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TIME FOR REFLECTION

With the election just four weeks from next Tuesday, the time for sober thought and sound reflection is at hand. We are being confronted daily with the issues of the campaign, with its multifarious discussions, and every citizen of this grand country must by this time have full knowledge of the party platforms and the party candidates. So we repeat, that the time for sober thought is at hand. And again, as usual the Negro question is injected into the campaign, purely for campaign purposes, it would seem. For if there be those politicians and race leaders who feel to advise that the Negro should support the Democratic ticket, such advice is given without sober thought and good judgment.

The Democratic party promises the Negro nothing in return for his suffrage. It makes no platform pledges concerning his franchise rights which are denied in the Southland, right at this minute. It gives him no encouragement even as an humble citizen of this great country. But even if Mr. Bryan's party platform is silent, his party's record stands as an open book and tells the story of lynchings, burning, peonage, disfranchisement, anti-educational laws and a closed door to a race of people whose chief sin is a black skin, and in the face of such a record, could there be found one who would conscientiously support the Democratic party.

We doubt if the Brownsville case warrants any such conclusions, for what the colored man to gain by defeating the only party that ever befriended him, for a party that has always been his sworn enemy and persecutor, and is the same today as yesterday. What principle is to be established by voting the Democratic ticket for one such offense, when the Democratic party has been guilty not of one, but of thousands of even greater crimes?

And while Mr. Bryan is willing that the Negro might be fooled into voting for him, on the other hand, the Democratic south is just as bitter against the Negro as is evidenced by the following from the Jacksonville (Miss.) News, concerning the Negro vote, which we publish in full elsewhere in this issue. Says the News in summing up the votes of the Negro in the Northern states:

It is thus apparent that the negro votes are so distributed in the Northern states that they cannot hold, or control, the balance of power in a Presidential election, taking as a basis for this conclusion the vote in the three Presidential elections for 1896, 1900 and 1904.

These statistical figures show very clearly and unquestionably that, giving the solid negro vote of the Northern states to Mr. Bryan, he would still be far short of an election. And this must prove a gratifying view for the Southern white men, who stand invincibly for white political supremacy, and who cannot contemplate with any toleration the idea of the Northern negroes holding the balance of power in a Presidential election, in which they will control and decide the destiny and policy of the nation between two national political parties. Such a state of affairs would be bad for the country, and would prove a calamity to the South. Nobody appreciates more accurately and intelligently than the Southern men the significance of and sad consequences of such an event.

If Mr. Bryan is elected, it will be by the white voters of the United States, and not by lugging the negro back into politics. The Daily News has heretofore said, and here reiterates, that the white Democrats of the South would rather sustain another defeat than to see Mr. Bryan elected if his victory carries with it a pledge to extend political recognition to the negro and accord to him office-holding privileges.

SENATOR FORAKER.

Senator Foraker is again before the American people pleading for somebody. In his characteristic way he "muddies the oil" by asking, "What does he mean? Does anybody imagine that the President is unable to see that he is rubbing a sore he should have brought a plaster? Does he imagine, or can anybody suppose, that the Republican colored voters of this country can be brought to the support of Judge Taft by parading in these closing days of the campaign Judge Taft's belittling of their chief grievance by mentioning it as 'an incidental matter' which has been seized upon and magnified, using in this without scruple a blind race prejudice, and then adding the charge that all this is done only to embarrass the Administration of President Roosevelt? and we are constrained to ask of the Senator, "What does he mean?" Does he imagine that the colored brother does not know that the United States senatorship is the stake being played for and not Brownsville? and that the Negro judges his friends by their unselfish acts and devotion, rather than by word of mouth.

THE NEW LOCAL OPTION LAW.

The local option law enacted by the special session of the legislature provides that whenever a petition has been signed and filed with the county auditor praying for the Board of Commissioners of any county for the privilege of determining by ballot whether the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage shall be prohibited within the limits of such county, such Board of Commissioners, at its next regular session, shall order a special election election to be held at the usual places for holding general elections.

The ballots in special election shall be in the following form:

[YES] Shall the sale of intoxicating [NO] liquors as a beverage be prohibited?

All votes marked with a cross in the square containing the word "yes" shall be counted in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and all votes marked with a cross in the square containing the word "no" shall be counted opposed to prohibiting such sale.

Whenever an election has been held under the provisions of this act, no subsequent election shall be held thereunder until the expiration of at least two years from the last preceding election.

