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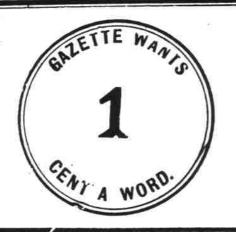
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ARGUMENT AGAINST DISFRAN-CHISEMENT.

Ex-Governor MacCorkle, of West Virginia, delivered an address a few days ago which was significant as emphasizing two facts. The first was that the proposed North Carolina constitutional amendment violates the United States constitution, but only in the section of it that pretends to protect white voters from the edcational requirement tha the amendment imposes. The second is that the tendency among the "leaders" of the democratic party is to limit the suffrage. Mr. MacCorkle frankly acknowledges that he is in favor of an educational requirement for voters, applying to both white and blacks. This, he says, does not contravene the XVth amendment to the federal constitution ; while any attempt to disfranchise colored illiterates and to permit white illiterates to vote is clearly a racial discrimination, forbidden by the national constitution. Mr. MacCorkle is willing to sacrifice the white 'lliterate voters in order to disfranchise the negro illiterates. He knows, as well as every reasoning person knows, that as long as the constitution survives, and appeal can be made to the courts, any law or part of a law that attempts to exclude from one race suffrage privileges granted to another will not stand. If the proposed North Carolina amendment be ratified it therefore means that both white and black illiterate voters will be disfranchised. The greatest law-

oath to sustain the constitution by | his masters and to him the ring looks voting for a measure he knows violates the constitution, we do not think an educational qualification should be applied to the voters in North Carolina. We would approve of some such plan as this: Compulsory education for ten years; and an educational requirement for voters coming of age after that decade. This, however, would have to include OPPORTUNIT: as well as compulsion during the educational period. The state would be obliged to increase its school facilities, now scandalously inadequate to educate its citizens. The war and its resultant poverty deprived thousands of North Carolinians of the opportunity to obtain an education. These men thus impoverished and restricted should not be disfranchised. Prosperity is only beginning to dawn in the state. It has reached us under conditions as they now exist. With it will come increased opportunities for education. Until these have become adequate to the needs of every community there should be no penalty attached to a lack of education. In submitting this proposed amendment the democratic leaders in this state, to say the least, manifested a total disregard of the suffrage rights of illiterate white citizens, while striking openly at those of the colored race. They knew that a measure calling for the disfranchisement of all illiterate voters, white and black, could not be ratified. This subterfuge of the "grandfather clause," put in only to be thrown out by the courts, is a cunning device for campaign purposes, to deceive and to beray white voters. We cannot regard it from any other standpoint, with the plain evidence of its invalidity, and the light that the Simmons election law throws on the motives of its promot-

A PRIZE CONTEST.

Seeing that the Phillistines will not all the old furniture in the same old come out and discuss or explain or condone their broken pledge a charitaonous. If you can't afford a lot of ble friend whose modesty prevents new furniture, get a little. It will be him from disclosing his name has dea great comfort and relief. But we're termined to offer a reward to some brave man in order to allure him into the arena. He has notified the Gazette that he will place in our hands the round sum of \$10 for any democrat who will justify the breaking of this public pledge, in an article to be published in the Gazette, and to be endorsed by any pastor in charge of a white church in the city of Asheville, certifying simply that the said pastor has read the prize therein contained is sound, and is in harmony with the principles of comrevealed religion.

> At the same time our friend offers the sum of \$10.50 to any democratic orator who took an oath in the last campaign that his party would not submit any proposition to the people to take from any man his right to vote, the article of course to have the same endorsement as the other, it being considered only just and fair that the man who justifies the breaking of an oath deserves 50 cents more than the man who justifies the breaking of a public pledge, on the ground that decide where it needs improvement and This reward will be placed in our hands as soon as the legislature adjourns. Such an offer, we believe, will force attention to the fact that ministers of the gospel cannot afford to endorse the conduct and attitude of the democratic party, the pulpit naturally aligning itself on the side of honesty

The Gazette is prepared now to receive articles in competition for the above prizes, and guarantees that the rewards will be paid immediately on the adjournment of the legislature to the first person who may fulfill the conditions stated.

"thank-Gawd-I-never-votedany-but-the-democratic-ticket" man is the only reliance of the Simmons mayers in the country say this is so, and chine. The rock-ribbed, hard-shell, the fact that the amendment would so blocked-headed voter in whom habit operate is now generally recognized is stronger than sense of right or reathroughout this state. We have heard son, who would vote for Beelzebub if men say that this very fact-that the that character announced himself as amendment would cut off the illiterates a candidate on the democratic ticket of both races from the rights of suf- and who would swear by the democratfrage-makes the amendment agreea- ic party if that party passed a resoble to them, as they think that "a lution to "hereafter abjure all demoman who cannot read and write the cratic principles" is the man to whom constitution of his state should not the Simmons ring looks for support. vote." Laying aside the argument that He is the kind of man that is wanted it is not an honest position for a vot- on election boards, he is the trusty er to take, that he should violate his yokel who alone will do the work of

for blind and abject obedience.

"If the democratic party does not soon stir up its stumps," says the Greensboro Record (Dem.), "it wil wake up in August to wish it had." When there is nothing left but stumps there is not much chance of stirring or waking up.

held an executive session last night, and unanimously passed the resolutions which appear elsewhere. It is now the flags. "infamous liar's" turn.

EVERY WHITE M . N INTERESTED.

The amendment to the constitution is reparty question. Every white man in North Carolina is directly interestin it. It narrows to this point: whether the white men in North Carolina whether by their votes they w... establish an oligarchy which will forbid any man registering or casting a vote who will not uphold this monstrosity.-The White Man, Raleigh.

