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WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH. WILL GIVE THE STATE TO WILSON RATHER THAN LET ROOSEVELT HAVE IT

THE TAFT PLAN

The California primary law provides that the candidates for the Assembly and Senate selected in yesterday's primary, together with the hold-over Senators, shall meet at Sacramento on September 24 and select the candidates for the party for the electoral college.

This means that if a majority of the so-called Progressive candidates are nominated (which appears likely) the electors to be selected for the place in the column on the November ballot will be pledged to vote for Roosevelt. In the event that a majority of candidates from the straight Republican ranks are selected, Taft electors will be named.

If the Taft candidates are outnumbered it is the present plan to have them call a convention of their own in another part of the hall and select Presidential electors pledged to President Taft. Then the question will arise as to which set of candidates is entitled to the place on the ballot under the Republican party and legal proceedings will probably be brought to prevent the Secretary of State from placing the list selected by the Bull Moosers as "Republicans" on the official ballot.

The claim will be made by the straight Republicans that the Progressive party is a separate organization and entirely outside the Republican party and had no right to represent themselves as Republicans at the primary election.

If the question is carried to the

courts and the Progressives win thousands of Republicans will probably vote for Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic candidate for President, in order to keep the State out of the Roosevelt column.

L. A. Times.

JOHN MITCHELL FOR WILSON

Editor of Richmond Planet Advises Race and Colored South to Support Democrats and so Make Friends.

Declaration Means There are Many Who Will Do the Same

(Special Dispatch to the Star.)

Richmond, Va., August 10—John Mitchell, editor of the Negro organ, the Planet, and one of the leading Negroes of this state, is out in a statement that he will not have any dealings with and will give no comfort to the candidacy of Col. Roosevelt. Individually, he says, he will support Gov. Wilson for the presidency. Mitchell says that in an attempt to put a fire under President Taft Col. Roosevelt has started one under himself, which will not be extinguished so long as he lives, and that he will realize after the November election that he is not able to make the Negro race believe that the moon is made of cheese.

For many years Mitchell was an uncompromising champion of the Republican party, took a prominent part in politics and was easily the foremost Negro in the

state. But he and the administration leaders had a row, and he has for a long time been making war on that element which said that organization meant political preferment for those who were in the actual control of the party. He did not take that view. He was then cast out of the councils, and in the last few years he has been taking the position that the people of the south were and are the best friends of his people, and he has been preaching economy, attention to business, sobriety, hard work, self-respect and clean living for his people.

Mitchell's declaration that he will vote for Wilson means that there are many of his race who will do the same, and it is a fact that there is an organization here which will make an effort to enter the democratic primaries and to vote for candidates for Congress—a thing which none of them has ever before done. It is not yet settled that they can vote in the primaries, but they ask to be allowed to participate.

NEGRO MILLIONAIRE DIES IN SOUTHLAND, WAS BORN A SLAVE

Worked Way Up from Cabin Boy to Owner of Hundreds of Houses and Farms.

(By Leased Wire to the "Examiner")
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 30—From slavery to a millionaire is the brief life story of Robert B. Church, colored, who died at his

home today. He was born 74 years ago, in Holly Springs, Miss.

Church's wealth is estimated by Memphis bankers to exceed \$1,000,000. He owned valuable business property and over 350 residences in the city and several hundred acres of land near the city limits.

Church began life on a cotton plantation. When old enough to work he was sold to the owner of a Mississippi River steamboat. His boyhood life was spent as a cabin boy on a boat that plied in and out of the harbor of Memphis.

After the Civil War ended, Church left the river and secured a position with a wholesale merchant. From that he embarked into the saloon business. Then he began to buy real estate.

Church was the only negro of prominence that ever subscribed to a fund to entertain the Confederate veterans at their annual reunions. He did this when the first reunion was held in Memphis about fifteen years ago, giving \$1,000.

WHO IS WHO AMONG US? To the editor the Amsterdam News:

It may seem strange to say it, yet it is true, there are a great number of our young men who can not tell anything of Crispus Attuchs, Toussaint L'Overture, and some others I could name. We can not blame these young men, as they never hear of the history of our race and its great leaders and statesmen. We have a great history, but it is kept from us by the white man, and we help him to hide it. Take for example Robert T. Cole who wrote "Events and Reflections." Every colored minister in this city received a copy and as yet have not expressed their opinion of his work, but the white people's criticism of the book is (in many respects this is a remarkable book, because its author tells the history of his people and breathes their hopes and aspirations for the future). It is small wonder that we are ignorant of what is being done by the workers of the race of today and the ones gone by. Those who do know anything

seem unwilling to impart the information to our children. In the public library we find the Abyssinian's Bible and Ethiopian manuscript. We never hear our minister speak of these things in the white Y. M. C. A. and churches the speaker always bring up the life or event of the life of some great man of the race. We can not see or hear of our great men and until some white man puts them up before us.

