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An Appeal to the Colored Women Voters

Can Never Again Vote the Republican Ticket in this State Unless the Lissner-Johnson Machine is smashed.

In the last two issues of this journal a strong appeal was made to the thoughtful, manly, self-respecting Negro men voters to rebuke the Lissner-Johnson machine of this State by casting their votes for Wilson. That is the method that will be pursued by the disfranchised Taft voters. There is but one way to punish the office-holders for injustice and breach of faith and that is to vote against them whenever opportunity presents itself.

It is indeed gratifying to know that our appeals have met with a responsive chord throughout the State. In making this appeal to the colored women voters of the State we do so with the full assurance that it will not be made in vain. For the women voters know that *The Liberator* was the only Negro paper in the State that made a fight for their enfranchisement. This it did because it regards women as not only the equal of men but as entitled to every right vouchsafed for them. That freedom and equal opportunity is the property of no special race, class, or sex, but the common heritage of all. With that as our battle cry, the manly men of the State were won over to the holy cause and the noble women of California after centuries of enslavement were made free.

It is to maintain that freedom and equal opportunity for the black women of this State along with others that calls forth this appeal.

Roosevelt not entitled to your Support.

The most ardent supporter of Col. Roosevelt can show no reason why the Negro men and women voters anywhere should support him. If at any time or place he has shown any friendship for the Negro the public would like to know it. He was President of the United States for seven years and during that time the Negroes were disfranchised, jim crowed and lynched everywhere; and their rights disregarded and trampled under foot by those so disposed. And yet during those whole seven years his messages to Congress contained not one word or suggestion against those flagrant violations of the Federal Constitution. While calling the attention of Congress to the necessity of protecting the orange orchards of California and Florida and the means of exterminating the bole weevil in the South, no recommendation was made against the wholesale destruction of the lives, rights and property of the American citizens of color. In view of the hostility shown to the Southern Negroes by the Progressive Convention at Chicago, at his suggestion, and his "Julian Harris Letter," this coupled with his seven years record as President of the United States regarding the life and liberty of the American Negroes, can you or your children hope for anything by his elevation to the presidency! Would it not be safe, in this case, to judge the future by the past?

In his book written several years

ago he spoke very disparagingly of Negro soldiers. After they rescued him from death at San Juan Hill he stated that he kept those brave fellows in the line by drawing a six shooter upon them. But the culmination of his animosity to the whole Negro race took place at Brownsville, when he discharged one hundred and sixty seven of as brave men as ever defended our flag because of his failure to discover the men who shot up Brownsville. That one act justified the acts of every lawless mob that has hanged or burned a Negro at the stake without a trial. Since that time mob law has ceased to be regarded as a serious offense. But why cite further instances?

Gov. Johnson's Lily White Record

Making lily-whitism its cornerstone the Progressive Convention displayed remarkable wisdom by the selection of Gov. Johnson as its Vice-presidential candidate. In making his thousands of appointments the thought of appointing a Negro not only did not enter the Governor's brain, but he made everything lily white about the executive office by removing the Negro messenger and giving the position to a white man—a position the Negroes had filled so acceptably for sixteen years, that the salary was raised from \$1200 to \$1500 per annum. The plea made to secure the appointment of a Negro on the Panama Board of Commissioners was ignored without the dignity of a thought, although such an appointment could

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have been honorably filled and been the means of adding thousands of dollars to the gate receipts by bringing to the fair tens of thousands of colored visitors.

That the policy of discrimination against the Negroes inaugurated at the State capitol should be adopted by Counties and Cities under the domination of the Progressive was but the natural order of things. If Governor Johnson, as chief executive of this state closed the door of opportunity to the Negroes who supported him, can the Negro voters hope to gain anything by increasing his power?

The Negro vote of this County is larger than that of any other County in the state; the Negro population of this city alone, being something like 20,000. And despite the fact that fully three fourths of the Negro voting population supported Governor Johnson and the Progressive ticket of both City and County, every opportunity for the colored citizens to better their condition has been closed to them, since the Progressives got in power. You remember how ruthlessly your daughters were refused admission to the nurse training school at the County Hospital simply on account of their color, thus closing to them positions of trained nurses that are bidding for their services on every hand. The Progressive members of the Board of Supervisors regarded \$15 to \$25 per week, the wages paid trained nurses, as being too much pay for Negro girls, hence they denied them the opportunity to fit themselves.

The unmanly reprehensible means to get the colored men out of the parks, and the base manipulation of the civil service examinations so as to prevent worthy colored applicants from qualifying for positions under the city civil service make it the imperative duty of every colored woman voter to go to the polls on November 5th and wipe out the Negro hating Bull Moose party by voting the Wilson ticket. This is what the white Taft voters have decided to do and you have less to lose and far

more to gain by smashing the Lissner-Johnson machine in this state than the Taft voters have.

No Republican Ticket in the State this Year.