PRINCE OF WALES' HORSE WINS.

London, May 30 .- At the second day's racting of the Epsom summer meeting today the race for the Derby stakes of 6,000 sovereigns was won by the Prince of Wales' Diamond Jubilee.

'AN INFAMOUS LIE."

So the Asheville Board of Aldermen Characterizes a Statement.

Editor of the Gazette: Kindly allow us space to say to the Asheville public that the statement, or intimation, in yesterday's Citizen to the effect that any member of the board of aldermen, directly or indirectly, conveyed any information of Mr. W. T. Weaver's bid for city lighting to the Asheville Electric company or any one else is an infamous lie.

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A NEGLECTED CHARM.

A Word With the American Girl in

Regard to a Common Fault.

Women of refinement and education in other directions often speak in harsh, nasal or indistinct guttural tones, speaking. A musical speaking voice, lanta, arrived this morning. with clear enunciation, is one of the most restful and subtle charms of perany one who cares to have it. Have you never, in some sudden pause and can be acquired by almost any one who youngest general of the confederacy. is willing to give a little attention and girl associates each in turn and each John B. Gordon will be re-elected comtrying to improve her own patural mander unapposed. voice. Do not imitate, do not make unnatural or affected changes but, naving tried your usual voice, critically the feat is that much more difficult. | hold yourself to the reformation. if you are like nine out of every ten American girls your voice is pitched too high. Lower it, and make a constant effort to keep it down. Speak from the chest, not from the throat or head Practice the modulation of your speaking voice as patiently as a singer mactices the scales. It is worth while tecause it is for the pleasure and good of all around you more than for your own. In the effort to keep your voice low and gentle you will make the first practical move toward a calm outward demeanor, and success in this will impress immediately the person to whom you are speaking .- Ala C Sweet in the June Wamon's Home Companion.

A WOMAN'S AWFUL PERIL.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words ward by Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she contantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters, which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50 cts. Guaranteed. For sale by all druggists.

CONFEDERATES' GREAT REUNION (Continued from first page.,

two crossed rifles, while at the either end of the stand hung a rifle with all the accoutrements dangling fore. On each one of 136 windows in the upper part of the hall was painted the name of a battle of the civil war, no battle being mentioneu in which at least 500 men were not killed or wounded. On the posts around the sides of the building were hung the coats of arms The Asheville board of aldermen of the states of the confederacy, each shield being held in place by knots formed of the stars and bars. Diagevery member present and voting, onally across the roof of the building were stretched long lines bearing a

There was, as usual in such gatherings, considerable Jelay in getting down to business for the first session and, although the official hour for opening the convention was noor it was somewhat after that time when Major General Poyntz, commanuing the Kened in it, and should study every phase tucky division of the confederate veterans, called the assembly to order. He announced that the exercises would beshall be free to exercise the ballot or | gin with the singing of the doxology, and, after it had been sung by the entire assembly with fervor, introduceo Rev. William Jones, chaplainin-chief. who delivered a short prayer. Then came a series of short welcoming ing speeches, Colonel Bullitt welcoming the visitors on behalf of the board of trade, Rev. Carter Helm Jones extending a greeting on behalf of the Commercial club and Atilla Cox speaking for the finance committee of the reunion. The final address of welcome was delivered by Judge James H. Hazelrigg, chief justice of the supreme court of Kentucky, who spoke on behalf of the Kentucky division of the association. All of the welcoming speeches, which were brief, were most happily received. On behalf of the confederates of Kentucky General Simon B. Buckner spoke. The Confederate Glee club evoked great enthusiasm by the manner in which it rendered "My Old Kentucky flome," and then Colonel Bennett H. Young of this city, chairman of the reunion, presented the building to the visitors in an eloquent address. After the rendition of several selections by the Glee club. General John B. Gordon, commander of the United Confederate Veterans, rose to respond to the speech of presentation made by Colonel Young.

He was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm and his address thrughout was frequently interrupted by cheers. Rev. B. M. Palmer - New Orleans then delivered the annual address. At the conclusion of the address of Dr. Palmer, which was received with frequent cheers, the meeting adjourned until tomorrow, after appointing committees on resolutions and credentials, which are to report.

During the afternoon several receptions were held and Mrs. Briscoe Hindman holding open house in honor of the sponsors, maids of honor and United Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Mrs. Alex. Humphrey holding a reception to the colonial dames. Commander-in-Chief of the United Sons of showing an entire want of care and cul- Confederate Veterans Colquitt and his tivation of the beautiful art of familiar adjutant, W. T. Quin, both of At-

The opening meeting of the Sons of Telephone 110. Veterans was announced for 10 o'clock sonality, and, unlike most precious this morning, but Commander Colarticle and finds that the reasoning things, it is within the reach of almost quitt's official order shows that the first session is called for Thursday morning. Commander Colquitt is not a candidate silence, been startled by the echoing for re-election. So far as known at mon honesty, or with the doctrines of ring of your own voice in your ears? Sons of Veterans headquarters Biscoe It had been raisel too high, perhaps, Hindman is the only announced candiin argument or exposiulation, or had date, but friends of R. E. Lee, a vibrated with anger How quiet you grandson of the confederate general, Notwithstanding the downpour of practice to it. First as I have said, rain the enthusiasm of the confederates listen to your own voice as you speak. this afternoon was undampened. The Involuntarily you will lower and soften attendance broke all records, exceeding it. Practice with your sister or other expectations by over 5000. General

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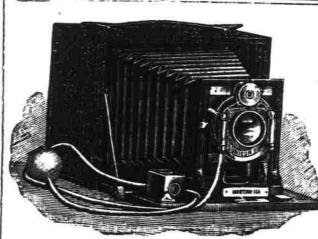
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