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Shenk on the Defensive

His Infamous Ruling Against the Negroes Shown up; cannot be Nominated.

Fearing that his infamous ruling against the Negroes of this city may result in his political undoing, Mr. Shenk has condescended to have a letter addressed to them in an attempt to square himself. His actions in this matter are based upon the presumption that the Negroes are fools.

Last April a year ago a white man invited Mr. C. W. Holden to take a glass of beer in a near-by saloon; the bartender stated that Holden's beer would cost him \$5, while that of the white man's would cost five cents. Mr. Holden and the white man protested vigorously, but were informed by the proprietor that the bartender was carrying out his orders and that Holden was charged five dollars for his glass of beer because he was a Negro.

The case was reported to the mayor and at his request referred to the police commission, who in turn referred it to City Attorney Shenk. The charge against the offending saloon keeper was discriminating against Holden on account of color, and the commission was asked to revoke his license. In order to help the saloon keeper and others of his kind who desired to discriminate against Negroes, Mr. Shenk dodged the question at issue and ruled that there was no city ordinance fixing the price at which a glass of beer must be sold. Mind you, the question referred to Mr. Shenk was,

"whether charging Holden five dollars for a five cent glass of beer because he (Holden) was a Negro, was a case of discrimination on account of color? If so, had not the offending saloon keeper forfeited his license?" Presuming the Negroes to be fools, and feeling secure in his position as city attorney, Mr. Shenk handed down his infamous ruling which he knew would enable all inn keepers who so desired to nullify the civil rights bill of this state by overcharging Negroes who applied for accommodation. Mr. Shenk was not disappointed. His ruling was passed along immediately and lunch counters and soda fountains where colored people had previously been treated politely charged them from fifty cents to five dollars for a cup of coffee or a piece of pie or a glass of soda. If the colored person protested, his attention would be called to the following sign: "We reserve the right to change our prices without notice." When the proprietor is requested to cite the law for his actions he refers to Shenk's infamous ruling as authority.

There is not a city ordinance in this country fixing the price at which meals and drinks are sold in inns, hotels and places of public accommodation, and no one asked Mr. Shenk for such information.

Mr. Shenk wanted the Negroes

discriminated against; he wanted the law that he was hired to interpret and enforce evaded when Negroes were involved; the opportunity presented itself, and he seized it. He is running for mayor now, and his sins have found him out.

Will the colored women voters cast their ballots for a man who in his official capacity went out of his way and violated his oath to enable certain inn keepers, soda fountains and lunch counters to insult them?

THE PRINCIPLE, NOT THE BEER

In this matter the beer cuts no figure whatever with the colored voters. It was the discrimination in the price and the adroit use Mr. Shenk made of the complaint to bring about the nullification of their civic rights. The percentage of Negroes who patronize saloons is a very small one and their concern about the price of beer is smaller, but whether their right in an orderly manner to buy a lunch when hungry shall be denied simply on account of color concerns them all. And the man who lends aid to such an infamy as Mr. Shenk has done in this case is unworthy of the vote of any fair minded man or woman.

WAS RECALLED

Under the Alexander administration, of which Mr. Shenk is a

leading part, and which was recalled less than a month ago for its general inefficiency, the color line has been drawn against the Negroes in the public service, the cards have been stacked against them in the civil service examinations, they have been forced out of the parks and their teams dismissed from the street department, and now Mr. Shenk comes forward with a ruling that denies the Negro the privilege to buy a lunch when hungry simply on account of his color. It was just such breaches of faith with the voters that made the recall of Mr. Shenk and Uncle Alec necessary. When Uncle Alec went down he was the first to name Mr. Shenk as the proper man to carry out his "policies." Why not renominate Uncle Alec? Why use a counterfeit when you can get the real for the asking?

