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THE AMENDMENT.

We print on our fourth page, and shall keep it standing in the TIMES, for a few weeks, the full text of the Constitutional suffrage amendment which is to be passed upon by the voters of North Carolina at the next election, and we would commend it to the careful and earnest consideration of every voter, with a view to thoroughly informing himself as to just what it means and what its effect will be if it becomes a law by the ratification of the people.

The main purpose of the amendment and there is no effort to disguise the fact, is to place the State safely under the control of its white citizens and to eliminate any fear of negro domination in any section of the commonwealth.

It is quite evident that the amendment will be antagonized by the office holding and office-seeking white Republicans, whose only hope of political preferment in the State is based upon the ignorant and prejudiced negro vote and it will not be surprising if, in their desperation, they resort to every possible resource in their efforts to distort the true meaning of the amendment and to create prejudice in the minds of the unlettered white voters. Therefore, the work of informing this class of the truth in the premises cannot be begun too early.

There is an educational qualification but this does not apply to white voters—a fact that should be made very plain to the uneducated whites and impressed upon them before designing politicians have created a false impression in this regard.

Cut out the amendment and study it and be prepared to explain its features to those in need of information and thus do a service to your State and to your race and aid in perpetuating the welfare of the whole people.

MENDING FENCES.

Mark Hanna denies very positively that there is any political significance in the gathering of Republican leaders in the South. The TIMES agrees with the Western Sentinel that this denial will cut but little figure with those who know a snake when they see its tail.

That such dignitaries as President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart, Senator Hanna, Judge Day and Speaker Reed should congregate at a given point by mere accident or for purposes without political significance is too thin a fabric to be worn thus early in the season, even in the Sunny South. It is quite evident that McKinley and Hanna are trying to patch up their fences preparatory to another Presidential crop.

This does not appear to be a very easy job, with pronounced friction between the President and the Speaker, with a number of prominent Republican leaders in open opposition to the administration's imperialistic policy and with the mask of international bimetalism torn from the face of the Republican policy and its advocacy of the single gold standard, and consequent fostering of trusts, exposed to plain view of those who read aright the recent utterances of the administration spokesmen.

The glory that would have come to McKinley and that would naturally have strengthened his chances for re-election has been very materially dwarfed by his yielding to the temptation to expand territory and acquire extended power. This is contrary to the fundamental principles of the Republic and we believe it will be antagonized with great force at the next general election. It may prove the last straw that will break the back of the Republican camel.

THE TAX MUST BE PAID.

It doesn't make any difference whether personal property is mortgaged or not, the tax must be paid, and the Sheriff has a right to levy upon the property wherever he finds it.

Attorney General Z. V. Walsler has rendered the following opinion in a letter to the State Treasurer:

"In reply to young communication of this date, referring to me a letter from Mr. Nathan Jones, sheriff of Warren county, relative to the right to levy upon personal property upon which there is a mortgage, I will say that the case of Woodley vs. Jones has been in effect overruled by the Revenue Act of 1891.

"A mortgagee's lien is subject to the lien for taxes and he must pay them if the mortgagor does not, and he is barred by the sale of the land for taxes without notice from the sheriff. You can advise the sheriff that he is authorized by law to sell personal property under mortgage for taxes, and that the purchaser would get a good title. Powell vs. Sikes, 119 N. C., 231. Acts 1891, chapter 223; Exum vs. Baker, 115 N. C., 245; Stacy vs. Bald, 113 N. C., 751; Peoples vs. Taylor, 118 N. C., 165; Moore vs. Boyd, 118 N. C., 88."

STILL FIGHTING.

The "humanity" war is still going on in the Philippines, and hundreds of people, including a large number of Americans, are being shot down. Several battles occurred during the past week.

FEAR OF LOCAL INVESTMENT.

It may appear singular yet it is a fact, says the Newbern Journal, that men who have made and are making money in their business, out of the people whom they deal with in their own locality, are very often the last men who will go into any project of local development, or invest their money in local enterprises.

And still these same men will greedily grasp at schemes presented to them by outsiders, and will risk dollars in the hands of these outside promoters, who have land or industrial schemes to be developed at a distance, when a local enterprise, headed by reputable citizens could not get as many cents from these men.

Naturally the reason may be assigned to the circumstance that a project at a distance, skillfully presented, is always alluring with its probabilities of big returns, while a home enterprise is considered from its worst side and its dangers of failure or ill success are figured upon, while its success is always set down as problematical.

