

Charles J. Maly, magician; Herbert Wedewen and his jazz orchestra; Al Hoffmeister, Carl J. Marsh, Reginald Duvall, George Kadel, tenor; Miss Iris Myers, Richard Davenport, a youthful singer, and others.

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For several years it was charged that large numbers of negroes were lured from the South by promises of high wages and social equality, in order to increase the Republican vote in Indiana. Many of these colored people who come to Indianapolis are decent, law-abiding citizens. But, unfortunately some of them, deceived and disappointed, have taken themselves to lives of crime. The general desire of Southern negroes to come here, which can be learned by any one travelling through the South, has made it nationally known as "negro heaven." The movement now on foot certain white women's organizations to secure segregation of races, in separate compartments of street cars, etc., is the natural outgrowth of conditions almost intolerable on some of the car lines.

Many negroes left the cotton sections of the South during the World War and went into the mills of the factory districts. Many of them came to the promised land to compete with white laborers. This is practically a solid Republican vote. Regardless of what officials may do with the people's money or how taxes may be increased, this element, with exceedingly rare exceptions, would vote any ticket labeled Republican. It does not mince matters in reminding judges and other Republican officials of this fact. During campaigns it makes enough promises to Democratic managers of support and these promises are not kept. But they do prevent Democratic managers from taking any platform positions on this subject. The police department of Mr. Bell while he was mayor usually knew when a burglar from Nashville, a horse thief from Memphis or a murderer from Little Rock reached Indianapolis. They were told this city was not a healthful place of residence for this element. During the Jewett administration this class seems to have been courted until the long string of crimes read in Indianapolis newspapers made people in other cities wonder why the decent white population and decent colored people have not demanded a "clean-up" of conditions.

It was reliably reported during the last city campaign one of the candidates in a public speech promised a "clean-up" of criminal conditions if the Democratic city ticket was successful and that about two dozen white Republican women said that if this were promised, they would vote the Democratic city ticket, but that this candidate received orders not to mention this subject again. Do the Democrats value the promises of this element which they never get more than they do the votes of respectable Republicans who want conditions yet improved?

The State platform committee can do so this thing to make amends for the failure of the city platform committee to deal with this important subject.

BRANDS HIS CHILD.
ROTHERHAM, England, May 20.—Charles E. Taylor branded his 15-year-old son on the cheek and arms with a hot iron, but escaped with three months' imprisonment.

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