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Candidate for Mayor of Pasadena

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Mr. Slavin Defines His Position.

STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP—PREFERENCE TO LOCAL LABOR ON PUBLIC CONTRACTS.

Believing that the citizens and voters who support a candidate for an office of as high importance as that of Mayor of a progressive and prosperous city, like Pasadena, are justly entitled to some knowledge of that candidate's position respecting questions of municipal policy, I desire to respectfully submit the following statement regarding several matters of present popular interest.

First: I believe that Pasadena has, to a large extent, attracted and held its highly intelligent and progressive citizens by the temperance laws, which are now embodied in its charter, and the strict and effective enforcement of which laws I most heartily favor.

Second: I am, as I always have been, in favor of the acquirement by the city of such public utilities as are necessary for its growth and development, and their operation for the exclusive benefit of the consumer and taxpayer; but favor such acquirement only at such times as will prove less burdensome to the taxpayer. I also believe that such utilities, when they are operated by the city, should be operated as economically as a man's own private business, and not for the benefit of any class of political faction.

Third: It is my belief that the burden of taxation necessary to maintain our city government can, with wise economy, be made to bear less heavily on the various classes and conditions of our citizenship, and, by good management, a more even distribution of that burden secured.

Fourth: I believe that a city government, in order that it may be of the highest service to the people, must maintain a spirit of co-operation and harmony between its executive and legislative branches, and to this end, each branch should perform its duties and obligations, and exercise its prerogatives in a spirit of fairness, toward the other, without arrogance or undue dictation. This object can only be attained by deliberations conducted in a spirit of mutual endeavor, counsel and advice, and

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such a spirit I will, if elected, carry to the executive chair.

Fifth: In all public contracts, I am decidedly in favor of giving preference to our home contractors, when such preference can be given legally; and I most especially favor the employment of home labor upon all such work. In this connection I point to my own practice in the past as evidence of my sincerity. I also favor an eight hour per day regulation for all labor employed by the city.

Sixth: That no monopolistic or exclusive privileges should be granted or permitted where the same can be avoided, and never without due provision for adequate recompense, oversight and reasonable control.

Seventh: I believe in so regulating the speed of electric cars and the proper screening of the electric headlights so that the same may not prove a public menace.

Eighth: Since the tourists of today may become the citizens of tomorrow, and since it is evident that our own people desire the growth of our city in attractiveness, I believe that every effort, consistent with economy, should be made to maintain our beautiful parks, to put and keep streets and avenues in good condition, by permanent improvement, followed by timely and systematic repair, and to critically supervise and perfect sanitary conditions, to the end that the health and happiness of present residents may be promoted, and a steady growth and prosperity insured.

Ninth: In conclusion, I desire to state that I am fortunate in entering this campaign without being hampered by any pledges or obligations whatever. In the event of my endorsement by my fellow-citizens, I shall enter upon my duties entirely free from promises regarding the appointments to be made. No favoritism to persons, party or faction will have a place in the performance of my duties. I shall be free to deal with all in perfect fairness, and, if elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Pasadena, I do hereby pledge myself to give to said office and to the performance of its duties, my entire time and my best endeavors, and will do all in my power to carry out the principles enunciated.

MATHEW SLAVIN.

WASHINGTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM.

"Calmness and confidence are powerful factors in the progress of a race as well as in that of an individual. The work accomplished by this organization with its numerous ramifications, should convince us that the policy for the race to pursue, is to continue its course of seeking quietly, patiently and courageously after the essentials of life. We should more and more accustom ourselves to be unspoiled by praise or discouraged by blame.

