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WHY THE NEGRO SHOULD VOTE THE WHOLE PROHIBITION TICKET. PLANK IV.

Because this is a part of their platform: "We condemn the numerous shameful, cowardly and indefensible assaults of mobs upon the Colored race."

Because when we consider the present status of our body politic it must be done with grave apprehension. The spirit of Anarchy, of all forms of lawlessness which seems to have a firm grip on the Nation, makes it imperative for the Colored voter to co-operate with that party which stands for the enforcement of law as well as equal civil and political rights to all. The above plank from the Prohibition Party platform indicates the position of that party with reference to mob violence and should appeal to every lover of human rights.

Because they believe in the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

Because contrary to our present status with other parties we have all to gain and nothing to lose.

Because the Prohibition party of Los Angeles has recognized the Negro's political rights by nominating Theo. W. Troy for County Auditor and Attorney Chas. S. Darden for Police Justice, both of which nominations are representative and honorable. It is our imperative duty to support the party that thus recognizes our rights. Let us be grateful for this recognition.

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A Day of Retribution Coming.

The atrocities committed by the hellish fiends who composed the mobs at Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22d, 23rd, 1906, were but the logical result of the inflammatory utterances which for several months past have appeared in the public press of Georgia, and had for its apex the charge, under flaming headlines, that numerous attempts had recently been made by negroes upon white women in Atlanta, Ga. That these and other utterances relative thereto have called from the press of Georgia a mild protest is a tacit acknowledgment that the accusations were a libel on the negro race, had no basis of fact and is but a link in the chain of circumstances which the Southern white man has forged for the purpose of creating public sentiment against a struggling race, whose rapid and material advancement in the face of every opposition has but aroused within the Anglo-Saxon all the evil passions of the human brute.

After all has been said as to the causes for the lamentable conditions which prevail all through the southland, lamentable not more for the negro than for the white man, for his brutish treatment of the negro is sure to act as a boomerang upon himself—after all the theorists have exploited their fallacies, the cold, unvarnished, unpleasant truth is that Theo. Roosevelt, the fountain head of our National Government, is directly responsible for each and every outrage which has for its inception racial prejudice. Elected upon a platform upon which he has not had the manhood to put the weight of his influence for the enactment of laws which embodied the principles advocated by that platform, he has sat supinely idle and by his indifference gave license to the murder of men to whose patriotism and bravery he is indebted for the august privilege which he now abuses. In vain we have listened for a single protest from our idolized President, whose acquiescent silence can be charged to the strain of Southern blood of which he so proudly boasts. From the pedestal upon which he stands, an heroic figure, as the dictator of the policy of the Republican party, he has not shaped, permitted the introduction or influenced for passage one iota of legislation which had for its purpose the protection of more than 10,000,000 of his most loyal constituents from the brutality of organized bodies of fiends who would make the demons of hell blush for shame.

It may be a waste of words to remind the Anglo-Saxon, so dead does he seem to all sense of justice, when a black face is before the bar of public opinion, that this race has not

yet given birth to an anarchist, neither has he thus far given evidence that the wrongs he has suffered have engendered within him the sentiment which culminates in the assassination of our presidents. It remains to be seen if the brutish unreasoning prejudice of the white man will not in time arouse in the breasts of this long suffering race a spirit of revenge which will culminate in such acts of reprisal as shall strike terror to the hearts of all those who trample under foot every sentiment of humanity and fair dealing.

Russia has her nihilists, Italy has her Maffia, England her Fenians, and America could profit by the example which history furnishes of the conduct of a persecuted people when they awake from their profound slumber of timidity and indifference and break from their limbs the shackles of the oppressor.

The worm can turn.

THOS. J. ANDERSON.

ANOTHER LIAR TO THE RESCUE. LYNCHING RECORD. MANY NEGROES KILLED.

(By the Associated Press—A.M.)

New York, Sept. 24.—The World today prints a statistical story which avers that 4000 persons have been put to death without warrant of law in the United States in the last 25 years. Ninety-five per cent of them, it declares, were negroes, charged with assaults on white women.

