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Louisiana Constitution.

of that vote-by the "grandfather clause" and the possibility of its leading to Congressional legislation to reduce the representation of the Southern States. An opposition to the suffrage amendment has been organiz d, led by Senator Butler, Chairman Holton, of the Republican State Central Committee, and others. An attempt will be made to induce the legislature, which meets in chance to vote on the question, to withdraw the amendment, in much the same manner as Gov. Johnson of Alabama induced the legislature of that State to withdraw its call for a Constitutional Convention intend-

Whether the movement will succeed or not it is impossible to say. The "grandfather clause," which the Louisiana Constitutional Convention invented, is objected to as of doubtful constitutionality, containing the elements of great danger and altogether unnecessary. It does not get rid of a single negro vote; its only effect is to make voters of those few whites who can neither read nor pay no taxes. This class of the proposed Amendment was Constituwrite and who own no property and white population is fortunately, very small in the South, as is shown by the permanent roll in Louisiana of such voters, and there is a strong feeling that these voters are not worth the risk of having the Congressional and electoral representation of the Southern States cut down one-balf and their political strength reduced to the same extent. Tors is the explanation of the movement in North Carolina against the suffrage amendment and of the defeat of the Hardwick suffrage bill in Georgia.

The theory that the opposition to the grandfather clause comes from the Rapublicans is wholly untrue. The Northern Democrats have unanmously declar d against this plan of disfranchising the negro as uncon

State which has adopted this "grand admits outright that it is not only of the negro population would be disunconstitutional, but also "contains franchised by the amendment? It

Carolina should listen to and profit by the advice of the leading Democratic paper in Louisiana as to the wisdom of adopting this monstrous absurdity. If the Democratic ma-

legislature, and yet the members of er made the race issue possible would jections to this undemocratic disthat legislature are asking the peo- be those who would not only be el- franchising scheme, even if it were ple to accept their opinion on a great ligible to vote but to hold office under constitutional. And these are to Constitutional question that effects fling town negro who walks the is not safe to adopt such a scheme, the vital suffrage rights of the peo- streets of our towns with eye-glasses- if there were no others. ple. They have shown that they and with hat cocked on the side of either did not understand or else his head, who talks loud and takes have contempt for the State Constiwith full power to vote. This class still greater and more serious questution, to say nothing of the Federal would be sufficient in number to be tion. It is: Is this proposed amend-Constitution. Besides, if they are the balance of power in politics and ment constitutional? Every voter to be judged by their many mistakes to furnish an object lesson at any has taken an oath to support (and and blunders on other matters (as time to help the Democratic "negro not to violate) the Constitution of the Democratic papers said the legthe Democratic papers said the legold cry. When necessary to make place, if this amendment is unconislatures of 1895 and 1897 should be the object lesson stronger these poli- stitutional, every voter has sworn judged) then they were the "most in- ticians would not hesitate to hire one to vote against it. competent gang" that ever trifled with the interests of the State. It had desired to remove this constant with the interests of the State. It had desired to remove this constant takes the cheek of a government mule and fruitful source, which furnishes ocratic lawyers of North Carolina ed. So to carry out his scheme it Then why adopt a scheme which legislators to style themselves the to raise the race issue, they would Shirt Machine. They adopted it as dishonest device known as the great constitutional lawyers of the prevent the negro from holding of-State and ask the people to accept fice. That would be constitutional is discounted in as much as they their opinion of a piece of their own unional. It was pointed out to them are simply interested partisans. vicious partisan legislation.

SENATOR BUTLER'S POSITION

ment and the Simmons-Goebel Election WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Jan. 1, 1900. N. C .: - My DEAR SIR:

Amendment, received. With reference to the proposed have seen so much of the evils of the of negro domination?

