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According to the Washington Star Pritchard says in Washington that "The Populists and republicans will both oppose the constitutional amendment proposed by the democrats to disfranchise the negro vote." In North Carolina he claims that it will disfranchise the uneducated white vote, and in Washington he says "The negro vote." He knows that it is only the illiterate negro vote the constitution would disfranchise.—News and Observer.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Administration Senators and Representatives are wrangling fearfully over the plums made available by the Porto Rico Act, which goes into effect May 1. Nearly everyone of them is grabbing after at least one of the biggest and juiciest of these plums for a constituent and they are making Mr. McKinley very weary by their persistency. The selection of Mr. C. H. Allen to be governor was entirely personal on the part of Mr. McKinley, just as the same gentleman was personally chosen by Secretary Long to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy when "Teddy" Roosevelt resigned that office to become a rough rider. If some of the men who are after the other places over there succeed in getting them, Mr. Allen will have to keep his eyes wide open to prevent his administration of the affairs of the island getting into the breakers of scandal.

It is a little puzzling to understand why the administration is preventing action on the Nicaragua Canal bill at this session of Congress, but perfectly plain that it is doing so, through its agents in both House and Senate. There is something behind the desire to postpone this legislation, which has been endorsed by all the political parties and by the public sentiment of the country as well. Of course, Mr. McKinley isn't openly antagonizing the Canal bill, but it was administration Senators who voted down Morgan's motion to take up the Canal bill, and it has been administration Representatives who have headed off Representative Hepburn's several attempts to get a date set for its consideration by the House.

Nothing could more surely show the steady increase of public sentiment in favor of the election of Senators by direct vote of the people than the adoption by the House of a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment for so electing Senators, by a vote of 240 to 15. A similar resolution has been adopted by the House in a previous Congress but not by such a large vote. Whether the Senate will respond to public sentiment by adopting this resolution is yet to be seen, but it is doubtful.

It is bad enough for public lobbyists to engage in manufacturing public sentiment in favor of or against pending legislation in Congress, but it is infinitely worse for a bureau of the government to engage in such business. The Interstate Commerce Commission has been sending out thousands of circular letters, printed and mailed at public expense, asking that letters be written to Senators and Representatives to make them support the Cullom bill, for the enlargement of the power of that Commission. The exposure of this official lobbying has caused a sensation in Congress, and it ought

to cause the summary dismissal of every official who either participated therein or countenanced it; but Mr. McKinley's backbone is hardly equal to such heroic treatment of the case.

A bill to make more republican patronage, which can be utilized in the coming campaign, has been reported from the House Census Committee. It provides for the creation of a Census printing office, with a superintendent at \$2,500 a year, and a large force of printers and bookbinders. In previous censuses, this work has been done at the government printing office, and there is no other reason than greed for more patronage on the part of republicans why it should not be done there for this census.

Under orders from the republican bosses, who wish to keep down the total of appropriations at this session of Congress, the House Military Committee, which had previously agreed to increase the annual appropriation for the support of the National Guard of the states to \$2,000,000, has reduced the amount to \$1,000,000.

Only one democrat in Congress is publicly supporting Admiral Dewey for the democratic nomination for President. That is Representative Levy, of N. Y., who is a very nice gentleman, but who has not been recognized as one of the democratic leaders. Admiral Dewey now openly says that it is the anti-Bryan democrats from whom he expects support enough to get the democratic nomination, but where he expects to find enough of that brand of democrats within a hundred miles of nominating him is something that is beyond the comprehension of ordinary folk. A proposition in connection with Admiral Dewey's candidacy is being talked about in Washington; it would be a good thing to carry out. It is that Admiral Dewey and Col. Bryan shall pledge themselves to support the ticket nominated by the Kansas City Convention, before their names are presented as candidates. Every Bryan man to whom this proposition has been submitted has endorsed it. Admiral Dewey says he will make public this week a statement of his position on public questions. It is awaited by the public with more curiosity than anxiety.

Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman, Milesburg, Pa., says. As a speedy cure for coughs, colds, croup and sore throat One Minute Cough Cure is unequalled. It is pleasant for children to take. I heartily recommend it to mothers. It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. It cures bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung disease. It will prevent consumption. Coffey Bros., Phillips & Son.

"If you vote for me I want you to do so with the distinct understanding that I shall devote the four years of my official time to upbuilding the public schools in North Carolina. I shall endeavor to provide for every white child in the State to get an education.—Ayecock at Winston.

## Democratic State Platform.

Following is the Democratic platform as adopted by the Democratic State convention on the 11th:

The Democratic party of North Carolina, in convention assembled in Raleigh, N. C., on this day April 11 1900 do hereby approve, endorse and ratify the principles enunciated and set forth in the platform of the national Democratic party adopted at Chicago in 1896.

We denounce the tariff legislation of the republican party, which has increased the burdens of taxation upon our consumers and increased the powers of the trusts and monopolies to rob the people. Believing that under our present method of Federal taxation that more than three-fourths of our national revenues are paid by people owning less than one fourth of the property of the country, we protest against such inequality and injustice, and in order to remedy to some extent this great wrong we favor an income tax and favor all constitutional methods to sustain it.

