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## WHERE BRYAN STANDS.

We hope that every Afro-American voter will not fail to pay special attention to the following from the Washington Evening Star: The Omaha Bee, on the subject of the Negro and suffrage, says:

"It would be interesting to know Mr. Bryan thinks of the question. The southern wing of the Democratic party, which dominates the organization, should be magnanimous and allow Mr. Bryan to tell the northern people, particularly the northern Negroes, where he stands on the question of Negro disfranchisement."

"This is a useless inquiry. Mr. Bryan's position is thoroughly plain. He stands just where Mr. Cleveland stood, and just where any other man bearing the national standard of the Democracy would be obliged to stand. He approves of the Negro disfranchisements in the South, and if Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri should join the states which have already acted he would approve that. Any other position would be impossible for him. The disfranchisements already affected will give him nearly forty unconstitutional votes, all of his calculations include that strength. Were he to decry it, and announce a purpose, if elected, to press for an enforcement of the amendments covering the matter, he would commit political suicide. He would lose the whole support of the South, and go down in a defeat which would make Judge Parker's defeat look almost like a triumph by comparison."

Any reasonable man can readily see that the statements of the Star are reasonable deductions from the surroundings in which Mr. Bryan finds himself. His only hope of election lies in the South, and he dares not utter one word in condemnation of the most atrocious acts of that section of the country. He even contradicted the statement of some prominent colored men who claimed to have satisfactory assurances from him. He utterly failed to endorse the statements of Mr. Watterson. It is true that he may have made some promises that he would do some favors for such northern Afro-Americans as would try to secure for him a portion of the vote of their race in the North, but, if he did so, he used every precaution to prevent the fact from becoming known in the South.

The election of Judge Taft is the only possible preventative of such a fearful calamity to the race as the installing of a Solid South Supreme Courts. Great efforts are being made to induce Afro-American voters to fritter away their votes among the Socialists, Populists, Prohibitionists and other side show parties, to do anything except to support Judge Taft, but we feel confident that the mass of the voters will never be led into such an act of consummate folly.

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managers are offering negroes in exchange for their votes. If it is to be patronage, the southern democrat will have a reckoning on that score at a later day. If patronage has been promised with no intention of keeping the promise, Mr. Bryan and his managers would stand discredited as tricksters and political swindlers. If not patronage, the only other offer would be money, and it cannot be believed that Mr. Bryan would indulge in that kind of thing.

The truth is, Mr. Bryan and his managers have nothing to offer the negro in exchange for his vote. They cannot give the negroes office, and they would not dare give them anything else, even if the negro would be willing to accept it.

Though seeking votes, Mr. Bryan does not dare publicly to declare his views on questions that affect the negro race.

Bruce L. Keenan of Tahlequah, nominee for presidential elector on the republican ticket in Oklahoma, addressed not long ago a letter to Mr. Bryan that put the latter's sincerity to a severe test. Mr. Bryan received the letter, but did not reply to it. Keenan pledged himself to vote for Mr. Bryan if the latter would make public his views on any of the seven proposals. Mr. Keenan's offer was as follows:

1. State if you approve in a general way the course of southern sentiment on the race question, as indicated by constitutional and legislative enactments on the suffrage question respecting franchise, and if you would approve a change in the national constitution so that this program could be said to be within and not without the constitution.

If you approve this course of your southern allies I will support you for having the courage to say so; if you do not approve of this course of the "solid south," and will say so, I will support you for having the courage to tell them wherein they are wrong.

The thirteenth amendment to the federal constitution abolished slavery; the fourteenth, gave civil rights to the freed people; the fifteenth prohibited suffrage on disqualification on account of race.

It is almost certain that the Supreme Court of the United States will be reorganized during the next four years; and of course, should Mr. Bryan be elected, he will do the work. In so doing he would be compelled to be governed in his choice of the new justices by the wishes of the South, and in a little time, the supreme bench would have a majority of justices entirely ready and willing to reaffirm Judge Taney's distum.

There is no surmise about this statement, and the statement needs no proof, being self-evident in character.

