

all come by the straight gate and have  
no frowns — to tell the truth they don't  
ask any better humanity beforeward,

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My dear Martinet:

We are about to  
increase the numbers of the Adminis-  
trative Council. I want you on it but  
am not sure it would be wise to  
name you, just now. You see  
this is the point, a lot of the so-called  
"leaders" are going to make a kick  
because they were not consulted.

I will not have a word to say to  
them on the matter as I see that  
if they were thrust forward, the  
white people will draw out. A  
man ought to see, and probably there were  
to see, that white men will not join a  
colored league, to any extent that is. Yet  
it is white votes and sentiment we must  
rely on at the  $\frac{1}{2}$  month. They are so retrospec-  
tively with the idea of being "leaders" that I fear  
they are willing to call their brethren into

Egypt for the trial of a cheap motorist.  
Of course, I cannot discuss matters  
with them nor seem to be aware of  
their feeling or existence. I have  
determined to discuss them by appointing  
colored men and women who are  
representatives but not "leaders."

You discuss it most of any one  
but I have reconsidered if con-  
sidering every thing, it were not  
better to appoint Wm. Deshaunes.  
I take it he is your friend - some-  
times I like him - and I  
judge he has no established  
annuities and is a representa-  
tive business man. If you  
approve, I will mention him  
the place. If you ~~do not~~  
prefer to be named for it  
yourself, you can have  
it. I sincerely wish you

judgment on this point  
things are moving on  
splendidly. I had no idea  
there were so many true  
men among the white people  
of the North!

I have heard nothing from the  
President and do not think he will  
make the appointment. If it is made  
there is a surprise in store for  
you and others. Whatever happens  
do not think I fail to appreciate  
your ~~kind~~ hearty action. ~~we~~  
~~would think of doing anything~~

Will you tell me whether  
Miss Wells of the Free Speech  
is white or colored? If she  
is white, I want her to balance  
Miss Lewis who is colored on  
the Ad. Council. You see I mean

to keep that about  $\frac{2}{3}$  white,  $\frac{1}{3}$  col,  
and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of each section women.  
I shall take the colored men  
from the South: the colored  
women from the North  
and so checkmate the "leaders".

I am going slow but they have  
got to get out of the way without  
my fuss. The only hope is in  
an automatic leadership from  
a white at least and I  
seem to be the only man  
the masses of the two races  
have confidence in. So I am  
going to hold the reins in my  
own fingers until the thing is  
stiff-backed enough to stand  
alone. The politicians are be-  
ginning to come in sharply -  
senators, Representatives and  
State officers - but they