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may not be able to read. There is not the remotest comparison between the illiterate white voter and the illiterate negro voter. They are as dissimilar as chalk and charcoal. The majority of white voters are property owners and therefore they are interested in good government, while the negroes as a mass are not property owners and therefore have not the interest in good government that the white voter has and is the more easily controlled by the tricksters who use him. No one wants to disfranchise the white man, but every one who wishes well to his State, and desires good, clean government does want to disfranchise the incompetent, vicious and venal negro, who isn't any more fit to exercise suffrage than a billy goat is to run a locomotive.

A COLOSSAL BLUNDER.

We have recently quoted from Northern writers and speakers expressions of opinion on the race question in the South, showing that the Northern people are beginning to realize, if they have not already realized, that a colossal blunder was made when suffrage was conferred upon the emancipated slaves. In an address delivered by Dr. A. W. Small, Professor of Sociology in the Chicago University, delivered at Wake Forest College commencement the Raleigh *News and Observer* quotes him as saying:

"One week ago at my table in Chicago there sat down to dinner with us two Federal soldiers and the chaplain of the University of Chicago. One of the soldiers, after discussing problems in the South, said with emphasis: 'It was the most colossal blunder of the race question alone that kept the Southern brethren thousands of men wholly unprepared for suffrage.' Each of the men agreed to this statement. Ten years ago such a statement would have been regarded as heresy. 'You understand the conditions here, Henry Cabot Lodge is not dead but he is not the white North. We cannot give you any lessons in politics any longer.'"

THAT TRICK DIDN'T WORK.

The defeat by the House of Representatives of the proposed amendment to the constitution giving Congress extraordinary power to deal with trusts spoiled a nice trick the Republicans had put up to fool the people and quash the trust discussion during the Presidential campaign. The Democrats saw through the trick and checked it with little ceremony.

The amendment was objectionable in itself because it gave Congress practically unlimited power, but at the same time left the trust question just where it is, because great monopolies find ways of bringing pressure to bear upon Congress and of nullifying the very laws that Congress passes. With the Republican party in power such an amendment would be a death-blow upon the trust, just as the Sherman anti-trust law has been a death-blow. With a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress there would be no need for such an amendment, for we would then have Representatives who would deal honestly with the people in trust legislation and law officers who would enforce the law. The Democrats who spoke on the proposed amendment made this plain, and also made it plain why they were opposed to this trick sprung at this late date to fool the people and at the same time keep in with the trusts, which understood the trick.

GRAND RALLY IN DUPLIN.

Democrats Will Gather at Wallace in Amendment Meeting June 8th—Second Regiment Band Engaged.

Mr. J. D. Mallard, of Wallace, an enthusiastic Democrat who is keenly alive to the importance of the adoption of the Amendment franchise, was here yesterday to engage the Second Regiment Band for a big White Supremacy Rally and Barbecue which the people of Duplin are arranging to celebrate on Friday, June 8th.

ABANDONED INFANT.

Left at a Hotel in Fayetteville by a Young White Woman.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., June 2.—A young white woman came up from Wilmington this morning and to-night left on the fast mail, leaving an infant about three weeks old at the Davis Hotel. She seemed to be a very intelligent well raised young woman. Can't tell why she acted so, as she gave them not the least warning of her actions. She claimed to be a Mrs. Harris.

THE TRUST AMENDMENT.

One of the Best Speeches Made Was by Representative Kitchin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—During the discussion of the trust amendment at the session of Congress held last evening, Representative Kitchin, who secured the floor, delivered one of the best speeches of the evening. Owing to the brief time allotted Mr. Kitchin he was forced to cut out a great part of his speech. He declared that the Democratic party had always opposed trusts, while on the other hand the Republican party was the mother of trusts from which she secured her vast campaign funds. He dwelt at some length on the attitude of Republican platforms which he said had always contained a plank opposing trusts up to 1896. He said that in 1896 the party was forced to eliminate the trust question at the dictation of Mark Hanna in order to secure campaign funds to be used in a corrupt manner. Mr. Kitchin has shown himself all through the session to be an able debater and for a new member has few equals on the Democratic side of the chamber.

NEARING THE END.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Boer commissioners in this country keep a stiff upper lip and say that the Boer retreats and movements now are in pursuance of plans agreed upon months ago before they left the Transvaal there is little doubt that the power of the Republic is crushed, and that organized opposition is practically at an end. If the Boers had any hope of being able to hold out they certainly would have made a stand and some effort to defend their capital, and not leave it to fall into the hands of the enemy without a fight.

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From deeds recorded yesterday at the Court House it became publicly known that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company had purchased of Mr. James Madden and Col. John Wilder Atkinson the valuable tracts of Front street real estate next south adjoining the A. C. L. general offices on the west side of the street.