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THOSE BROKEN PLEDGES.

In a recent issue THE CAUCASIAN published several affidavits from voters who heard Democratic speakers and Democratic candidates for the last legislature solemnly pledge the people on the stump that if they were put in power that they would not attempt to disfranchise any voter white or black in the State.

There has been such great demand for extra copies of THE CAUCASIAN containing the affidavits above referred to, that we have decided to publish a few more of such affidavits. The following affidavit shows the pledge that Mr. Robinson, the Democratic candidate for the legislature in Cumberland, made:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

D. K. Taylor, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he heard H. M. Robinson, Democratic candidate for the legislature in Cumberland county, say that the Democrats did not want the Louisiana disfranchising amendment to the Constitution; that the charges made by the Republican and Populist speakers that they, the Democrats, would disfranchise the negro and poor whites was untrue and only used to inflame the voters; that they also intended to control their own schools.

D. K. TAYLOR, Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of January, 1900. W. P. WATKINS, J. P.

When Mr. Robinson got to the legislature on such pledges and promises he deliberately broke them, either with malice aforethought or else he submitted to being whipped into line by the party lash of the Simmons machine.

We publish another affidavit from Hertford county showing the pledge that Hon. L. A. Daughton, one of the State speakers, made:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, HERTFORD COUNTY.

A. W. Simmons and Jack Everett, being duly sworn, depose and say: That they heard Hon. L. A. Daughton, one of the Democratic speakers, who was the Speaker in the Senate of 1898 and 1899, make a speech at Harrellville in Hertford county, on or about October 1, 1899, in which Mr. Daughton denounced the charges made upon the Democrats by Populists and Republicans that they would pass a franchise law or a disfranchising scheme. He, Daughton, further declared and assured every voter in the audience, both white and black, that the Democratic party had no such intention and that the Democratic party would never attempt anything of the kind.

A. W. SIMMONS, J. P. JACK EVERETT, J. P.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of January, 1900. J. H. EVANS, J. P.

Mr. Daughton made this pledge for his party from one end of the State to the other. Will he now endorse the outrageous disfranchising scheme submitted by the State legislature? Or will he stand by his pledges and promises to the people and oppose it?

In our next issue we will publish more of these affidavits. Clip them out and take them with you when these speakers come round to make new pledges and promises to the people this year.

THE KEN UCKY SITUATION.

Law and order have not yet been restored in Kentucky. He ballot box stuffers, having failed so far to steal the State, have threatened to go off and set up a separate State government of their own. A number of efforts has however been made, it seems, on both sides during the past week to secure some compromise or settlement of their differences. It is noticeable that the one condition which the Republicans and anti-Goebel Democrats and Populists have insisted upon is that the infamous Goebel election law shall be repealed outright, and that a fair and honest law that would give all parties representation on elections boards should be enacted in its stead. Up to date, the Goebel machine Democrats have refused to accede to this. It seems that they are ready to concede anything else before giving up this infamous, thieving election law by which they can stuff enough votes to overturn the will of the people. There is one thing that a brave, free people will not submit to, and that is to having their votes stolen and their verdict reversed by dishonest election officials. This Goebel election law is the root and the cause of all the trouble that has occurred in Kentucky. From the present writing it seems that if the Democratic Machine would simply agree to be ousted peacefully and quietly at once.

In this issue Mr. Nash ably replies to Mr. Busbee as to the Constitutionality of section 5. Mr. Nash says that he will vote against the amendment because it violates the Federal Constitution which he has sworn to support.

SENATOR PETTIGREW ON THE AMENDMENT.

On the front page of this issue of THE CAUCASIAN will be found a legal opinion from Senator E. F. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, on the proposed suffrage amendment. While Senator Pettigrew does not write as full and elaborate opinion as Senator Allen, whose opinion was published in the last issue of THE CAUCASIAN, yet he is equally as clear and as positive that section 5 is not only unconstitutional, but that the Courts will declare it void and sustain the remainder of the amendment.

He says that the well established principle of construction which the Court follows will make it necessary for it to take this course regardless of any attempted instruction to the Court by the Legislature. Senators Allen and Pettigrew have no partisan interests to warp their legal judgment. They are great lawyers and they look at this question from a purely legal standpoint, and therefore their opinion will have the greatest weight with men who want to know the truth.

There has been such a demand for extra copies of the last issue containing Senator Allen's strong and forcible legal opinion that the issue has been exhausted. In order to accommodate those who have not been able to get the last issue of THE CAUCASIAN, we will try to find room to publish Senator Allen's opinion in the next issue. Send in your order now for extra copies. They will be furnished at one dollar per hundred copies, and we can mail them direct from the office to any addresses that may be furnished us.

THEY ARE TWO OF A KIND.