In figuring upon local enterprises why should there not be consideration given just the other way?

Why not regard the local promotion of any industry as a factor of development, which shall not merely bring returns for the original investment, but shall develop the town, promote activity among the merchants and provide labor for the working man?

And this is what local industries do, and yet men demand that a guarantee against loss shall be given them before investing in a local enterprise, while they will gladly embrace an outside speculative scheme without hesitation, and put up good money with hardly a decent credit given to the promoters of the scheme which seeks their money.

There should be hard business sense in investing in local enterprises, but there should be no hesitation in doing so when they are practical, and these home enterprises should enlist the intelligence and money of every citizen.

Fear to invest in local enterprise which is sound, and to invest in an outside scheme because it may offer large returns, shows how much the citizen thinks of his home town.

The man who makes his money among his friends and neighbors, and then sends it away, is a poor citizen and one who deserves ill success in his outside ventures, while the man who makes money at home and risks it at home to advance his town's interest, is the citizen which every town needs.

TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

March 25, 1899.

GENTLEMEN—I was expecting to have the Public School Law in your possession by the second Monday in April, but owing to some legal questions being raised as to the public printing, I may not be able to do so.

In the first place, I wish to say that I shall take it for granted that you were selected for the important position you now have because you are men who have at heart the interest of the public schools of your respective counties.

In the second place, I wish to assure you that in the person of myself you will find one who is willing and anxious to be a co-worker with you in improving and bettering the condition of the public schools.

I shall advise you freely and candidly, with only one purpose in view; namely, the progress and improvement of the schools.

I hope my official record has been such that you can and will confer freely with me at any and all times in regard to your official duties and plans pertaining to the public schools.

I trust you may prove to be broad, liberal minded men, that you will not cater to any social, political or religious sect or faction, but will have as your motto the following words: "Qualification and merit shall win in the County of North Carolina."

If all the County Boards of Directors would adopt this motto and live up to it for the next two years, more progress will be made in the two years than at any period in our educational history.

You have important officers to elect, namely, the County Superintendent of Schools and the Township School Trustees.

Much depends upon the County Superintendent of Schools. In most counties, in my opinion, the man best suited and qualified for the place will not be around seeking it, but I urge you to seek the man. You want first of all an educator in the broad sense of this term. You do not want a politician, or narrow, selfish, one sided man, but you want a man of character and genuine worth, who is respected and esteemed by your people; a man who will be, not only a leader of teachers and children, but also a leader of parents.

I said much depends upon the County Superintendent of Schools, but perhaps even more depends upon the Township School Trustees, because these men appropriate the fund for each school, elect the committee for each school in their respective townships, fix a maximum salary for the teacher, fix boundaries, etc.

The Township Trustees have large discretion as to apportionment of school fund. The very best men in the township should be selected.

You will organize on the second Monday in April. I have advised the County Board of Education and the County Supervisors to meet with you then and aid you in every way possible so as to cause no confusion in records of the school, by a change of officers.

You will allow the County Supervisor or such compensation as you think just and proper for his services since the 7th of March to the end of the school year.

You will elect the County Superintendent of Schools on the second Monday in July, and before this time you will have the School Law.

Very truly, C. H. MERANE, Supt. Pub. Instruction.

TWO BOSSES.

A row is on between the Hon. Marion Butler, who signs himself "Chairman of the People's Party Executive Committee," and the Hon. Milton Park, who signs himself "Chairman of the Populist national reorganization committee." Park's crowd assembled in national convention in Cincinnati some months ago and nominated Wharton Baker for president and Ignatius Donnelly for vice-president. Last week Park issued a manifesto, announcing the appointment of "organizers" for the various states, Joseph Parker, of Louisville, being put in charge of North Carolina. The aforesaid Marion Butler has also issued a manifesto, which is published in the Washington Post, in which he says: "The People's party has not yet nominated a presidential ticket for 1900, nor has it assembled in national convention at Cincinnati, or anywhere else, since it assembled in national convention at St. Louis in 1896. The People's party national executive committee will meet sometime next winter and issue a call for the next national convention, which will assemble before either of the old party conventions, and will then nominate a presidential ticket for 1900."