race issue has been used by the democratic politicians of the Ransom-Simmons Machine type as the most isana, has several times admitted effective barrier to the advancement that the disfranchising constitution of the principles of the People's Parpressed regret that the state adopted honest politicians, who have trifled it. That paper in a recent editorial. with the interests of the people so want to put an autocratic machine and money to do so. These men, Constitution could be again amend- and his election thieves can steal; discussing the proposed disfranchis- long, could be prevented from rais- in power that will reduce the number who compose some of the very best ed. And remember, these sixty and that they will, as the brave men in the State, but in discussing the proposed disfranchis- long, could be prevented from rais- long, could be prevented from which they hide themselves and their ure? records when necessity requires it, "The people of North Carolina them and at the same time unite the amendment. We find the Machine eligible to hold office according to machine politicians only fear the vo- conscience. I believe that the good will vote in August on the proposed people to vote for their interests. We there preparing to do the same the provisions of the amendment. I ter so long as he has a vote. They eonstitutional amendment disfran- also know that the men who conduct thing. In the last campaign the regret to say it, and would not ad- would not fear, and therefore would but will ever condemn ballot-box chising the negroes from voting, and ted the redshirt campaign of preju- howl of "nigger" was as loud and vertise the fact if the threatened not care for these sixty thousand dis- stuffing and election fraud; and that which contains the famous "grand-dice, abuse, lawlessness and violence. as lusty as ever; and, besides, a danger of disfranchisement of our franchised citizens when they no they will band themselves together father clause," borrowed from the and a part of whom composed the political machine has been en- good honest voters did not demand longer had a vote. The simple fact and fight until these evils are remov-It seemed probable at first that move the race scarcerow from cam tically disfranchising the rank and per-centage of illiterate voters than result is sufficient cause for every from power. It can be done; it must be last campaign, ofthis amendment would be adopted paigns. To do so would be as fool- file of the Democratic party, if any other State in the Union. There with but little opposition, but there ish from their standpoint as it would they dare oppose the Machine. seems to have been some change of be for a man up a tree to deliberate- TO DISFRANCHISE THE POOR, HARDsentiment in North Carolina since ly saw off the limo on which he sat, the legislature submitted the suffrage and to saw it off between himself and amendment to the vote of the peo- the tree. These Ransom machine ple, especially since the action of the politicians kept themselves in power Georgia legislature on the suffrage thirty years by riding the negro question. This opposition is not to scare crow into office, and then, the principle of the disfranchisement when in betrayed the interests of of the negro voters, but to the meth- those who had been deluded and od by which it is proposed to get rid frightened by the cry of "nigger."

SOLEMN CAMPAIGN PLEDGES BRO-KEN. These same politicians, headed by not attempt to disfranchise a single ing as State Chairman, issued an ofthe voters of the State.

amendment, intend to rob themselves substitute. of their only effective campaign issue by removing the negro cry from polities, yet I decided that if the tional and would result in any way sentation of the poll tax receipt be- that may result in this? in making it less possible for them fore voting. What does this mean? to use that demagogical and dishon- Every man in the State who is on est cry, and if there were no danger the delinquent tax list or who has lurking behind it, that I would sup- not paid his taxes as much as six xxmine and study the proposed sons that force these conclusions.

CONSTITUTIONAL

First, for argument's sake, let us dmit that Section 5, known as "the grandfather clause" is constitutional and that it and the Amendment as a somites to raise the old negro cry in Surely the Democrats of North a good citizen and a good laborer, is to try to trick or bribe the voter ties nor in other ways.

WILL NOT KEEP THE MACHINE POLI-

No other legislature that ever as- essary to enable the Democratic ma | ble, so that they may the better cry and appeal to race prejudice. In their Machine in power. that no race prejudice was ever because they compose only about one third of the voters of the State, lawyers of standing and reputation Mr. Simmons has no doubt figured THE CAUCASIAN is glad to note but that it was only when the negro outside of the State of North Caro it out that if he can pass the Amend the more the voters of the State will that there has been organized in the beld office or aspired to office that line unhesitatingly pronounce it unconstitutional. I have discussed lifty thousand Democratic voters, with a majority of their members or could be aroused. But they reand officers composed of Democrats.

The more the people understand this.

On the Proposed Constitutional Amend-

so-called race issue being injected condition exist there? In fact and leave the remainder of the take a position on it. This so-called the white people of that State have Amendment to stand. been so disgusted with the farce of holding elections that a very large part of the white voters have ceased

WORKING 12 YEAR OLD BOYS.