"One definite success in a given direction will often go farther in the solution of perplexing problems than all the orations and glittering generalities that can be summoned to plead our cause. In the last analysis, the world judges a race by its ability to show definite results of progress, by its ability to achieve the highest usefulness. With such evidences of progress always present, no untoward influence can permanently hold a people back; without such evidence no amount of artificial stimulation can push a people permanently forward. Material possessions should not be sought as an end but as a means to help us forward toward high moral and religious living. When a race owns land and houses and has a bank account, these possessions indicate that that race has learned to make sacrifices, to do without today that it may possess tomorrow; has learned to look ahead and plan for the future. When a man becomes the owner of a piece of property and a taxpayer in his community, as a rule there comes to him added self-respect and added confidence from his neighbors.

EDITOR GREEN ENDORSED.

State Printer Shannon says, that the present set of journal clerks of the Assembly are the most efficient the state has had during his administration. As Editor Green is proofreader, this is a splendid endorsement of his ability. As representatives of the race, Green, Easton and Crumbly are all right.

Mr. W. H. Washington, the real estate man, has removed his office from the Wilson block, to 241 East Second street, where he will be pleased to meet his old friends. Mr. Washington conducts a regular real estate, rental and loan business, and all matters entrusted to him will be properly handled.

DISGRACEFUL DEFICIENCIES.

It is disgrace:
 To half-do things.
 Not to develop our possibilities.
 To be lazy, indolent, indifferent.
 To do poor, slipshod botched work.
 To give a bad example to young people.
 To have crude, brutish, repulsive manners.
 To hide a talent because you have only one.
 To live a half life when a whole life is possible.
 Not to be scrupulously clean in person and surroundings.
 To acknowledge a fault and make no effort to overcome it.
 To be ungrateful to friends and to those who have helped us.
 To go through life a pigmy when nature intended you for a giant.
 To kick over the ladder upon which we have climbed to our position.
 To be grossly ignorant in these days of free usages of good society.
 To ignore the forces which are improving civilization in your own country.
 Not to be able to carry on intelligently conversation on current topics.
 To shrink responsibility in politics or to be indifferent to the public welfare.
 To know nothing of the things we see, handle and enjoy every day of our lives.
 To be ignorant of the general history of the world and of the various countries.
 Not to know something of the greatest leaders, reformers, artists, and musicians of the world.
 Not to have intelligent knowledge of the general affairs of the world and the inter-relations of nations.
 Not to know enough about the laws of health, about physiology and hygiene, to live healthfully and sanely.
 To vote blindly for party, right or wrong, instead of for principle, because you have been doing so for years.
 To be grossly ignorant in these days of free schools, cheap newspapers, periodicals and circulating libraries.
 To be controlled by any appetite or passion that one's usefulness and standing in the community are impaired.
 To be totally ignorant of natural history, to know nothing of the science which underlies the beauties and the marvels of nature.

Not to have an intelligent idea of the country in which you live, not to know its history, its industries and the condition of its people.

Not to know anything of the movements for human betterment and not to help them along to the extent of our ability in time and or money.

To live in the midst of schools, libraries, museums, lectures, picture-galleries, and improvement clubs and not to avail one's self of their advantages.—Tuskegee Student.

COMMUNICATED.

Editor Liberator: In the recent city election which resulted in the selection of Republicans, Democrats and everything else on the list. Sixteen hundred registered colored voters took an active part and publicly supported the men of their choice without regard to party affiliation. Two years ago a few colored men had the courage to openly support M. P. Snyder a democrat, for mayor, he was elected and proved himself worthy of their confidence, by giving the race positions on the police, fire and street departments, and many of his colored friends voted for him on Dec. 5, and worked for his re-election, we do not condemn them for the position they took against the Republican ticket, they are citizens, and if it is good politics for white men to act independently, and vote to suit their best interest, which has proved to be a success with him, it is wisdom for the colored man to imitate them in this respect, and since the colored man vote almost to a man, for Mr Hanley, as against Mr, Werdin, it can be said now with a strong degree of certainty, that the colored voter of this city, is an independent voter and uses his franchise to the best interest of the city and his home a few years ago it was common talk to say such and such an editor or merchant or expressman, was a democrat, and this simply because they voted independently to the republican ticket, but now it would take a whole page or two of either of our big daily papers, to print the list of names of the sixteen hundred colored men of this city, who supported the Democratic nominees in one or more cases, in the last city election. It cannot be charged hereafter, that Edmonds and Flint are the only Democratic colored men in Los Angeles,

