

The suffrage amendment, which the white men of North Carolina will adopt at our next election, is exactly like the amendment adopted in Louisiana, except that the latter has a property qualification. Therefore the best way of judging what will be the effect of our amendment when adopted, is to find out what has been the effect of the Louisiana amendment that has already been adopted.

The next State election held in Louisiana since the adoption of her amendment was held on the 17th of last month. We copied last week from a New Orleans paper an article showing that this election was the most peaceful and satisfactory one held since the war, and that no illiterate white men were disfranchised. In addition to this proof we now have the evidence of Mr. Joseph Daniels, the editor of the News and Observer, who, since that election, has made a visit to Louisiana and made personal inquiry as to that election and the effect of the amendment.

Mr. Daniels, after this personal investigation, corroborates all that the New Orleans papers had published. He says that the white people of Louisiana are delighted with the practical workings of their amendment, and that even the colored are contented and satisfied. He repeats, what has been published, that the illiterate white men were fully protected and not so trouble whatever in voting.

And yet some men pretend to believe that the North Carolina amendment will disfranchise and illiterate white men!

Mr. Daniels publishes the interviews which he had with some of the most prominent officials of Louisiana. We have space to copy here what was said by one, Hon. Andrew P. Freeland, a member of Congress, who had this to say:

"The amendment has more than met public expectations. Our elections under it are closely contested and perfectly fair, with alliterates registered under section five and voted, few negroes vote, they are satisfied, and there is good feeling between the races. There has been no complaint whatever, no suggestion of trouble. It has made the greatest difference in the elections. There was perfect quiet and a sharp contest at the election. The courts protect the negro fully, good schools are open to his children, the negroes work well, are doing well and are satisfied. There is no unkind feeling or prejudice between the races. The white people encourage the negro to advance in every material way, and help them to prosper, but are awaiting for them to rule."

Two national conventions of the Populist party were held last week. One was held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the other at Cincinnati. The former nominated William J. Bryan for President and Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, for Vice-President, and the latter nominated Wharton Barker, of Pennsylvania, and Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota.

Each of these conventions claims to be the only true and genuine Populist convention, and they represent the two factions into which the Populist party seems to be hopelessly divided. Even if there had, before this, been any chance for the Populist party to have any weight or influence, that chance is now utterly gone. "A house divided against itself cannot stand," and of course the Populist party cannot hope now to stand when so divided. Indeed neither one of its factions can now have sufficient following, or political capital, to trade on, or make a bargain and sale with, either the Republican or Democratic party, as hoped for by the leaders.

So far as we can ascertain there was no North Carolina Populist at Cincinnati, and only one (Butler) at Sioux Falls.

By a majority of two votes the House of Representatives at Washington turned out Hon. W. T. Crawford and gave his seat to Richmond Pearson. A man the grant of justice was never before, granted by any body of men pretending to be honest. And yet the party that has thus actually stolen an entire Congressional district prates about honest elections!

Of course no honest and intelli-

gent man thinks that Pearson was elected, and the giving of Crawford's seat to him is excused only as a political necessity. But it was a political blunder as well as a gross outrage, and will help the Democratic party for more than it will hurt it. And instead of hurting Crawford as the Democrats insist, it will give the former next year a splendid opportunity to run for Congress.

And by the way, it is a strange and subtle trick to be played by the Democrats to have a man elected to Congress who will not vote for them, and who will vote against them.

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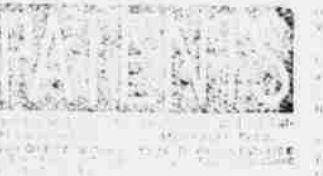
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