The refusal of the Lissner-Johnson Machine to allow the names of the nominees of the Republican National Convention to appear on the presidential ticket has disfranchised every Republican voter of this state whether male or female, white or black. And unless they unite and smash the Lissner-Johnson machine by voting for Wilson, they will not have an opportunity to again vote the Republican ticket in this state. By methods so shady that they would add disgrace to a highway man, by the same cowardly scheme adopted to close the door of opportunity to your husbands, sons and daughters, the names of the Bull Moose candidates will appear under the head, "Republican Ticket." They intend by such methods to force you and other Republicans to vote them into office. The only means of escape you have is to vote the Wilson ticket.

In this appeal to you to use your suffrage to keep open to you and yours opportunities that came by virtue of your enfranchisement, we have ignored all National issues for the reason that the National government will grant you no privileges that your state deny. Hence the Negro cannot hope to have influence in National affairs until his influence is felt and respected in local affairs. If you want the door of hope open to you in National affairs, with your vote you will have to keep it open to you in the state in which you live. If you want representation in the Congress of the United States, with your vote you will have to secure representation in your City Council and State Legislature. If voting the Democratic National ticket will secure you representation in your home state, it is your bounden duty to vote that or any other National ticket to secure that end. Despite the fact that the Negroes pay annually into the City and

County Treasury, tens of thousands of dollars in taxes, paying their proportionate tax for the maintenance of all public institutions of the City and County, the Progressives have closed to them every door of opportunity.



MRS. E. SWICKARD

Mrs. E. Swickard who will address the Lyceum next Sunday, Oct. 27 at 4 p. m., has long been identified with the charitable organizations of the city. She gathered and sent to the flood sufferers in the over-flow districts of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana 10,000 suits of clothes, the greater part of which were distributed among the colored people by her request. Mrs. Swickard is a native of Tennessee and has always taken a deep interest in the advancement of the Negro. Mrs. Swickard is very anxious to meet as many colored women as possible at that meeting.

Little Miss Jaunita Patton will sing several selections.

Everybody cordially invited.

AN ADDRESS TO THE COLORED VOTERS.

SUBJECT: MAKE FRIENDS OF THINE ENEMIES.

The greatest boon which civilization has conferred upon free men is the privilege to have a voice in the government and conduct of their own affairs. The symbol of that privilege is the ballot. The legislatures of the several States determine the methods of acquiring, holding, selling and taxation of property, both real and personal. These legislatures are elected by the people who possess the right to cast a ballot. The legislatures of the several States define and prescribe the civil rights of the people within their jurisdiction. Chief among these rights is the right to obtain an education; the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures; the right, when accused of crime, to have a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury; the right to freedom of speech and the free and unbridged expression and practice of their religious beliefs are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, which is the supreme law of the land. And if Mr. Roosevelt's policies triumph the Constitution of the United States will be subject to amendment and repeal by any temporary majority of the people enjoying the right to cast a ballot. The ballot then is the bulwark of our property, our liberties and our lives.

The bulk of the Negroes in the United States reside in the States of the South. Here they are practically disfranchised and have no voice whatever in the shaping of laws which affect their most vital interests. What, then, is the crying need of the Negro today? The right to cast a vote for the protection of his property and life and the welfare of his posterity. **How Can He Obtain That Right?**

For forty-two years the Negro has supported the Republican

party in the hope that the party which stood sponsor for his freedom would stand as the guardian of his constitutional rights. With the exception of eight years that party has been, for the greater part of the time, in nearly absolute control of all departments of the government. Instead of gaining in the momentous struggle which he is making for his rights, the Negro has steadily lost ground from year to year. Today the Republican party, after a fair trial, stands before the world, confessedly unable to secure for the black man the enforcement of the laws which the founders made nearly a half century ago. It is clear then that the Democratic party, which dominates the Southern States, is the one party which has the power to restore to the Negro the right of suffrage.

Since the great majority of educated Negroes are satisfied that the race has paid off in full and with compound interest whatever debt of gratitude it owed the Republican party, their chief concern is the fear that should the Democrats come into power some greater misfortune will befall them. The decisive argument against this fear can be found in the record of the Democratic Congress which adjourned last August. Here was a Congress overwhelmingly Democratic, the first of its kind since 1894. In all its lengthy session but two speeches were made containing a trace of Negro hatred and not a single bill against Negroes was reported from any committee. On the contrary, this Congress passed the greatest of all pension bills, which included, among its beneficiaries, thousands of old Negro soldiers. But the act for which this Congress will be forever remembered is the formation by its Congressional Campaign Committee of the National Colored Democratic League, the first bona fide national political organization of colored men ever formed in this

country. This fact sets at rest for all time the argument that the Democratic party does not want the Negro. It has met us half way. Having lost nearly everything, we have but little to lose, but much to gain. The invitation is offered. Reason and intelligence command us to lay aside our prejudices and fears and reach out for the friendship and support of the people who are today oppressing us because of our political hostility toward them.

