let the party in power be what it may—democratic, republican or socialist—it is still our country, the place of our birth, and our fathers and our forefathers. The stars and stripes are dear to us and we shall never forsake them. Perhaps that post-office inspector was looking after some forbidden advertising proposition, just as he looked after the Caruthersville Democrat and Argus, and the Hayti Herald, and he is always welcome to our office, because he is our friend, and the postoffice department is our friend, in that it carries our paper free—without cost—to every county subscriber.

THE HARDEST PART.

Col. Walker, editor of the Portageville Critic, in his last issue says prior to him turning socialist the Critic was the most widely quoted paper in Southeast Missouri, but now the press never mention him or copy any of his wise sayings. It is not what one puts into a paper that makes it possible to succeed. Col. Walker, in this late day of journalism—it is more what one has sense enough to keep out that counts.—Sikeston Hornet.

One of the hardest jobs in running a newspaper is to know what to keep out of it. It is easy to fill up space, but to put the right things in and keep the wrong thing out is a different proposition.

There are many urgent needs for the best interests of Hayti for the new city government to look after, and we believe that the newly elected mayor and aldermen are fully capable of looking after them. They are all good men, the choice of the people and elected by the people, and as such, we are sure they will serve the people. One of the first, greatest and most important things to be considered is new ordinances. The old ordinances are obsolete (out-of-date) and of little practical use, as they are amended, changed, reshaped, and many new ones enacted. Besides, some of the new ordinances are torn from the records and some are lost. So it is difficult for the executive officers, the mayor, city attorney, police judge and marshal to tell just when they are right or what to do, and this uncertainty may, if not remedied, cost the city considerable. Our present

ordinances were printed in 1903, eight years ago, and there have been many changes since then. What our city needs is a complete, up-to-date set of ordinances, to suit present needs. Our city is growing and expanding, and to keep it so, we must keep up with the procession.

It is the duty of every good citizen to get behind the newly elected city officials and encourage them in every way possible. We should all work together for the best interests of the town, and it is impossible to have a good city government without the hearty support and co-operation of the people.

All of the defeated candidates are good men—just as good as those elected. The people have merely made their selection, as they were compelled to do, from those offering themselves for office. This is more frequently a painful duty, but it must be performed, just the same.

No ill-will should be entertained after the election is over. Elections are for the people and not for any particular individual. We should all bow to the will of the people and be friends.

There are many good things which Hayti needs and deserves; but to get them, we must go after them.

If you want to see how many liars there are in the country, run for an office.

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