The statement in the above that ninety-five per cent of the 4000 American citizens foully murdered by mobs in this country in the last 25 years were negroes charged with assault upon white women is a base lie out of whole cloth. It is an infamous libel upon a struggling race that is down, and because it is down. This oft-told lie is the common property of every apologist of mob murder.

President Roosevelt says only 25 per cent of the persons lynched were charged with crimes against the women of the country. Replying to Gov. Jeff Davis' endorsement of mob law, President Roosevelt turned to him and said:

"Now, to avenge one hideous crime by another is to reduce the avenger to the bestial level. Another thing which makes this lynch law abhorrent is that three-fourths of the crimes for which it is invoked are for others than that against the woman of the country. Governor, you and I and all others in authority owe it to our people to drive out the reproach and menace of lynch law in the United States."

According to the above, which is true, only 1000 of the 4000 persons murdered by mobs were charged with assault and how many of them were victims of conspiracies will never be known.

The World knew, if it knows anything, that its statement quoted above was false and every paper that copied

it knew it was false. And to circulate a known falsehood without branding it as such is to become a party to the lie so circulated. What the white press of this country hopes to gain by systematically circulating lies to stir up strife between American citizens is hard to understand, except it be that the love of money has torn from the bosoms of the white Americans every vestige of patriotism. If there is money in it, no lie is too base for the average white paper to circulate.

Bishop Turner on Whisky-Drinking Preachers.

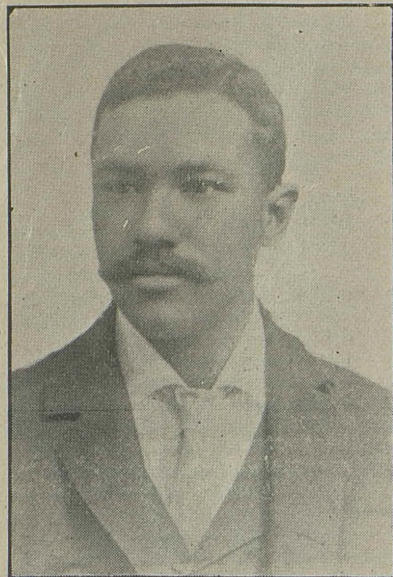
We beg no pardon for being severe on the ministerial whisky sot, but when we are charged with giving toleration to other crimes, to the exception of the whisky drinking, they maliciously lie. But from here to the grave we expect to kill every man who drinks whisky in our dominion. The Negro has but little sense at best, and if he has not sense enough to keep sober, he is an inexcusable fool and merits ecclesiastical death. We had rather hear a hog grunt than to listen to the babble of a liquor-drinking preacher, and every bishop of the A. M. E. church who will condone a liquor-drinking preacher and still allow him to proceed in the face of such a crime verified, is no more fit to preach than the whisky-drinking victim.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, Corresponding Secretary of the National Afro-American Council, is calling for help in order to fight the battle of the race in the matter of oppression and racial discriminations. He asks that the donations for this purpose be sent to the One Cent Savings Bank, Nashville, Tenn., J. C. Napier, Cashier. He is also calling upon the colored people to offer prayer, Sunday, October 7th, for the betterment of our condition. The cause is a worthy one and should be supported. Bishop A. Walters is at the head of the movement.—Richmond Planet.

It Is Coming; the Times Demand It.

If Gov. Joseph Folk of Missouri is a true prophet the morning of a new and brighter day of political and civic righteousness will very soon begin to dawn. He said in a recent speech:

"We are in the beginning of the greatest moral awakening America has ever known. The next four years will be distinguished as the time in which the reign of lawlessness and privilege ends and the reign of equal rights for all will become fixed in national policies and the conscience of mankind. The fact that this awakening against wrong has come at a time when prosperity is at hand, shows it does not proceed from a spirit of discontent but springs from the moral sense of the people. We are entering upon the best age the world has known.



