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### REPLY TO BUTLER.

THEN HE TALKS ABOUT WHIPPING OUT OF THE STATE

And Those Who Will Help Him—The End of His Leadership of the Populist Party—His Final Attempt to Betray it for Selfish Ends—Hereafter His Lot Lies With Negroes and Renegade Whites—A. C. Green, a Prominent Populist of Wake County, Does Some Plain Talking.

To the Hon. Marion Butler:  
Sir:—I was not present at the meeting of the Populist State Executive Committee in Raleigh, but I have read an account of what took place at the meeting and your speech particularly, with surprise, chagrin and dismay. I went into the Populist party from principle, believing that there was a distinct work for that party to do in the State and Nation. I have remained in the party for the same reason, though conscious that it has often made serious blunders and that it has had itself open to severe but justifiable criticism. I was content to leave that to the people, and to concentrate my efforts on the work which was within my power, and which was with growing age and strength to be overcome. I have grounded in circumstance rather than in deliberate intention. With the reflection I have comforted myself in the past, I have stuck to the party organization and have conscientiously striven to hold it to the aims and ends enunciated and embodied in its declaration of principles, believing that whatever issue of grave import might arise the Populist party would be found favoring the right.

### GOOD-BYE.

(After Jean Cleator, in Ladies World.)

Good-bye, old year; We've journeyed on together many days, And now I bid you parting of our ways. I'm very near; With thoughts of mingled gladness and of dread, I see the winding way that I must tread. To future lands; For there awaits the realm of shadows deep. The silent Land of years that lies asleep.

Good-bye, old year; A few more steps ere we forever part, A few more words that wake the throbbing heart. A hope and a fear; A farewell salute, a lingering clasp of hand, Ere thou shalt be within the shadow-land.

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### WHITE SUPREMACY.

"COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER," WHITE MEN.

The Amendment Must and Will be Carried—White Men Must Rule in Every Part of North Carolina—The Fiat Has Gone Forth and There is no Turning Back—Negro Rule is a Thing of the Past in This State and the Situation Lay as Last, Once For All.

The Legislature of 1899, in all did, was inspired by a sincere desire to advance the interests of North Carolina and bring the blessings of peace and prosperity to all her people.—E. J. Justice.

The Legislature has performed its part in preparing and passing the proposed amendment to be voted on. It now remains for the people to say whether it shall be ratified or not. If a majority of the votes cast shall be against it that ends it. If a majority shall be for it then it will become a part of our constitution. So the whole question and responsibility is now with the people. It is for them to say what shall be done with it. And in making up their minds and arriving at a decision they should consider the time to consider this great question in all its bearings upon the future policies and interests of their State. Much will probably be written and spoken for and against the amendment before the day of voting comes. It will be well for the conservative, thoughtful people to take these arguments and reasons, consider them and then vote as they are convinced is for the best interest of themselves, their homes and their State.—T. J. Jarvis.

I am confident that the amendment to be submitted to the people is constitutional, and there is no doubt in my mind that the courts cannot hold the 5th section to be unconstitutional in its permit to the sections to stand.—Judge W. R. Allen.

The day of negro control in the South has passed, and passed forever, and it may safely be asserted that no party controlled by the negro will ever again carry a State south of Mason and Dixon's line; and that the white man who hereafter attempt to manipulate the negro vote to further their mean and selfish ambition, and to degrade their race, will become daily and yearly more and more odious in the eyes of self-respecting white men and women.

Let Senator Pritchard and his office-holding nephews put this in their pipe and smoke it.—E. M. Simmons.

### WANT NEGRO VOTES

PURELY AND SIMPLY TO PERPETUATE THEMSELVES IN OFFICE.

That is What Actuates Butler and His Associates in Their Fight Against the Amendment—Without the Strength of the Negro Vote They Know They are Without Hope—Would Sacrifice Everything Else and Turn the State Over to a Regime Worse Than Reconstruction Times.

(Raleigh Post.)  
The Populist Executive Committee have had their meeting and they propose to fuse with the Republicans and divide the offices out among the Republican and Populist leaders. To one that is consistent in the strength of the negro voters. The negroes are to be their stepping stone to office. It was so in the past, they hope it will be so in the future.

Therefore Senator Butler and his associates want the negro vote, and they want more negro voters, not fewer.

Certainly then these men oppose any measure that would lessen the number of negro voters.

We oppose the amendment because it will deprive us of negro strength at the polls.

If they were as honest as they are consistent, they would say plainly: We oppose the amendment because it will deprive us of negro strength at the polls.

### CONSTITUTIONAL.

With the light before me, and such investigation as I have been able to make, I have concluded that the proposed amendment (if adopted) would not conflict with the Constitution of the United States, and in this communication that is the only question I have undertaken to consider.

How many individual persons of different races may, upon a census being taken, be embraced within this class of voters, is not the question. Class legislation, discriminating against some and favoring others, is prohibited, but legislation which, in carrying out a public purpose, is limited in its application, if within the sphere of its operation it affects alike all persons similarly situated, is not an amendment.—W. A. Guthrie.

Should the negro cease to be a political power to do evil?

Those who would have the negro eliminated will vote for the amendment, and those who prefer to stand cheek by jowl with "Cuffee," will vote against them and that is all there is to the matter, so far as the people are concerned. The people are not lawyers—not skilled in questions of constitutional law. They will therefore not pretend to anticipate the courts. But they do know what they want, and in this respect are very intelligent. They vote on the proposed changes in our constitution.—Tarboro Southerner.

Again, if they were honest they would say: We depend on the negro vote, and, therefore, must, to carry favor with the negro leaders, advocate that negroes should hold office; or, in the event of that Butler objects to the amendment, he should deal with public matters on a high plane. Now they cast anchor on the negro vote, and all their hopes, aims, objects and purposes are controlled by their political association with the negro.

White men of North Carolina, you see the milk in the cocoanut! To defeat the amendment is the salvation of the negro party, and the Populist Executive Committee is to fuse with that party, and become a part of it. Any one now seeing the situation, will know what value to attach to Butler's argument in favor of the negro.

But Butler is a shrewd man. He is content to obtain a seat in the United States Senate. He is shrewd and artful and full of dodges.

Now listen to him. He is so artful that he tries to defeat the amendment by persuading white men to help him. His purpose is to favor the negro race, and he seeks to accomplish that by the aid of the white race.

The struggle in progress in North Carolina is to establish White Supremacy, and Butler by an artful dodge expects to arrange white men against their race, and in favor of the negro. To do this he plays upon their fears, and he has such a poor opinion of them that he thinks he can make them tools to his purpose. We think the white men of North Carolina will not be entrapped by his artifices.

The struggle in North Carolina is to secure White Supremacy. To that end the white Legislature has submitted a proposition drawn up by zealous men, bent and determined on White Supremacy, and the only purpose of this amendment is to establish White Supremacy.

Butler and his associates in their hearts dread this amendment because it will cut off their negro votes, and they have the audacity to say that they will also cut off white votes, and they cry to alarm white voters by pretending that the amendment will take away their rights.

In this they show that they have no reasonable opinion of the intelligence and good sense of the white men of North Carolina.

The amendment contains two leading ideas: First, that the qualification for suffrage shall be an educational test, ability to read and write.

Second, that this test shall not apply to any person who could vote in 1867, or any time prior thereto, or who is descended from any man who in 1867, or at any time before that, could vote.

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