Upon investigation the Recorder finds that the colored vote, almost to a unit, is in favor of the Republican county, Congressional and State tickets, and this is a natural conclusion for the open door of political opportunity, in Indiana is the gift of the Republican party. There is a fear that a Democratic governor and a Democratic legislature would lose but little time in passing disfranchisement laws in Indiana for political supremacy, for Mr. Kern publicly admits the large Negro vote always defeats the Democratic party. Even the most rabid of the "Brownsville sympathizers" know that the best interests and the best government of the people is secured at the hands of the Republicans. Not only in Marion county, but in many other Indiana counties is the colored vote rewarded with political office, which would not be under Democratic rule.

For Congress,
JESSE OVERSTREET.
For Judge Circuit Court,
HENRY CLAY ALLEN.
For Prosecuting Attorney,
HARRY O. CHAMBERLIN.
For Judge Superior Court, Room 4,
LAWSON M. HARVEY.

For Judge Superior Court, Room 5,
CHARLES T. HANNA.
For Judge Probate Court,
MERLE N. A. WALKER.
For Judge Juvenile Court,
GEORGE W. STUBBS.

For State Senators,
WM. E. ENGLISH,
JAMES T. LAYMAN,
ALFRED F. POTTS.
For Representatives,
JAMES A. ALLISON,
THOMAS A. DAILY,
JOHN F. ENGELKE,
RUSSELL B. HARRISON,
W. D. HEADRICK,
JAMES M. OGDEN,
FRANK C. OLIVE,
SAMUEL K. RUICK.

For Treasurer,
EDWARD J. ROBINSON.
For Sheriff,
JOSEPH L. HOGUE.
For Coroner,
GUSTAV A. PETERSDORF.
For Surveyor,
HENRY W. KLAUSMANN.

For Commissioner Second District,
JOHN R. ALLEN.
For Commissioner Third District,
ALVY JAY.

Miss Mable Reno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Reno, of 917 W. 25th street, left for Chicago, Ill., with her aunt, Mrs. M. M. Pickinpack, where she will stay for six months, and will take up the trade of dress making.

Jesse Overstreet

In the present campaign, one question of vital interest to the Negro voters should be the proper selection of representatives to the National House of Congress. In this, the 7th Congressional district of Indiana, the Negro is happy and deservedly cared for in the person of Hon. Jesse Overstreet as Congressman who has represented this district in Congress for 14 years. His length of service and his various appointment on important committees, has rendered his presence available, not only to the Negro voters of this state and country, but to all citizens desiring effective administration in the halls of Congress. Mr. Overstreet



Congressman Jesse Overstreet

is a member of the Monetary Commission and also a member of the Postal Commission, two of the largest and important affairs of Congress, and enjoying a distinction as a member of these commissions that is not enjoyed by any other member of Congress which illustrates his worth to Congress, his district and the country at large.

The Recorder is glad to espouse the cause of such a man of ability and integrity and feels certain that the Negro voters will do their part in electing him.

Edward Robinson

Most Popular and Efficient Treasurer Marion County ever Elected

The Recorder takes pleasure in presenting to its many readers the candidacy of Mr. Edward J. Robinson, the present incumbent, for his re-election to the Treasurer'ship of this county. Mr. Robinson has escaped the scrutinizing eye of all opponents and enemies relative to "graft" during his present term, for the expressed reason that he has conducted the office in an honest, business like manner and has given the taxpayers an honest and conscientious account of their taxes.

The books of this office are open to all taxpayers, and any one else desiring to investigate them. Mr. Robinson courts investigation of the books in this office, and also of his conduct in charge of the same. It is very pleasing to know that this office is being conducted in a manner above the reproach of the most suspecting, as well as the small taxpayer and for such Mr. Robinson deserves the credit for doing his duty as Treasurer. His re-election should appeal to all desiring such an administration.



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Last Week for Moving.

Saturday of this week will be the last day of grace upon which any one who desires to vote at the coming election election can change his residence and still retain his right of suffrage. The law requires that a voter must be a resident of his precinct for at least thirty days before the date of election and those voters who desire to move will have to do so Saturday, Oct. 31st he desires to retain his vote.

For Allen.

Sir—Why should not Henry C. Allen who is now judge of the Marion Circuit Court, be retained in that position during another term? I defy any man to give a reasonable answer to this question.

Wealth has been arrayed against poverty, the high against the low, the black against the white, yet on all such occasions he has without bias or prejudice administered justice and equity to the best of his ability.

Such men as Judge Allen are of the character that the people, regardless of politics, should select to represent them in public offices.

Mr. Wm. Pickens insignificant effort recently to injure Judge Allen is not worthy of notice. A lawyer suggested the probable motive in view. In the case of Shiel vs. Shilz Brewery Co. before Judge Allen. Mr. Pickens attorney for defendant. He was defeated by Capt. Ritter.

A. H. DICKEY.

Allen C. Simms

Allen C. Simms, chief clerk in the city controller's office, is one of the well known colored politicians of Marion county. To say that he stands well with the political leaders of the Republican party would be putting it mildly, for Mr. Simms possesses the knack of "delivering the goods," and that is the one thing essential not only in politics but in every vocation in life.



