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Rise forth your triumphs, Easter bells,
Fill earth shall learn the story;
Sweet is the news your music tells,
He lives, the King of Glory!
The Lamb, who was for sinners slain,
Comes forth from death in might to reign.

Behold, from winter's thrall set free,
The lilies fair are springing;
Their radiant bloom, in holy glee,
The waking earth is bringing,
A tribute to the Lamb once slain,
Now raised in endless might to reign.

He lives the race of man to bless,
To banish care and sadness,
All griefs to heal, all wrongs to redress,
To fill the earth with gladness,
The Lamb, who was for sinners slain,
Doth now for man's redemption reign!

Behold, from winter's thrall set free,
This blessed Easter morning;
With bloom of love and beauty rife,
His grace be your adorning;
The Lamb, who once for you was slain,
Doth bid you rise with him and reign.

THE LITTLE HUMPBACKED GIRL.

A Child's Easter Story.

OME over here, said Olivia, and I will tell you an Easter tale. There was once a woman who had an only daughter that was very small and pale and altogether somewhat different from other children. When she took the little one out for a walk the people stood and looked at the child and whispered among themselves. When the little girl asked her mother why the people looked at her so strangely the mother always replied, "It is because you have on such a beautiful new dress." Thereupon the little one was contented. As soon, however, as they returned home the mother would clasp her little daughter in her arms, kiss her again and again and say: "You sweet little angel, what would become of you if I were to die? No one, not even your father, knows what a dear little angel you are!"

Some time afterward the mother became suddenly sick and she died on the ninth day. Thereupon the father of the little girl threw himself in despair on the deathbed and asked to be buried with his wife. His friends, however, spoke to him and comforted him, and so he left his wife's body, and a year later he took unto himself another wife, who was lovelier, younger and richer than his first wife, but by no means as good.

And from the day that her mother died the little girl spent her whole time from morning till evening seated at the window sill in the sitting room, since there was no one who would take her out for a walk. She had become even paler than before and she had not grown at all during the latter years.

When her new mother came to the house she said to herself: "Now I will go out walking again in the city and on the beautiful promenades where the sun shines so brightly, where there are so many lovely shrubs and flowers and where there is such a crowd of handsomely dressed people." For she lived in a narrow little alley, in which the sun seldom shone, and when she sat on the window sill she saw only a little bit of the blue sky—a bit not larger than a pocket handkerchief. Her new mother went out nearly every day in the forenoon and afternoon, and each time she wore a very beautiful dress, much more beautiful than any dress the first mother had ever owned. But she never took the little girl with her.

Finally the child took heart, and one day she earnestly begged her new mother to take her out with her. The mother, however, refused bluntly, saying: "You are not smart enough. What would the people think if they were to see me with you? You are a little humpbacked. Humpbacked children never go walking, but always stay at home."

Thereupon the little girl became very quiet, and as soon as her new mother had left the house she got on a chair



and looked in a mirror and saw that indeed she was humpbacked, badly humpbacked. Then she sat again on the window sill and looked out into

the street and thought of her good old mother, who, in spite of her humpback, had taken her out walking every day. The she thought again of her hump.



VISIT OF THE ANGEL MOTHER.

"What is inside of it, I wonder!" she said to herself. "There must be something inside of such a hump as this is."

Many a strange fancy entered her little head and many an hour she wiled away in wondering why her back, instead of being straight like the backs of other children, was distorted out of all shape by such an ugly hump. The stories of fairies which

And the girl's father answered no word, but simply nodded his head. The little girl was buried, but on Easter morn an angel with large white wings like a swan flew down from heaven, seated himself beside the grave and knocked the stone, as though



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it were a door. And soon the little girl came forth from the grave and the angel told her that he had come to take her to her mother in heaven. Then the little girl asked in a trembling voice whether even humpbacked children could enter heaven. She could not conceive such a thing possible.

Yet the angel answered, "You dear, good child, you are no longer humpbacked," and with those words he passed his white hand over her back and the ugly old hump fell off like a great hollow shell, and this left her a transformed being.

And what was in it? Two beautiful white angel wings! The child spread them out, as though she had always known how to fly, and she flew with the angel through the dazzling sunlight up into the blue sky. On the loftiest seat in heaven sat her good old mother awaiting her with outstretched arms, and the child flew straight into her lap.—New York Herald.

Origin of Easter Rabbits. One of the quaint and interesting features of our modern Easter carnival is the appearance in shop windows,

FUSION CONFERENCE

Leaders Planning to Unite Against Honest Government.

THEIR SCHEME MAY NOT SUCCEED

When The White Men of the State Register Their Opinions in the Coming Election.

Special Raleigh Correspondence.

The Republican and State Populist chairmen were in conference here last night. The veil of secrecy was cast over the proceedings, but enough leaked out to show that the situation was far from gratifying. With them some of the machine men of both parties, Revenue Collector Duncan, Marshal Dockery, etc., of the Republicans, Treasurer Worth, Auditor Ayer, etc., of the Populists.

A Republican said there was no sign of activity in his party anywhere in the East, so far as he could discern. He declared he did not know what would be done as to a ticket; that at Washington these things were regulated; that Senator Pritchard would really name the ticket.

