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A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The revolt in the Democratic party of Kentucky, is of peculiar interest to the voters of this State, for the reason that it is in the nature of a protest against the unfair election law of Kentucky, after which the election law with which the last legislature afflicted North Carolina was patterned. Goebel, the gubernatorial nominee of the first or regular Democratic Convention was the author of this law, concerning the merits or rather the demerits of which the Louisville "Courier Journal" has said:

"It is safe to say that the annals of free government will be sought in vain for anything approaching it in shameless effrontery and unconcealed deformity. The force bill gives the voters of Kentucky not a ray of hope. It makes no claim or show of fairness."

It is to the credit of those Kentucky Democrats who refused to sanction fraud that they called another convention and nominated Ex-Gov. John Young Brown as their candidate for Governor.

And this second Convention, by the way, which nominated Brown was a surprise to the Goebelites and to everyone else in that it developed a strength and enthusiasm far greater than was expected, even by its own supporters; which clearly indicated that the people of Kentucky do not intend to surrender their political liberty to the keeping of a few ringsters who devise and enforce fraudulent election laws, even though these ringsters be of their own party.

In accepting the nomination for Governor at the hands of this second convention, Gov. Brown said:

"It is to sustain your constitution, to sustain your laws and the dignity of Kentucky citizenship; it is to indicate the freedom of elections guaranteed by our constitution, that I accept your nomination to-night. I consider it my duty to save my State if I can, from the impending degradations that is proposed to be put upon her. Prompted by my conscience and my regard for the dignity of Kentucky and American citizenship, I refuse to support the nominees of the late so-called Democratic convention."

Here is a fine example which North Carolinians will not fail to follow; and it teaches a lesson which the framers of our present election law would do well to learn: that political liberty is as dear as religious liberty, and that North Carolinians will no more submit to an abridgment of the one any more than they would of the other.

WHY, THEY CHANGE.

Croker is converted, or at least Croker says so. Before he sailed for England some week's ago, he took pains to have it understood that he was an imperialist, and would oppose Bryan in 1900. A few days ago he returned and gives it out that he is now an anti-imperialist and for Bryan in 1900. Of course this has set everybody to speculating as to what has caused Croker's flop. Everybody admits there must be a cause.

The Charlotte Observer editorially appoves the following Washington Dispatch to the Philadelphia Record, giving it as its opinion also that this is more probably the cause than anything else:

"Probably Mr. Croker, like ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, and other men who are supporting Mr. Bryan unwillingly, believes that Mr. Bryan will be defeated in the election, but he may not consider this an unmixed evil, since the Democratic hope is for 1904, and by that time such Democratic leaders want Mr. Bryan eliminated.

This may or may not be true with reference to Mr. Croker, but it is right in line with what the CAUCASIAN has all along predicted that: gold Democrats would oppose Bryan in Convention unless there seemed no chance of his election and in that case they would support him for nomination in order to eliminate him by defeat.

And certainly this is what the Observer would want done.

HOW "POPULISM IS PASSING."

We congratulate the Waynesville Courier upon being one of the first Democratic papers to come out in favor of government ownership of railroads. In a recent editorial after citing the advantages accruing to the people of other countries which own their own railway systems (which we publish elsewhere) the Courier asks.

Who that is informed of these facts, that can be authenticated, would not favor government ownership?

And then winds up with the following very sensible statement:

Call it Populist doctrine if you want to, but it is good doctrine all the same—and it is coming. If the railroads continue forming themselves into great grasping corporations and continue their policy of discrimination in rates and accommodations it will only bring about the result the quicker.

The Courier is right. The people will soon force the question of government ownership of railroads upon the old line politicians who have been trying to evade it, and when the lines are squarely drawn there will be very few outside of the railroad managers and those whom they control who will be on the other side. Yes, government ownership is coming.

When we consider that the army which we are soon to have in the Phillipine Islands will be twice as large as the whole standing army of the United States ever was prior to the last year or so, we can get an idea not only of the task we have before us in conquering the Fillipinos, but also of how far removed is our present policy which necessitates a large standing army from anything which has heretofore confronted the Republic.

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If we rely upon Gen. Otis' dispatches we are led to believe that he holds the situation well in hand; but occasionally a dispatch escapes the blue pencil and reaches us by the way of Hong Kong which tells of still greater difficulties before our troops than has yet been encountered.

