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REGISTRATION

NEVER before was it more essential that all our people who have the opportunity should vote than this year. In the pivotal states the election of a republican president and congress, and we must elect both, depends upon the votes of the colored American. To be able to vote those who have not registered or have moved since last registration must register. The important work now in Nebraska and elsewhere is to see to it that our people register. To overlook this fact or to neglect this important duty will prove a serious blunder. Party leaders must see to it that ample provision is made for the registration of voters. Paid workers must be put into the field to see to it that accurate and complete registration of all qualified voters, male and female, is made.

GIVE THEM WELCOME

THOUSANDS of our race have moved north within the last three years. Thousands are coming weekly. They are fleeing from conditions that are intolerable and seeking better industrial opportunities for themselves and better educational advantages for their children. We of their brethren who have been only a little longer than they in this section and have enjoyed privileges which they have been denied should give them cordial welcome and help them in every way we can to become assimilated to the newer conditions which surround them. There must be no sectionalism among our race. Our cause is one throughout the nation. While one of the humblest of our group suffers injustice in Georgia or Mississippi, we are not safe in Nebraska or Maine. Give the migrants from southern injustice, penance and oppression cordial and sympathetic welcome.

RIGHTEOUS LIVING

NO TRUTH of Holy Writ calls for more emphasis today than that so tersely put in the striking words, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach unto any people." The nation, race or individual who lightly regards or ignores this truth is doomed. This is the lesson of history. Righteous living upon the part of the individuals who compose a nation is the only guarantee of the perpetuity of any nation, however great and prosperous a nation may think itself to be. Would we have our nation hold an exalted place then each one of us must realize his responsibility of manifesting in his own life and conduct that zeal for righteousness which alone can keep the nation true to the highest ideals. National righteousness depends upon individual righteousness. Righteousness means living right, doing one's duty towards God and towards our neighbor. This is the issue that cannot be dodged. It would be well, therefore, for each one of us to examine himself, fearlessly and honestly, upon the question of right living, or righteous living, it matters not how we phrase it. How do you measure up to the standard set for us? That standard has been set for all men and voiced by a Hebrew prophet in the words, "He (God) hath showed thee, O man, what is good. And what doth the Lord thy God require of thee but to love mercy, to do justly and to walk humbly with thy God?" To do this is to live righteously.

SOLID SOUTHISM

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, U. S. senator from Mississippi, gives us nothing new from a standpoint of information when he tells us that the South is solidly democratic whoever the head of the ticket may be because "it is a necessity for the security of the white man's civilization and social life and the code of ethics on which they rest." Nor are we furnished with any surprise with the echo in the Southern Review (Asheville, N. C.), which in concerning the weakness and inefficiency of southern politics consequent upon this section acting as one party regardless of what persons are nominated at the democratic convention, says, "Whether this practice is good or bad, whether the consequences are tolerable or deplorable, the South needs a course vital to secure the white man's dominance in that section."

We know something about this "white man's civilization" in the South. Being a native thereof, we are fully aware of this "code of ethics" of which this eminent gentleman from Mississippi boasts. His acts in congress have verified his assertions in this connection ere now. The white man's civilization, as practiced in the South, is not a thing which the barbarous Turk would need to emulate. The "code of ethics" upon which all this rests is the continuous lynching, including burning alive, of the colored race in that section and the commission of all manner of hideous crimes against our women.

"Just label the candidates democratic," rejoins the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion, "and the South may be safely counted on to vote solidly for the ticket." Let a Vardaman, or a Bleasie, or even a Sharp Williams be nominated and the South will solidly support the ticket.

It is needless to say that the South has no character of its own—no choice in politics except that one thing is sure, and that is that the Negro be kept down. All else may go. It is evident from this that the South is democratic, and solidly so not because of the government of the nation, but because "the code of ethics" on which the democratic party rests is the eternal suppression and oppression of the Negro race. In other words, the South would cut off its nose to spite its face provided the face was justice and fairness to the Negro.

The fear on the part of the white South that the Negro if given a fair chance would soon become his superior in wealth, is not altogether without reason judging from recent history. In the South the Negro owns nearly one-eighth of the entire wealth, despite the great handicap of discrimination he has there in business. Here he has the handicap of 250 years of slavery and only 50 years of partial freedom, but is still willing to enter the race with his white brother and take his chance at winning. Is the white South, with all the advantage in the race, still so afraid of being beaten by the Negro that he must throw to the winds all that concerns the nation as a whole and "solidify" itself against the colored man?

