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KLUTZ'S GREAT SPEECH. CALDWELL'S FINE INTRODUCTORY.

No. 2 In Great Force and the Band Makes Gay—The Amendment Ably Defended and Objections Met—Must Settle This Great Question While It May Be Settled by White Men.

That was a prelude to grand rally day when the White Supremacy club of Ward No. 2 came marching to the court house Friday night. It precluded the thought of occupying the court room and the immense crowd was seated on the lawn. The Concord band enlivened the occasion with its fine music.

Mr. M B Stickly announced that Mr. M H Caldwell would introduce the speaker.

This speech, for learned allusions, pleasing references to past relations, cordial fraternity in a cause towering above the ordinary partisan politics and for sublime testimonials to the personal character of the speaker was an oratorical gem of rare luster.

He said that the man he was introducing is our present congressman, our next congressman and that he himself did not care how long he should be our congressman. He said he was the man that feasts defeated opponents on good fat turkey gobblers. Three cheers for Caldwell were called for and given with gusto.

When Mr. Klutz arose he was evidently put to it, with all his magnificent gifts and oratorical accomplishments, to give suitable expression to his reciprocal esteem.

Having testified to all Mr. Caldwell said with reference to the pleasant, dignified joint canvass, he launched forth into his subject, "The constitutional amendment."

He said that this great question towered above the ordinary sphere of politics and yet it is a question of the highest and purest conception of politics, one in which white men of all political persuasion should unite upon for the good of all parties and the betterment of all races. As the war of 1775 was not a war of revolution but for revolution so this is not a political contest of white men but for white men.

Referring to the charge of promises that the Democrats would not disfranchise any man, he said the legislature of North Carolina had not disfranchised any man but had obeyed the public demand and had submitted this great question to the people for decision much after the demands of the Populists, by referendum.

He referred to that misnamed journal, The Caucasian, and its editorials when it claimed that the Democrats should repeal the Peg-leg Williams law and submit a constitutional amendment, disfranchising the negro and later declaring that the disfranchising clause should be in

one indivisible clause instead of two. Mr. Butler's eye was met and he and Dr. Thompson, the Populist candidate for governor, favored the amendment at first.

He enumerated prominent characters of the opposite parties that are yet favoring the amendment, among them Settle, Argo, Loge Harris, Alex McIver and others.

He told of Senator Pritchard's great speech in the United States Senate in which he read a garbled copy of the amendment that had eliminated from the grand father clause the words "or at any time prior there to" (1867) which would have brought under the educational qualification the great body of our best men of that day and all their descendants whereas the grand father clause gives the right of voting to every white native of this country.

Mr. Klutz had Mr. Pritchard's attention called to the garbled copy and the latter acknowledged the error.

The speaker stoutly declares that he does not believe there is an intelligent man in the State who actually believes that the amendment, if passed, will disfranchise a native white man.

It does cut off all foreigners till they have learned enough of our institutions to read and write our language and it is well it does.

The plea that the poll tax requirement would work a hardship on Confederate soldiers he easily showed to be false, for all are over 50. Here he eulogized the Confederate soldiers in terms so lofty and in sentiments so pathetic and tender as to elicit repeated cheers.

He showed that it is largely the negro that makes the list of insolvent taxpayers, while he furnishes his full quota in our county homes and asylums and gets equal advantages from the schools to which the poll taxes largely go.

There is some harping on the unconstitutionality of the amendment by some who would not recognize the constitution if they were to find it in the road. The great consensus of the North Carolina bar believes it constitutional; the United States Senate, though Republican, and appealed to in the strongest terms by Senators Pritchard, Butler, Chandler, and even Hoar, would not say it is unconstitutional, and the Mississippi law whose undisguised purpose was to disfranchise all the negroes possible, had stood the test. He does not fear for our law.

The charge that further limitations of the franchise would be made he showed to be insincere, as such can only be done as this is, by submitting them to the people.

The Populist demand to disqualify the negro from holding office he said is not practicable, voting and holding office go together as indissolubly linked, beside if it could be done the 125,000 negro votes would soon drift more than ever into a pur-

chasable commodity, and a political debauch.

In answer to the question, "Why the movement now?" he said it is necessary before all the States about us have the restriction, when the political negroes will make our State their haven. For, while they abuse the franchise most, they prize it most dearly.

We must decide this great question now before we are less able to decide it rightly.

He referred to instances of negro domination in the east and appealed to the Cabarrus people how long they would endure such. There were ominous responses.

He said the white race had given the world everything that contributed largely to man's well-being and that it had never been and never will be dominated.

All the literature, arts, inventions and other achievements of the negro race could be wiped out and you would not miss them, but for 35 years his voting as he is told demonstrates his unfitness to vote. Where left without the restrictions and the guidance of the white man he goes back into the vilest forms of savagery as is shown in Hayti and San Domingo.

The District of Columbia once had a government by the people till the negroes flocked in and corrupted the government to an unbearable degree, when the government was taken away from the people, and, for the sake of the negro, white men themselves are disfranchised. He said it is wrong, the negro only should have been disfranchised.

This great reform he said would be a stimulus to education and would be a blessing to the negro. He would be no longer sought in politics and would not be imposed upon by designing men and would unite his interests and his influences with his white neighbors and his very best friends.

He appealed strongly to every white man to do his best for the consummation of this great plan.

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