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ARGUMENT AGAINST DISFRANCHISEMENT.

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 educational requirement that 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 illiterate 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 lawyers in the country say this is so, and the fact that the amendment would so operate is now generally recognized throughout this state. We have heard men say that this very fact—that the amendment would cut off the illiterates of both races from the rights of suffrage—makes the amendment agreeable to them, as they think that "a man who cannot read and write the constitution of his state should not vote." Laying aside the argument that it is not an honest position for a voter to take, that he should violate his

oath to sustain the constitution by 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 OPPORTUNITY 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 betray 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 promoters.

A PRIZE CONTEST.

Seeing that the Philistines will not come out and discuss or explain or condone their broken pledge a charitable friend whose modesty prevents him from disclosing his name has determined 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 article and finds that the reasoning therein contained is sound, and is in harmony with the principles of common honesty, or with the doctrines of revealed 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 the feat is that much more difficult. 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 and morality. 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.

The "thank-Gawd-I-never-voted-any-but-the-democratic-ticket" man is the only reliance of the Simmons machine. The rock-ribbed, hard-shell, blocked-headed voter in whom habit is stronger than sense of right or reason, who would vote for Beelzebub if that character announced himself as a candidate on the democratic ticket and who would swear by the democratic party if that party passed a resolution to "hereafter abjure all democratic principles" is the man to whom the Simmons ring looks for support. He is the kind of man that is wanted on election boards, he is the trusty yokel who alone will do the work of

his masters and to him the ring looks for blind and abject obedience.

"If the democratic party does not soon stir up its stumps," says the Greensboro Record (Dem.), "it will 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.

The Asheville board of aldermen held an executive session last night, every member present and voting, and unanimously passed the resolutions which appear elsewhere. It is now the "infamous liar's" turn.

EVERY WHITE MAN INTERESTED.

The amendment to the constitution is a party question. Every white man in North Carolina is directly interested in it, and should study every phase in it. It narrows to this point: whether the white men in North Carolina shall be free to exercise the ballot or whether by their votes they will 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 racing 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. (Signed)

- W. A. BLAIR,
- W. W. WEST,
- D. C. WADDELL, JR.
- S. T. DORSETT,
- J. H. WOOD
- R. J. SHERRILL,
- C. T. RAWLS.

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, showing an entire want of care and cultivation of the beautiful art of familiar speaking. A musical speaking voice, with clear enunciation, is one of the most restful and subtle charms of personality, and, unlike most precious things, it is within the reach of almost any one who cares to have it. Have you never, in some sudden pause and silence, been startled by the echoing ring of your own voice in your ears? It had been raised too high, perhaps, in argument or exhortation, or had vibrated with anger. How quiet you were, and full of chagrin, for a half hour after that experience. There is a comforting truth about this matter. A pleasing voice and manner of speech can be acquired by almost any one who is willing to give a little attention and practice to it. First as I have said, listen to your own voice as you speak. Involuntarily you will lower and soften it. Practice with your sister or other girl associates each in turn, and each trying to improve her own natural voice. Do not imitate, do not make unnatural or affected changes but, having tried your usual voice, critically decide where it needs improvement and 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 practices the scales. It is worth while because 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.—Ada C. Sweet in the June Woman'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 heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, West 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 constantly 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 from it. 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 mentioned 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 of the states of the confederacy, each shield being held in place by knots formed of the stars and bars. Diagonally across the roof of the building were stretched long lines bearing a great number of small confederate flags.

There was, as usual in such gatherings, considerable delay in getting down to business for the first session and, although the official hour for opening the convention was noon it was somewhat after that time when Major General Poyntz, commanding the Kentucky division of the confederate veterans, called the assembly to order. He announced that the exercises would begin with the singing of the doxology, and, after it had been sung by the entire assembly with fervor, introduced Rev. William Jones, chaplain-in-chief, who delivered a short prayer. Then came a series of short welcoming 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 Attila 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 Home," 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 throughout was frequently interrupted by cheers. Rev. B. J. 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 Confederate Veterans Colquitt and his adjutant, W. T. Quinn, both of Atlanta, arrived this morning. The opening meeting of the Sons of Veterans was announced for 10 o'clock this morning, but Commander Colquitt's official order shows that the first session is called for Thursday morning. Commander Colquitt is not a candidate for re-election. So far as known at Sons of Veterans headquarters Briscoe Hindman is the only announced candidate, but friends of R. E. Lee, a grandson of the confederate general, say he will be a candidate and declare they will make the race a close one. Mr. Hindman is the son of General T. C. Hindman of Arkansas, who was the youngest general of the confederacy. Notwithstanding the downpour of rain the enthusiasm of the confederates this afternoon was undampened. The attendance broke all records, exceeding expectations by over 5000. General John B. Gordon will be re-elected commander unopposed.

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