THE POLL-TAX RECEIPT SCHEME.

the provision requiring the pre- he is willing to vote for something ity.

it make it impossible for these Ran the first day of March previous.

who has never been offensive in poli- into not paying his tax before the first day of March so that this Simmons Machine may get rid of his vote. The result will be not only

the proposed Amendment. The tri- my mind sufficient reasons why it

BUT IS IT CONSTITUTIONAL?

But we now come to consider a

An overwhelming number of sections which are constitutional

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states that have pretended to restrict negro suffrage. Has the race issue voter in the State must vote for or disfranchise many of them with the worse. been solved in any of them? Have against the Amendment as a whole, Amendment, so he adopted the Mr. Simmons evidently thought they not had during the last few therefore every one who believes Goebel election law with which to the people of the State might pile "The danger to the control of the state might pile "The danger to the control of the state might pile the state might pile the control of the state might pile the control of the state might pile the state might pile the control of the state might pile the state might How. Gronge Wilcox, Carbonton, years as many race conflicts, as many Section 5 is unconstitutional must steal their votes. I am aware that up a majority of forty or fifty thouwith reference to the proposed things at once shut up with the cry sider what would be the result if They fooled the people then; I do not thousand or more votes, as the nesult if the Court should declare Section 5 think they can fool them again.

WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT?

Look at Louisiana, a State that the town negro with his cocked bat the Amendment and wipe out the ter it is cast. I believe in manhood that we could successfully expose has already adopted this same and eyeglasses would vote and be wrong; and remember also, that the suffrage and freedom of speech and last legislature, do not desire to re- throned that has resulted in practic, that North Carolina has a larger that there is danger of this being the ed and the red shirt mob is driven result in disfranchising more good There is another great objection substantial men in our State than in pay taxes to support it-to vote to this Amendment. It provides any other State. The very political against this disfranchising scheme. that after 1908 every white man of Machine that is now trying to disvoting age who is not then able to franchise these men is the political read and write any section of the Machine that is responsible for this Constitution, shall be disfran-lilliteracy and for these good men chised. Think of the number of being forced to go through a life boys in North Carolina to day who handicapped by ignorance. You are twelve years of age and under will remember that when you and I mitted by every one to be a great who may not be able to get an edu- | were in the Alliance legislature of lawyer. Senator Stewart is an escation by the time they are twenty | 1891 that we not only called attention Mr F. M. Simmons, (one of Ransom's one years of age! These boys are to the alarming percentage of illitermachine lieutenants and a man who sure to be disfranchised and put on acy in the State, but also to the fact Senator Vance denounced as unfit to a plane lower than the town darkey that little had been done by the hold a position of trust and whose with his eye glasses and cocked Democratic politicians to remove nomination for Internal Revenue hat. How many fathers and mothers this blot upon the State-this crime Collector he defeated in the United are there in the state to-day, strug- against our citizens. We succeeded States Senate), promised the people gling to make both ends meet, who in getting that legislature to make a June, before the people have a in the last campaign that if they have managed to raise their boys larger appropriation for public were put in pow-r that they would until they are now ten or twelve education than had ever before been years of age, an age at which these made. We have since, in the legiilliterate voter. Mi. Simmons, act boys are just beginning to help slature of 1895 and 1897, added them on the farm or in the factory? largely to this fund. The amount is ficial address to that effect Mr. In how many cases is such a boy the still insufficient to make it possible James H. Pou, an Ex-State Chair- mainstay of a father and mother for all of the boys who are now ed to change the suffrage system of on the styrm but who are dependent upon his work to twelve years of age or under to get on the stump, but, when one of his support the family until he is an education before they are twentythe State and disfranchise the ne- audience expressed some doubt about twenty-one years of age? How one; and it is too late, even if the not act the question will be carried the matter, he went further and many of these boys will reach amount were sufficient, to educate before the people, and an effort will made an affidavit to that effect. Be- twenty-one without getting an ed-) the older men who are also in danger sides, a majority of the Democratic ucation? Yet it is this kind of a of being disfranchised by this scheme be made to defeat the amendment in candidates for the legislature, to say noble boy who will be called upon Besides, the poll tax trick in the the popular vote, as was done in nothing of the other Democratic each year to pay taxes, to work the Amendment will rob the public to road, and to shoulder his musket school fund of thousands of dollars and do the fighting if his country and make it still more difficult for But notwithstanding that these needs his services. This is the boy poor boys to get an education. politicians have, by submitting the who will be expected to do the Now shall these fifty or sixty thous proposed Constitutional Amendment, fighting and give his life for his and white men, to say nothing of broken and betrayed their solemn country, while Mr. Simmons, who their sons, be disfranchised when campaign pledges; and while I knew is trying to disfranchise him, will their ignorance is no fault of theirs? they did not, in submitting the no doubt, like Cleveland, hire a That this may happen is not only possible, but probable. Is there a voter in the State who will say that he wants to do this? Is there a Court. Surely every one will admit disfranchising constitutional amend-Another objectionable feature is voter in the State who will say that

