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IT'S UP TO YOU, REPUBLICANS

Now that the republicans have been so overwhelmingly successful, and have everything their own way, members of our group make these simple requests in the name of justice and righteousness, that you give these things your most careful attention:

1. **Lynching**—The republican platform as adopted by the Chicago convention in June, carries a plank on the subject of lynching. The republican congress will be required to legislate on this subject. Under this head comes all forms of mob violence, the bombing of property, and other forms of violence.

2. **Disfranchisement**—It is agreed that the time has come for some definite and drastic action with reference to disfranchisement. In the southern states representation in congress and the electoral college have been based on the total population, yet open defiance of the United States constitution and election subterfuges have been resorted to for years, without much more than a protest, and yet this country went into the world war to make "democracy safe" and the American Negroes furnished nearly 400,000 able bodied men, and millions in money.

3. **"Jim Crow" Cars**—In the matter of southern transportation something must be done immediately. There are those who contend that all discrimination in public places must be wiped out. It is well known that a determined effort to enforce such a policy in the South would cause an upheaval that would bring bitter defiance. It is not believed that sufficient support could be obtained from congress for this drastic step at this time. However, "equal accommodations" is a substitute that could be righteously enforced.

4. **Immigration**—There is a growing sentiment among whites against the present apparently discriminate immigration that has reached a total of more than 25,000 a week. These people are seeking to take the places in the North now occupied by our group, thousands of whom have come North within the last four years. In the South certain communities have begun to make inquiry with the idea of satisfying the labor shortage with foreigners.

5. **"White Man's Country"**—The Japanese problem in the West, and the influx of Negroes into northern communities, have given rise to the old cry of "This is a white man's country." This is regarded as un-American, and against the principles and traditions of the republic, which was founded upon the principle that "All men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

6. **Industry**—Industrial organizations and labor unions have been gradually throwing the door of opportunity open to colored men and women. Their efficiency has been tested and praised. However, it is the task of the race to exercise every means to maintain a standard of excellence that will maintain the principles of merit alone, without regard to race, in providing means of employment.

7. **Commerce**—The colored people of the entire country have a quickened appreciation of the value of commercial activity. At every turn corporations of all descriptions are being formed for the purpose of securing and maintaining an economic foothold that has heretofore been neglected, if not denied. The people now have more money per capita than ever before, and are enthusiastic about ventures, and safeguards against frauds must be maintained.

8. **Education**—The unprecedented thirst for knowledge in all sections of the country must be encouraged and wisely provided for.

9. **Morality and Welfare**—Sharp and unmistakable lines of distinctions must be drawn between the small criminal class among the Negroes,

and that much larger unheralded class of industrious, hard-working group that conscientiously and earnestly seeks to fit properly into the best ideals of American life. In the matter of courts, justice must be meted out, punishing the guilty without fear, but always justice.

10. **Housing**—In the matter of housing, the race, in common with every other element of the nation, is suffering from the housing shortage, rent profiteering, and all of the kindred disadvantages and unpleasantness connected with the subject. Buying of homes and the formation of building and loan companies to secure property, are desired, and a guarantee of property rights, as vouched by the federal constitution.

11. **Propaganda**—A definite and exhaustive program of propaganda. This is to meet the onslaught of those who are bent on putting the race in a bad light before the American people in general. Every agency known to modern publicity should be used to counteract this effect, and a campaign of education carried on that will reach not only the people of the group, but the white population as well, a campaign not of hatred and vindictiveness, but one of reason and object lessons.

In brief, these are some of the things now being discussed by the people at large. They supersede political positions and petty office holding. Political preference will come as a matter of course, in the promulgation of the things outlined. It is the contention in the matter of political positions that a demand should be made for a group of places, aside from those of traditional standing, that will place those who are to represent the group in places where influence will count in carrying the program of reconstruction and adjustment.

These are no more than any group whose support has been so material in the success of the republicans would ask and confidently expect, and our group is no exception.