We notice that the News and Observer charges that Senators Pritchard and Butler, in their speeches in the Senate, have misrepresented Senator Vance's position on manhood suffrage. If they have done so, why does not the News and Observer publish exactly what they said and let the people see for themselves? We challenge the News and Observer to do this. That paper dare not do it, for if it did so it would prove that it was misrepresenting them and Senator Vance also. Besides, it does not lie in the mouth of the editor of the News and Observer to attempt to be spokesman for Senator Vance. The editor of that paper was holding a fat job at the Cleveland pier counter at the time that Cleveland and Ransom were persecuting and misrepresenting Senator Vance. And the editor of that paper, while being fed with Cleveland pig, joined them in their infamous crusade. Indeed, the editor of that paper tried to justify Cleveland and Cleveland in repealing the last silver law on the statute books, as the files of his paper will show. Vance's opinion of the editor of the News and Observer was no doubt on a par with the opinion he expressed in the United States Senate of Mr. Simmons when he denounced him and defeated his confirmation for an important office on the ground that he was unworthy to hold a position of trust or profit. They are two of a kind.

INFORMAL ELECTION LAW PASSED TO CARRY THE AMENDMENT.

When the amendment was presented to the legislature the Wilmington Messenger said that it would not exactly satisfy many Democrats, but it is the best that can be obtained under the circumstances. And it will be remembered that the Messenger during the '98 campaign denounced as a "bald faced Populist lie" that the Democrats would disfranchise anybody. The Asheville Citizen commenting on the amendment when it was passed, said:

"The suffrage amendment to the constitution, which will be submitted by the present legislature, will carry in North Carolina by 50, 00 majority, if it is voted for under such an election law as that body should not adjourn without passing. The object of the amendment is to eliminate the negro vote, and there is no doubt about it accomplishing its object unless the courts declare it unconstitutional."

So the election law was passed with the deliberate purpose to carry the amendment regardless of the opposition, at least.

The following editorial from the News and Observer of Feb. 26, '99, removes all doubt their object in passing such an unjust election law.

"J. Wiley Shook has written an open letter against the amendment. If J. Wiley does keep quiet we may not let him vote again."

Mr. Shook can "read and write" yet, the election law is to be used to disfranchise such men who will not vote for the amendment.

Recently Mr. Witherspoon, a lawyer of Newton wrote an article submitting some strong argument and reasons why it was not safe to adopt the proposed amendment. At once the mud-slinging mill started up and Mr. Witherspoon got a vast amount of abuse but no answer to his argument. Within the last few days, Mr. Thomas J. Rickman, a Democratic lawyer, of Hendersonville, has come out in an article (which we are sorry we have not the room to publish in this issue) giving arguments against the restriction of suffrage and saying he would rather see suffrage extended than restricted. Of course he will be met with abuse and denunciation and mud-slinging, but no one will attempt to answer his argument.

We notice that some of the negro calamity-howling organs in this State have said that the negro was the cause of all trouble in Kentucky. What are the facts?

There are only about forty thousand negro voters in that state, while there are about 7 white votes for every negro vote. Indeed if the proposed amendment were adopted in North Carolina and were sustained as constitutional there would still be more negro voters in this state than there are to-day in Kentucky. No, it is not the negro that is the trouble in the state of Kentucky or the trouble in North Carolina. It is the desire of a lot of politicians to get office by stuffing ballot boxes and stealing votes and overturning the will of the people. The ballot-box stuffer is a thief and an anarchist. He is the greatest possible cause to any state and the greatest enemy to law and order.

If there are any who doubt the solemn pledges made by the Democratic organization in the last campaign not to attempt to disfranchise anybody white or black, let them drop a postal card to Senator Butler, Washington, D. C., and get a copy of his speech delivered in the Senate last week. In that speech he gives the facts, quoting the exact language and pledges made from the Democratic handbook, from Chairman Simmons' official circular, and from speeches and affidavits, etc. If you have any neighbors to whom you would like to have a copy of this speech sent, send in their names and post office addresses to Senator Butler at Washington and he will no doubt mail them copies.

The gold standard financial bill, which has already passed the House, will be voted upon in the Senate to-day. Senator Butler has offered a substitute for the bill providing for the free coinage of silver and gold and the issuing of full legal tender greenbacks in accordance with the People's Party position on the money question. This substitute should of course be adopted, but it will of course be voted down.

On the front page of this issue we publish a brief report of Senator Butler's speech in the Senate on the Constitutional Amendment, clipped from the Washington (D. C.) Times. The Caucasian has not yet received a full copy of the speech and so publishes the Times' report.

We want an active agent to solicit subscriptions for the CAUCASIAN in every township and in every neighborhood in North Carolina. We will pay a liberal commission to those who will go to work actively. It will be easy to make from one to five dollars per day. Write for further information.

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THE CAUCASIAN learns that several prominent speakers of national reputation have been invited to address the Populist State Convention which assemblies in Raleigh on April 18th.