We denounce the Republican party for its legislation by which the people in territory acquired by the United States are taxed without representation and deprived of the protection afforded by the principles that the constitution follows the flag.

We are in favor of peaceful commercial expansion, but denounce imperialism and militarism.

We cordially invite all voters, without regard to past political affiliations, to unite with us in support of our candidates who favor the principles of the Chicago platform.

We admire the heroism and ability with which Hon. William Jennings Bryan has defended the principles of the Democratic party, and hereby instruct the delegation from this state to the next national democratic convention to vote for his renomination as a candidate for the presidency.

We denounce the administration of the republican party in North Carolina by which the negroes were placed in high and responsible official positions which ought to have been filled with white people.

We approve the passage of the act of the legislature of 1899 to prevent the removal of suits by foreign corporations from the State to the Federal courts. We commend the legislature for the passage of the election law of 1900.

We favor a government of the people, by the people—economy in expenditure and the abolition of unnecessary offices.

We heartily commend the action of the General Assembly of 1899 for appropriating \$100,000 for the benefit of the public schools of the State, and pledge ourselves to increase the school fund so as to make at least a four month's term in each year in every school district in the State.

We point with pride to the

record of the democratic party in the building and management of the institution for the care of the unfortunate insane and pledge the party to so increase the appropriation for this purpose as that every needy insane person in the State may be cared for at public expense.

We approve the passage of the corporation commission act by the last legislature and of the administration of the affairs of said commission by which fairer rates have been secured, which are more just to the people and to the transportation and transmission corporations, and such assessment of railroad property as will make it bear its fair proportion of the burdens of taxation.

We condemn free passes.

We denounce all trusts, monopolies and trade combinations, and demand the passage of such legislation, State or national, as will suppress the same.

We favor the election of United States Senators by the people.

We favor the enactment of laws by the next General Assembly providing for the holding of primary elections for the nomination of State and county officers, Representatives in Congress and United States Senators.

We hereby instruct the State executive committee to make provisions for the holding of a primary on the first Tuesday of next November for the selection of a United States Senator by the Democratic voters of the State, at which every elector who has voted the Democratic ticket in the State election shall be entitled to cast one vote for one man for United States Senator, and the candidate who receives the majority of the votes so cast in the whole State shall receive the support of the Democratic members of the Legislature; and if no candidate shall receive a majority then the committee shall hold a second primary at which only the two highest candidates shall be balloted for and the one receiving a majority of the votes so cast shall receive the support of the Democratic members of the Legislature.

Provided, that if any third candidate shall receive at the first primary so held, within 2,500 votes of the second highest candidate, then in that event the three candidates shall be balloted for at the second primary, and the one of the three receiving the highest number of votes shall receive the support of the Democratic members of the Legislature for United States Senator.

We heartily approve of the action of the last Legislature in submitting the constitutional amendment to the people, and we urge its adoption, because it will promote the peace, the prosperity, the happiness of the people of North Carolina.

In addition to the above platform, the following resolutions were adopted by the convention on recommendation

tion of the committee:

"Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation and while the people of North Carolina submitted to the necessary taxation to carry on the war with Spain without complaint, we demand that with a surplus of \$150,000,000 in the Treasury the odious stamp act must be at once repealed.

Resolved, That we condemn the practice of Federal officers controlling and domineering conventions and using their official positions to coerce and intimidate voters, the same being subversive of our form of government and dangerous to the liberties of the people.

Resolved, That we endorse the nomination of Hon. W. B. Connell for judge for the tenth judicial district.

## A Fiendish Attack.

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier, of Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by a cushion. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes that he feels like a new man. This marvellous medicine cures back ache and kidney troubles, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 25c at Blackburn's.

Rutherfordton special to Charlotte Observer: Mrs. Nancy Hollifield, the 118 years old lady who lives near Ellenboro, and of whom the Observer readers have read, has completely lost her mind and is perfectly helpless. One year ago she could get about easily on her crutches and ate heartily. Her death will be no surprise to her friends.

Wm. Orr, Newark, O., says. We never feel safe without One Minute cough cure in the house. It saved my little boy's life when he had the pneumonia. We think it is the best medicine made. It cures coughs and colds and all lung diseases. Pleasant to take, harmless and gives immediate relief. Coffey Bros., Phillips & Son.

An exchange says the plans of the Republicans for the campaign of 1900 are said to include a tour by McKinley with speeches from the tail end of trains. In 1896 Mohammed stayed at Canton and invited the mountain to come to him. In 1900 Mohammed will go to the mountain.

## Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries. It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmor & Co., Elmhurst, N. Y.

## BLUES

Ever have them? Then we can't tell you anything about them. You know how dark everything looks and how you are about ready to give up. Somehow, you can't throw off the terrible depression. Are things really so blue? Isn't it your nerves, after all? That's where the trouble is. Your nerves are being poisoned from the impurities in your blood.

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