**Mr. Theo. W. Troy,
Prohibition Candidate for
County Auditor.**

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 1.

Ed. Liberator:

Dear Sir: I have never been and never expect to be a politician, but try to be a plain, conscientious voter. What I say here is not for any personal benefit, but I feel it to be my duty to let my friends know where I stand.

We are fast learning to help those who help us. When a party recognizes one of us, it helps the whole race, and just now the Prohibition party has given us recognition by placing on its ticket Mr. T. W. Troy. This party is to be congratulated in their selection of Mr. Troy, for he is a man of good standing and well worthy of the place accorded him.

The Prohibition party is the only party with backbone enough to give us recognition, and now it is the duty of every colored voter to rally to the support of that party.

I believe, in all local affairs, that the colored voter should remain independent, always voting for the best interest of the colored man.

Yours very truly,

A. C. GARROTT.

The Forum's Committee Makes Report

Having an intrinsic patriotic affection for our native land, and wishing to see its present pernicious condition ameliorated, we, after careful investigation, are of the opinion that the more promptly the dastardly crimes perpetrated by the Atlanta mob in the massacre of twenty-five or more innocent negroes were deliberate, cold-blooded murders.

The excuse offered for this deliberately planned horror was that a number of negroes had committed assaults upon white women. We herein declare the crime of assault to be in no greater degree prevalent among the blacks than among the whites, and upon this fact we invite investigation. The most malicious type of yellow journalism seems indigenous to the Southern soil, and in the city of Atlanta flourishes under most favorable conditions.

Sensational utterances from one yellow journal against the negro, encourages other papers of like color to more alarming sensations in order to earn the applause of the rabble.

The thousands of youths of the city whose minds had become poisoned and inflamed by these yellow papers, not content with their murderous work, became the wanton destroyers of property. For these irresponsibles we offer our pity, our prayer.

We further denounce the humiliating arrests of our citizens charged with having arms and ammunition to protect their homes from the assault of cowardly murderers. These criminal depredations can add no bright pages to American history, neither can they add respect to American citizenship. We believe a government that has denounced mob violence in Russia and uses its military arm to stop bloodshed in Cuba can undoubtedly, if it so desired, stop such outrages at home.

WILLIAM WHEATON.

THEO. D. TROY.

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THAT ATLANTA MASSACRE.

The wholesale, cold-blooded butchery of unarmed colored citizens charged with no crimes, by bloodthirsty white men and boys in Atlanta, Ga., on Sept. 22d, is an outrage, so cowardly and revolting that it places the perpetrators in the lowest ranks of savagery. That the massacre had been deliberately planned is shown upon its face. And to add to the heinousness of that awful outrage, the white citizens of Atlanta in mass meeting admit that the assault charges were false, and demanded that their daily papers publish no more stories of assaults until they have been proven true and that no more extras be issued, proving conclusively that the papers were responsible for that cowardly slaughter of a score of innocent black men and the wanton destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property. All things considered, the Atlanta outrage is the most diabolical ever perpetrated in this country. Think of it. Atlanta is the chief city in the State of Georgia—the seat of government of that state, the home of the Governor. With all of the machinery of the government in full operation, a mob after weeks of deliberation walks into the streets and brutally beat to death every colored man found. Street cars were boarded and innocent men dragged off

and beaten to death, public buildings where colored men were known to be were entered and they dragged out and murdered in cold blood; if no negroes were found the buildings were wrecked. Steam railway coaches were wrecked for not having negroes aboard. In the midst of the wholesale destruction of life and property, the Governor, Mayor and police were mere spectators. When and wherever the police took part it was mainly with the mob. The use of water instead of shot on the mob was the farce it was intended to be and had the intended effect—that of making the mob more bloodthirsty. When the streets were cleared of all negroes save the dead ones, the mob with police as spectators made the mistake of attacking the colored people's houses. The negroes' trusty rifles began to crack, members of the mob commenced howling with pain and the unhit, skulking cowardly scoundrels stampeded to the Governor for protection. The Governor, who had willfully violated his oath of office and shown himself void of every manly trait, called out the militia, disarmed the colored citizens and put hundreds of them in jail for giving their wives and children the protection that he (the Governor) had refused to give in violation of his oath. In the face of all this murder, outrage and wrong against law-abiding American citizens, the President, the man of the "Square deal," sits supinely silent. He is too much absorbed in protecting the life and property of foreigners in a foreign country to bother about those of American citizens that are being ruthlessly destroyed around the White House steps. Do the American people believe that righteousness exalteth nations?



