Kent News

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THE COLORED VOTERS!

A Colored Man's Views---Addressed to the Kent County Voters.

This is Not the Office Seekers' Advice, but that of an Honest and Frank Teacher of His Race!

BALTIMORE, Oct. 22, 1897.

To the Editors of the Kent News,
Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.:

Gentlemen:—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper to say a few words to my race in Kent county? I write to you be cause I have learned in this campaign of the impossibility of getting a hearing except on one side in the Republican papers. What I say may not do any good at this late time in Kent county but my sense of duty compels me to speak. I am cursed in my own mind and heart if I remain silent under the outrageous treatment the colored people have received here.

This treatment of our race is purely political and selfish, and in this view we must deal with it. And if we do not rebuke it we are unworthy the name of freemen!

To aid in this rebuke I call upon the honest and intelligent colored voters of Kent to aid. I want to tell them of our wrongs here.

We have been treated with utter contempt by the Republican leaders. We have 50,000 votes in Maryland which alone gave the State to the Republicans last year and the year before. What has been the appreciation? Throughout the length and breadth of this State we have no recognition whatever. We are treated simply as the political slaves of the Republican office-seekers. We must vote as they tell us and get nothing in return.

In this city we have 19,000 votes and we were solemly promised three of the nominees for members of the legislature if we would aid in the success of Mr. Malster for mayor. We did so. And what did they do? They coldly turned us down. Why? Not that we hadn't sense enough to go to the legislature, but *solely because we were colored.*

Our votes were good enough for the white office seekers, but they couldn't,—and said they wouldn't—vote for any colored man for office!

To please a few hundred renegade Democrats our Baltimore white Republican leaders slap our 20,000 in the face—they turn us down, even after we have chosen our candidates in accordance with a deliberate understanding—and boldly deny us the commonest rights of freemen. In the face of such outrageous treatment they are asking us to support their office-seekers! They claim our solid vote as usual, and are resorting to the most arbitrary and villainous proceedings to whip our voters into line. They have bought off some of our colored leaders with money and with promises of office and they are going about the city to tell us colored voters our duty. Duty!—just think of it. To be told that it is our duty to remain forever the most menial political slaves to political masters! A great number of us revolt againt it and we will rebuke it with our votes.

I want to say, that, outside of all considerations mentioned, it is time for us to act in our own race interest. What is that interest? I write particularly to speak of this, and I thought possibly that the more intelligent of the Kent county colored voters would be willing to consider this matter as one of the most vital importance to us.

It is this: the assurance of our solid vote for any party is at once a bar to our appreciation.

We are counted as so many cattle.

We are not like white voters.

They demand to vote as they please, and for that reason their free agency is respected.

We are simply *classed*, and in a lump we are expected to herd as usual under the direction of office-seeking leaders, and worse still, some of these very leaders were up to a recent date the most violent Democrats. But they expect us to obey them now and vote to put them in office after usurping the places of life-long Republicans. That is the case here, and I am told it is so in Kent county.

Only a short while ago I was in Chestertown with Dr. —— and the sainted Bishop Wayman of our church, and as I always took interest in politics I remember certain ones there classed as Democrats. Mr. Urie and Mr. Hurtt were among these. Now I am told they have gotten office under our party and a Mr. Russell, who was publishing a Democratic paper then, is now actually one of the candidates on our ticket! How did he get there? Was it not through the agency of his former Democratic coworkers? I am so informed. And more. I am further told, and believe it true, that a few of these former Democrats are now the chiefs of our party in Kent county, and deliberately demand that the 1800 colored voters shall march into line and vote for them! Will they do it? It is said they will. But it is very humiliating for me to think so.

The Republican newspaper organ of this city has heretofore claimed to be Democratic, and it is the most potent political persecutor of the colored race. It is the Sun. It made it one of the conditions of its support of the Republican ticket that the colored man *should not be recognized.* It said the "negroes could be relied upon to vote the Republican ticket through prejudice!" It said, impliedly, that it was not necessary that we should be treated with any consideration, our ignorance and our prejudice would whip us into the Republican lines as usual. And now that paper, as the organ of the successful city faction is doing its best to get these ill-treated colored voters to support its ticket.

We have all to lose and nothing to gain by this solid voting.

Our votes will never be respected so long as we thus continue.

As evidence of our lack of manhood we are actually taught to believe that we have no right to vote anything but a Republican ticket! Though the Democratic candidate has been a friend to us in our sorest need we are asked to vote against him!

Is that the case in Kent? It has been so here. But we have broken these shackles, and we now propose to assert our manhood and vote as we please and not at the dictation of the bosses.

I regret to know that our churches in Kent and elsewhere are being polluted by political meetings. I trust our ministers do not sanction such sacriligious doings. I never did, and never will, for any party. It is one of the worst stabs to our race. It destroys the very dearest of our hopes. When we lose for our religion the respect of the world we are hopeless. Let every respecting colored man frown upon all such crimes as the making of the colored man's church a political platform.

We, as free men, are determined not to be longer driven in herds to vote the Republican ticket. In this city we have a regular nominated ticket, and if we are not allowed a place on the Australian ballot for our nominees we have determined to rebuke the arbitrary act of the Republican bosses by voting the straight Democratic ticket. We can do this in the present fight for the further reason that as between the Republicans and the Democrats, the latter have been our best friends.

I want my Kent county people to do the same. No harm can come to them from so doing. The talk about the purposes of the Democrats to take away the colored man's vote is all bosh and everybody knows it. The colored people alone are thought to be such fools that they will drink in such stuff. It is only done to keep up our prejudices and get our votes.

For one I would rather trust the Democrats than the Republicans after the experience of the past two years.

Truly and respectfully,

A—— H——.

MESSRS. EDITORS NEWS:—Please publish the above in justice to us and it may be of value to our race in Kent as well as in Baltimore, and I am sure you can have nothing but kind feeling for us.

Very truly,

A—— W——.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1897.

The places wherein such Election, upon the date aforementioned, will be held in the respective Districts or Precincts, are as follows, viz.:

First District—Millington Precinct—Mallalieu's Hotel.
First District—Galena Precinct—Rogers' House, Galena.
Second District—Weer's Wareroom.
Third District—Kiker's Hall, Worton.
Fourth Dist.—Court House—Chestertown.
Fifth Dist.—Downey's Store, Rock Hall.
Sixth Dist.—Kendall's Store, Fairlee.
Seventh Dist.—Baker's Shops, Pomona.

Said election is to be held for the purpose of voting for public officers, as follows:

One person as Comptroller of Maryland.
One person as Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.
One person as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland.
Two persons as Associate Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit of Maryland.
One person as Clerk of Circuit Court of Kent county.
One person as Register of Wills of Kent county.
One person aa Treasurer of Kent county.
Two persons as Representatives of Kent county in the next General Assembly of Maryland.
Two persons as County Commissioners of Kent county.
One person as Sheriff of Kent county.
One person as Surveyor of Kent county.

And for the further purpose of voting for or against the Civil Service Ordinance proposed as an Amendment to the Constitution of Maryland by the last General Assembly of Maryland.

The return judges shall make their returns before twelve (12) o'clock noon the second day after the election, that is to say, before noon Thursday following the Tuesday of the election, in the manner prescribed by the law, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, to the County Commissioners, to the Board of Supervisors of Elections and to the Register of Wills of the County aforesaid.

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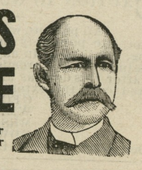

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