

A WESTERN WHITE REPUBLICAN.

After Mature Deliberation, Comes Out Vigorously in Favor of the Amendment.

PATRIOTISM VS. PARTISANSHIP.

Every Man Should Do His Duty to His State, Regardless of What His Politics May Be.

February 22, 1900. Zirconia, Henderson County, N. C. Editor Post:

It is out of my line of business to write for a newspaper, but since the agitation of the constitutional amendment began I have become impressed with the fact that something of unusual importance is on hand and that every white man in the State of North Carolina should get on his feet and study this question and not let prejudice or party spirit interfere with his duty to his country.

The majority of voters in my township and county are Democrats. I am not a Democrat, but I believe in the principles of the Republican party in this State to the ratification of the constitutional amendment which action, I am thoroughly convinced, is a deplorable blunder.

I am, as I have already said, a Republican, and expect to remain one, but I am not one of the so-called Republicans, such as Senator Priddy, Congressman Lane, and others, who are proving themselves to be unworthy of the name.

The difference while you Democrats and Republicans in this section are in a dilemma as to how to vote on the amendment, because they do not understand it. They are in favor of the amendment, but are being misled by the Democratic party.

I have read and studied the amendment closely, and read the party arguments for and against it, and I am satisfied that no part of it is unconstitutional, it and every part of it are legal, but doubts on this point, which fairly exist in the minds of many voters, and argument fails to remove them. This being so, it is necessary that the legislature amend the amendment as proposed, and I hope it will do so.

A SHORT MEMORY

(The Chief Endowment of Republican Politicians.

Special Raleigh Correspondence. It is astonishing how short the memory of the Republican leaders is. Take for instance Revenue Collector Carl Duncan, who looks after Republican affairs in all Eastern North Carolina.

He was speaking about the legislature which is to be elected this year and offered to let it would be Republican. No doubt he included Populists in his count, as the Republicans invariably speak of themselves and Populists jointly as "we."

What shortness of memory! Does he really think for the first part out of a second that the Democrats in North Carolina, and those who stand shoulder to shoulder with them in 1900 at the election have so soon forgotten the negro rule in this State in 1897-8?

It is inconceivable that in one year such people as determined could even think of returning to such a state of affairs. If Collector Duncan believes, as will those, as he lost in 1898, for if there are three things certain besides death and taxes in this year of grace, then they are that the Democrats will carry the legislature and elect their Congressional nominees and that the constitutional amendment will be ratified by a majority more than gratifying.

Senator Butler is leading against the franchise amendment to the constitution. This plea for negro supremacy is being sent out by Republicans under the Senator's frank, Collector Duncan, for example, is sending out some thousands of copies.

Republican State Chairman Helton, one of the foremost of Republicans, had some criticisms to make of Governor Russell's frank statement made at a banquet in Chicago, in which the Republicans were arraigned for allowing themselves to be placed in antagonism to the constitutional amendment.

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AN OPEN LETTER.

Mr. John H. Scarborough, of Murphy, N. C., chairman of the Populist executive committee of Cherokee county, writes an open letter to Senator Butler, in which he asks the Senator some very pointed questions.

Murphy, N. C., Feb. 21, 1900. Hon. Marion Butler, Washington, D. C. The Populists of Cherokee county would be glad to know, Mr. Butler, when and where you bought the party and what you gave for it.

You order us to vote with you and blame the negro White and Priddy. For what? This we may contest, and above all that Populists have ever stood for.

Do you think that white men are going to desert their race at your suggestion? You reason without reason. I am white, inside and out, on this question, and you will find all the boys

the same unless they have been to the pig counter. It is natural for the pigs to fight for the shop.

You may use it if suits you, and we are satisfied that any bill will do, so bring office to you.

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