Paul L. Dunbar was put before us by a white man. Again we find Toussaint L'Overture, by Wendel Phillips, and should be read by all Negroes. Below I give a list of men of the black race that we all should love and if our ministers and newspapers would put the work of each of these men before us they would do the race a grand and noble good.

King Hannibal, Toussaint L'Overture, Booker T. Washington, Paul L. Dunbar, M. R. Delaney, W. E. B. Dubois, Dr. Blyden, J. C. Price, F. Douglas, Poulskin of Russia, Prof. W. H. Scarborough.

A. WELLS

New York City.

TAFT FAVORS MINGO SANDERS

Job for Discharged Brownsville Colored Soldier—Congressman Rodenburg Moves to Reinstate Those of Brownsville Regiment Who Were not Proven Guilty. For Sanders At Once.

Washington, Aug. 3—By an executive order of President Taft Mingo Sanders, who was a sergeant of the Colored infantry regiment discharged from the Army without honor, when several companies of the regiment likewise were discharged for participation in the Brownsville riots, today became a messenger in the classified service and went to work at the Interior Department at \$70 a month.

Recently Sanders took part as a spellbinder in the Ohio primary fight between President Taft and Col. Roosevelt.

Representative Rodenburg of Illinois said today he would introduce in the House next week a bill to reinstate Sanders in the Army and permit his retirement at once. When discharged, Sanders had served 26 years and after another year's service would have been entitled to retirement at two-thirds pay and allowances.

Will Introduce Foraker Soldier Bill

Later, Mr. Rodenburg says, he will introduce a bill for the reinstatement of all innocent soldiers, discharged for participation in the Brownsville riots.

Roosevelt Begrudges Poor Outraged Mingo Sanders Who Saved His Life the Belated Half—Justice Taft Willing to Give.

Rehearses All the Wrong Taft Did at His Behest When Taft Repents of It—Mean and Low.

The appointment by President Taft of Mingo Sanders, who was a sergeant of the colored infantry regiment discharged from the army for participation in the Brownsville riots, as a messenger, led Colonel Roosevelt to criticize the President sharply. Sanders took the stump in the Ohio primary fight between Colonel Roosevelt and President Taft.

"In his report and recommendations," said the colonel, "Mr. Taft explicitly stated that the veteran non-commissioned officers in charge of the battalion were of course more responsible for what had occurred than the others, and nothing has occurred since to alter the position of Sanders except his use by Mr. Taft's campaign managers in Ohio. In short, he was discharged by Mr. Taft's recommendation on his military record. He is reinstated under Mr. Taft on his political record.

Roosevelt's Mean Objection Makes Taft's Act Shine Brighter.

"If Mr. Taft did not tell the truth about Mingo Sanders and his col-

leagues in his report as Secretary of War, from which I have quoted above, then his conduct needs no characterization by me. If he did tell the truth, then his reinstatement of Mingo Sanders in the public service is still less in need of any characterization by me."

Members of the Booker T. Washington Art Club were the guests of Mrs. Vaughn of West 35th Place, Thursday, August 29.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent with needlework and social conversation.

There was a large attendance—about sixteen or eighteen in all.

Refreshments of nut salad, ham sandwiches, punch, ice cream and cakes were served.

Mrs. Vaughn is a delightful hostess, every one enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Ross's of Furlong Tract.

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THE PECK IMMIGRATION SCHEME

What has become of the African Immigration Scheme inaugurated by Rev. Peck, in connection with his fight for the bishopric? Although much was said, previous to his trip to Kansas City about inducing good Negroes to come to California, very little has been heard of the scheme since his return.

It is said that the laboring members of the Afro-American Council furnished considerable money to maintain an immigration bureau at Kansas City.

In view of the fact that neither Rev. Peck nor the Afro-American Council had any real estate to sell and that neither can furnish a days employment to colored people, who come here; it is puzzling to thoughtful people to understand their object of inducing laborers to come to this state.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS ADMIT COLORED TO PRIMARIES

Colored Men Can Vote at Democratic Primaries in Southern State

Richmond, Va., Aug. 7, 1912.

Mr. Wm. Monroe Trotter,

21 Cornhill,

Boston, Mass.

The Democrats in this state adopted a primary law, which had passed the Virginia Legislature and which makes no discrimination in the matter of color, treating white and Colored men alike. If a Colored man will pledge himself to support the Democratic nominees and the nominees in the local election, he can vote in the primary.

JOHN MITCHELL, JR.

FROM THE CITY BY THE SEA

Misses Margaret Prince, Marie Ford, Ethel Miller, Elizabeth Moore, of Pasadena, are spending the week in Santa Monica at Mrs. S. A. Wrights.

Mr. Clarence Mills of Pasadena was a pleasant caller.

Miss Ora Harris who was visiting Miss Ella Hunt left Sunday for her home in San Bernardino, California.

Mrs. J. Oliver, N. Jones and Miss Pearl Reed of L. A. passed one week on the beach.