WAS IT THEIR PURPOSE?

As I have already said, these port it, or, at least, not actively op- months before the election, will be politicians did not intend to settle pose it. These reasons caused me to disfranchised. How many good the race issue, and they have care men are there in the State who are fully prepared an Amendment that amendment with great care before unfortunate or who from any rea- will not do it. But they have pretaking any position on the question. son cannot pay their poll tax before pared one that in my judgement will Now, not to weary you with too long the election, much less pay them do something else—one that will (if a letter, I will state the conclusions I six months before the election? any of its sections survive the test have reached; and, briefly, the rea- Yet these are the men and of the Supreme Cour) surely disevery one of their sons who are not franchise about sixty thousand white SHOULD IT BE ADOPTED EVEN IF more than twelve years old now, voters. It is true that they deny whom Mr. Simmons is trying to this was their purpose, but in reply disfranchise under the false and I ask that if this will be the result specious cry of 'white supremacy.' is it no: fair to say that this was A man may have paid his taxes in their purpose? They claim their April or May, as long as four or five legislature was composed of the months before the election, and yet brains of the Democratic party whole will stand the test of the Courts he is disfranchised at the election Then surely they must have intend-Thus it will be seen that the lead- If this is so and it should be adop- in August or November, unless he ed what is clear will be the result ing Democratic paper in the only ted, what would be the result? Would has paid his poll tax as far back as Besides, why should not the Simmons Machine desire to disfranchise a sufficient number of good, poor, exactly what THE CAUCASIAN has steel to our mothers, wives, and sisters during the late war, and who is disfranchised thereby. Its purpose Ransom always feared the good,

dishonest device known as the but which is so objectionable and fraught with so much danger not pretend to protect all of these white voters, but which the Court would be sure to declare unconstitutional, after the hands of the voters were tied by the adoption of the other sections which are constitutional Mr. Simmons has no doubt figured it out that if he can pass the Amend ment which will disfranchise about the more the woters of the State will be against it.

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vet the result. if the Amendment is the people can defeat the datagerouadopted, will be the same as far as disfranchising scheme and overthrow the voters who are disfranchised are the ballot box stuffers and the rec No one will deny that the result concerned. No matter what the pur- suirt mob. I believe there is as much to pay any attention to the elections will be to disfranchise fifty or pose was, when they are disfran- love of liberty and as much manhood and do not vote. In that state there sixty thousand white voters of the chised it will do them no good to be in North Carolina as there is in Kenional election? Only 27 187. Do we education even if they had the time chised the power to vote unless the up a majority larger than Simmons State, would be disfranchised, while a single one of them) vote to change see to it that that vote is counted af man who does not favor disfranchis- ne done! The liberty of the plain. ficially promised the people that if fore, the adoption of such a disfran- ing these men and having the state sturdy citizens, and the welfare of chising scheme would, if Section 5 ruled by a small autocratic machine the State demand it. Let every good is knocked out as unconstitutional, while the masses will be dented a law-abiding citizen prepare for the not attempt to disfranchise any of voice in government and forced to contest.

WHAT SENATOR STEWART SAYS. I discussed this question at some ength a few days since with the venerable Senator from Nevada, Senator William M. Stewart, who is adpecially high authority on this question, for he is the author of the 15th Rayville, to have said: Amendment to the Constitution of "I believe, fellow citizens, that question came before it.