for they are here by the hundreds, and what a blessing it is that the colored voter is beginning to act openly, what he has been knowing and talking about the past twenty years. He is aware of the fact that he has been enslaved by the Red Shirt argument, and the party lash, but here in Los Angeles every voter is needed, and if the colored man will line up into a solid phlanx as a Cooper union or Tamany Hall, he will be the balance of power in the approaching city, county and state election, that will be telling in its effect for the good of the city, and the negro, as a part of the population.

The time to do this is now, and Los Angeles is the place. We are not in the south where the negro vote is not wanted or needed. Let all the colored men assemble and organize a union, rent a hall, hire a keeper or secretary, subscribe for the leading race, and daily papers; have monthly smokers, with good rousing speaking, and get in line for a big battle two years hence.

Subscriber.

EASTON APPOINTED.

In appointing Prof. Easton one of the deputy tax collectors for Los Angeles county, Mr. Ben E. Ward has rewarded a faithful and self-sacrificing Republican and recognized the Negro voters of Los Angeles. Prof. Easton's work during the past campaigns while president of the Roosevelt Republican Club met the hearty approval of the membership and party as well. Senator Flint, at the time of his local campaign, whose candidacy the Club indorsed, communicated a letter of appreciation to the members of the Club through Prof. Easton. The Enterprise congratulates its friend Easton on the appointment and feels sure that while Mr. Ward has always received a very large colored vote, that the colored men will show him their unmistakable appreciation two years hence if he desires to succeed himself.—The Enterprise.

The above, from the Enterprise, is the sentiment of The Liberator. Prof. Easton is in every way worthy and his appointment is gratifying to the colored voters. The Liberator writes Mr. Ward's name on its list containing names of those who are friendly to the race.

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SHOULD VOTE FOR HON.

MATHEW SLAVIN.

In the mayoralty contest now on in Pasadena The Liberator has no hesitancy in advising to the colored voters, to vote for Hon. Mathew Slavin, for mayor. Not because his election is, almost, if not assured; but because the gentlemen backing his candidacy, are true and tried friends of the negroes, which is a guarantee of fair play for them in event of his election. Elsewhere in these columns, will be found Mr. Slavin's platform, which should be carefully read. It covers every issue involved in the contest, and will be lived up to if he is elected. Every vote cast for Mr. Slavin by the colored voters, is a vote cast for the continuation of the liberal policy of the present administration. In the distribution of the public work, the colored voters will have a "square deal," in other words, will be treated as other citizens. They could ask for nothing more, and will receive nothing less, if Mr. Slavin is elected. The further fact that Mr. Slavins has

regular colored employes, is the best proof of his friendliness for the race.

The position of the Liberator is well known to the colored voters of Pasadena. It cares nothing for party, or lines, but supports for office only such men as we believe will deal justly by the negro. The policy of this paper is shaped by the idea that we owe to the negro our first services. In pursuit of this policy we say to the colored of Pasadena, that their best interest will be served by voting for the Hon. Mathew Slavin, for mayor. While his opponents are both good men, his value as a practical business man, has added so much to the growth of Pasadena, and his candidacy appeals strongly to all citizens desiring its continuation.

The magnificent Slavin block, corner of Colorado street and Fair Oaks avenue, is proof that his administration will be wise, conservative and practical.

HON. MATHEW SLAVIN, CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF PASADENA.

THE TIMES AND THE COLORED FOLKS.