SHENK'S RULING IN COLD TYPE; CAUGHT WITH GOODS ON

Mr. Holden was charged five dollars for a glass of beer, because he was a Negro. His white companion was charged five cents. The police commission called upon City Attorney Shenk to say whether charging Holden five dollars for the beer because he was a Negro was a case of discrimination? Mr. Shenk flatly refused to say that it was a case of discrimination, but said:

"Neither the charter nor any ordinance gives your board any power to regulate prices charged by saloons."

Now, Mr. and Mrs. Voter, regardless of your race or color, did Attorney Shenk say whether or not Holden had been discriminated against? Was not that the question put to him? Why didn't he answer yes or no? As a public official was it not his duty to give a direct answer to that question? Was not he paid to do it? Why didn't he do it? Why did he whip the devil around the stump?

Mr. Shenk is a lawyer and knew precisely what he was doing. He is no fool. He handed down that ruling to enable certain dealers to violate the law when dealing with Negroes without paying the penalty. Mr. Shenk's action in this case was a violation of his oath and disgrace to his profession. His actions were born of narrow, mean race prejudice. He is too small for the job he seeks—vote against him.

\$500 FOR HIS INFLUENCE

Poor old Prof. W. E. Easton is telling it around town that the Shenk people are paying him \$500 for his influence among the colored voters." Well, he is very busy sending out personal letters to ministers and others charging the colored papers with accepting booze money. He seems to be trying to earn his \$500. In a letter addressed to the colored ministers is found the following paragraph:

"Anonymous letters are being addressed the Shenk headquarters by paid, bought and sold, would-be Negro leaders of this community; colored papers, to our shame, have accepted "booze money" to villify conserving interests."

The letter from which the above paragraph is taken is signed W. E. Easton.

Easton says he wanted to work for Judge Rose, but the Rose people wouldn't send for him and being a politician he had to work for somebody. So he went to the Shenk people, who gladly put up the aforesaid \$500.

GIVE SAN PEDRO A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Vote for Charles J. Adair of San Pedro for city councilman. Consolidation has resulted in increased taxation without representation for San Pedro and the whole harbor district. Vote for Charles J. Adair and a square deal. Charles J. Adair heads the ballot. President San Pedro Com-

mercial club, president and manager San Pedro Fish company (independent). The harbor district with a population of 18,000 and an assessed valuation of \$25,000,000 is not represented on any municipal commission, or in the city council.

In the interest of fair play and a square deal vote for Charles J. Adair at the primary election, May 6th. George H. Peck, real estate; E. L. Blanchard, Maloy-Blanchard Hardware Co.; Henry Baly, cashier Bank of San Pedro; J. C. Miller, Miller & Saunders, grocers; B. B. Lippman, clothier; F. M. Cannon, Cannon Bros., clothiers, campaign committee.