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Mr. Root, the new Secretary of War, is preparing to push the war with more vigor than has been done heretofore. His policy is to furnish Gen. Otis with all the troops necessary to put a speedy end to the war. Such a consummation is devoutly wished for by all, for even those who are opposed to the policy of conquest are anxious for the bloodshed and disease incident to the war to cease, no matter what the resulting relation between the two countries may be.

What would any citizen of North Carolina think had the last legislature passed a law liminating religious liberty in the State and permitting no worship except in a certain church? Would it not be considered the greatest assumption of power? And yet this is exactly what the election law of the last legislature does with reference to political liberty. And certainly one is dear as the oth er. The legislature passed this election law with a view to making it impossible for any, save the Democratic machine and its followers to ever have a voice in State government. Think over this and see if you can figure it out that this act of theirs is less high-handed than it would be to pass a law making the Church of England, or any other church the dominant one in North Carolina.

Occasionally we see in the old party press editorials and articles which try to substantiate the statement which is generally used for the head ing of such articles, towit: The Passing of Populism. The wish is father to the thought. Never before, since the doctrines of the People's Party were first proclaimed, have they been so generally believed in as now. And it is not the passing of what they term populism that is causing the opponents of democratic principles to spend space and time in trying to prove their statement so much as it is the alarm with which the increasing popularity of "Populism" is filling in them.

Twelve convicts escaped from the penitentiary last Sunday night. Five were Federal prisoners, two were State prisoners, and five were county prisoners. We make a note of this, because there is something remarkably surprising about it. Not of course, that the convicts should take it into their heads to escape, and did escape when the opportunity presented; but to us it is certainly most astonishing that this opportunity should have come under Democratic management of the penitentiary. Now, if they had made their escape during the days of "fusion incompetency" it would of course have been due to this incompetency; but how they were able to effect escape under Democratic management seems to us to be one of those mysteries which passeth all understanding.

If you read Judge Clark's Denver speech which we sent out last week as a supplement you will know why it is that papers like the Charlotte Observer, The Richmond Times, The Newbern Juornal and other papers of that class have begun to attack Judge Clark as a "puller down" and a "calamity howler." They base their attack upon the claim that he slandered North Carolina when he said the people of the state were not in a properous condition. The real animus of their attack is, however, that Judge Clark's speech was full of doctrine and facts that they and their backers would much rather keep from the people.

We wish to thank those of our readers who have responded to our past requests to send in clubs of subscribers. It is a good way to work for the People's Party cause to get as many People's Party papers as possible in circulation. The principles of our party are just, and it is only necessary to get people to learn and understand them to become thoroughly converted to them. And you will be doing a good work in this direction to get your neighbor to reading Populist literature. If you have one who does not take a Populist paper please see him and get him to subscribe for THE CAUCASIAN.

The election of Judge Jas. C. McRae to succeed Judge Shepherd, as Dean of University Law School, is one which we believe will meet general approval. Judge McRae is eminently qualified to discharge the duties thus assumed.

The Charlotte Observer, referring to Judge Clark's Denver speech which was sent out as a supplement to our last issue, does Judge Clark the compliment to call him a "calamity howler."

By reference to the label on wrapper, you will see whether or not you are due us on subscription. If you are a remittance will be duly appreciated.

See a chapter of political history from the pen of Capt. R. B. Davis in another column.

COLONIZATION OF THE NEGRO RACE. NO. 4.

THE ONLY RATIONAL HOPE FOR THE

Political, Social, and Industrial Renovation of North Carolina, and of the South, Will be Found in the Gradual Deportation and Settlement of the Afro-Americans, Upon Some Portion of the Public Domain, Outside the Limits of the United States, Where They Shall be Free to Govern Themselves, Under the National Protectorate.

Editor CAUCASIAN.]

At the close of a communication in your last issue, I promised to give your readers, in this, a faithful narration of the action of the Democratic party of North Carolina, in respect to Negro Colonization, and of its very recent and emphatic condemnation of it, so far as the same is known to the public, or to myself.