Among the colored folks there is growing inquiry why it is that, although the Times publishes more and stronger editorials in favor of giving the negro fair play than perhaps all of the other city papers put together, that it is the only paper that refers to the negro as a "coon" and to the negro woman as a negress. We believe that if the managers of that great paper knew the damage done the colored fellow citizens by creating prejudice and contempt for them this catering to the vicious element of society would be discontinued. The damage done the negro by this kind of journalism is inestimable. A strong editorial appeared in the Times condemning the treatment Prof. Booker T. Washington received in Kansas, and then refers to a negro in the police court as a "coon." Now the number of white people who read the police and divorce court proceedings, and, who read the pink section and keep their mouths ever open to catch crumbs from the scandal mill, compared to those who read the Times editorials are as 10 is to 2. It is very largely those of the former class who hate the negro and in fact, everything pertaining to law and order. Since this class is dependent for its education upon the scandal mills, police and di-

voice court proceedings and sporting news, this department of the great daily papers, in the interest of society should be as decent as possible, in language as well as sentiment.

The average reader of the smutty literature referred to soon reaches the conclusion that a race that allows itself to be insulted and slandered daily without some sought of protest, is worthy of nothing but contempt, and to insult such a people without provocation is regarded by them as an evidence of superiority. A man may say "nigger" for the same reason that some educated people say "git," but the man who refers the negro as a "coon" does so to insult or create contempt for him. It is this kind of journalism that made the treatment Prof. Washington received in Kansas, possible in a northern city. To this is due prejudice that is bringing the religion and civilization of the north into the contempt of the heathen. This catering by the white dailies to the vicious element of society has spread crime broadcast, menaced virtue, destroyed the sanctity of the home and so corrupted the minds of the reading public that no daily paper can exclude from its columns and live. the nauseating proceedings of divorce courts, accounts of seduction, proctotution, race track gambling and things that lower the moral standards the boys and girls read them.

And strange to say, it is only Republican papers that refer to the negro as "coon" and negro women as neresses and wenches. As the Times has a bigger circulation among the colored citizens than any paper west of the Rockies, they expect of it better things.

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of the Annual Report of the State Board of Railroad Commissioners, due to the courtesy of Hon. Orrin S. Henderson, our efficient commissioner of the Third District.

THE ENTERPRISE OCCUPIES NEW QUARTERS.

The Enterprise now occupies a large and well appointed home at 241 E. Second street. Editor Greene has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. I. Rogers of New Orleans, La., a newspaper man of ability and well known throughout the country. The Enterprise is indeed enterprising.

A GREAT VICTORY.

The defeat and almost annihilation of the Russian Army of a half million men and capture of Mukden by the Japanese army, commanded by Field Marshal Oyama, is the greatest victory of modern warfare, if not any other warfare. The combatants were evenly matched as far as numbers go, with the advantage of fortifications in favor of the Russians. In spite of the difficulties that the attacking party must always surmount in such cases, Oyama, without shelter, in the face of 2000 pieces of modern artillery, like a thunder-bolt hurled his now matchless legions against the Russian left and tore it into shreds, the center was hammered in twain and the right bent almost double. When an opportunity was needed to strike a vital spot a telling blow, Oyama by his military genius, made the opportunity. The hammering all along the Russian front was so relentless, so incessant, the fire so withering, they fled from the field a panic-stricken mob, only to be ruthlessly slaughtered by their victorious pursuers. In bravery and bull dog tenacity, the Russian soldiers were not wanting. Their physical endurance seemed to have reached the limit. They succumbed to superiority of generalship, marksmanship and physical training. The rank and file of the Russian army did as well as any soldiers representing the same civilization could have done. From this point of view the present struggle between the so-called Christian and heathen nations, furnishes a splendid object lesson. The "heathen Jap" by living and practicing the tenets of his faith, goes forth to battle, the embodiment of physical perfection, being taught that to die for one's country is a sure passport to paradise; death has no terror for them, being taught that dishonesty, intemperance and licentiousness are degrading, weakening sins, and are to be avoided as one would a pestilence. Hence they enjoy every blessing that comes to the virtuous, temperate living.