Another Republican said he would guess that a Winston-Salem man of prominence would be put out as the sound money and protective-tariff candidate of the opponents of the Democratic party.

A Populist who attended the conference said the Republicans would agree to anything the Populists wanted; that they were asking no questions; that they need the Populists and must have them.

The fusionists decide to put on their "black list" State Superintendent Mebane because he favors the franchise amendment. The Republican machine men are all especially incensed against him.

Chairman Simmons, speaking about the blacklisting of Republican leaders who favor the amendment, said that if that party takes the attitude of fighting Republicans who favor the amendment it will array itself against a large majority of its leaders and best organizers in Eastern North Carolina, men who have always voted the Republican ticket. Chairman Simmons remarked that Republican leaders taking this view of favoring the amendment are to be found in county after county in the East.

Republican State Chairman Holton has issued his fifth campaign circular, a four-page affair, in which he dwells on what he terms Democratic pledges not to take up the franchise matter. He knows perfectly well that the Democrats said they would do precisely what they are doing, that is, leave the question to be decided at the polls.

The local event of the week here was the trial of Thomas Jones, the negro exhorter who murdered six members of a negro family. The old, old plea of insanity was the only defense.

Judge Dorsey Battle, of the Eastern district criminal circuit, died yesterday. The governor immediately tendered the place to Charles A. Cook, of Warren. The latter has not accepted, and intimates much doubt as to acceptance. It is stated on Republican authority that the legislature which elected can fill the vacancy in June, so Cook would have only two months to serve.

The work of laying the foundation for the Vance statue in the capitol square is in progress. In ten days the base will be in place, but not until July 4 will the statue be placed upon it.

The board of agriculture is sending out through the State veterinarian cloth signs in great numbers setting forth the law that "no cattle infected with ticks shall be allowed upon the public roads in any stock law or no fence territory or be received in any enclosure or stockyard therein."

The White Man is Capable of Self-Government.

Centuries of experience have qualified the Saxon race for self-government and the government of others. Through years of toil and trial, they reached the former; then through years of toil, and strife and war, they reached the latter. The negro can never reverse the order or close his eyes and blindly leap over centuries, of history. He must tread the same paths. The guideposts are plain. First he must learn to govern self; then he may hope to learn to govern others.

WHY THE WHITE MAN IS SUPERIOR.

The white man, whether educated or uneducated, knows as the average negro voter does not know that race and color in office and power will not hide his crimes or protect him in violations of the law. Negroes as a rule expect their race and even their party to protect them when arraigned before the courts. They mistake liberty for license and hence give their evil propensities full sway. "License they mean when they cry Liberty." This is one of the principal evidences of white superiority. Men may subscribe to the

declaration that "all men are created equal" and yet not submit that it is with the meaning of either the Declaration of Independence or the national constitution, that a weaker, less intelligent race shall administer their affairs, for at the promulgation of both those documents the negroes lived here as slaves and were just as fit for suffrage then as they were thirty years ago.

THE EVIL INFLUENCE OF NEGRO SUFFRAGE ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

The Republican party so far as North Carolina is concerned is divided into two distinct and separate parts: West and East and Black belts. The average Western North Carolina Republican, and in this respect I am sorry to say Senator Pritchard seems but little better informed than the average, but silly and incompletely comprehends the situation in Eastern North Carolina where the negroes, ignorant and insolent, are entirely in control of all Republican conventions and where every effort to better the condition of affairs is counteracted by the opposition of some black-hearted white man with corrupt practices who sees in added intelligence and reputable work a damnation of his own unscrupulously acquired power. Although the Republican party has an excellent plan of organization it is scarcely ever followed on account of the ignorance and corruption of the negro politicians who being numerically stronger preside over white men, call them to order at will and occasionally consent for them to be elected delegates to a State Republican convention. The white Republican, if honest, is entirely at their mercy and under their control; if corrupt he must purchase their votes and influence. This is not an overdrawn picture.

HOW OFFICE AFFECTS A NEGRO.

The negro originates nothing; he merely imitates, and like most imitators he does not distinguish between true metal and the false and spurious. So in the administration of any office he loses sight of the responsibility and considers only what he thinks is the added dignity and importance to himself among his fellows. This causes him to be impertinent and insolent to the white people. In office he is an entirely different individual as all the people who have seen him in office know.

Lastly, but of supreme importance, is the effect the settlement of the race question by the adoption of the amendment will have upon the progress of the State. And every intelligent voter ought to regard it as a patriotic, and not a partisan question.

SOME OF THE BENEFITS.

To urge the adoption of the amendment is not an attack upon the principle of majority rule. I believe in majority rule, but for the good of all the people and the successful management of the affairs of State that rule must be the rule of an intelligent majority. And to secure such rule forever what more potent than the incentive to all men to secure an education for their children furnished by the ratification of the amendment. Knowing that after 1908 every man whether white or black, not on the permanent roll must conform to the provisions of the article there is a neat stimulus to all the children of the State to learn to read and write at all hazards when they become of age in the governmental affairs of their State and country.