Professor Dabney of the University of Tennessee ventures to dispel this fear by pointing out that with the "establishment of the states rights, the possibility of Negro ascendancy has passed." "This act," continues the eminent educator, "clears the way

for the solid South's independent political action by the men of that section."

This means that even if the democrats lose the election in November, they have yet to fall back upon that far over-worked farce called "states rights," which means that the men of that section may act independently of the constitution of the United States as they have in connection with the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to that instrument.

But the white man is not asleep to the newly awakened Negro. He reads that in the northern cities whither the Negro has migrated that from 20 to 50 per cent of the deals made by real estate exchanges within the last few years have been made to colored people. He knows the Negro's vision is expanding into big business. He has awakened to the realization that he constitutes a very important fabric of this nation's big business activities and he is rapidly filling his niche. The Negro who used to be promised and confidently expected from the southern white man a "mule and 10 acres," and who patiently awaited this gift until he was planted in six feet of earth, is no more. Our people no longer seek alms but opportunity. We seek only the rights guaranteed to us under the constitution to life, liberty and a chance to prosper.

But the champions of "democracy" are traversing the country today in an effort to convince the people that they are the proper ones to be entrusted with the reins of government, one-tenth of whose population are Negroes. The vast majority of the democratic party are southerners and in the event of that party's success at the polls the "solid south" would dictate its policy towards the colored race.

We must admit that in the matter of speaking there is very little difference between a southern white democrat and a southern white republican when it comes to the Negro. "Lily white" republicanism is as abominable to us as "solid southism." But we stand a far greater chance of justice under a republican administration, which by virtue of its foundation principles and the greater sense of justice which actuates its existence, than we could hope for under southern bourbonism.

Our duty as a race in the coming election is therefore plain. We should take no slim chances on electing a party because we think well of an act or the personality of some of its candidates. We should spare no pains in removing the cause for our unbearable suffering in the last few years. Both of the republican candidates have expressed their determination, in the event of their election, to see to it that the Negro receives his rights as a citizen, and we have very little reason to doubt the sincerity of their statements judging from the character of both of the candidates. Therefore, let us at least reduce the political force of the solid South's political thalax by placing that party in power to which we can entrust our safety.

COX FALLS FLAT

(From the Pittsburgh Courier.)
When the campaign first opened, the people were inclined to compare Governor Cox and Senator Harding. The generous public admitted that Governor Cox was the logical man to oppose Senator Harding. They reasoned that the two men from the same state stood equally well in the estimation of the people generally.

For a season, Governor Cox did run well. But he has fallen, and fallen flat. He has demonstrated his mental inadequacy to grasp the bigger subjects which demand discussion. He has evidently run out of material. He attacked the republicans on the ground that they were raising funds with which to operate the campaign. He thought it of more importance to talk of money than of the league of nations. In one sense, he was right. He evidently was more at home when talking on "soap box" subjects than when he is trying to delve into the intricacies of international relations. If he abandoned the larger subjects for smaller and more familiar ones in self defense, there is some sympathy due him. He ought to deal with familiar subjects. He is familiar with money, and it was perfectly natural for him to turn to that subject.

But he failed miserably in his effort to attract public attention. The people know that the democrats have been trying to raise money for seven years. If they have failed to collect it, it is due to the niggardly disposition of those who have been given every opportunity to get rich out of the war. Where are the southern millionaires? What have they done with the millions that were diverted to southern pockets? Have they deserted them in the saddle at Washington? Or, is it another case of playing safe, knowing the democrats cannot win.

Governor Cox fell in the estimation of the public when he deserted the admitted issues for money talk which interests no one. It requires money to operate a campaign, and the republicans are prepared to finance

their campaign. This is the bone of contention in the estimation of Mr. Cox, who has evidently learned that the democrats have not pledged as liberally as they should.

It is now the general consensus that Mr. Cox greatly embarrassed President Wilson by deserting the higher subjects for one too vulgar to reflect credit upon a presidential nominee. "Minds that go along with mine" are getting scarcer.