WHAT THE LOUISIANA SENATORS SAY. ther clause." The two Senators from that State are recognized by every when he was elected to the Senate. They have both publicly declared that section 5 was unconstitutional and must fall when it reaches the that their opinion is very high author ment containing the "monstrous

paper in Louisiana, has also admitted that Section 5 is unconstitutional, and has expressed regre Caffery has not only publicly dethat the Amendment was ever clared that the amendment is unconadopted in that shape. In the last stitutional and dangerous, but he issue of THE CAUCASIAN there is now denounces the ring put in copied an able editorial from that paper, in which it says "the Amendment is not only unconstitutional but dangerous besides."

WHAT THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE Now let us look at the example of Georgia on this question. The present Democratic Legislature of of these forces to drive the machine that S ate, which is now in session, from power and wipe off such in has repudiated this very Amend- famous legislation from the statute ment by a large majority. A memfather clause" disfranchising scheme subsequent campaigned What class A SCHEME TO TRICK OR BRIBE VOTERS plain people of the State to make ago, copied the North Carolina reals to the good citizens of Louis There is another provision in the same poll tax section that is inelements of great danger." This is would be the good old country dartended to encourage a man not to key who was as faithful and true as tion was debated at some length. the coming campaign. chising scheme took the position that it was not only unconstituplain people because he knew they tional, but that it was also unju-t loved Vance, and that they and to attempt to disfranchise "the last Sunday discussed the proposed Vance hated the methods of Ran good, honest old country darkey' Constitutional Amendment which will som's political Machine which was while allowing the young town ne- be voted on next August. in this organized to defeat the people's gro to vote. They also took the to cut off thousands from voting, organized to deleat the people's gro to vote. They also took the State. The Post save that the Amendbut to also rob the State and the box so that it could with impunity than a majority of negro votes ment is not only vicious in princi-Now what class of negroes would public school fund of tens of thou-betray their interests. In payment could be justified in attempting to ple but that it is besides unconchine will not, then surely the Dember ocratic voters will. Why risk the ocratic voters will. Why risk the about fifty thousand negroes who other tax payers will be forced to "elements of great danger" which would still vote, and this number other tax payers will be forced to Internal Revenue Collector. Vance what are the facts about Georg a? elitorial in our next issue. the Times-Democrat says that it contains?

would still vote, and this number of that element who have been active and offensive in politics, and who, either from innate perversity or for Democratic late and offensive of the suffrage of the people of the suffrage o nomination on the ground that this Carolina? With us there is only is sure to do you good. chine policicians to raise the negro manipulate elections and fortify position of trust and honor, and and only thirteen counties unconstitutional laws as did the last short, the only negroes who have evlegislature, and yet the members of er made the race issue possible would legislature. confirmed. The persecution and controlled by having a different misrepresentation heaped upon system of county government in Vance's head during his last days them, while allowing the people in (and which no doubt hastened his the other eighty-four counties to death), was inspired and instituted elect all of their officers. That is by this Ransom Simmons Machine. what the legislatures of 1895 and Now of course Vance's admirers (and 1897 would have done had not the he had no greater admirers than the Democratic Supreme Court held plain people who loved him) do not that it was unconstitutional to do love Simmons. They came within a so. But the present non-partisan few votes of controlling the last Supreme Court has since held that Democratic State convention and it is constitutional for the Legislaoverthrowing Mr. Simmons and all ture to provide one system o the old Ransom Machine. Mr. Sim- county government for one county Remedy Equal to this mons knows they will yet do this and another system for another. S unless he can get rid of them. The the way is now clear for the Legisonly way to do this is to rob them of lature to settle the race question in Obstinate Disease. WHO SAYS IT IS CONSTITUTIONAL? if a straightforward Amendment and effective manner without at-

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The more the people understand this by prominent men in their own party to do so. They not only refused to submit that provision but, on the other hand, they explicitly provided in their Amendment that the negro should be eligible to hold office. It is clear from this that these politicars a happy New Year.

ment, though requested and urged by prominent men in their own party. The practically unanimous try. The practically unanimous the country. The practically unanimous the country. The practically unanimous the distranchise this many Democratic machinery. He is satisfied to disfranchise this many Democratic machinery. He is sati

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Bat in spite of this infamous Simmit that they had no such purpose; mons-Goebel election law, I believe people of the State will never endorse, and write a clause of the Constitu-

Yours for the fight. MARION BUTLER.