To do this, I need only revert, to events that are fresh in the memory of men still living, and of a date not older than May 20 1895. I refer now to a Series of Resolutions, formulated by myself and embodying Jefferson's plan of Colonization, that were fully discussed in a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee, held in the Hall of the House of Representatives on the night of that day. The day itself was not ill-chosen for the consideration of such a subject, it being the occasion of unveiling our superb Monument to the Confederate Dead. I should state that those Resolutions, had been laid before the Committee on the 9th of April preceding, but in order to give time for their fuller consideration, they were postponed, on my own motion, to the meeting that was to follow; and that in the mean time, typewritten copies of them were mailed by me to more than forty members of that Committee, together with a personal letter to each of them, earnestly soliciting his support.

And in what, farther, I shall say of the reception that was given, and of the fate that befell those Resolutions, I shall violate no confidence, since the greatest publicity was given them at the time, inasmuch as the doors of the Committee, on that particular night, were thrown open, to any one, who could show a certificate of belonging to the motleyest political party, that was ever mustered under a single banner.

It would require a pen far abler than mine, to do full justice to the personel, of so notable an assemblage as that of May 20th 1895. Suffice it to say, that it abounded in men, of mark and likelihood, who were fully commissioned to speak with authority. First of all, the editors of the leading organs—the Sir Oracles of the party—were there, with the exception of R. M. Furman, who was unavoidably absent, but who has since grown to be somewhat of a Nestor of the Fourth Estate, but whose eye has not grown dim, nor his editorial force abated, but whose good gray head was then, as now, arrayed in that immortal "youth" in which I remember it for now, well-nigh, on to thirty years, But to supply the omission the graceful, and elastic, and versitile Josephus Daniels was there—I would that these two colaborers were not rivals, but friends—and moving with that alertness, and "devil-may-care sort of free-and-easy air," that so much become him. And there too was the more ponderous J. P. Caldwell, of an aspect greatly different from that of others, and sitting rather apart from them, and brooding in his disgruntlement, as I could not help feeling, over his own wrongs and revenges, in such wise as to suggest a line of Byron's description of the Eve of Waterloo—

Within a windowed niche of that high hall,
Sat Brunswick's fated Chieftain,

And last, but by no means least among these, was E. J. Hale, the brilliant editor of the Fayetteville Observer, who always aggressive and prepared for action, alone, of all whom I have named or shall name, gave to my Resolutions his warmest support but took no part in the debate, since he is rarely known to shine as an orator, except before Press Associations. And there too, was the very pink of Newspaper Correspondents, in the person of F. A. Olds, whom the envious, only, have some times compared to Gath or to Eli Perkins, but whose airiest creations have usually turned out to be, only too true.

And the lawyers of the party were there—not in such overwhelming preponderance as we find them in the present Legislature, which obstinately refuses to take itself out of the public view, but continues to menace the public peace, and to abuse the public patience—they also were there in very great force. For it would be a singular thing indeed, if the Sons of God, or the sons of men, should assemble, anywhere in Heaven or upon earth, and the Devil, and the Lawyer, did not obtrude, their well-known physiognomies. Distinguished among these was J. H. Pou deep, wary, and inscrutable. Equally distinguished was the accomplished E. C. Smith, who felt in his own heart, as I verily believe, that something ought to be done, to rescue our people from the Political, Social, and Industrial decline, in which they are sinking, but rather chose on this occasion, to let "I dare not" wait upon "I would." And there was present a recent convert from Republicanism, in the person of F. D. Winston, who, while still serving his novitiate, was destined to rise to the leadership of a sort of Jacobin Legislature, and to be known henceforth as the Danton of an Opera Bouffe Revolution—but should he, hereafter, be found murdering the Girondists, as he did in his speech on the Suffrage Amendment, I must beg that we will not again apply the epithet of "old" to Barbaroux, who perished so young. But greater far than this, than these, than all—the Wyman among politicians and the aspiring Goebel of this afflicted State—and exercising without asserting it, an ascendency over all, was one whose name, is like unto no other name in North Carolina, and is none other than the name of——

FURNIFOLD MACCLENNAND SIMMONS.

This is he, who has been described as a strange and mysterious being, with a stealthy tread, and a downcast look, but this description, I protest, does him great injustice, for I can testify that, oftener than once, I have seen his eyes elevated in the direction of a seat in the U. S. Senate.

These are some of those High Councillors who dominated the meeting of May 20 1895; and if I have taken the trouble to preserve their names, it is only because the major part of them, together with others of only local celebrity, constituted at that time, the Mechanical Department of the Democratic party, and some of them are still its Master Machinists. And scarcely one of them has lost, since then, the smallest share of his influence in the councils of his party, while all of them, with the single exception which I have noted, were either cold or hostile to any scheme of Negro Colonization.