In view of this fact, for Afro-Americans to vote for the election of Mr. Bryan, would be moonstruck madness. Even under existing conditions, the Afro-American derives but little benefit from the decisions of the courts; under such courts as would be constituted under the Bryan regime, he would have no protection whatever either in the North or the South.

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For Congress,  
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We present regards and request the pleasure of yourself and company to be present at our party on the eve of All Saints Day; Saturday evening, Oct. 31, at the True Reformers Hall. Come mump with friends; hob-goblins and spooks at the Pastime Club. Admission 25 cents.

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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, clerk.

Bethel Sunday-School boys' class no. 8, will give a masque concert on Thursday evening Oct. 29th, for the benefit of the piano fund. All who wish are invited to mask; come and have a merry time.

Allen Chapel A. M. E. church service at 10:45, subject: "Civic Righteousness"; 8:00 p.m. subject: "The Father's warning." Sunday-school at 2:00 p.m.; Class Endeavor at 7: p.m.; All are welcome. Rev. Geo. C. Sampson, pastor.

First Baptist church of North Indianapolis, Rev. F. F. Young, pastor, Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. by Rev. C. C. Wilson, in which his presence and sermon was enjoyed by all and was remembered by an offering. Pastor spoke at 8:00 p.m. One addition and \$8 collection. Tomorrow at 3: p.m., the Lord's Supper to which you are invited. We look for Oliver, Garfield, Anioch and Tabernacle churches especially.

A Harvest Home Dinner, at Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church, corner of North and Blackford, Sts., Monday evening; Oct. 26, 1908—From 4: p.m. to 10: p.m.; Diner 15 cts Rev. H. J. Callis, Pastor.

A lecture by Rev. G. Wm. Ward at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, corner of 12th and Fayette, Sts., Monday evening—The Harvest Home Sermon at 10:45 a.m. In the evening the pastor will preach on "Sowing and Reaping." Rev. H. J. Callis, pastor.

St. Paul's Temple, A. M. E. church Services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sabbath school at 2:30. Rev. G. H. White, pastor.

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W. A. Kersey to Speak in State

Mr. W. A. Kersey, will go to South Bend, Ind., Monday, to address the Republican citizens; on the issue of the campaign. It is by request that Mr. Kersey will speak in that city.

Hallowe'en caravat at the residence of Mrs. J. T. Hill 1611 Martindale ave. on Friday evening Oct 30th, public invited.

The Campbell Mite Missionary Society will meet Wednesday Oct. 28th, with Mrs. Ayre of Covington 919 Camp street. A good program will be presented and the Rev. G. H. Shaffers, will address the society. All members are requested to be present.

A grand hallowe'en masque party will be given for the benefit of the Boys' Club gymnasium fund Saturday evening, Oct. 31. Prizes will be given for the best representation of a Nation, a character and comic costume. Robert Millers, Orchestra, Admission 25¢.

The E. B. Delaney "Missionary Society" will give a hallowe'en social Saturday night Oct. 31, at the residence of S. Johnson, 1121 N. Senate, Ave., Admission 5cts. Mrs. Laura Breedlove, Pres.

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Friendship Lodge and St. Mary Temple will have a Hallowe'en entertainment at their hall, corner Court and Delaware streets, Friday evening Oct. 31. Admission 10cts. Mrs. Susie Donald chairman. Committee on Refreshments. Jonathan Camp, will drill.

## A Faithful Servant

The renomination and candidacy of Hon. Jesse Overstreet meets the approbation of the colored voters in the 7th Congressional District. Mr. Overstreet stands in the front rank of the members of the National Congress as a statesman and a loyal representative to his district. He justly deserves his reputation as a representative of the people and not of the classes. He bears an integral part of all the great and beneficial legislation of congress and stands for clean, high minded, vigorous, progressive and business conduct in public life. He is broad

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Mr. Wm. Hughes of Chicago, was in the city last week, visiting his family, at 1743 Carroll St. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clay, were greatly surprised last Sunday morning of their new born baby, at 7: p.m.

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