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THE FULL DINNER PAIL

The Peace and Prosperity of Colorado Demand the Re-election of a Republican Administration and the Defeat of "Reformers"

Upon the outcome of the coming election rests in a large degree the prosperity of the state for the next two years. The Statesman does not favor voting on political questions or upon candidates from a mere sentimental view, and so in supporting the Republican ticket this year we feel that we have made a choice which will be best for the continued prosperity and peace of our state. Bringing the matter down to a narrower and more personal view, the vilification and misrepresentation of the Negro as the chief campaign argument of the Democratic party in Georgia, certainly makes us prefer even supine friendship to active enmity.

The Democratic platform is replete with promises of the most sweeping reforms; denunciations thunder through it of everything from the Supreme Court down to the smallest detail of government. If we did not recall bitterly the experiences of the national government with Democratic incompetency at law-making, we would still be loathe to commit ourselves to this drastic program of the Patterson machine, for has not part of it turned state's evidence and branded the platform as a delusive snare to catch votes? Then there is the Lindsey Democracy that is having rather a sea-sick time. The judge is a nice little man, but an independent move is short lived at best. Negroes start in anything at the bottom and have to have time to get any standing. Lindseyism won't live long enough for us.

So it comes down to why we should

support the Republican ticket since there is no reason for support of the Democratic party either in its simon purity or in the mongrel. The good sense of the state may be submerged for the while by yellow press distortions of fact; the demagogue may thrive on the human tendency to change with or without reason, but time bring out all the more clearly the advantages which we have enjoyed during two years of peace in this storm-tossed, union-ridden state, and reports from all parts indicate that prosperity is not to be sacrificed for the problematical performances of Democracy. Six years ago Mark Hanna as campaign manager for the national Republican party, secured a most overwhelming majority for McKinley. He had one slogan, and the American people were too sensible to be led off by vacuous promises of Democracy and exchange prosperity for experimental government. So now in Colorado "the full dinner pail" pleads for the re-election of a Republican administration. No Coloradoan but knows the labor difficulties with which the state has been hampered. Life and property have been held at hazardous risk and only the militia could insure any kind of safety. Now all has changed. The bitterest enemy of the Republican party does not deny the results. Democracy, unable to remove the monumental evidence of a business-like, equitable administration of the state's affairs, must sling mud in a campaign of vilification. It seeks to deface what it cannot destroy.

The personnel of the Republican ticket is good. Candidates have been chosen who have capabilities for the offices they seek. Not so many promises appear in the Republican platform, and since a few good laws are all that one Legislature can pass, there is every probability that the party will maintain its good faith with the people by carrying out its platform to the letter.

The Colorado Fuel and Iron Company will give employment to as many Negroes as apply in its various departments in this state, and has now in the steel works at Pueblo the largest number ever on its pay roll; the beet sugar factories are offering Negroes good wages for cultivating beets on company land, with a bonus of the land itself after so long a time. Denver has employment for every Negro who really is seeking work; so why should we give up a prosperity which is for the sake of electing a blatant lot caught two years ago with the stolen goods on them? Why should we seek to add prestige to a party that uses us for political argument only, even going to the extreme of misrepresentation as has just happened in Georgia? We would not accuse Colorado Democrats of blackening white men's faces and having them commit assaults on white women so as to lay charges of criminal assault on Negroes as Hoke Smith did in Georgia, but if Colorado sends a delegation to Congress it will echo the sentiment of the dominating southern faction. If we send a Republican Legislature to our state house and it elects a Republican senator, we

may count on one more vote for the fulfillment of the Republican national platform of two years ago.

This year has witnessed for the first time a colored man in a position of authority in political matters in Colorado, with workers to hire and pay, with plans to make and carry out for the good of the Republican party. It has found colored business and professional men awakening to their duties as well as privileges in politics. All this is preliminary to a fairer share in the after-election results than has yet come to the Negro. A thoughtful review of the arguments to be made on the various sides and an understanding of our conditions will convince Negroes of their duty at this election.

With our industrial and our political future hinging upon the success of the Republican party, we must register. We must work for victory as never before. Vote! Vote for the "full dinner pail." Vote for the full enfranchisement of the Negro!

SPEAKERS ABOUT TO TOUR THE STATE.

The citizens of the various cities of Colorado will be visited by speakers of note in the course of the next few days who will expound the facts in the campaign so that he who runs may read.

Crater of Mauna Loa.

The crater of Mauna Loa, in the Sandwich islands, the largest volcano in the world, is twenty miles in diameter. Sometimes the stream of lava issuing from it is fifty miles long.