But to return to the Resolutions themselves. Their avowed object was to REORGANIZE the Democratic party, in such a way as to make of it a new party, that should be, not merely in name but in fact, a White-Man's Party, and such as should be built not upon the impossible basis of White-Suffrage, or the fluctuating basis of White-Office-holding, but upon the granite foundation of White Labor, which is the only security for the other two.

The first Resolution of the Series declared for the Deportation of the negro race, and all of them had that one end in view. And all of them, after the fullest debate, were voted down by majorities so large that no division was called for. The significance of such a vote amid all the circumstances surrounding the case—the party had just been disastrously beaten---could not be mistaken, and could only be understood, as revealing a fixed purpose to keep the negro forever among us, and to make of him, hereafter, as heretofore, a political stalking-horse, forgetting that such a thing might yet become a hippogriff that would carry its rider, over a rougher road, and upon a wilder chase than that of Mazeppa. And fully satisfied as I was, and am, that such was the invincible determination of this party of False Pretence, there was nothing left for me to do, but "to acquiesce in the necessity which denounced our separation," and to withdraw from an association, to which I have since felt no inclination to return.

R. B. DAVIS.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS.

The Anti-Goebelites Meet in Convention and Nominate a Full State Ticket—Ex-Gov Brown Named for Governor—The Fraudulent Election Law Denounced—the Democratic Party Split.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 16.—The anti Goebel Democrats met in convention here this afternoon and unanimously nominated ex-Governor John Young Brown for governor. It was the largest Democratic convention ever held in Kentucky, with one hundred counties represented by delegates, and others had sent word that the bolting ticket would find a hearty support.

The resolutions adopted after declaring that the nominees of the Louisville convention were not the choice of the Democrats of Kentucky, that the nominations had been secured by fraud, and therefore were not entitled to support, endorsed the Chicago platform and recognized Bryan as their leader and choice for the Presidential nomination in 1900.

The Kentucky election law, of which Goebel, the regular Democratic nominee was the author, and after which the North Carolina election law is modelled, has played no small part in arousing such a strong sentiment against Goebel in the Democratic party. Ex Gov. Brown in accepting the nomination said:

"It is to sustain your constitution, to sustain your laws and the dignity of Kentucky citizenship; it is to indicate the freedom of elections guaranteed by our constitution, that I accept your nomination to-night. I consider it my duty to save my State if I can, from the impending degradations that is proposed to be put upon her. Prompted by my conscience and my regard for the dignity of Kentucky and American citizenship, I refuse to support the nominees of the late so-called Democratic convention."

There is no doubt of the earnestness of the men composing ihis convention, all of whom are Democrats of life-long standing to either force Goebel to retire, or stay in the fight against him to the finish.

IN IOWA

Populist and Democrats Unite Against Republicans—State Ticket Divided.

DES MONES, Ia., Aug 16th—The Populist and Democratic State Conventions were held here today and nominated a full state ticket, with candidates selected from both parties. The platform opposes trust etc, and deprecates the war in Phillipines. Cato Sells would have been nominated for Governor by the Democrat, but his record was not agreeable to the Populists, and in his place Fred E. White was nominated.

Twenty Lives Lost.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 21.—A special to the Virginian-Pilot from Washington, N. C., says that the storm played havoc on Ocracoke Island, and, destroying thirty houses and two churches, washing away the Norfolk and Southern Railroad piers, grounding several steamers and schooners, wrecking smaller craft of fishermen, drowning not less than twenty men, and all the horses and cattle on the island. It was the most destructive storm that section has ever known. The island was underwater three days.

Boils and Pimples Give Warning.

AN UNFAILING SIGN THAT NATURE IS APPEALING FOR HELP.

When Nature is overtaxed, she has her own way of giving notice that assistance is needed. She does not ask for help until it is impossible to get along without it. Boils and pimples are an indication that the system is accumulating impurities which must be gotten rid of; they are an urgent appeal for assistance—a warning that can not safely be ignored.

To neglect to purify the blood at this time means more than the annoyance of painful boils and unsightly pimples. If these impurities are allowed to remain, the system succumbs to any ordinary illness, and is unable to withstand the many ailments which are so prevalent during spring and summer.