JESSIE HALE-MOSS

JESSIE HALE-MOSS is a woman whom Omaha will sadly miss. She was a zealous, self-sacrificing and unremitting worker for any cause which enlisted her interest and sympathy and every movement which affected her race had her whole-hearted devotion. In whatever work she enlisted she spared not herself. She was a tower of strength in her church, devotion to which with her was a passion, being active in choir, Sunday school and Epworth league. As secretary and subsequently president of the Omaha branch of the N. A. A. C. P., no one could have rendered more zealous and self-sacrificing service. Into

the work of securing a Y. W. C. A. she threw herself with her wonted energy. Believing in the franchise for women, she was most active in the recent political campaign. But besides the work that brought her into the public eye the quieter and unpublished work which she did among the poor and needy of the city and especially among boys and girls who might have come to the attention of the juvenile court filled a large place in her life. Of Jessie Hale-Moss it may be truthfully written, "She loved to serve." Suddenly called to cease her earthly labors when so many years seemed to lie before her, she will be sadly missed.

From Him who rewardeth all who diligently strive to do His work, may she receive the greeting, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into My joy and rest."

THE CASE OF BEN MARSHALL

THERE is a great deal of opposition to the parole of Ben Marshall, who was sentenced to the penitentiary June 20, 1908, for two terms of fifteen years, or a total of thirty years, for an attempted assault upon two women. That they were white women does not magnify, nor does it minimize his heinous offense. The assailant of womanhood, irrespective of her nationality, deserves and should receive condign punishment. Marshall from his conduct, previous to his arrest and conviction, showed himself to be either insane or a degenerate. According to prison records, he has been a model prisoner and is therefore eligible to parole and has been listed for parole. A storm of protest has been raised against releasing this "Negro Assailant of White Women" (quoted headline shows usual sinister appeal to race prejudice) from prison. The Monitor believes that the place for men of the type of Marshall is either in prison or in an insane asylum; but if after a man has served twelve years under the exacting and scrutinizing eye of the prison authorities, they are convinced that in the event of life he has sufficiently reformed to be given an opportunity to make good outside of the prison walls, it seems to us that he should be given that chance. With allowance for good behavior he has served more than half of his original sentence. We question whether the opposition to Marshall's parole is sincere, or is it largely political buncombe?

A WORD TO OUR DAILY PRESS

WE notice that the local dailies, or two of them, are again making prominent and calling undue attention to alleged crimes by colored men. This is wholly unnecessary and dangerous. It makes the race, not the crime of the offender, prominent. It stirs up racial hatred. And what is needed is the allying of racial, class and religious animosities, not their arousing. The press should do nothing to foment strife. Calling attention to the fact that a "Negro" is accused of this or that is either done thoughtlessly or with malicious intent. Which is it? In either case it is unworthy of the press and should be stopped.

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Bear not wise in thine own eyes, Fear the Lord and depart from evil.—Proverbs 3-7.

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God is ashamed of a shameless person.

Naught but firmness gains the prize, Naught but fullness makes us wise—Buried deep, truth ever lies.
 —Confucius.

SNYCOPATED SPASMS

Education
 ONE of the many things on which the human race should pump the loud pedal is education. Therefore this syncopated spasm will consist of a dulcet dissertation upon this subject.

Many of our "cullud" section of our human population have a disposition to pass up education somewhat after the manner of dodging a collection of smallpox bumps. In so doing they are grabbing hold of the wrong number. What everybody needs first is education. We agree that everybody also needs much of the mazumatic needful, but if you haven't got education enough to take care of the needful, your name is mud. Now in these days and times it is far easier to get a headful of education than it is to get a headful of mule, and friend former is a darn sight more useful. Education is something you can carry around with you all the time and not be ashamed of it. It is a case of "I need thee every hour." Just because

you are homely, slow-footed and 40, doesn't mean that your days for education are over and that your brain should become as ossified as Bill Bryan's antique planks. The funny thing about the brain is that the more you put into it the more it will hold, and you should never stop putting things into it. Just as you can never tell when Brother Gabe is going to blow the big bassoon, so you can never tell when you are going to need education. Now education means a whole lot more than the mere juggling with books. It means the knowledge of trades, business, professions, and everything that is worth knowing. In fact, today education is becoming the only hand with which you can shake the shekel tree. If you aren't educated in something, you are a lost soul. Your earning power is down to about zero and your executive power about 212 in the shade. In other words, without education you have to work a whole lot harder for a dollar bill than the educated guy has to work for ten. Do you get the idea? If you do, hang on to it.

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