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REPUBLICANS AND THE NEGRO VOTE

W. Calvin Chase, editor of a negro newspaper in Washington, is organizing a negro movement against Roosevelt and Taft. He says that the time has come for the negro to assert his power in politics and to that end organized endeavor has begun "such as never has been undertaken before." He regards President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft as enemies of the negro race, while Senator Foraker is esteemed as their friend. He says the negroes owe it to themselves to aid Foraker, and to "help in every way to rebuke Roosevelt and Taft." "I have no hesitancy in saying," he concludes, "that if the convention does not hearken to us I will place the picture of the democratic candidate for president on the first page of the Bee, and the organized negro vote will be thrown to him. It is no party fight that we are making."

This may be all bluster, but it can not be denied that the negro voters hold a strong position in several of the northern and western states, to-wit: In Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 1900 the vote between Bryan and McKinley in these states was as follows:

	Bryan.	McKinley.
Illinois .....	503,061	597,985
Indiana .....	309,584	336,063
Kansas .....	162,001	185,955
Missouri .....	351,922	314,092
New Jersey .....	164,808	221,707
New York .....	678,380	821,992
Ohio .....	474,882	543,918
Pennsylvania .....	424,232	712,665

In that year the negro voting population was as follows:

Illinois .....	29,762
Indiana .....	18,186
Kansas .....	14,695
Missouri .....	46,418
New Jersey .....	21,474
New York .....	31,425
Ohio .....	31,235
Pennsylvania .....	51,668

In 1900 the negro vote in these states was cast for McKinley. If it had been cast for Bryan, the republican pluralities would have been cut down materially, and in the case of Indiana and Kansas the plurality would have been for Bryan instead of McKinley.

It is said that the republican leaders are alarmed at the negro movement against Roosevelt and Taft, and well they may be, for the negro vote in all the states above named has increased since 1900 in greater proportion than the white vote.—Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch.

FORGOT THE TARIFF

In stating the antithesis between righteousness and business energetically as he does, the president betrays again his fondness for general moral terms. He will do anything to help business, or to aid labor, "except what is wrong." But he leaves, and will leave, this "wrong" wholly undefined. In the end, it comes down with him to a personal conviction, in each individual case. "Righteousness" is the particular course he elects to follow. It is righteous to prosecute the Standard Oil for rebating; it was also righteous to extol Paul Morton for rebating. To Mr. Roosevelt, there is not the slightest inconsistency in this. His desires and decisions become at once to him the embodiment of the moral law—great principles to be

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