

Hon. W. R. HENRY and the AMENDMENT He Answers Some Questions with Convincing Logic and Quotations.

A HENRY GRADY ARTICLE.

The Amendment Unconstitutional—A Fact May Stand—It would Hold Up a Negro Aristocracy—Unjust to Good Negroes.

PITTSBORO, N.C., April 6, 1900. Hon. WALTER HENRY, Charlotte, N. C.

DEAR SIR—Having seen nothing from you in the press relative to the proposed constitutional amendment...

1st. Is the proposed amendment constitutional?

2d. If unconstitutional, will it stand or fall as a whole?

3d. If passed, what would be the effect on the masses?

4th. What is the purpose of the proposed amendment?

5th. State your position on the amendment.

6th. Please give us your opinion on the Election Law.

Very respectfully, J. J. JENKINS

R. H. DIXON, J. T. PASWALK, E. B. LINSEBERY.

GENTLEMEN—Your letter above set forth just received. You are correct in surmising that my official duties have prevented me from taking an active part in politics.

I will reply to your questions briefly in sequence.

Question 1st. Is the proposed amendment constitutional?

Answer—Many of our people have never read the sections of the proposed amendment in question.

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"Sec. 7. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

On the face of the above sections, it seems to me that any man of ordinary intelligence...

Those who read argument to convince them of its unconstitutionality...

You will find the answer to your second question fully covered by the argument referred to...

This proposed amendment is a copy of the Louisiana amendment...

"In addition to these expressions by members of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention...

TRUMPET OF POLITICIANS.

After themselves disavowing and repudiating Section 5...

He was loving, but very bashful. He was a full yard from the girl of his choice.

"Tom?" she ventured, "you have been a newspaper writer for some time?"

"Yes, darling," he responded proudly. "Then why do you follow the motto of your profession?"

"The motto of my profession?" "Yes; 'Fill up the space.'"

"The Space Was Filled. He was loving, but very bashful. He was a full yard from the girl of his choice."

God that she is safe in her sanctuary, because her slaves, seated in the silent cabin, on guard at her chamber door...

"Then follows the names of Senators and Congressmen who are recognized as among the ablest constitutional lawyers in this body and in the other House."

"The people of North Carolina will vote in August on the proposed constitution..."

"The Washington Post, which has never joined in the sectional crusade against the people of the South..."

"If it is sought simply to make the act of voting an intelligent and enlightened function and to restore to a minimum the opportunities of bribery and corruption..."

"We believe the plan to be unconstitutional and that I cannot support it..."

"The defect of this measure will be a national benefaction."

"I cannot support a measure that dooms the coming generation of uneducated white men in North Carolina to political slavery..."

"In my opinion, it is worse and more dangerous than the proposed amendment; disregarding the rights of opposing parties to have their views presented at elections to insure justice..."

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