THE NEGRO VOTE THE CURSE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

It is no secret that the negro vote is the curse of the Republican party in the South, the open disgrace of all State conventions of the party and its purchasable quality a source of shame even to the great national conventions. Not alone, however, at the negro should the blame be directed, but also at his white leader, who in corrupting him or taking advantage of his corruption is more criminal because more intelligent.

WHITE MEN CAN'T STAY IN IT.

I will give one example which I do not doubt may be paralleled in a majority of the counties of North Carolina east of Raleigh. In this county (Pitt) in the eighties there were several hundred white Republicans. There can not be twenty-five counted now.

A DISMAL PROSPECT.

If it is not blotted out I firmly believe before very many years have passed away the memory of the Southern white Republican party will be only a dream, a hideous dream in which black specters hold ceaseless orgies above the grave of men once prominent in the councils of their States and country.

WHAT WILL THE END BE?

One of the postoffices in this county is kept by a middle age white man, a merchant and a substantial citizen. A short while before the last election a negro boy, son of one of the negro school teachers, walked into the postoffice, and called out: "John, is there any mail for us?" The merchant asked the boy to repeat his request, thinking possibly he did not hear correctly, but the boy went off without his mail, and soon returned with his mother, by utterance a school teacher. She was very angry and demanded of the postmaster what her boy had done. Upon his giving her a statement of the matter she replied: "Is that all? That's all right! I teach all my children not to 'Mister' the Joneses, the Browns and all these white people around here,

but to call them by name." This was told me by the postmaster himself. To test this matter of the constantly increasing insolence and disrespect towards the white people I have frequently in the last year called the attention of friends to the fact that in driving along the roads not one negro in a hundred met would speak first. They wait for the white person to speak first or they do not speak at all. I can give other instances in my own experience and from my own observation, but only mention these two to call the attention of the better class of negroes to the fact that the whole tendency of events is towards a wider and wider separation of the races. It does not take a prophet to foresee that a continuation of this state of affairs will end in a clash between the two races. And it is their duty, and just as incumbent upon the negroes as upon the whites to endeavor to prevent this clash. As to who will be the greatest sufferers and who will be the survivors, the good judgment of the negro ought to teach him. The Bible speaks of the folly of sowing the winds. The harvest is reaped in the whirlwinds.

FALSEHOODS NAILED.

Who Are Entitled to Vote Under The Amendment.

Wilmington Messenger.

An examination of the 4th and 5th sections of the franchise amendment to be voted upon in August next will satisfy any one of ordinary sense that two things are clear, are apparent. First, all who read and write may vote under the 4th section. Second that all whites who cannot read and write may vote under 5th section. And why? Because it distinctly sets forth that

"no male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in the State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of this article: Provided he shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this article prior to December 1, 1908." And that means simply that all the whites can vote under that section for the plain reason that there is not a single white man in all the state whose father or grandfather could not vote in the year indicated, 1867. There can be no possible disfranchisement of the whites under that section, and all the liars in the state cannot make any other thing appear however much they may lie.

In the amendment there is another mostwise, fair, necessary provision. It is compulsory to have each voter to pay a poll tax. This is just and proper. All voters not otherwise exempt should pay something towards the support of the state government. The poll tax is the best way to reach all, and it is needed to carry on the state government. The law makes proper exemptions from the law governing the poll tax. All persons over fifty years of age and all persons who are exempt by the county commissioners will not have to pay a poll tax. The whites are the burden-bearers. Of all taxes paid in 1898, 96 2/3 were paid by the whites. Surely the negroes who may vote should be forced by law to pay something for that privilege, for the privilege of citizenship, for the support of the government. They are poor citizens who do not help to sustain public government in some way. No poll tax paid no vote given. Herebefore the neglect as to poll tax collecting in the State has been greatly abused.

Raleigh News and Observer: Congressman Atwater is in the city, having just returned from his home in Chatham county, where he made two telling speeches. "You may state that Chatham is in line and will give a majority for the amendment," said Mr. Atwater last night. "These meetings did good. I am enlisted for the fight for white supremacy and am ready to fight for it anywhere and at any time. I expect to speak in Franklin county next month."

MR. ATWATER'S VIEWS.

When questioned about his recent speech-making, among his people, Mr. Atwater said he had merely comedown to the State to talk to his constituents a little bit. He was sure that the boys were all right, he said, but he had been afraid that some of them did not understand matters just exactly. So he had conversed with them for a few minutes from a speaker's stand, and now there is no danger of their going wrong.

"I told them the only thing there is to tell," he added simply. "I gave them my word that none of the white men would be disfranchised, and I told them that the amendment only meant that the negro would be kept out of politics in the future. It seems to me that this is all that there is in our fight."

The most, in personal credit, that the gentleman from the fourth district makes of his present position is to say that the boys called him away from the plough to go to Congress. Somewhere—at the plough, maybe—he learned simplicity and wisdom. In the great struggle that is now on the hands of his party he begins and concludes his part by saying to his people: "You won't be hurt. We will get the negro out of politics. That's all." And "the boys" in the fourth district go back to ploughing—satisfied, while their representative proceeds by easy stages to Washington to find out what the congressional boys have done in his absence.