

# THE FORUM

"Be ye doers and not sayers only."

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## Roy R. Reece For Mayor

Roy R. Reece, Republican candidate for mayor is a young man in the prime of vigorous manhood in whom we all have implicit confidence. He was reared and schooled here and his deportment, both in public and private life, is without a demerit. His reputation as a business man is unquestioned and he is a young man of high moral worth.

### Why He is The Best Man,

He is the best man because he is allied with and a member of the best party on earth. He will carry out those broad principles inaugurated by the late David S. Griffith. He stands sponsor for progress and is one of the best liked and most highly respected young men in the city.

### Republicans Should be Loyal.

Every Republican should be loyal and not lose sight of the important fact of having the city remain in the hands of the Republican party. It is imperative and the duty of every Republican to stand firm, don't let petty dif-



ferences of the past dissuade you from voting for Reece. Our city has started out to blossom, and next year we have our national and state elections, also several county elections.

### Should Finish Administration.

The Republican party should finish the administration begun by Mayor Griffith by all means—not the democrats. Let every Negro voter stand firm. Our people will be represented better than ever before—we shall be master. Our city is now in debt—nothing can restore it to its normal place save a Republican administration. Do you want Will George and other men on Washington street, to again open their joints? Personally the people have nothing to say against Mr. Reece's opponent,

it's the crowd, the party he will be influenced by. The same men that you repudiated at the polls on April 6th last.

Readers! it's time for our people to again be loyal as you were April 6. It was not Devereux you were so tired of, but the following: Jim Anderson's police force—if you support a democrat you replace this same abominable gang back in the city hall and in the police station. Let us not do so. We'll not do so and we hope we voice the entire wishes of the colored and white people when we say Roy Reece should be, must be, and will be, the next mayor.

### Get Out a Large Vote.

We hope a large vote will be polled. Let everyone interest himself. It is of vital importance to each one of you that this city be conducted by a Republican mayor and council.

The Republicans have a two-thirds majority in the council, what benefit can a man hope to derive from the election of John H. McCreery? The Republican party has always been the most successful party and every man regardless of race or class has shared better under its ruling. We repeat, we do not want our police force again under such ruffians. Chief Seago has had better police regulations during these three months than Anderson had for 48 months.

### Don't Forget the Date—July 16.

Let us keep in memory the date. Every Republican must be interested. Our party shall not lose. We call for valiant workers and Roy Reece will win. Are you a Republican or democrat? We ask this question to our colored friends. If you are a Republican you have too much principle and your patriotism is too true for you to change your vote even if you may be offered a larger amount. There may be a few but how many, who'll be so weak as to sell his citizenship to the highest bidder. Of course if you are a democrat and believe that party is better, we are not alluding to you, but do not be purchased for a mere dollar; for he who can be bought may be sold and sold cheap for cash. Therefore in this special election we ask the colored people especially, to be men. We have no grievance in this fight. Everyone can not get positions, but the party is looking to the colored people as well as to the other's interest and more yet will be done.

What can we hope to gain by not supporting Reece? Absolutely nothing. Therefore stand fast and be not again entangled with the democratic yoke of bondage.

### Roy R. Reece an Ideal Young Man

In asking your support of this young man, we have not before had the pleasure to speak of a more affable, congenial, amiable man. He is efficient, not puffed up, plain and meets all on the

same level. We feel satisfied that the chair, so lamentably vacated by D. S. Griffith will be well and honorably filled by our compatriot and home made young citizen, Roy R. Reece.

## Decatur, News.

(Continued from last week.)

The past week has been a very busy week among the colored people.

Quite a number witnessed the wonderful program rendered at the A. M. E. Church, Thursday evening, after which refreshments were served in the basement.

Mrs. Phillips Ray gave a pillow contest Thursday night for the benefit of Antioch Baptist Church. Quite a crowd was present. Mrs. Albert Jones holding the lucky number received the pillow with great surprise. Mrs. Ray has embroidered quite a number of fancy pieces of the church also for the club. See her at 21 West Main St. and view the many beautiful designs.

J. A. Crocket favored us with one of his able sermons Sunday morning. The services were well attended. After the sermon we witnessed those who put on Christ by Baptism.

Misses Beedie and Addie Cook returned home Saturday after a visit of several weeks with their father in Missouri.

When in the city see Mrs. L. C. Cook for best accommodation. Mrs. Cook also has ice cream for sale at any time at 157 W. Main St.

Don't forget the Forum is only 15 cents a month. Don't borrow it. Subscribe for it and read it for yourself.

Mrs. C. H. Jones of Springfield visited her mother, Mrs. Rogan, last week.

Miss Rummel of Clinton visited her brother, Mr. Rummel on W. King St., last week.

Miss Louise Wilson of Springfield was the guest of friends in Decatur Thursday.

Miss Daisy Wilkins will entertain the Sewing Circle at the Antioch Baptist Church next Thursday afternoon.

## Entertained Friends.

Mrs. David Jackson of W. Jefferson street, entertained a number of her friends and visitors. The night was a trifle cooler than the warm day previous. A large crowd was present and all seemed to have well spent the evening.

There is not a more high class store with better grade Men's Wearings than Carlock's.

## Decision in Edwards Case.

The interstate commerce commission in a decision to-day in the case of Georgia Edwards against the Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad held that where a railroad provides certain accommodations for a first-class passenger of the white race it is commanded by the law that like accommodations shall be provided for negroes who have purchased first class tickets. It holds that in this case it is manifest the railroad has unduly and unjustly discriminated in some particulars against co-passengers, and orders that where the railroad provides a wash bowl and towels in the coaches for white passengers and a separate smoking compartment, similar accommodations shall be provided for negro passengers paying similar fare.

The complainant, who has purchased a first class ticket from Chattanooga to Dalton, Ga., was removed from a car for white persons to one for negroes, and complained that she was discriminated against because of her color and not afforded equal facilities. Commissioner Lane, who rendered the decision of the commission to-day held:

"The expense of the small smoking compartment in the latter (the car for white) accounts for nearly all the difference in cost between the two cars."

He holds that the broad question of the right under the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments to the constitution to segregate white and colored passengers has been upheld by the supreme court of the United States.

### The opinion continues:

"Accepting these decisions as conclusive upon the constitutionality of such laws, we turn to the consideration of the reasonableness of such a rule when imposed by the carrier, and this we find to have been passed upon by this commission within a few months of its organization in the case of Council versus Western and Atlantic railroad company, which was decided Dec. 3, 1887, and which held this separation may be carried out on all railroad trains without any advantage to either race and with increased comfort to both.

"Again in Heard versus Georgia Railroad company, decided, Feb. 15, 1888, the commission held the separation of the white and colored passengers paying the same fare is not unlawful, if cars and accommodations equal in all respects are furnished to both, and the same cars and protection of passengers.

"While, therefore, the reasonableness of such regulation as to interstate passenger traffic is established it by no means follows that carriers may discriminate between white and colored passengers in the accommodations which they furnish to each: The principle that must serve equally well all passengers, whether white or colored, paying the same fare. Failure to do this is discrimination and subjects passengers to undue and unreasonable prejudice and disadvantage.