

# THE FORUM

"Be ye doers and not sayers only."

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## The 4th of July.

July the 4th, 1776, the colonists declared that they would no longer suffer the indignities heaped upon them by Great Britain, which country thought that, as these were her subjects and this territory was discovered, settled and acquired by England, England has the right to "boss," just as many people over this land now are wont to say, "this is a white man's country." If by saying that this is a white man's country, they mean because the whites preceded the black, then this is England's, France's and Spain's country because they founded it. But back to the subject let us go 131 years ago the boys were waging a war, not knowing what the results were to be 4 years later. Men had diverse opinions, some believed war to be inevitable others believed it could be evaded, but war came and great was the coming of it. Men died, yes died honorable deaths that the nation might not perish and it has not. We historians of color feel proud to know that among those brave heroes, whose blood was shed for "redemption of sins of posterity," lay buried too, our own Crispus Attucks and three others, who were the first to be pierced by British cruel bullets. All of you white and colored people don't know that Crispus Attucks' patriotism, though he was only a serf was so genuine that he could not bear to see British soldiers walking incognito, around Boston, trampling the colonist's rights under their feet, rushed forward to do or to die, and died, the first American to spill his untutored blood in that sanguinary struggle. Your history is not comprehensive when it comes to lauding black men who helped to make it "My Country 'Tis of Thee." That would not be social equality but Military inequality in favor of these same sable sons, who, because they dared not let Texas ruffians humiliate them and are discharged. But however, the above is what all this nonsense and shooting and killing last Thursday is a commemoration of. Sorry for you who got killed, "Requiescat in pace."

## Petersburg News.

Mrs. Bettie Adams is improving of the rheumatism.

Robert Lawson of Springfield visited here Sunday.

Chas. Gaines visited in Springfield Sunday.

Alfred Vaughan of Loversville is the guest of his parents this week.

James Motley has returned from Muskogee Ind. Sy.

Writer Daniels is visiting in Springfield this week.

## Roy R. Reece For Mayor

Roy R. Reece, Republican candidate for mayor is a young man in the prime of vigorous manhood in whom we all have explicit confidence. He was reared and schooled here and his deportment, both in public and private life, is without a demerit. His reputation as a business man is unquestioned and he is a young man of high moral worth.

### Why He is The Best Man,

He is the best man because he is allied with and a member of the best party on earth. He will carry out those broad principles inaugurated by the late David S. Griffith. He stands sponsor for progress and is one of the best liked and most highly respected young men in the city.

### Republicans Should be Loyal.

Every Republican should be loyal and not lose sight of the important fact of having the city remain in the hands of the Republican party. It is imperative and the duty of every Republican to stand firm, don't let petty differences of the past dissuade you from voting for Reece. Our city has started out to blossom, and next year we have our national and state elections, also several county elections.

### Should Finish Administration.

The Republican party should finish the administration begun by Mayor Griffith by all means—not



the democrats. Let every Negro voter stand firm. Our people will be represented better than ever before—we shall be master. Our city is now in debt—nothing can restore it to its normal place save a Republican administration. Do you want Will George and other men on Washington street, to again open their joints? Personally the people have nothing to say against Mr. Reece's opponent,

it's the crowd, the party he will be influenced by. The same men that you repudiated at the polls on April 6th last.

Readers! it's time for our people to again be loyal as you were April 6. It was not Devereux you were so tired of, but the following: Jim Anderson's police force—if you support a democrat you replace this same abominable gang back in the city hall and in the police station. Let us not do so. We'll not do so and we hope we voice the entire wishes of the colored and white people when we say Roy Reece should be, must be, and will be, the next mayor.

### Get Out a Large Vote.

We hope a large vote will be polled. Let everyone interest himself. It is of vital importance to each one of you that this city be conducted by a Republican mayor and council.

The Republicans have a two-thirds majority in the council. What benefit can a man hope to derive from the election of John H. McCreery? The Republican party has always been the most successful party and every man regardless of race or class has shared better under its ruling. We repeat, we do not want our police force again under such ruffians. Chief Seago has had better police regulations during these three months than Anderson had for 48 months.

### Don't Forget the Date—July 16.

Let us keep in memory the date. Every Republican must be interested. Our party shall not lose. We call for valiant workers and Roy Reece will win. Are you a Republican or democrat? We ask this question to our colored friends. If you are a Republican you have too much principle and your patriotism is too true for you to change your vote even if you may be offered a larger amount. There may be a few but how many, who'll be so weak as to sell his citizenship to the highest bidder. Of course if you are a democrat and believe that party is better, we are not alluding to you, but do not be purchased for a mere dollar; for he who can be bought may be sold and sold cheap for cash. Therefore in this special election we ask the colored people especially, to be men. We have no grievance in this fight. Everyone can not get positions, but the party is looking to the colored people as well as to the other's interest and more yet will be done.

What can we hope to gain by not supporting Reece? Absolutely nothing. Therefore stand fast and be not again entangled with the democratic yoke of bondage.

### Roy Reece an Ideal Young Man

In asking your support of this young man, we have not before had the pleasure to speak of a more affable, congenial, amiable man. He is efficient, not puffed up, plain and meets all on the same level. We feel satisfied

that the chair, so lamentably vacated by D. S. Griffith will be well and honorably filled by our compatriot and home made young citizen, Roy R. Reece.

## Bloomington News.

Mrs. F. Headley and Dabney visited in Decatur last week.

Ethel Henneger is agent for the B. B. dandruff cure, 606 N. Fell street.

The following were visitors at the convention in Decatur last week—Ethel Duff, Bertha Sewel, Effie Thomas, Alvesta Duff and Rev. Brewer.

Mrs. Bradshaw entertained Mrs. Anna Danel of Springfield, Sunday.

The Don't Worry club entertained their husbands with a banquet last week at the residence of Mrs. E. Thomas.

Alvesta Duff who attended the convention at Decatur, became suddenly ill and was compelled to return home before the adjournment of the meeting.

Sallie Walton visited her sister in Aurora last week.

Mrs. Anson visited in Decatur last week.

Mrs. Wm. Fields and daughter Victoria, spent Sunday in Indianapolis.

Eugene Wind who has been ill at the home of Mrs. Rush, is rapidly recovering.

R. Rozell is anticipating leaving the city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Meanhead are the parents of a baby girl.

Mrs. Carl Stearls is visiting relatives in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Brodus have moved to Indianapolis.

Wm. Pavitt is now living in Indianapolis.

The fair at the 2d Christian church is progressing nicely.

## Normal News.

Mrs. J. Bates and son, Felix Curtiss and Miss M. Dawson visited in Indianapolis Sunday.

Mrs. C. Washington has returned to her home in Dayton, Ohio, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. J. Bates.

Roy Williams has gone to Chicago to enter the Chicago University.

C. E. Jackson spent Sunday in Chicago.

Rena Grigsby entertained the Misses Mattie Banks, Jocie Waddy, Jessie Allen of Jacksonville.

Miss Rena Grigsby has issued invitations numbering about 30, for a birth day party at the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. Calhoun, Thursday eve, July 4th.