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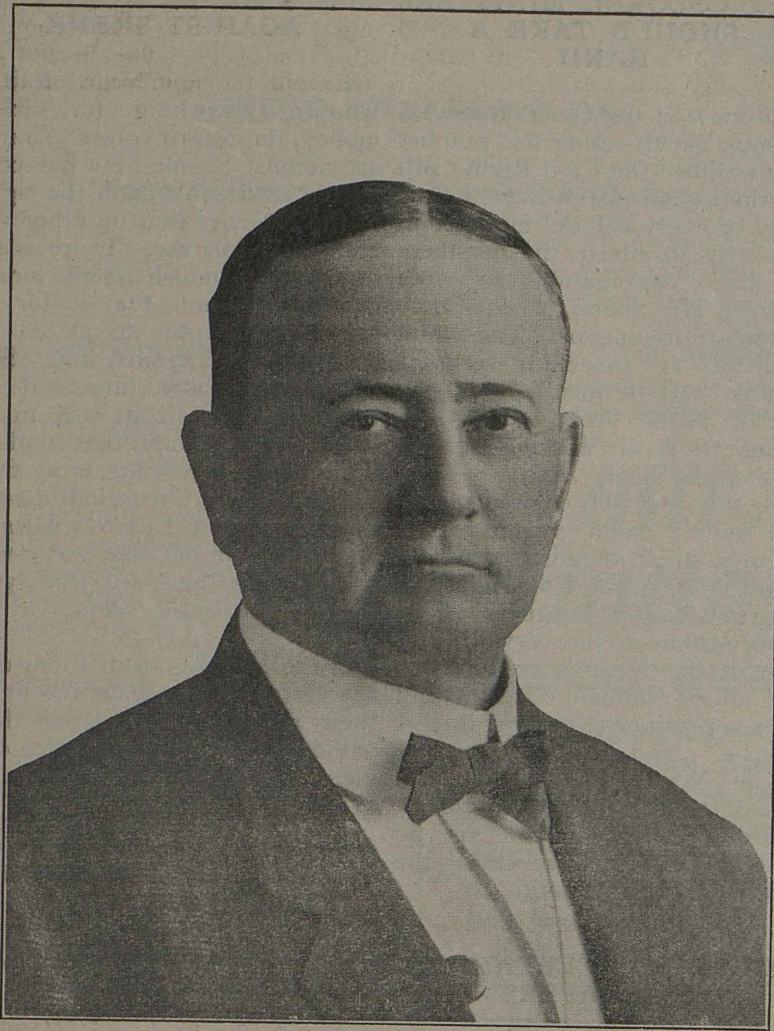
A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT

Given by the pupils of the district school at the school house, Mount Zion Baptist church, 3d and Stephenson avenue, May 9th, 1913.

Characters: Teacher, Susan Dubson, Mrs. C. J. Smith; "Bubby Honeysuckle," J. C. Burdette; Deerbie Doolittle, Mrs. M. James; "W. J. Bryan," Henry Craig; "Sis" Hopkins, Mrs. S. Craig; son; Huldie Honeysuckle, Mrs. J. Wesley. At 8:15 o'clock. Come out and see the closing exercises of "The School of Fifty Years Ago."

Rev. Hampton Hawes of Lincoln University of Philadelphia has accepted the pastorate of the Westminster Presbyterian church at Denker and West 35th place. Rev. Hawes is a scholarly gentleman whose presence in the city will be helpful.

Mrs. Z. Davie of Hamlet, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. F. B. Alexander of 1523 West 35th place



Judge Rose

THIS PLATFORM REPRESENTS WHAT JUDGE ROSE BELIEVES IN AND HE IS NOT AFRAID TO TELL IT TO THE VOTERS.

In the administration of the affairs of this city and the performance of the duties of the office of chief executive I will use every possible effort to give all exact justice under the law.

Earnest effort will be made to immediately prepare the harbor for the reception and use of shipping and handling of heavy traffic.

Sinking funds will be properly

protected for the care of bonds and interest when due and every effort will be made to reduce the tax levy.

Efficiency will be the only influence effective in any of the departments of the city.

Connection with the county good roads will be promptly made and constant attention will be given the streets that they may be always in good condition.

Traffic conditions will be under constant surveillance and further relief for congestion provided.

Immediate action will be taken

to carry out the moral obligation assumed by the city in the purchase of the Temple site for the erection of a magnificent city hall.

The obligations assumed by the city of Los Angeles toward the people and district formerly included in San Pedro shall be promptly executed.

Regarding the liquor traffic, I believe it to be as well regulated as is possible in a city of this size and I do not favor any change in existing conditions.

I hold the same view regarding the social evil and shall resist to the utmost any attempt to restore the conditions which formerly existed in the so-called red light district. The policy of Chief Sebastian in these matters has had and will have my support.

I will earnestly work at all times to accomplish the immediate completion of all uncompleted municipal projects.

Rev. Kenchin preached a great sermon last Sunday, it being his second annual sermon. Rev. Kenchin, since assuming the pastorate of Wesley M. E. church, has been a blessing to the church and community.

