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SENATOR Pritchard asserted in his speech at this place that he voted against the pension bill in the Legislature of 1885 because it gave a pension to men who had $500 worth of property listed for taxation. In making this assertion the Senator was guilty of a mistake, to put it mildly. Whether this mistake (?) was made intentionally or through ignorance we know not.

The truth is that bill expressly forbade a pension being paid to any veteran or widow who had $500 worth of property listed for taxation. If any person doubts this we refer him to the bill itself, which is chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1885. The very first section of that act has the following proviso at its end, to-wit: "*Provided*, the said person shall own LESS than five hundred dollars worth of property listed for taxation." And such a proviso is still in the present pension law.

So, the only excuse given by Senator Pritchard for voting against giving a pension to disabled Confederate veterans is not founded on facts, and is worse than no excuse!

Now, Senator, what excuse can you give?

THE Republican leaders make the ridiculously false boast that their party is a better friend of education and of the public schools than is the Democratic party. Actions speak louder than words, and the facts and official figures prove that this boast is absolutely false.

During the four years of Democratic rule (1893, 1894, 1895, 1896) under the Republicans and Populists spent $3,113,501 on our public schools. During the next four years the Democrats have spent $4,230,877.77, which is $817,376 (nearly a million dollars) more than the Republicans spent in the same length of time. And this was done without raising the rate of taxation any at all.

And the Democrats have increased the length of all the school terms to the constitutional requirement of four months, which had never been done by the Republicans. The Democratic party will be certain to redeem its promise that every white boy in North Carolina shall have ample opportunity to learn to read and write before 1908 and then all will be entitled to vote!

IN the October number of The North American Review is a well written and carefully considered article by Miss Varnie H. Lay, the talented young editor of the Progressive Farmer, on "Suffrage restriction in the South, its causes and consequences." She discusses this important subject with her accustomed ability and shows, we think, beyond question, as follows:

"The South [illegible] right and [illegible] has [illegible] method of dealing with the White Man's Burden [illegible] years—a method that [illegible] appearances of injustice, [illegible] better government, fairer elections, greater political [illegible] and more generous treatment of the negro than would be possible were the National government [illegible] compel a return to the [illegible] so-called unrestricted suffrage. And its interference in this problem that the South is slowly working out, would add another blunder to the long list of those already made in a spirit of misguided, long-range philanthropy."

WHEN the election law requires that, in order to register, the voter must have resided two years in the State, six months in the county, and four months in the precinct in which he offers to vote, yet there is one exception to which attention should be called.

In section 15 of the election law it is provided that removal from one precinct to another in the SAME county shall not deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct from which he removed until four months after such removal. So that, if a man has removed from one precinct to another in the same county less than four months ago, he can go back and register and vote in the precinct from which he removed.

Don't forget this.

The coal miners strike in Pennsylvania is causing inconvenience and sufferings that are not understood and appreciated by the more favored people of this State, and the end is not yet in sight.

The strike began nearly six months ago and about fifty thousand miners are out of employment. The [illegible] of course has caused a great scarcity of coal in the northern cities and will cause wild spread suffering as cold weather comes. Already it is announced that the public schools in many cities will soon suspend, because the school buildings cannot be heated. All classes of people and all kinds of business are [illegible] by the present scarcity of coal and the worse is to be yet.

It is useless to discuss who is to blame for this state of affairs, whether the mine owners are chiefly to blame or the miners are chiefly to blame, are for the important question how is it to be settled, either to bring it to an end or at least to lessen the suffering [illegible] the sufferers will have much sympathy if they are guilty of lawlessness and violence. While they have [illegible] they have [illegible] men working [illegible] The Governor of State [illegible] the miners, because of the violence of the strikers. He proclaims that he can do [illegible] or [illegible] the says [illegible] notes [illegible] men who desire to work [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Bryan [illegible] Democratic [illegible] Columbia [illegible] Wednesday night [illegible] Mr. Bryan [illegible] Democratic [illegible] Mr. Bryan [illegible] Democratic [illegible] Mr. Bryan [illegible] Democratic