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**EDITORIAL**

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Our esteemed contemporary, The Leader, says the mast head "Col. W. J. Bryan is the logical candidate of the common people for President in 1908, that includes the Negroes." A few inches lower down in the same column, he says "Senator Foraker is making a fight for the Presidential nomination, a million and a half Negro voters are with him to stay."

That seems to be all the Negro voters in both North and South America, where will Bryan take in any Negro votes if Foraker has 1,500,000 Bro. Scott? What do you mean by saying Bryan is the "logical candidate?" By reason of what? Three times defeated. That is not logic. Logic is the science of reason, we say a man is a logical candidate for a place, by reason of the fact that he has done certain things and is backed by strong forces, etc., and would be a detriment to not chose him. Bro. Scott will have to straighten up his logic and his mathematical propositions or else the people will think him demagogic in politics or incongruous in his rhetoric and grammar.

We honestly ask that he explain why he says Bryan is the "logical candidate for the common people, including Negroes," and also where he gets 1,500,000 Negro voters who are with Foraker to stay; ad interim? Here is where to show up some "logic."

**Negroes Want to be Elks.**

An attorney representing the secretary of state of the Kentucky Grand Lodge of Elks and the Frankfort lodge of that order, to day filed answer to the petition recently filed by Falls City Lodge No. 44, of the improved and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, an organization of Negroes, who are seeking to compel the secretary of state to issue to their organization a charter under the Kentucky laws. The secretary of state says the real parties at interest are the grand lodge and Frankfort lodge, and asks that they be made defendants with him. He sets forth several reasons why the charter should not be granted and declared the organizers of the plaintiff lodge adopted the same name set out in its articles with the design to imitate the name of the Grand Lodge and other Elks' lodges;

and did so "fraudulently, wrongfully and illegally."

The case will come to trial in September. It has attracted attention in Elk circles all over the United States and will likely be dealt with by the grand lodge of the order in annual session next week at Philadelphia.

Even though it is hot, remember how crazy you women are for those \$50 furs.

If you want to make some money, run an Excursion.

After reading the Bible, if the people would just go by it.

Did you know the people who pay their debts usually get along better than the other fellow.

**Negroes will be Issue in next Campaign.**

According to the New England conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, in session at Boston; the action of President Roosevelt in discharging the Brownville troops will become an issue at the next campaign. The conference adopted a resolution roasting the president, and intimating that his action was an insult to the South.

"Slavery is dead," says the resolution, "but the spirit of southern oligarchy still lives."

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Parties will please give their addresses and names plainly to Miss Hoagland so we can be assured of getting your paper to you. Don't make chronic complaint to Miss Hoagland but see your mail carrier and when you fail to get your paper regularly notify us or her as patiently as possible.—Editor.

**J. S. D. Lee with A. J. Gordon.**

J. S. D. Lee, a prominent colored man of Springfield and one of our most respectable citizens, a shoe maker by trade of some note has gone into partnership business with A. J. Gordon. Mr. Lee is a man highly respected for his sterling qualities and economical proclivities, owning a nice home on East Adams St. and having well educated his children, for which he is to be especially praised. He is desirous to have all his friends who are legions, call and see him as of yore, 822 E Washington St.

**Notice!**

I have been called away to Mississippi on account of the serious illness of my mother, all parties, therefore, who want any special advertising for Aug 6th big number will please get same in, also any cuts or photos. Always find out the cost. The management of The Forum has been left in the hands of Miss Snowden, so you will please see her for same or Mr. Barbour.

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