FRAUDS IN LOUISIANA.

from Louisiana, Senator Caffery, is reported in a speech delivered at

who led the fight to put the measure and desire and demand honest elec- fifty or sixty thousand of these illitthrough Congress. He is the only tions. I believe they will realize man who was in the Senate at that their desires when they patriotically time, who is still in the Senate. He determine that no fraud or other Observer will find that there "ignosaid he had examined the Louisiana mal-pratice be perpetrated to render rant whites" are intelligent enough Amendment and the proposed Amend their votes nugatory. I claim there to know this, and will vote accordment in our State and that it was his is deep dissatisfaction with the opinion that section 5 of the propos- methods as affecting elections that ed Amendment was clearly uncon-prevail in this state, and I believe stitutional, and that he was satisfied and assert that the dissatisfaction is the Supreme Court of the United well founded. I claim that it is States would so declare when the necessary that organization be undertaken and perfected looking for-Now let us see also what the two may be to the present system. The has been secured, and his Pacific Democratic Senators from Louisiana task is beset with difficulties. A cable bill. It is believed the latter say about this Amendment. As you powerful and compact organization bill will soon become a law, as the speaker as being infamously false. know, Louisiana is the only state confronts the body of the catizans president recommended such a cable, scheme, containing the "monstrous fall into the hands of professional department. The bill provides a al statement to the voters of the absurdity" known as "the grandfa- politicians and are then used to government cable to Manila among maintain and perpetuate them in other places. place and power. If broken in one to be able lawyers, and one of Louisiana it must be done by deterthem was Chief Justice of the State wined and intelligent action of the people.' As our readers know, Louisiana

is the only state that has adopted a absurdity" known as the "grandson WHAT THE LEADING DEMOCRATIC of the grandfather clause." To pass such an amer dment in that state, it Besides, the New Orleans Times- was necessary to have as infamous D-mocrat, the leading Democratic election law as the Goebel Simmons law in North Carolina. S-nator power and its ballot box stuffing methods without qualification. I will be noticed from the above that he appeals for the organization of all the elements of good people in the state opposed to the machine system, and favors the co-operation

The Washington Post in an editorial

NOT BO IGNORANT AS YOU SUPPOSE. DO YOU GET UP The Charlotte Observer in a ce cent editorial, pointing out the danger of defeat of the disfranchising

"The danger to this lies with the ignorant whites, and nothing will be outrages, and more than in North vote against the whole Amendment they will indignantly deny that this sand or more against his disfran- left undone to persuade them that Yours in regard to the election gan in their campaigns? Is not the negro the slo-law and the proposed Constitutional law and the proposed Constitution of the United States of the greatest improvement. To this ry man who attempts to raise his Besides, it is of the greatest im- the charge that they intended to honesty could devise to try to pre- point the Democratic party will need voice against the existing order of portance for every one of us to con disfranchise anybody, white or black. pare an election law to steal fifty o direct its work in the campaign

It is true there is a very large il-

literate vote in North Carolina-larger, we regret to say, than in any other Southern State-and it is equally true that those who are now try- lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid trou ing to disfranchise these men are bles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst largely responsible for this illiteracy. only comprise some of the very best practice, among the helpless too poor to purmeans and influence besides. They who have not already tried it, may have a are intelligent enough (notwithstanding the fact they are not able to read find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. tion to the satisfaction of a Demo- send your address to eratic ballot-box stuffer) to know Dr. Kilmer & Co., Bing-that the Democratic politicians bamton, N. Y. The headed by Mr. Simmons, their State they were put in power they would the poor illiterate voters of the State. They are intelligent enough to know that when the Democratic legislature met that they violated these SENATOR CAFFERY ON ELECTION solemn pledges and proceeded to submit a disfranchising schemes of One of the Democratic Senators which will not only disfranchise all he best element of the good old country darkey. leaving the town negro to vote and elegible to hold of fice, but which also contains a hidden the United States, and is the man the mass of our people are honest danger that threatens to disfranchise erate white voters. The Charlotte

> The Government Pacific Cable Bill. Asheville Gazette.]

ingly next August.

