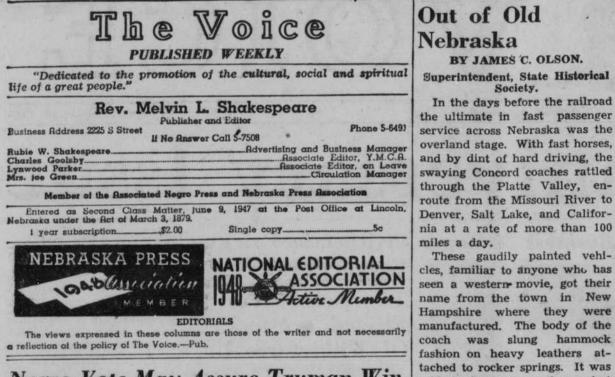
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Negro Vote May Assure Truman Win

By George Gregory DETROIT. (ANP). The Negro vote in the pivotal states may assure victory for Truman.

That Negroes throughout the north are going to turn a big vote for the first president to champion civil rights is no longer debatable. The only question now is the weight that vote will carry in determining the election outcome.

A few weeks ago my boss, the director of ANP, gave me the roving assignment of sampling Negro opinion in the big cities on the presidential candidates. Leaving Chicago three weeks ago, I have visited St. Paul, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, Indianapolis, and this city, Detroit. Everywhere, the Negro in the streets, rights stand, and it will prove the little men, who appreciate that Negroes stand by their real Truman's courageous stand on civil rights more than he knows how to express it in words, is pulling with all his heart for H.S.T.

During this jaunt, I have talked with well over 200 Negroes in all to ride on Abraham Lincoln's walks of life-leaders and labor- coattails."

a score express themselves on the presidential issue in forums. Also, I have heard the hearty applause of thousands for pro-Truman speakers. I haven't the slightest doubt that eight Negro voters out of ten will cast their ballots for President Truman.

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Now I make no pretense that my poll results are infallible. My sample was small and my technique unorthodox, but I believe I have sensed how the vast majority of Negroes feel today.

But win or lose, the Negro feels that his vote for Truman is a cinch to promote the best interest of Negroes. Even if the president does not win, their vote for him will be an important token of our appreciation for his civil friends.

Also, Negro voters know that their Truman vote will say to republicans, "If you want our vote, you'll have to prove yourself every four years and stop trying

coach was slung hammock fashion on heavy leathers attached to rocker springs. It was said to have been the easiest riding vehicle of its time on all kinds of roads-though this, it must be admitted, wasn't saying much.

Inside capacity of the coach was nine passengers, but more than six made it impossible for any to ride in comfort. In times of extra rush, a seat was rigged on top which could accommodate three passengers, and if the need was urgent enough, a place could be made in the mail pouch at the rear for one more. Thus, with the driver and messenger, the stage could carry a total of 15 riders.

In addition to hauling passengers, the overland stage carried mail and express. Indeed, the last two functions probably were more important over the years than the former. A pouch under the driver's seat, and the huge leather pouch or "boot" at the rear, mentioned above, held the mail and express and kept it dry. Shipments of gold and other valuables were placed in the front compartment so the driver and his assistant could give them as much protection as possible.

Stage drivers were important people on the plains-comparable, in a sense, to pilots on an airline. They were responsible for the fastest transportation in the West, and they knew it. They particularly showed their contempt for the bull-whackers who prodded their unwilling oxen along at a rate of from 10 to 15 miles a day.

Many of the drivers were colorful characters. Among the most colorful, perhaps, was Buffalo Bill, who for a short time drove a stage out of Fort Kearny.

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first Negro women postal clerks in the history of the Indianapolis postoffice. These women came in from the separate female register set up after the last civil service exam. They have all joined the Indianapolis branch of the postal alliance feeling that

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