Mrs. L. Gentile, 2004 Second Avenue, Seattle, Wash., says: "I was afflicted for a long time with pimples, which were very annoying, as they disfigured my face fearfully. After using many other remedies in vain, S S S. promptly and thoroughly cleansed my blood, and now I rejoice in a good complexion, which I never had before."

Capt. W. H Dunlap, of the A. G. S. R. R., Chattanooga, Tenn., writes: "Several boils and carbuncles broke out upon me, causing great pain and annoyance. My blood seemed to be in a riotous condition, and nothing I took seemed to do any good. Six bottles of S. S. S. cured me completely and my blood has been perfectly pure ever since."

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THE LIGHT IS BREAKING

OLD PARTY EDITORS ARE GETTING THE BLINDS OF THEIR EYES AND COMING OUT FOR POPULISM.

The Southern Mercury of Texas tells of the Conversion of a Democratic Paper of That State to the Populist Principle of Government Ownership of Railroads.

Southern Mercury (Tex.)

One by one, the old party editors get the blinds off their eyes and come out for Populism. The logic of events, conditions, as they exist, triumph over prejudices and collarism, and ever and anon, some fellow "speaks out in meetin'", and he generally says something worth repeating. The Tyler Courier is one of those papers which has thrown off the muzzle, and confessed the truth of Populism on the railroad question; a policy which has been antagonized so bittely by the Democratic newspapers and politicians generally as any other. It has been denounced as lunacy, visionary and anarchistic; but, like all truth, this Populist idea has marched steadily on until today the best thought of the nation, of all parties, accepts the policy as the only remedy for corporate aggression and injustice.

The Tyler Courier thus tersely expresses some truths, of which the Texas Populist have been cognizant for some time:

If Texas controlled two railroad at the present cost of construction, the farmers' produce would be hauled to the markets at one-half what they now pay for this service. The only reason why they are paying higher freight and express charges than any state in Union, California excepted, is because the Democratic party in this State is in the hands of politicians. In California Huntington owns both parties, but in Texas there is one party only, and the railroads get from it all they go after. This condition will exist in our State until the people are driven to desperation; and then they will unite and overthow the politician. After he is retired, the people will get what they want.

Government Ownership of Railroads.

Wagnesville Courier.

The average passenger fare in the German Empire, which has owned its railways for more than fifty years, is less than one and one-fifth cents per mile, and yet the statistics for the year 1890 show a net profit of $119,159 147 to the government from operating the roads. The Austro-Hungarian Empire carries passengers at one third of a cent a mile, and the work is so profitable that it will not be many years before the profit on the railroads will pay all expenses of the government. In New Zealand the cost of railway travel is about one-third of a cent per mile.

Who that is informed of these facts, that can be authenticated, would not favor government ownership.

Call it Populist doctrine if you want to, but is good doctrine all the same—and it is coming. If the railroads continue forming themselves into great grasping corporations and continue their policy of discrimination in rate accommodations it will only bring about the result the quicker.

Municipal Ownership.

Perhaps the managers of street car lines would have more respect for the rights of their employes if they realized just what the strikes, which incommode the public, will lead to. Municipal ownership will be the result if street car managers do not make a change in their tactics. In discussing the strikes which are now on in Brooklyn and Cleveland, the New York Journal rightly says:

"Imagine for a moment what might happen, and certainly would happen, if the postoffice were operated by a private corporation. Some day there would be a dispute about wages or hours of work. A strike would follow. The 200,000 employes in the postal service would stop work. If they were inclined to be disorderly, all the police and soldiers in the country could not keep them under.

"To a small extent the people of Brooklyn, and to a large extent the people Cleveland, can appreciate the inconveniences of corporate control of public utilities. In Cleveland a strike on single street car system has brought about absolute anarchy, made every citizen's life unsafe, and reduced a great city to the humiliation of living under martial law.

"If the street railroads had belonged to the municipality there would have been no strike and no occasion for one. There would have been no need to talk about arbitration, compulsory or voluntary, then.

"Who ever heard of a strike on the bridge cars when they were run by the cities of New York and Brooklyn? Who ever hears of a strike on the police force now?"

There is so much truth in these suggestions that even the grasping greed of the monopolist ought not to blind them to its force. Strikes are caused by the oppression of employes. The postoffice and the police departments are managed in the interest not only of the public, but also the men employed. This would be the case should the street cars be run under municipal control. If the people want to stop the loss and annoyance caused by strikes on traction lines they will favor municipal ownership.—Broad Axe.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only postive cure now know to the medical traternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destoroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Hall's Pills are the best.