With both Park and Butler trying to get a ring in the nose of the Populists, the best thing the decent members of that party can do is to jump the fence and find peace and prosperity in the Democratic fold. It awaits them there and nowhere else, particularly in the South.—Charlotte Observer.

STATE NEWS.

The bursting of a steam pipe in a small brick room connected with the Durham Cotton Mills last week, so badly scalded W. H. Branson, that he died. J. C. Mathes, was also badly scalded, but there are hopes for his recovery. Mr. Branson was prominently connected with Durham's industries, and he was greatly esteemed.

There is quite an exodus just now of people from Western North Carolina and East Tennessee to the State of Washington.

The Orell Manufacturing Company is now building at Concord the largest weaving mill in the State. It will be equipped with 500 looms.

The State Auditor has paid to the paymaster General of the State Guard \$5,000, part of the \$16,000 given by the Legislature. There will be an encampment this summer of at least ten days.

Israel D. Margret, the colored postmaster at Rocky Mount, N. C., was arrested at Rocky Mount lately on a warrant sworn out by the postoffice authorities charging him with the misappropriation of the funds of his office.

The University of North Carolina loses \$10,000 by the decision of the United States Supreme Court, affirming the decision of the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the Wilkes bond case. It held that amount of Stanly county bonds.

The Roxboro Cotton Mill will be built. The subscribers met at Roxboro Monday evening and so decided Mr. J. A. Long was instructed to go forward with his plans and get things in shape for the building. It will be a 6,000 spindle mill.

Robbed the Grave. A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. Continued their use for three weeks, and now I am a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim. No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at Aycooke Drug Co.'s drug store."

Summer Homes' Folder, 1899. Mr. W. A. Turk, General Passenger Agent of the Southern Railway, is circulating information for Summer Homes' Folder for the ensuing Summer, giving the names of proprietors, post office addresses, and near what station, conveyance used, number of guests, terms per day, week and month. This information will be printed in an attractive form and a large edition published and distributed by the various agents of this immense system throughout all sections of the country. Persons contemplating taking boarders for the ensuing Summer are requested to apply to the nearest railroad agent for blank to be filled out giving the above information, and forward at once to W. A. Turk, General Passenger Agent, Washington, D. C., so that it may reach him not later than April 1st.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Aycooke Drug Co.

SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS IN LOUISBURG, N. C. I shall sell on the premises on Friday the 14th day of April, 1899, about ten acres of land in Louisa County, N. C., lying next to the Louisa Railroad and between that and Main street and including the beautiful groves lying on both sides of Kenmore Avenue. The land will be cut into several tracts suitable for residences and for business houses.

Terms—One-third Cash residue the 10th of Nov. next, with interest from day of sale.

March 16, 1899. C. M. COOK.

LOUISBURG

ICE COMPANY.

We have perfected arrangements with Mr. W. T. Sledge to sell and handle Ice at his store during this season. Patrons will find this a convenient and central point. Having every facility we propose to give the town the best Ice service ever had.

ICE HEADQUARTERS at Sledge's store, rear end Hicks & Allen's block. Entirely new concern, prompt and efficient service, honest weights and low prices.

Louisburg Ice Co.

GARDENSEEDS

Just received a fresh lot of the celebrated and Reliable

GARDEN SEEDS

Baists' Garden Seeds.

A nice line Stationery always in stock. Also elegant Perfumeries, Fancy Articles, &c.

My stock of Drugs always Fresh.

F. R. PLEASANTS,

WE LEAD, OTHERS FOLLOW.

SHOES

Slippers.

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POLISH

NOTICE OF SALE

Trustee of W. J. BARROW, of the Louisa Shoe Store.

NOTICE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed given by J. E. Moore and wife to B. E. Gill and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Franklin county in book 66 page 294 I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house in the town of Louisa on Saturday the 15th day of April, 1899 at 12 o'clock M. the following described tract of land in Franklinton township adjoining and bounded by the lands of Mrs. Maria Dickens, wife of J. A. Dickens, A. G. Dickens, Mrs. Priscilla Duke, wife of W. C. Duke, and Mrs. Elizabeth Perry containing about one hundred acres, formerly owned by Mrs. A. S. Moore and known as the A. S. Moore tract of land.

N. Y. Granger, Adm'r of R. E. Gills, deceased.

WE HAVE THEM

WE HAVE THEM! WE HAVE THEM!