All Japanese citizens are equal; all enjoying equal opportunity. The Russians unfortunately, like many other so-called Christian nations, practice every vice that their religion denounces. Intemperance, licentiousness and dishonesty, ramifies every stratum of society. Although taught that sin is deadly to

nations as well as in individuals, the sale of license to commit sin, is the government's most important source of revenue. The Christian's religion teaches its devotees that it is a virtue to aid the weak and raise the fallen, but they stand upon the fallen to exploit the weak. These are little things but in the supreme test they are the things that count for, or against you. The "heathen Japanese" are fighting to protect the weak, the Christian (?) Russians are fighting to increase the power of the strong to oppress and rob them. It may be, that while Christians are worshipping the golden calf, the heathen may be gathered from the highways and hedges and given seats at the King's feast.

NEGROES TO BE APPOINTED TO OFFICE IN THE NORTH AS WELL AS IN SOUTH.

Washington, March 4.—(Exclusive Dispatch.) President Roosevelt is going to apply his negro policy to the North as well as the South, and in cities where there is a large negro population he will recognize that population by appointing some negro Federal office holders. In conformity with that policy, the President will soon appoint a negro collector of internal revenue in New York City.

NEED OF ORGANIZATION.

Elsewhere in these columns we publish a letter from one of our prominent citizens signed "Subscriber," urging the necessity of the colored voters organizing now, for the political battle two years' hence. The idea is a capital one, and, an Afro-American Protective Association of something of the kind should be organized at once, and should be strictly independent in politics. It should see that every qualified voter is registered and pay taxes and allow no grafter nor chronic office seekers to hold office in the organization.

The *main object*, the *only object* of the organization should be the promotion of the negro politically and otherwise. The votes of the organization should be cast solidly for those candidates for office, who have proven themselves friends to the negro, by their willingness to give him a "square deal" in the distribution of official patronage. Others should be voted against, no matter what party name they may be using to get into office. With an organization of 500 colored voters who put the interest of the race first, and party next, each member paying one dollar into the treasury, a campaign could be inaugu-

ated that would be felt and respected throughout the state. If such an organization is started and the right kind of men are placed in charge—men who are willing to give their time and money to make it a success, 1000 members with one dollar each can be easily secured in sixty days. As the colored voters are tired of the discrimination that is everywhere being practiced against them and are ripe for such a movement. What organization has done for the Irish and Germans, the organized negro vote with the same end in view, will not for the negroes.

The negro is an American citizen, entitled to every right, civil and political, enjoyed by other citizens. If any of these rights are denied him, he will have to apply the same remedy that white citizens apply—vote against every officer who fails to enforce the laws or in any way discriminates against them. Knowing the remedy, if the negro has not the manhood to apply it, he and his children will simply be lick spittles, no matter what party is in power. If the best results are to be obtained, organization is absolutely necessary in order that our entire weight can be hurled against the enemies of our rights—those who would in any way discriminate against us.

BLEEDING KANSAS.

The passage of a separate school law in Kansas is a step backward that no state can afford to take at this time. By signing the bill, prompted as it was by vile prejudice, the governor of Kansas has allowed himself to be made the tool of the lowest element of society. It seems incredible that Kansas, the first northern state to shed the blood of its citizen for freedom and fair play, should be the first to yield to the infamous demands of the same element that sent the border ruffians into her territory to murder her people for the crime of wanting their state to be free from the hellish traffic in the souls and bodies of men, women and children. By yielding to the low negro-hating element, the governor has opened the way for future trouble and humiliation for Kansas. The negro hater like slavery, of which he is the degraded offspring, once given the lead, goes crazy. Patriotism, loyalty, obedience to law, mental and moral improvement, the hammering of poverty into homes and ignorance into intelligence amounts to nothing if the possessor, the doer, is a negro. It simply increases the hatred of a certain element, an element that practically dictates the legislation of the greater part of this country. But we are not discouraged. We have seen darker days. We were in Mississippi when John Brown the liberator was hanged. The darkest part of the night is just before the breaking of the day.