Good Populist Doctrine.

Knox county has voted to load herself down with an additional burden of $100,000 taxation to assist in building a new road from that city to Bristol. Before it can be built all the railroads of the south, including the Norfolk and Western, will probably be consolidated into one system and Knoxville will have no competing road at last. The solution of the railroad problem will lie finally in government regulation and not in competing lines.—Chattanooga News.

WHO IS TO BLAME. Women as well as men are made miserable by kidney and bladder trouble. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root the great kidney remedy promptly cures. At druggists in fifty cent and dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co. Binghamton, N

Mormon Elders.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 19.—The report of President Rich, of the Mormon Society, shows that 490 elders are laboring in the Southern field, and during last week they walked 9 260 miles, visited 3,500 families and held 959 meetings. The report says in the Georgia conference 67 elders are at work, and during the week they walked 909 miles and visited 169 families. They were refused entertainment 37 times.

An Alternative.

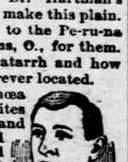
"No," said the conscientious candidate, "I'd like very much to secure the nomination, but I cannot tell a lie."

"Oh, that's all right," answered the old politician, "here's pen, ink and paper—you can write it."

SUMMER CATARRH

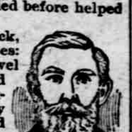
Catarrh of the bowels, because it is most prevalent in the summer months, is called summer catarrh.

Its surprises many that bowel trouble is catarrhal. Dr. Hartman's books make this plain. Write to the Pe-ru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, O., for them. They tell all about catarrh and how Pe-ru-na cures it wherever located.



"I had chronic diarrhœa for fifteen years," writes Mr. T. E. Miller, Grand Prairie, Tex. "I tried many medicines and doctors in vain. At last Pe-ru-na was recommended, and it relieved and cured me at once."

Mr. John Harting, 633 Main St., Cincinnati, O., writes: "My wife and myself took your Pe-ru-na for chronic diarrhœa and it cured us. No doctor or medicine we tried before helped us."



Mr. Edward Wormack, Ledbetter, Tex., writes: "Pe-ru-na for bowel troubles is unequalled by anything in my experience. I owe my life to Pe-ru-na, and shall always recommend it to those suffering as I was."

Mr. John Edgarton, 1030 Third Ave., Altoona, Pa., says: "I suffered from dysentery for three years I took Pe-ru-na and am now well."

"A MONSTROUS ABSURDITY."

Many Good Democrats Opposed to the "Grand-son of His Grand-father" Constitutional Amendment Clause.

The correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, writing to that paper from Fayetteville, under date of March 4th, says:

The Observer correctly guages public sentiment in throwing out a word of warning against taking for granted the carrying at the ballot box of the suffrage constitutional amendment. It will require hard work from the rank and file and leaders of the party. There is certainly no cloud on the title of the Cape Fear Democracy to orthodoxy, but the writer is surprised at the number of leading Democrats whom he meets opposed to the amendment. The clause about the "grand son of his grand father" is especially decried as a monstrous absurdity.

The suffrage amendment referred to above, which was adopted by the last Legislature, is as follows:

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

Section 1. That Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following Article of Said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI.

Suffrage and Eligibility to Office—Qualifications of an Elector.

Section 1. Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this Article shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 2. He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months and in the precinct, ward or other election district, in which he offers to vote four months next preceding the election: Provided, That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in a precinct, ward or other election district from which he has removed until after such removal. No person who has been convicted, or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which is, or may thereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 3. Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereinafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language; and, before he shall be entitled to vote, have paid, on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax, as prescribed by law, for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

Sec. 5. No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at 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 this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualifications prescribed in section 4 of this Article. Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to Dec. 1, 1908.

The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section on or before November 1, 1908, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote at all elections by the people in this State, unless disqualified under section 2 of this Article: Provided such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

Sec. 6. All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

Sec. 7. Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this Art. disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I,....., do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will support and maintain the constitution and laws of the U. S. and the constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as ..... So help me God."

Sec. 8. The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted or confessed their guilt on indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not; or under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony, or any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, of corruption and malpractice in office unless such person shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. The act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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