THE SHENK MEETING AT THE AUDITORIUM A FROST

In spite of the combined efforts of the daily papers and every other kind of advertisement, only a small audience turned out to hear Sherk and Stevens at the Auditorium on Tuesday night. When Mr. Sherk began reading his manuscript the bulk of his audience arose and left immediately in disgust. Sherk is doomed.

Every voter who sincerely desires the defeat of Harriman will jump on the Rose band wagon. Sherk is out of the question. The people have decided to get rid of Uncle Alec by putting Sherk out of the running at the primaries. Remember that a vote for Sherk is a vote for Uncle Alec? Do you want Uncle Alec?

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Judge Rose is an old line Republican; Shenk is a goo-goo. If Judge Rose is elected the restaurant, coffee house or ice cream parlor that charges one patron more than another for the same article will lose his license. If Shenk is elected he will enforce his ruling against Negroes.

Mr. A. L. Tilton, one of our prominent citizens, after a long serious illness is again at his post at the postoffice. This is gratifying to his friends.

THE COLORED MINISTERS EVERY NEGRO MUST VOTE SHOULD TAKE A HAND AGAINST SHENK

In view of the fact that the infamous Shenk ruling has practically nullified the Civil Rights Bill of this state, we believe it the duty of every colored minister in this city to advise the members of his congregation to vote against Mr. Shenk, who is now candidate for mayor. The white ministers are preaching sermons against certain members of the school board because the said members favor dancing in the public schools.

In this case the colored ministers have a much greater reason to urge their members to vote against Shenk, and put him and his ruling out of business. This thing strikes at the very foundation of the Negro's civil rights, and unless stamped out now will gain a permanent footing in this city.

The Negro pulpit and press owe it to the race to fearlessly guard its interest. This is no time for evasion. Everything the Negro has is at stake.

WOULD BUY CERTAIN NEGRO PAPERS

There has been a movement on foot to "see" certain Negro newspapers and bring them out for Shenk just before the primaries. But from the tone of Easton's letters to the colored ministers the scheme must have fallen through, or at least had not been consummated up to the 28th, the date on which his letters were sent out.

George E. Cryer (present city attorney), independent candidate for city attorney, subject to the decision of the people at the primary nominating election May 6, 1913. He knows the city's legal business. Your support respectfully solicited.

Except the few Negro traitors who are working for Shenk money, the Negro voters to a man are against Shenk. He has committed an assault upon the rights of the Negroes that no other voters would tolerate. There is but one way to punish Shenk for his cowardly ruling—that is for every colored voter to go to the polls and vote against him. Saying things about him will not hurt him. It is your vote in the ballot against him that will do the business. Staying away from the polls gives Shenk half a vote; that no decent Negro wishes to do. There is but one way—vote against him and see that your neighbor does the same.

If the Negroes want to encourage certain white dealers to insult their women by charging them one dollar for a cup of coffee or a glass of soda, vote for Shenk.

MR. CERUTI DOES NOT WANT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE FORUM.

April 29, 1913.

Mr. J. L. Edmonds,
Editor of The Liberator,
210 Thorpe Bldg.

Dear Sir:

Referring to an article in a recent issue of The Liberator announcing my candidacy for president of the Forum, you have been misinformed. I am not a candidate for any office. Please correct.

Yours very respectfully,
E. BURTON CERUTI.

The above shows that Mr. Ceruti doesn't want the presidency of the Forum. This leaves a clear field for J. W. Coleman.

No Negro paper that has the interest of the race at heart can support Shenk. To do so would look like a bargain and sale.

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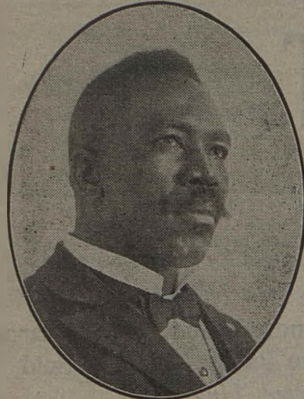
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