Alexander Walters, Pres.

Bishop A. M. E. Zion Church.

Robert N. Wood,

Chairman Exec. Com.

"There never was a gentleman born in Virginia who was an enemy of the Negro."—John B. Sphax.

NRS. T. J. WATKINS RETURNS

After spending four months in the East visiting her parents; relatives and friends in New York City, San Antonio, Galveston, Houston and La Grange, Texas. Mrs. T. J. Watkins of 823 Tennessee Street is again at home in this City. Aside from excessive hot weather experienced in the East she had an enjoyable trip. She expresses pleasure at being back in Los Angeles and states that, as an all around City to live in Los Angeles has no equal.

THE GEORGIA SOCIETY TO MEET

The Georgia society will meet at the residence of Mrs. M. C. Lake, 824 Ceres Ave., Friday evening, Nov. 1st. All Georgians are welcome whether members of the society or not.

The society is planning to give a grand reception at an early date.

S. B. Carr, 263 Colorado Street, Pasadena, President; Mrs. M. C. Lake, 824 Ceres Ave., Secretary; Headquarters of society, 831 San Pedro Street.

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FLAYS JACK JOHNSON

Booker T. Washington Says Negro Pug's Disreputable Performances Have Injured the Colored Race.

(By Federal (Wireless) Line to the Times.)

Detroit, Oct. 20.—(Special Dispatch.) Booker T. Washington, Negro educator, today took the opportunity verbally to flay Jack Johnson during an address on the work of the Tuskegee institute and the progress which his race is

making along educational lines before the Detroit Y. M. C. A.

"It is unfortunate," he said, "that a man with money should use it in a way to injure his own people in the eyes of those who are seeking to uplift the race and improve its conditions. Chicago is now witnessing a good example of the result of educating a man to earn money without due attention being given his mental and spiritual development.

"In misrepresenting the colored people of the country this man is harming himself the least. I wish to say emphatically that his actions do not meet with my personal approval and I am sure they do not meet with the approval of the colored race."

In the above Dr. Washington voices the sentiment of the entire race. While we do not pretend to believe that Johnson is guilty of all the charges made against him by the newspapers, his present flirtations are unholy and indecent and merits the severest condemnation. Because he has money, the Negro cannot afford to imitate the civious element of other races. Characters of that kind will find neither sympathy nor approval among the Negroes.

JUDGE JAMES C. RIVES

The big vote received by Judge Rives at the primaries is ample proof of his popularity with the people of the County. The records of Judge Rives' court has given him a place among the great probate judges of the country, and the number of big estates he has distributed give him an unique distinction on account of the vast amounts involved. Every voter who voted for Judge Rives at the primaries is interested in his re-election and will work to secure that end.

JANITORS MUST KEEP NEGROES IN LINE

The janitors will hold a Mass Meeting Tuesday night. Have been

ordered to keep Negroes in line for Roosevelt.

Shame on the Negroes.

JUDGE PAUL J. MAC CORMICK

Among the judges who are candidates for re-election none are more popular than Judge Paul J. Mac Cormick. As is shown by the fact that he led the judicial ticket at the primaries. Presiding over the criminal department of the Superior Court, he comes in more direct contact with the people of every class than perhaps any other judge. His justice has been so tempered with mercy that, while hardened criminals have been punished as they deserved he made use of the probation system whenever he believed that the criminal just entering upon a career of crime might be reformed. This coupled with the rapidity with which the business of his court is performed has made the judge everywhere popular. Although his re-election is every where conceded it is the duty of his friends everywhere to work earnestly to increase his lead.

MR. JOHN M. YORK

Candidate for the Superior bench is also one of the nominees of the primaries. Mr. York is a young lawyer of excellent standing at the bar and is popular with the people as the big vote he received at the primaries will show.

His ancestors on both paternal and maternal sides were eminent lawyers. Judge York, his father is a well known jurist of distinction, who enjoys the confidence and esteem of all classes of people.

A record-breaking crowd turned out to hear Bishop Hughes at Wesley M. E. Church last Sunday. His great sermon "Spiritual Phases of Emancipation" made a profound impression on his audience. Every person who heard the bishop felt that he or she was better for having heard the great preacher's plea for men and women to live nobler lives.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Rev. J. A. Duncan of the Third A. M. E. church, 1354 Channing street, closed his revival last Sunday evening, Oct. 20th. Rev. T. B. Bynum preached a warm sermon the text being:—"If these hold their Peace the rocks and mountains will cry out."

Mrs. M. T. White has left for El Centro, Cal., to visit her brother, Mr. J. R. Collins.

Mr. R. E. Johnson recently from Chicago, was a pleasant caller at Mr. W. S. Browns Correspondence office.

Mr. L. J. Criner and Mr. V. Henry Biglow have left for San Francisco on the Steamer Yale, to visit their many friends in the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Corry of Pasadena, gave a delightful birthday party on Monday evening, Oct. 21st.

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