Proverbs and Paragraphics

Judge not that ye may not be judged. For with whatsoever judgment ye judge ye shall be judged: and with whatsoever measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again.—St. Matthew 7:1-2.

The fellow who isn't fired with enthusiasm is apt to be fired.

If a top-notch effort yields you no happiness, something is wrong with either you or your efforts. Sit down and do some analyzing.

The most valuable "system" is a good nervous system.

Whoever tries to do each day's work in the spirit of patient loyalty to God is weaving the texture whose other side is fairer than the one he sees.—Dean Stanley.

Knowing the right and true,
Let the world say to you
Worse than it ran:
Answer despite the shame,
I'll not belie my name—
I'll be a man. —Cary.

DON'TS

1. Don't block one's efforts to go forward. Examine your own machinery and see what keeps it standing still.
2. Don't simply see how you can "put in the day." See how much you can put into the day.
3. Don't be satisfied with a "pendulum" progress. This kind of progress is a continuous return to the position from which you began.
4. Don't applaud a speaker in the middle of his sentence. Let the other fellow hear even if you do not care to.
5. Don't set your financial stakes higher than you can by honest toil reach. This creates a false ambition which leads to ill gains.
6. Don't think that your employer cannot get along without your services. There are always three fellows around the corner awaiting your place.
7. Don't carry around with you an ugly grouch. Your natural appearance does not require this aid. It's doing very well without.
8. Don't withhold speaking to your neighbor as an expression of your dislike for him. Use a more effective weapon.
9. Don't remain out of school if you are of school age. You'll regret it when you are too old.
10. Don't fail to identify yourself with some church. There's plenty of both work and room for you inside.

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 2. Name the presidents of the following schools: Harvard, Yale, Howard.
 3. Who wrote "Pilgrim's Progress"?
 4. What incident caused the Spanish-American war?
 5. Name some of the territorial acquisitions made by the United States as a result of the Spanish-American war.
 6. Who was president of the United States during the Spanish-American war?
 7. How did the United States get possession of the Panama canal?
 8. Who was the assassin of President McKinley?
 9. In what city and on what occasion was President McKinley assassinated?
 10. Who was the secretary of state during Mr. Taft's administration?
- Rules: Be as brief as possible. No answer will be accepted unless accompanied with coupon containing questions.
- All answers must be in the Monitor office not later than one week after date of issue on which same appear.

THE PERISCOPE

"Give Us This Day"
Righteous Father, look down upon this nation of ours. We need Thy Almighty Hand to shake a lot of people into their senses, and to guide the feet of others who are willing and anxious to do right.

We would like to know whether there is any "color-line" in Heaven. Some people would have us think so. But it is hard for our little minds, knowing of Thy great love, as we do, to picture a "jim-crow Heaven," such as we have, a "jim-crow" South. We do not want to go to hell when we die, for we have been in the South—and that's enough.

It is hard for us to believe that when we reach the "Great White Throne," having come up through great trials and tribulations, forbearance and long suffering—lynching, the prostitution of our sisters and daughters and mothers—it is hard for us to feel that some "saint" from Mississippi or Texas with a face "as white as snow" will tell us with a snarl and a slur to "Get out of here and go on over into the 'nigger Heaven.'" Father, that would break our heart, which is now nearly bursting with anxiety.

Can it be true that you have cursed us with an everlasting curse and made color, not righteousness, the key to Heaven?

Can it be true that Heaven is the eternal abiding place for all the Grand Army of American Lynchers, they who disembowel expectant mothers; strike down the gray-haired patriarchs who seek to protect the honor of young girls; they who are always speaking of the "sanctity of white women" but who have absolutely no respect for those whose honor we cherish with impulses equally sacred?

Righteous Father, we believe that these people try to fasten a lot of lies on you. We believe that they continually try to use your Holy Name as a cloak to shield their own unspeakable hypocrisy. We think you are about tired of this trickery, and you are about to smite them with eternal Damnation.

We believe that when your Great Son gave us the Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule, he was talking to all the "children of men" everywhere, for all time.

We are trying to help you show up this double-dealing, double-crossing, infernal set of notions about "color this" and "color that." It was born of the devil, and you threw him out of Heaven, and we hope you will hurry up and throw out of America these scoundrels and blood-lust fiends.

Righteous Father, they represent neither You nor America. Amen!

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