Mr. Dawson Shears who has been visiting his father Mr. F. Shears left Wednesday for his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Shannon Wiley of Los Angeles is spending his vacation on the beach.

At the Rest-A-While, Mrs. Thurman's, Misses Beatrice, Covington Cook, Lottie Bolds, Mattie Comings, Bessie Comings, Ethel and Hazel Asbury, Mrs. L. C. Asbury, Misses Cora White, Mrs. L. Gooch and daughters, Loreta Lottie and Josephine; Elizabeth Montgomery, Melvin Smith, Mrs. and Mrs. Bird and daughter, Mrs. J. Coles, C. P. Cooper, Mr. Brown.

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THE PASSING OF DISTINGUISHED NEGROES

Mr. Samuel Coleridge Taylor, the world famous musical composer and singer, died in England on the 2nd. The death of Mr. Taylor removes from the stage of action one of the most distinguished men of this age and inflicts an irreparable loss upon his race. As a matter of fact, when a composer like Mr. Taylor dies the whole world loses, for a great song writer sings in every tongue making the great heart of the world lighter by his song.

That which lightens the human heart knows no race circumscription; but is as universal in its beneficence as the sunlight.

Like Dunbar, Mr. Taylor paid the price that genius exacted.

A Distinguished Journalist Passes

When the announcement was made that Edward W. Crosby, distinguished journalist and telegraphic editor of the Buffalo Times, was dead, few people knew that he was a Negro. By force of his genius he secured his position in spite of his race identity. It was a case where ability surmounted race handicap. Mr. Crosby ever remained closely identified with his race and lost no opportunity to create sentiment favorable for its advancement.

The Late "Bob" Church

Mr. Robert Church of Memphis, Tenn., a Negro millionaire whose death was announced a few days ago was indeed a remarkable man. His saloon business with its attendant evils made him the frequent subject of criticism by members of his race. But Mr. Church used the money that the whiskey drinking Negroes passed over his bar to buy land and erect homes for them. When he found that the Negroes were discriminated against in the public parks, he purchased land and laid out for them a beautiful park. He built them a magnificent theater and established for them a bank.

This is another demonstration of the fact "that things of seeming evil prove sometimes a source of lasting good." The money Mr. Church received from the Negroes for whiskey he created channels through which the Negroes earnings might flow back to them. Although in his money-making Mr. Church may have inflicted some ills upon his people, the good he has rendered them far out-balances the evil. As his life affected his race the balances are, doubtless, on the right side of the ledger.

THE LIBERATOR'S CHOICE THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE

We feel highly gratified with the result of the election. Eight of the candidates supported by this journal were handsomely indorsed by the voters. The *Liberator's* entire judicial ticket was nominated as follows:

Superior Judges	
Paul J. McCormick.....	27,842
James C. Rives.....	26,027
F. W. Houser.....	19,351
G. H. Hutton.....	15,177
Charles Wellborn.....	14,686
John M. York.....	10,570

SOUTHERN BRUTALITY

The electrocution of Virginia Christian, the seventeen-year-old colored Virginia girl, blazes out in diamond light the brutal attitude of the South toward her colored citizens. Had Virginia Christian been a white woman, instead of a colored girl, Southern chivalry would have waxed furious to save her sex and to save the State from the infamy of her being put to death by the State. But, instead, a mere slip of a girl, goaded to desperation, being made to feel the degradation of her unhappy lot, turned upon her mistress and killed her. Southern chivalry and sentiment, considering a colored woman a thing separate and apart simply for the gratification of the lust and domestic wants of her white lords, raised not a voice in her behalf. The unwritten law, the sanctity of the female sex, has no place in the code of ethics of the South when the female sex is neath a colored skin. The unwritten law is no guardian angel for the lady of color. But such outrages by the State will arise again and again in future years to plague old Dixie. The unbridled passions of coming generations will not only not respect the colored woman, but it will take the easy step to a likewise wholesale debauchery of white women.

In passing, too, it may be said that Northern sentiment, too, has been absolutely wanting in this

most recent Southern outrage. It has become callous not only to the wanton mob murders of colored men and women, but it now sits supinely by and sees a colored boy riddled by a mob's bullets in one week and a colored girl electrocuted the following week with never a word of protest. A halt must some day be called. Crimes even against colored humanity will come home to roost.—The Amsterdam News.

NEGRO LABOR THE BEST IN THE WORLD WHEN FAIRLY TREATED.

Senator Newell Sanders of Tennessee recently appointed by Gov. Hooper, is the wealthiest man in the South. Discussing labor and farming conditions in the South, he has the following to say about the Negro as a laborer:

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United States. Negroes are steadier and more faithful and willing than any other workers in the world. Politicians have misrepresented the blacks so long that fiction is now accepted as fact even among many southern people themselves. I have employed Negroes for thirty years and I know what I am talking about. But they must be fairly treated."

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