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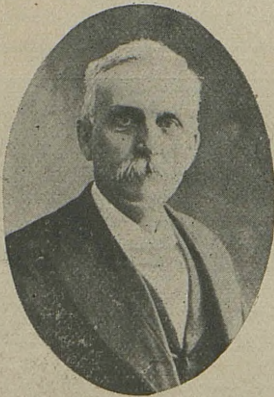
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WILL VOTE THE PROHIBITION TICKET.

That the great majority of the colored voters will vote the Prohibition ticket this year is a certainty. Every business and professional man of note among the colored people has endorsed the ticket and are working for it with might and main. The nomination of Mr. Theo. W. Troy for County Auditor followed the nomination of Attorney C. S. Dardin for Justice of the Peace, and has appealed to the pride of the black race as nothing else could. Both men are clean and capable and when elected, which is very probable, will be a credit not only to colored voters, but the white voters as well. The colored citizens have everything to gain and nothing to lose by supporting the Prohibition party. It stands for all that is pure and holy. It stands for the purification and uplifting of the American home. It stands for the mental and moral purity of the young men and women of the nation, in order that they may transmit to posterity robust, healthy, Christian patriotism and civic righteousness. The Prohibition party is unalterably opposed to the policy of licensing saloons to make physical and moral wrecks of our young men and inmates for brothels of the young women of this country.

The Prohibition party is opposed to mob law and all forms of lawlessness; and in proportion as Prohibition and civic righteousness increases in this country, mob violence and its attendant horrors will decrease.

To the Afro-Americans of Southern California and Los Angeles especially we say in all candor, that the opportunity to advance our own interest while advancing the common interest of all, has come. Insignificant as this movement of the colored voters toward prohibition may seem, it may turn the tide now set in against us in this country, to one in favor of us. Brethren, ours is a God given opportunity; in the name of our wives and children let us make the most of it.

The white voters, regardless of party, who believe in fair play, should vote for candidates Troy and Dardin, because they are competent and represent a struggling race that has ever been patriotic and faithful to every trust and ought to be encouraged. Every officeholder in this city and county received the votes of the colored citizens, and what is true of them is equally true of all of their predecessors. While voting for the two colored representatives, the colored voters will vote for white men for every other office to be filled. Will

not the white voters be as liberal? We think they will. We do not ask the white voters to vote for Troy and Dardin because they are negroes, but because they are competent to fill the offices for which they were nominated and are representatives of loyal citizens and taxpayers who are entitled to representation.

Postmaster Price a Hero.

All honor to those noble colored women of Atlanta who, like the Spartans they are, beat back the cowardly white ruffians who had wet the streets of that city with innocent blood. What an inspiration to our noble women in other mob threatened cities. These are the first acts in the bloody drama that must come if the present reign of lawlessness continues. All honor to Postmaster Price. If the charges that he furnished arms to the colored men with which to protect their wives and children is true, he has covered himself with everlasting glory. And when marched handcuffed at the head of that dusky column of heroes through the streets of Atlanta, he was the leading star in a pageant more glorious than that the world witnessed when Caesar entered Rome after the conquest of the Britons. The man who would refuse protection to women and children against a howling bloodthirsty mob, because he held an office, is too despicable to breathe God's pure air. If those degenerate Republicans at Washington remove Postmaster Price from his office for protecting our women and children, let every negro man who has a spark of race pride left, send him a dollar. We would gladly spurn any office in the gift of the American people if its retention required us to stand by and see our people murdered and the majesty of the law trampled in the dust without making an effort to uphold the law and protect life.

