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No republican can find any plausible excuse for not voting for every nominee on his party ticket, from Taft to Wilson. The county ticket is composed of first class men, men who were nominated by the people themselves at a popular primary, and they ought to receive the vote of every republican.

At the State election in Georgia last week an amendment was adopted to the constitution of the State disfranchising all colored men. Such is democracy. Colored men of Indiana had better be on their guard lest they are treated likewise, in case of democratic success in this State next November.

Hoke Smith, who is speaking for the democrats in this state, declared when he was a candidate for re-election as governor of Georgia this year, that "I favor, and if elected will urge with all my power the elimination of the negro from politics."

A vote for Bryan is an endorsement of the position of Hoke Smith, for Bryan has explicitly done so himself.

If there is ever a time that republicans are in duty bound to support the nominees of their party, it is in a Presidential year when the record of the party for the past four years and its policies for the next four years are to be approved or disapproved. If you do not support the party you are not accord with its principles and policies. In other words, you are not a republican.

If the position of Bryan, Tillman, and other democratic statesmen is correct, then it was a very great mistake, if not a crime, to have conferred the elective franchise on colored men, and should be corrected as soon as possible in order to preserve the civilization of the country. Of course, every honest man who knows enough to get out of the rain, knows that the southern democrats simply use such expressions as a cloak to undo by legislation what was accomplished by the great Republican party after the civil war. It is a pity that this question should be an issue in a political contest at this late day. Who is responsible for it? Not the Republicans nor the colored people, but Bryan and his southern supporters. This is the paramount issue to colored men every where. When the colored republicans give those fellows who to be republicans, but who are always found at the critical moment heading so-called independent movements, among a certain element, to understand that they are not regarded as republicans, but democrats, then we will not be bothered with them in the future. They have a legal right to be whatever they please, but they cannot sail under false colors.

The old political adage that reads, "As goes Indiana, so goes the nation" presages the success of the Republican ticket from President Taft down to Isidor Wilson for township trustee, for Indiana is safe and sound within the Republican ranks, and there is no disaffection within the breast of the colored citizens of sufficient moment to cause desertion of the Republican ship for the Democratic sea. The Republican nominees on the

State, district and county tickets are able and efficient men, deserving of your support and confidence.

OUR NEXT PRESIDENT

William H. Taft will be the next President of the United States. No intelligent negro doubts that Taft will be elected. Yet it is deliberately proposed by a few misguided negroes that negroes shall vote for Bryan, whose electoral votes will come almost entirely from the south, the old Confederate states where the negro is disfranchised, lynched, often with horrible tortures, and treated on the whole as cruelly as in the days of slavery.

The Northern negro is called upon to put these lynchers and burners and negro haters into power at Washington, with the authority of the Federal government behind them, and the army and navy of the United States at their command. He is called upon by professed friends, who are his real enemies, to sever himself from the National Republican party and join the Bryan democracy, whose chief, William J. Bryan has sought to justify the Southern Democratic policy of denying the suffrage to negroes.

What good could be accomplished by such a course it is impossible to perceive, although it is easy to see that much evil might follow. The Republican party would be relieved from any further obligation to the colored men. The Democratic party, it is certain, would not change its stripes any more than the leopard its skin, but, on the contrary, would regard the negro as having approved, by his vote in the North, Democratic oppression and disfranchisement of his race in the south.

The negro, having deserted the party which has always been his friend, will be left without any friend, unless willing to fawn upon the Southern white as a spaniel fawn on its master.

It is no wonder that leaders of the negro race, who look to the future as well as to the past, and who know that the Republican party offers to the negro his only prospect of political, social and intellectual advancement, protest firmly against the proposal to hand over the race to be dragged again in shackles at the chariot wheels of Democracy.

The negro will share, as every citizen will share, in the benefits of good government under William H. Taft, who says that to him the black American is the same as the white American, and it make no difference in Mr. Taft's attitude toward the negro whether the latter had voted for him or not. But it would make a difference in the attitude of the Republican party, and it would go down in history as an act of baseness the perfidy of which would be equalled only by its folly.

We have confidence, however, that the colored race will prove itself worthy of all that the Republican party has done for it by helping to elect President, one of the best men ever nominated for that office since the Union was formed, William H. Taft, of Ohio.

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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, clk.

The first quarterly meeting held at Jones Tabernacle last Sunday was largely attended. The afternoon service at which Rev. Geo. C. Sampson of Allen chapel preached the sacramental sermon was one of the largest and most enthusiastic communion services in this church for a long time, the other pastors present were Revda. Davis, Fenderson, Harding and Winfield.

Tomorrow the pastor, Rev. Callis will deliver two special sermons; at 1 p. m., subject, "The Triumph of the Cross," and at 7:30 p. m., "Good Citizenship, or the Negro a Good Citizen."

A literary contest at Allen chapel, on Wednesday evening Oct. 23, good music by Junior choir and others.

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Rescue Home Fund.

Zion M. E. church, Blackford street, \$5.83; Corinthian Baptist, \$1.84; Union Zion Baptist, \$3.03; Second Baptist, \$1.00; Shiloh, Baptist, \$2.55; South Calvary, \$.55c; Metropolitan Baptist, \$.85c; Minority Sec. Baptist, \$1.85; Trinity Baptist, \$2.19; Mt. Paran Baptist, \$1.17; Antioc Baptist, \$1.50; First Baptist, Haughville, \$1.10; N. Indp. Baptist, \$.85c; New Hope Baptist, .60c; First Baptist, Irvington, \$1.05; Union Tabernacle, \$1.65; Second Baptist, Franklin, \$4.00; Shelton & Willis, 25c; H. L. Sanders, 50c; Hod Barrie's Union, \$2.25; Ferdinand Young, \$1.00; L. S. Avers, \$1.00; When Clotting Store, \$5.00; J. T. Howe, \$5.00; Federation Womens Club, Convention Muncie, Ind., \$1.00; State Convention Sisters of charity, Indianapolis, \$4.00; Louis Pink, \$2.00; G. W. Cable, \$1.00; Miss Colton Smith, \$1.00; R. P. Biotau, \$1.00; A. B. Keppot Co., \$1.00; Mrs. W. A. Clark, 50c; Mrs. Carrie Ross, 50c; Mrs. Angie Covington, 35c; Mrs. Ella Williams, 25c.

As to his record Sanders says that he holds seven discharges and the character endorsements