THE HUMILIATION OF RUSSIA.



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Russia's attempt to steal Manchuria, divide up China, absorb Corea and finally subjugate Japan is meeting with a dismal failure. Her occupation of Manchuria by false pretense was a part of the plan to steal all the territory in sight, belonging to the dark races and murder all persons in the territory stolen who had the hardihood to oppose it. Of course, the other so-called Christian nations would have submitted to the robbery and butchery under the pretense that white supremacy, Christianity, civilization demanded the slaughter of men and raping of women in their own homes. But Japan took time by the forelock and is wiping up the earth with her. She gave Russia so many days to get out of Manchuria, which the haughty Slavs refused to do, only to be flung out bodily as a strong man would a burglar. Russia's navy, the proud Pacific fleet, decorates the bottom of the ocean. Her second squadron is afraid to leave her coast line. Her army having won not a single battle, has been beaten and driven from pillar to post, and today it is not allowed to stop long enough to cook a meal.

The Russian defeat at Mukden was the most crushing, the most humiliating in the history of modern warfare. It wiped out completely whatever was left of Russian prestige with her navy destroyed, her army, in the far east, annihilated, anarchy and revolution at home. Russia is indeed in the vale of pity and humiliation. The end is not yet.

Of her losses at Mukden there were 200,000 men, 110,000 of whom were killed or wounded.

The spoils include two flags, about 60 guns, 60 rifles, 150 ammunition wagons, 1000 bushels of cereals, 275,000 bushels of fodder, 45 miles of light railway outfit, 2000 horses, 23 cartloads of maps, 1000 cartloads of clothing and accouterments, 1,000,000 rations of bread, 70,000 tons of fuel and 60 tons of hay, besides tools, tents, bullocks, telegraph wire and poles, timber, beds, stoves and much other property.

Later reports bring up the Russian losses, so far as it has been possible, to count them, to these figures: Russian casualties, 110,000; guns captured, 66; rifles, 62,000; shells, 211,500.

Besides, Kuroki reports that although the retreating Russians set fire to the warehouses at Machuntan and Miulupao, he captured thousands of bushels of provisions, immense quantities of ammunition and fodder, numbers of horses and bullocks, materials for a light railway thirty-three miles long, 450 wagons for railway, 6000 trenching tools, 12,000 bundles of wire, numerous telephones, coal mining machinery for eight pits (the mines being at Frelun), and great stores of charcoal.

What a warning this should serve upon this and other countries that are

allowing robbers and murderers of the weak to go unpunished. Allow it to be done under whatever pretext you may, the punishment will follow as sure as God lives, for "The God that reigned over Babylon is the God that is reigning now."

John Chinaman kept a straight face until Oyama's tremendous victory reached his ears. Then he broke loose and is now shooting off fireworks with an abandon and glee that leaves no doubt as to which side of the fence he was on from the start. Jap and Chink are now reunited in the ancient bonds of brotherly love, and they both hate a white man with the same earnest enthusiasm that he devil is said to regard holy water.—The Times.

How could it be otherwise, if the Chinaman still remembers the raping of their women and girls and the merciless slaughter of their brethren by the allied white Christian armies in their march to Peking a few years ago. Murder, rape, pillage and robbery blackened every rod of their march. The "heathen" Japanese soldiers alone maintained their decorum and refrained from that hell black crime. It was the Japs' first lesson in Christian civilization and he rightly loaths it still.

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Down in Mississippi it takes five hundred armed white people to lynch one unarmed negro for whipping a white man. It is now suggested that all the white nation on earth form a mob, on the Mississippi plan, and go over and lynch the little brown men for whipping Russia for attempting a hold up game in the far east. But these brothers have such a little confidence in each other that they cannot reach an agreement, fearing that some of them might slip back home and steal all that's left. Then, too, the promiscuous mingling would result in wholesale pocket picking. Evil is sometimes productive of good.

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