

BALTIMORE AMERICAN OF NEW NEGRO PARTY

The approach of the presidential election in November and the absence of a candidate whose platform offers special inducements in return for the solid support of the Colored voter has awakened a feeling in many quarters that the Negro should have a party of his own.

Miss Inez Milholland, a white philanthropist of New York, is said to have outlined a Negro party along the lines of the recently organized Woman's Party, and in Tennessee R. R. Church conceived and carried out the plan of uniting the voters of his state in the effort to elect state senators and representatives.

The Crisis in advocating such a Negro party has this to say:

"The situation is this: At present the Democratic party can maintain its ascendancy only by help of the Solid South. The Solid South is built on the hate and fear of Negroes, consequently it can never, as a party, effectively bid for the Negro vote. The Republican party is the party of wealth and big business and, as such, is the natural enemy of the humble working people who compose the mass of Negroes. Between these two great parties, as parties there is little to choose."

It would be the platform of this party to stand unmoved by bribery and lust for the office for the manhood rights of the Negro; a platform with a single plank and only one issue before it, just as the Socialists stand for a more equitable distribution of wealth and the Prohibitionists for the banishment of rum.

The possibilities of such a Negro party cannot now be estimated accurately. With the two and one half millions of Colored people actually wielding the ballot in a single party their popular vote would be just six times the voting strength of the Socialists and fourteen times the strength of the Prohibitionists in the presidential election of 1912. In fact they could come within 900,000 of equalling the popular vote for Mr. Taft in the same year.

In 1912 the Socialists polled 812,000 votes for Eugene Debs while the Prohibitionists gave 170,000 for Eugene Chafin. This does not represent the real strength of these parties. President Wilson's recent labor legislation shows a concession to the Socialists just as the many dry states in the Union represent more fully the actual sentiment for prohibition. And it is largely the tireless and relentless campaigns of these two parties since 1870 that has educated the people to the need of modifying capitalism and intemperance.

With the coming of country-wide prohibition the Prohibition party will dwindle away to nothing. The Socialists gained 100 per cent in voting strength in the four years from 1908-12, and are likely to show a still larger increase for 1916. The object of the dry party will be gained without ever electing a president and the same may prove true to the Socialists. Like these two parties, then, the Negro party need never hope to elect its candidate but by withholding its votes from other parties, would eventually become a power to be reckoned with. Moreover by the publicity of the platform upon which it stands, it would be certain to receive concessions until finally like the Prohibitionists find that it no longer had a cause for existence.

All hail the new party.—Baltimore American.

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President Wilson's last two visits to Omaha were momentous occasions for J. W. Rennex, Colored waiter in the Commercial Club dining room, who has personally served the nation's chief executive both times.

By a curious coincidence, it was Rennex who waited upon Mr. Wilson when, as a presidential candidate, he toured the west four years ago and was entertained at luncheon by the club.

So, recently, when the assignment of tables was made out, Rennex was given the signal honor for the second time. His trusty right hand never made a misplay or spilled a drop of coffee on the president's shoulder. Poise, deftness and experience prevented that.

Rennex lives at 909 North Twenty-first street. Other Colored men who served the party are Ed Buford, Simon Harold, Henry Williams and James Holmes.—World Herald.

THE COLORED QUESTION (From the Dallas Express)

Some facts not generally known about Colored people in the United States:

There are 43,150 more females than males 10 years old and up.

Florists	116
Blacksmith, hammermen	9,838
Brick and Stone Masons	12,403
Compositors, linotypers, typesetters	1,128
Electricians and electrical engineers	702
Engravers	33
Glass Blowers	42
Jewelers, Watchmakers, factory	157
Jewelers not in factories	101
Paperhangers	968
Plasterers	6,175
Pressmen (printing)	136
Cigar and Tobacco Factories	16,306
Conductors (steam railroads)	120
Conductors (street railroads)	44
Locomotive Engineers	355
Locomotive Firemen	5,188
Motormen	108
Ticket and Station Agents	50
Agents of Express Co.	12
Telegraph Operators	73
Telephone Operators	289
Bankers, Brokers and Money Lenders	336
Storekeepers and Owners	30,527
Retail Merchants	20,653
Undertakers	953
Policemen	576

The figures above are authentic, being taken, as they are from Bulletin 129, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1915. They are worth a place in the scrap book of every Colored man who desires to be armed with an argument, which is proof against the traducers of the Negro. Read it carefully, and you will agree that the black man in "darkest America" has discomfited his enemies and transcended the hopes of his friends.

SOUTH SIDE.

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)

Rev. Thomas Taggart will preach the memorial service of the Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 26th and Seward, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Nettie Anderson, who has been quite ill for a week or more, is very much improved and will be out soon.

Rev. Thomas appeared before the city commissioners and asked that his church, Bethel Baptist of South Side, Omaha, be given a bell. The request was granted.

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