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USING OUR FRANCHISE

Again the question arises how shall we vote and for whom shall the Negro race vote.

When we remember how our people are disfranchised in the United States and especially in the South; we should be alert and anxious to use our privilege to vote when ever an opportunity arises.

First of all we should give careful thought and consideration of the platforms involved and if possible to do so, we should choose those principles which are for the best interest of the city, for all the people. We should then cast our votes for the men and women who stand for these principles. But by all means we should and must vote.

Instead of making any particular party the basis on which we choose our candidates we must choose him or her from the principles he or she advocates.

Another consideration which should guide us as a race is of course, group consideration. This ought not have to be a consideration and all other things being equal we would not advocate group consideration in casting our vote.

The folly, as Kelly Miller in the St. Louis Argus says, is in carrying all one's eggs in one basket. If that basket falls all of your eggs are smashed. Devotion to any one party leads that party to assume an arrogant attitude and to regard the unyielding attachment as due to weakness and to treat the attachment with contempt and disdain.

Politicians, I am wont to say, value the voter whom they are likely to lose and pay less attention to the ones they are sure of.

It is said of some of us that in days of old our vote could be purchased for a few paltry dollars. As to that we cannot say. However we feel certain that if such a custom ever existed among us, it is only a matter of ancient history. At present 15 per cent of our people would consider it a gross insult to be offered money for their votes. We are seeking now to advance the interest of our race rather than reap individual gain. Let us not forget to use our franchise on Monday. Let us seek to vote for the best interests of the whole City of London.

It is encouraging to London citizens to see a man of the calibre of J. Stanley Lovell running in the election for the Board of Education. Mr. Lovell is well known and highly respected. He has been connected with the London Life Insurance Company for over 30 years, the past 14 of which he has served as Secretary. In all of his activities Mr. Lovell has manifested the same characteristics of sound judgment, broad sympathy and absolute fairness—qualities which have contributed to his present success and which can be of great value in the direction of the city's educational work. The Dawn of To-morrow is pleased to be able to endorse such a man as Mr. Lovell.

SEES COLOR OF RACE CHANGING

New York City, Nov. — "Little new white blood is now entering the Negro racial mixture in 'Americe'," says Dr. Irene Barnes Tauber of the Mount Holyoke College, in a paper presented before the Third International Congress of Eugenics. Science News Letter, a science service publication of Washington, D.C. expresses the views that; "Negroes in America are becoming lighter in color, as a race, but a considerable range in duskiness of skin will always be found among them."

Little new white blood is now entering the Negro racial mixture in America, Dr. Tauber stated. Nevertheless the race as a whole is growing lighter, due to crossings with the lighter-colored stock already in existence. The unmixed Negroes are a dwindling group; their percentage among parents at present is 29, as against only 14 per cent of pure-blooded Negroes among the offsprings.

"The American Negro population of the future will probably be more homogeneous as to ancestry," said Dr. Tauber; "there will be a smaller percentage of unmixed Negroes, a larger percentage with half or more Negro ancestry, and a smaller percentage who pass as Negroes, but have more white than Negro ancestry. The segregation process operative in the inheritance of pigmentation will prevent the development of a population of one uniform hue."

TOAST

Here's to your eyes
For the things I see
Drowned in them,
Here's to your lips
Two livid streaks of flame . . .
Here's to your heart
May it ever be full
Of the love of loving . . .
Here's to your body
A lithesome hilltop tree
Swaying
To a spring morning's breath . . .
Here's to your soul
As yet
Unborn. . . .

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