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WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Pearson Gets Favorable Report—Col. Dockery's Hearing on 19th-Other Notes. Special to THE CAUCASIAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Committee on Privileges and Elections in the House have reported in favor of Ex-Congressman Pearson in the contest against Mr. Crawford.

Colonel O. H. Dockery was here last week to attend the hearing before the Election Committee of the House, but as that committee could not have a continuous hearing of the evidence in the contest they decided to postpone action until the 19th instant, when the case will be acted upon.

The Senate Committee on Fisheries has reported favorably. Senator Butler's bill to establish a marine laboratory at Beaufort, N. C.

The remains of General Lawton, who was killed in the Philippines, were brought here and buried with military honors at Arlington Friday. The military display was very magnificent and imposing.

The House has passed four of the appropriation bills, and there seems to be a disposition on the part of Congress to adjourn as soon as all these bills (13) have passed. This is national election year, and all parties desire to enter the campaign as early as possible. Some of the prominent members think Congress will adjourn early in June.

The Financial bill has occupied the attention of the Senate most of the time during the past week. This measure will be voted on Feb. 15th.

The President gave a reception on the 14th to the officers of the Army and Navy, and as usual, it was a most brilliant function.

In Montana women who pay taxes vote on all questions submitted to taxpayers.

Populist State Convention.

In pursuance to a resolution of the State Executive Committee, adopted at its meeting regularly called and held in this city on the 18th instant, the State Convention of the Peoples Party in North Carolina is hereby called to assemble in the city of Raleigh on Wednesday, April 18th, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., and a general conference of members of the party is called to assemble in the said city on Tuesday night, April 17th, 1900.

The Convention will nominate candidates for State and local offices, delegates to the National Convention besides transacting such other business as may properly come before it. While it does not come within the province of the committee so to direct, it is recommended that County Conventions, called for the purpose of electing delegates to the State District Conventions, defer the nomination of Legislative and County candidates until after the State Convention. CYRUS THOMPSON, Chairman P. P. State Ex. Com. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30th, 1900.

Plan of Organization of the Peoples Party.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. Each township shall be under the government of an Executive Committee of five members, who shall elect their own Chairman; said Committee shall be elected by the voters of said Township at the primaries called to elect delegates to the county nominating conventions, under call of the County Chairman. Provided that those Townships which are divided into precincts or wards shall have a separate Committee for each precinct or ward.

SECTION 2. Each County shall be under the government of the County Executive Committee, which shall consist of five members, who shall elect their own Chairman; said Committee shall meet at the same time and place when and where the county nominating conventions of the Peoples Party of any year are held and elect a county chairman who may or may not be a member of the county body. In case it shall appear at said meeting of the county Executive Committee, that any township, ward or precinct has failed to take action in accordance with Section 1, the said County Executive Committee shall convene to elect a point state committee or executive.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee for the various Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial districts shall consist of the Chairmen of the County Executive Committees of the counties that comprise the district, one from each Congressional and Senatorial District. The Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial committees shall meet at the same time and place that the county nominating conventions meet to nominate their respective candidates, and shall elect a chairman for said committees who may or may not be a member of their body.

SECTION 4. In case any above named committee fails to report to its convention within in session as provided above, it shall be sufficient proof that there is no proper organization, and that committee shall proceed to elect a chairman of the committee.

SECTION 5. The County Executive Committee, Congressional Executive Committee, and Judicial Executive Committee shall report their action, and the results of their respective conventions while in session, for their approval or disapproval. If not approved, then the convention before an adjournment, shall elect the chairman of said committee.

SECTION 6. The State Executive Committee shall consist of one member from each Congressional district, and six members at large. The members so elected shall meet during the session of the State Convention and recommend to the convention a person for State Chairman, who may be or may not be a member of the committee so elected. Should the State Convention not approve the person recommended, the committee shall elect a State chairman of the State Convention can delegate this authority to the full State Committee. But each State chairman shall serve until his successor is elected. The six members at large of the State Committee shall consist of three from the Congressional Executive Committee.

SECTION 7. All executive committees shall have the power to supply all the vacancies occurring therein.

SECTION 8. A quorum of the various committees shall be as follows: The County Executive Committee, one-third majority; the Congressional, Judicial and State—one-third of the members of said committees.

SECTION 9. The Executive Committees of the Senatorial, Congressional and Judicial districts, respectively, shall, at the call of their respective chairmen, meet at some time and place in their respective districts, designated in said call. And it shall be their duty to appoint the time and place for holding conventions in their respective districts; and the chairman of said respective committees shall immediately notify the chairmen of the different county executive committees of the said appointment, and the said County Executive Committees shall at once call conventions of their respective members to meet at the call of their respective chairmen, to meet at some time and place in their respective districts, designated in said call. 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