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DiNGER TO DUPES AND VILLAINS.
We note from diferent points that there come up threats of violence on the adoption of the proposed amendment. We do not believe there is much dan ger anywhere, and especially here. Sbould we be too optimistic we can only say that any act of violence or injury, will
have but one sequel: It will be bad for those who allow themseives misled into it., The amendment aims to wrong no man or class of men. It aims to possible the cerrible wrong of the 15 th amendment to the United States constitution. The negro, as is shown by a trial of 36 years, has no more business with the ballot than a four-year old boy with a razor. As the boy can be expected only to cut his throat, so the negro in his lack of the genius of self-goverament injures himself and his State by a misapplication of this great privilege and responsibility. They might be made to see it if they were not poisoned by such men as Pritchard, Butler, Thompson, Holton, and, we are sorry to say, men in our own town and county
It is cruel, it is outrageous, how the passions of the people are stirred up to looking upon the amendment as an unfriendly act toward any man or set of men. If, however, these agitators succeed in getting up strife and trouble they need to take care that just punishment does not fall upon their own neads while their ignorant dupes are learning some wholesome lessons.

## SAMPLE OF TILLAINY.

A pretty sample of the deviltry . being, practiced by these enemies of their race and State, all for a fgw offices, is that in Rose Hill * township, Daplin County, where Registran $A^{*} D$ fidave of negro, Astury Wells. The iegistrar doulted the áge of *he negro and demanded "proós upon, the fegro eaid on trial, that a blank affidavit was put into his hands and he was told to go before a magistrate and fill it
out and send it to Butler and it
would count for a vote. He says hardly need more at present. It he did so, not knowing that he will propably be a wholesome was making affidavit against Mr. check on these impudento inWilliams.
There was no evldenge against Mr. "Williamst and his* case was dismissed. The negro is *in it, however, and must stand his trial before the court.
Thus these : ignorant dupes that don' know: what they are doing are thrust upon us with the ballot and each one kills a ballot cast by man voting in telligently for the good of all the citizens of the State.
And yet we have a ticket in our own county opposing the amendment and trying to keep this burden upon us. They put up some kind of excuse satisfactory to prejudice-blinded minds.
It is a wonder that a free gov ernment can stand with so many clogging weights upon it.

## POPULISI'S TIMELY WORDS.

Our Home the leading Populis paper in the State well says:
"If the amendment is not car
ried this year the race question will be the issue two years from now. If some solution is not put into effect then it will be the issue in the following campaign and on until it is eliminated. No reform can come until the negro question is removed from polities. We, as a Populist, hav heard euough of the racket and we'll be glad when the 2nd day of August comes, so that we can cast our ballot to remove this
a higher and more decent plane. We can understand how Republican leaders who makemerchan-
dise of the negro votes and who ride him nuto office can, through selfish motives, oppose the amendment, but we can't under pan why Populist can op pose it, unless he has been mis-
led by the Fusion pictures and iterature sent out by, the Fusion managers. .. Let's get above prejudice and act independently, and in such a way as to bring tions."
Such sentiments from such source should carry weight and will, where the hide is not 1 m penetrable:

## SIMMONS' LETTER FRUITFUL.

Chairman Simmons' open letter to President McKinley, is far from the empty thing that some presumed. It has gone forth over the state and country carry ing with it a very uncomfortably crutinising gaze and has reached by his priyate secretary and has alsọ gotten to the clvil service commission and has been ac knowledged by Mr. Money in
very favorable wdy. There is reasonable hope that gith affidavits setting forth spectic instances it will be made uncom fortable for the revenue officers. election but there are plenty of election but there are plenty o
good fruits already and w
ders. $\because \quad \because$, mint njijes
©We see that Congresstman George White has, in the Morning Post, a denial of the incident reported in the Kinston Free Prest in which he is said to have demurred against going into the colored department. He says he
knows nothing about the matter of six or eight white men coming info the affair and says it is with out foundation, as was the circus incident. He should ask Dr. Thompson for a correction of that matter. The doctor em phasized the incident here.

It is a reckless man that wil go on record as opposing the constitutional amendment, with his better senses and practically the virtue and the intelligence of the State all opposed to him. Many a child of the third gen oration will doubtless blush a the blind prejudice of ancestors in this campaign.

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