GENTLEMEN:

We, D. C. Strickland and Frank W. Wheless, have something to say to you, we are indebted to our friends for a most flattering business during the past year, but since we have consolidated we are going in for a still better business or 1899. We have just returned from the Northern Markets where we purchased the largest and Cheapest Stock of

Clothing, Hats and

Gents' Furnishing Goods

ever brought to Louisburg. In addition to our immense Stock of Clothing, &c., we have added a nice line of

Gents' Shoes.

of a very superior quality. We are sure we cannot fail to please you in Style, Quality and Prices. Come to see us and we will make it to your advantage, when in the market. Thanking you for past patronage and soliciting a larger portion in the future, we are Yours to please,

STRICKLAND & WHELESS, THE CLOTHIERS, Louisburg, N. C.

THE WONDER OF THE DAY,

Is how the Louisburg Hardware & Supply Company can sell such nice and beautiful

Crockery and Glassware

at the prices they are selling it? We answer the question by saying we buy direct from the factory in large quantities and only try to make a small profit on our goods and putting the prices in reach of all. How is this? We offer you a set of six nice tumblers for only 15 cents all other goods equally as low. We bought these goods to sell and not to put on our shelves to look at. We take pleasure in showing our goods whether you buy or not and cordially invite every lady in Franklin and adjoining counties to give us a call, you will never regret it.

Yours to please, LOUISBURG HARDWARE & SUPPLY CO.

P. S.—In addition to our already large stock of Hardware we are daily receiving new goods.

GUANO, GUANO.

FOR—

SHOES COTTON OR MONEY.

NAVASSA COTTON AND SOLUBLE.

COLUMBIA TOBACCO FOR TOBACCO.

The Best Tobacco Goods on the Market.

Read this Testimonial, being one of many:

"I used three grades of guano this year. Columbia Tobacco far surpassed the others. I would prefer a half ton of this to a ton of the others for Cotton and Tobacco. FRANK JOYNER.

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BOTTOM PRICES.

A car of Flour just received from the Valley of Virginia. The Best and Sweetest flour made.

Mott's 4 years old Vinegar 25c Best Lump Starch 5c Pecans 10c

Just received from Maine, Early Rose Irish Potatoes, Early Michigan Irish Potatoes, Early Ohio Irish Potatoes.

ROASTED COFFEES

Lovings, Arabica and Lions 12c. Best 10c Green Coffee in town. Call to see us.

W. P. NEAL & CO.

25,000 POUNDS

ARMOUR'S MEAT.

1,500 POUNDS LARD.

We had to pay for this Meat and Lard before Mr. White would let us open the car, we have never opened a car of prettier meat since we have been handling meat by the car. We bought this meat at the lowest price it has been this year and we are going to sell it for a very

Small Margin

for the CASH, we have it packed away in our Meat and Salt rooms, call and see it, it will do you good.

We have so many nice things we can't call your attention to every thing, but when you try at other stores and can't find what you want, come to see us at once.

Very Respectfully,

HICKS & ALLEN.

P. S.—We have a car load each, Meat, Flour, Meal, Ship Stuff and Bran, Oats, Corn, Hay, Salt, Lime, Laths, Shingles and Nails. We have 250 kegs Nails in stock and 300 kegs bought before the big jump in price.

The Best is The Cheapest

Is an old saying and one that holds good in nearly every case—especially is it true in the purchase of Drugs. Damaged Drugs are unfit for use, and are not cheap at any price.

IF YOU NEED MEDICINE

You want it pure and fresh, regardless of cost. Your patronage is solicited simply on the grounds of Pure Drugs, properly handled, at fair prices. On this basis we have grown; on this basis we will continue to grow.

W. G. THOMAS, Prescription Druggist.

Nail Them While You Can.

And active season will come with the advent of Spring. Why not get some of the prosperity by saving some of your Dollars. When

A Real Good Opportunity

Is within your reach you should grasp it. When goods of high value are at low, bottom prices—such as Dress Goods, Hats, Shoes, Groceries of every description, or anything else you need—that is the time to buy.

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Are offering this community unprecedented prices on all classes of goods. Time is fleeting and so are our bargains, so if you want a whack at them, nail them at once, or you will be too late.

Prices Are Made to Suffer.

Our stock must move. Tempting offers will be made you. See us quick. You may miss a Klondike find. You can buy here for Cents where elsewhere you pay Dollars.

The values on our 5 and 10 cent Counters are a surprise to everybody

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