

933 Park Ave

Hot Springs, Ark.
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Judge Senger
Dr. Sir.

Forgive this intrusion.
I notice in the papers that you decline
as a candidate &c, & give your reasons.
I can sympathize with you, for since
the Republican party ignores the great prin-
ciple on which it was formed what
shall the "Fathers" of the party do? I am
one of said fathers that now seems to
be without a family! or are they like
the children of old Commodore Vanderbilt ^{which} ~~he~~
he said "was all bastards but Bill"!

Are you the only legitimate son in all
this large & growing family? I am pained
& surprised that the colored man has been
so completely ignored, or even given a respectful
hearing in any of our political meetings.
When the Republicans are feeling so strong
it would seem easy to help our weaker brethren.

Can honest Republican success shall
be a day of rejoicing to the colored man.
But what hope had he in the Republican
party as it now stands? This party may
find a Lion in the way before '96. I have
looked forward with hope & rejoicing, until
late. Now I am in the dark & don't know
which way to turn, or what I shall do.
I shall never give up the cause of our colored
brethren until justice is done him, & his
rights recognized & respected. I can see
no lasting success of the Republican party
until it goes back to its first principles.
Neither can I see any settled state of
prosperity to your country until justice
is done to the negro. There is a "cloud of wit-
nesses" about this nation that will not see
justice go down before greed & selfishness.

The civil war for the union did not prosper
until after the proclamation of freedom, so now
no party will prosper long that does not
seek to do justice to all the citizens of
the Republic. If you can give me light I shall
be glad. Can you do so in the future & again (which I
need) without disturbing that sheet? My respectful
A. H. M. M. M.