All honor to Price. May the God of war cast his everlasting smile upon the negro women soldiery of Atlanta. It is no wonder that the Ninth and Tenth cavalry have proven themselves to be such perfect fighting machines.

That the black men and women must make some member or members of every mob bite the dust is now the watchword. Once make it certain that some member of every mob is to die, the white women will keep their husbands and sons at home when mobs are being organized and the states will be saved the expense of calling out the militia to look on while the mob gorges itself with innocent blood.

The State and Federal governments being unable or unwilling to protect the negro, it now devolves upon the negro to protect himself.

One coincidence connected with the Atlanta massacre that must not be forgotten, is that as soon as negro's rifles began to crack order was restored and instead of calling out the fire department, the hospital corps was called

and four or more oath breaking policemen and a goodly number of the mob needed the services of the coroner. It was a good day's work and splendidly avenged all who had been murdered during the preceding hours. All who were killed by the mob are martyrs to the cause of liberty and her soil enriched by their blood will bring forth an abundant harvest of heroes who will carry her banner to victory. Thousands of us will have to die and must die willingly that those left behind may live. What a lesson Auan has taught us.

White Republican Bosses Organize a Colored Rot Gut Brigade.

THE LICK SPITAL CLUB.

A few days ago the white Republican bosses called Jim Miller, janitor at the court house, in consultation to get his views as to the best means of checking the ruinous stampede of colored voters from that party. After going over the question at great length Miller gave them to understand that mere promises would do no good in the present emergency, that if he went to his race as a bearer of more promises from the Republican party he would be inviting mob violence. In lieu of further promises, he suggested that he be given funds to purchase sandwiches and beer to satisfy the stomachs of the hungry colored voters. This suggestion was siezed upon as a cinch, and Miller was told to go ahead and accordingly Miller sent out private invitations to his friends and associates and such others as had grievances, to meet at Judge Blair's office to organize for the purpose above mentioned. Judge Blair's office was chosen as the meeting place on the presumption that the nomination of Attorney Dardin for city justice, on the Prohibition ticket, had given the judge a grievance. Eight persons responded to the call. Miller, having prearranged everything, took snap judgment on Editors Neimore and Walker by electing himself president and Judge Blair secretary. When the result was announced Neimore's wrath knew no bounds. With outstretched arm and clenched fist, looking Judge Blair in the eye, he said: "The day when I am to follow lickspitals and job chasers has gone by." Miller sought to appease the Eagle man's wrath by tendering him and Walker places on the bunco steering committee that is to have the handling of all beer to be dished out to the thirsty colored voters during the campaign.

This adding of insult to injury brought Walker to his feet and pandemonium reigned. Walker and Nei-

more took their hats preparatory to leaving. Miller yelled "sit down dar; are you uns gwine to lebe de 'publican party, too?" Yes, if you are to manage the black end of it," replied Neimore. At this Walker and Neimore retired and the bunco steering committee was selected and three cheers given to Jim Miller, "our new leader." This marks the passing of James Alexander and the rise of James Miller. Thus the last state of the black Republicans is worse than the first.

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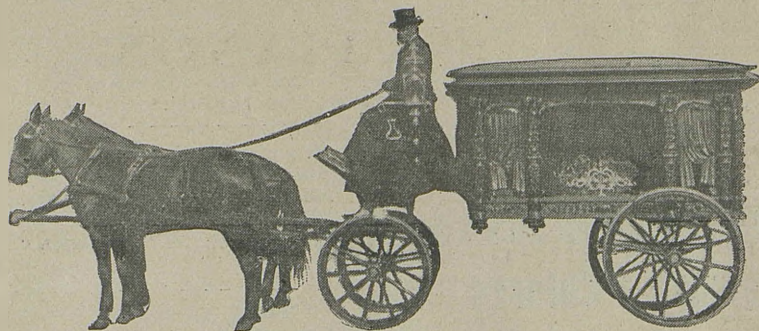
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