ALLEN C. SIMMS

He came to this city when quite a lad, and attended the city schools, later on he entered the Bryant & Stratton Business college, where he finished that course. For eight years he was shipping clerk at Fahney & McCrea's Millinery store and his first entry into political office was a clerkship under County Treasurer Wm. H. Schmidt, and for four years County Treasurer Armin Koebne retained Mr. Simms in his same place during his term in office, and he also served a year and a half under Treasurer O. P. Ensley, when he resigned to accept a clerkship in the office of County Auditor C. Clark.

When Mayor Hookwalter was chosen as the chief executive of the city, one of the first selections in making up his official family was that of Mr. Simms, whose position is one requiring a large amount of tact and discretion as well as the ability. As chief clerk Mr. Simms is in charge of the bond department of the city, and the report of the city controller for 1907, shows that municipal bonds alone to the amount of \$541,387.83 were issued. It is common knowledge that A. C. Simms is one of the best posted men on bonds in the city, and his services are in demand by business men every day.

Mr. Simms lives at 1314 N. Capital Avenue. He is also a trustee in Bethel A. M. E. Church and for years has served as secretary of the Fidelity Saving and Loan Association, a race institution. He is the ex-treasurer of the Summer League, and a director in the colored Pythian Castle Hall Association of this city.

Mr. Simms receives a salary of \$100.00 per month, as deputy clerk, which is the largest amount paid any Negro now holding political office.

CHURCH NOTES.

Freemont Free Baptist church, 2124 Martindale avenue—Services: Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; communion, fourth Sunday in each month. You are invited to attend our meetings. Rev. Jos. Anderson, pastor; Mrs. Emma Turner, clerk.

First Baptist church, North Indianapolis, Rev. F. F. Young, pastor. Sunday school at 9 a. m. V. Jones, superintendant. Attendance 45 Collection \$5.00, given to Rev. Farmer on suit.

Sunday was an overflow of the spirit and attendance. Preaching during the day by Rev. Rider, Rev. R. B. Roberts and pastor. Collection \$15.46 One addition. Our church is doing well \$110.00 in the treasury. Winter coal in and paid for. We will plant our church and start our bell to ringing, and soon celebrate the anniversary of the church.

The Young Peoples South Side church will meet at 540 Jones street, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Allen's Chapel—10:45 a. m. General class, with a short talk, 8 p. m. preaching; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; C. E. at 7 p. m., strangers all welcome, Geo. C. Sampson, pastor.

Preaching at Wayman chapel tomorrow at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Mrs. Mary Wilson, Evangelist; Rev. Geo. C. Sampson, Overseight.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The activities of the fall and winter seasons were started last Sunday with a swing; the Bible rally was a success, and the gymnasium class started on Monday night with a great deal of life and what is hoped to be the best season of all. All men who are interested in athletics should join this class each member receives a medical examination and a record is kept of his physical condition. These classes meet on each Monday and Friday evening at eight o'clock; come up and see the men at play.

The Tuesday night Bible class that started for the season on last Tuesday night bids fair to become one of the most popular clubs in existence around the association today. Life Problems is the name of the course, subject tomorrow, "The choosing of a Life work." No fee, no collection, Rev. D. F. White, instructor.

The McColl Bible class had twenty-five men out last Sunday morning, came out at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Board of Directors were called in a special session on learning of the death of Mr. Chadwell, and resolutions presented by Dr. H. L. Hummons were adopted, also a floral emblem of the Association was sent to the house. The Gen'l Sec'y represented the Ass'n at the funeral.

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Obituary

Y. M. C. A. Resolutions

Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors in special sessions Sept. 25, 1908.

Whereas, the late George M. Chadwell, a member of this body has been removed from our midst by death:

Resolved: That by his death we have lost a valuable member, whose wise councils, extensive information and courteous manner had won our esteem and admiration:

Resolved: That the sympathy of this organization be extended to the Widow and Family of our deceased fellow member, committing them in this hour of their bereavement to the kindly consolation of Him who does all things well:

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary of this body be sent to the Widow of the George M. Chadwell:

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Colored Y. M. C. A. and a copy be sent to the Recorder for publication.

Recital at Simpson A. M. Chapel.

Prof. James E. McGirt, the famous poet and editor of McGirt's Magazine, is in the city, and will give a poetic and dramatic recital at Simpson Chapel A. M. E. Church, Thursday night, Oct. 8th. Prof. McGirt is declared to be the greatest living poet of the colored race.

The Women's Club will meet at Mrs. Blanche Cook's, 641 Ft. Wayne Avenue, Monday afternoon.

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