Senator Butler has reintroduced ward to the co-operation of what- his postal savings bank bill, on ever elements of opposition there which a favorable committee report Such organizations nearly always and as it is endorsed by the navy

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hing that ever was made is Dr. King's New life Puls. Every pill is a sugarcoated globule of health, that changes weakness into strength, listleseness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health Only 250 per box. Sold by all druggists.

F. D Winston and his Negro Schoo

The Times-Mercury.] Our Democratic brethren have decided to make the "nigger" the saue again. The Observer can use its old cuts again. It can add a cartoon of the negro elected on the school board in Frank D. Winston's county just after they had carried the state for "white supremacy."

"Actions of the Just Smell Sweet."

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The serious consequences to which Scrofula surely leads for these partisan and revolutionary them with an ever ready opportunity who are backing the Simmons Red was necessary for him to get up a is not only clearly unconstitutional portance of wasting no time upon treatment which can not possibly effect a cure. In many cases where the wrong



S. S. S. FOR THE BLOOD Now I come to the Simmons bullpen election law. I will not in this letter discuss its various providons for fraud, thievery and rascality, for I thoroughly agree with you in what you say about that infamous piece of machinery, made for the purpose of debauching the ballot.

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POU'S CAMPAIGN AFFIDAVIT.

ONE OF HIS METHODS OF FOOLING VOTERS IN THE LAST CAMPAIGN.

HE-MAKES AFFIDAVIT THAT A PROP-OSITION TO DISFRANCHISE NE-GROES AND ILLITERATE WHITES WOULD NOT RECEIVE A SINGL DEMOCRATIC VOTER IN THE LEGIS-LATURE AND DENOUNCES THOSE WHO MAKE THE CHARGE AS SPEAK-ING PALSELY AND TRYING TO FOOL THE PEOPLE.

From Caucasian Oct. 19 .-

The following affidavit made by James H. Pou, ex-Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, during the last campaign, will be interesting reading. Our readers will remember that whenever and wherever it was charged in the last campaign that if the Democratic machine under Simmons got control of the State, that they would offer a scheme to disfranchise illitterate votes, that the charge was indignantly denied and denounced by every Democratic Even Mr. Simmons, the Democrat-State, branding every such charge as false in toto; saying that that campaign lie had been charged against the Democratic party before, and that the charge was now so old and so false that no one would believe it.

Mr. James H. Pou, the ex-Chairman of the State Democratic Commit:ee, in his speeches made the same declaration. But it seems that in one of his speeches in Moore county, some members of his audidience expressed doubt of the truth of his indignant denial, and called upon him while upon the stand to know if he would make an affidavit to that effect. He publicly agreed to do so, we are informed. The result is the affidavit below, made at Raleigh, dated Oct. 14th, 1898. It will be noticed that Mr. Pou, shrewd, slick and cunning as he is, attempted to word his affida vit so as not to say explicitly what he had said publicly on the stump, and yet at the same time, to say enough to make it appear that his affidavit had made good his campaign declaration, and fool the voters into accepting his statement and voting for the machine. The following is a true copy of

the afficavit: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County of Wake. James H. Pou, being duly sworn leposes and says:

"I have nover said that, if the Democrate regained control of the State, they intended to disfranchise the negroes and illiterate white voters. I never have said anything like this, and I know that such is not the intention of the Democratic party. I have never heard a sin gle Democrat give utterance to such a sentiment, and I do not believe, if such a proposition comes before the General Assembly, that it would receive a single Democratic vote. I believe that a majority of the uneducated white voters of North Carolina are Democrats. The Democratic party is appealing to them for aid in preserving white supremacy in the center west and in restoring it in the Eastern part of this State. They are responding to our appeal, and to repay them for their aid with a disfranchisement of their votes would be folly and ingrattlude indeed. The man who makes these charges know they speak falsely, but their campaign this year is run upon the idea that the people of North Car olina would rather believe a falsehood than the truth, and they would rather hear libels upon the honored dead than to heer erguments based upon truth."

[Signed] JAMES H. POU. Sworn to and subscribed before me this October 1st 1898.

[Signed] GEO. W. THOMPSON. Notary Public.

Notarial Seal, Notary Public, Raleigh, N. C.

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