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BUTLER'S LAME DENIAL

WHAT THE CAR WHEELS SANG.
(Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.)
With a scream of the whistle our face well said:
And in the thickness of night we sped:
On and on
To meet the dawn.
Under the sky where the stars burned red:
Past hills that stood where the snows were shed:
Ghastly white as the shrouded dead:
On and on
To meet the dawn.
True hand of the throttle and hope ahead:
The steel rails ringing—
"The swift wheels singing—
"To kith and kin, O hearts that roam—
In vino-veritate, and a marble dome,
Over the world we bear you home!"

Butler's Lame Denial.
The News and Observer yesterday received the following:

UNITED STATES SENATE,
Washington, D. C., Jan. 27, 1900.
Editor News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.

You have published what purported to be a report of my speech at the recent meeting of the People's Party State Executive Committee held in the State Senate Chamber in Raleigh. Among other things you report me as saying that certain persons "should be driven from the State." etc. I make no such statement. All that I did say that could have been misinterpreted or distorted or perverted was to the effect that all law-abiding citizens, regardless of party, should join hands in this campaign to drive from power in the State those who depend upon getting into and remaining in power by ballot-box stuffing and by inciting mob violence. The meeting of the committee which I addressed was an executive meeting, and there was no reporter of any paper present. How you secured this so-called report which misrepresents my speech in many particulars, I do not know, but I am confident that every person who has read my speech in the News and Observer and heard what I did say, will bear me out in this statement.

Yours respectfully,
MARION BUTLER.

P. S.—Of course you will do me the justice to publish the above letter.

Notwithstanding Mr. Butler's denial, he used the words attributed to him. There can be no doubt of that. They were taken down as he spoke them. They were printed in his paper next morning. Mr. Butler was then in Raleigh. Neither he nor any other member of the committee denied that the report was correct. This was two weeks ago, and the above is, so far as we know, the first denial. Why Mr. Butler is beginning to deny the effect his words are having, we do not know. It is possible he has since persuaded himself he said it, but he did not. Here is the original report.

Having entered this fight we cannot forsake it. We must go forward. Now even more than then are our liberties threatened. There is one issue and but one and WE MUST FIGHT TILL THEY IS SETTLED. That issue is whether or not North Carolinians are free men.

Let us join hands with all who will help us and wipe out such a conspiracy.

I am satisfied that those in favor of free suffrage can, by combining their strength in the coming campaign, redeem the State from the Red-Shirt Gang.

The negro question I know confronts us, and it must be settled, but we can't trust the man who has lived on the negro for thirty years to settle it. We've got to settle it. We are the folks who at heart want it settled not they. We want it settled so they can no longer use it as a scarecrow. The Republicans are anxious for its settlement, and they'll help to settle it in the proper way.

LET US JOIN HANDS AND DEFEAT FOREVER THIS LITTLE GANG OF ANARCHISTS AND RED SHIRTS who try to take by violence that which they cannot get by fair means. But it takes something more than a red shirt to scare a Populist. In the eastern counties in the campaigns of recent years the Populists haven't been running. They have been in more danger there than anywhere else, but they have stood true as steel.

WE HAVE GOT TO FIGHT AND WE HAD AS WELL MAKE UP OUR MINDS TO DO IT. I believe there are enough votes in favor of free suffrage to win in the campaign in spite of their ballot-box stuffing and red-shirt lawlessness. But to do it we have got to be on our guard. The election law of 1891 was wide open and I wouldn't ask anything easier than to steal 20,000 votes under it. The new election law is worse. But we'll win in spite of it and of Simmons and the red shirts.

The Republicans are in the tight to the death. LET US JOIN HANDS WITH THEM AND HELP THEM WHIP THIS GANG OUT OF THE STATE. Let us announce to the world that North Carolina will no longer be ruled by anarchists, red shirts and a little gang of toadies—men who have betrayed everybody and everything.

The Republicans are willing for us to take the lead, go ahead and hold a convention and name a ticket. They will help us elect it. Of course there will be some Republicans on it, and it may be we can find a Democrat who will join in this anti-amendment fight.

There are some such prominent Democrats and I think it possible that one or more of them may offer to take a place on the ticket.

This speech created indignation throughout the State and the expression of stern disapproval of the incendiary utterances were by no means confined to Democrats. Not a few letters have been received at this office from Populists as well as from Democrats, declaring that if Butler still had any followers who paid attention to his advice, his speech would provoke encounters that might lead to bloodshed. It was a firebrand thrown into a campaign that had been inaugurated on the part of Democrats by an appeal to the reason and the calm judgment of the manhood of the State.

Hence his denial at this late day.

MUST BE CARRIED.

IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The Settlement of the Race Question Necessary for the Best Interests of the State—Better for the Negro and Better for the White Man—Hence the Determination of the White People Throughout the State to Carry the Amendment—Opinions of Prominent Men on the Subject.

There is every reason to believe that that for the sake of the peace and agitation of his white leaders and manipulators the relations between the white man and the black man in the South would be exceedingly friendly, and they would be much more mutually helpful than they are or have been in the recent past.—Carolinian.

BEST EVEN FOR THE NEGRO.

The elimination of this class of citizens (ignorant negroes) from politics will be a God-send to them. It will remove from them the political and those white leaders who prey upon their ignorance and prejudice to lead them away from their true friends and against their own highest interests, and it will strengthen the bonds between them and the white neighbor upon whom they are dependent for industrial and commercial prosperity and progress. The colored citizen is on trial, not only before the people of the South, but before the world, not as a political element chiefly, but as an industrial element. This comes near to his sphere and his home. This is the heart of his real interest, and whatever disentangles him on the non-essential side and gives him larger freedom on the essential side of his life and destiny is for his present and permanent good. Nothing in this regard will serve him better than this temporary elimination from politics. His elimination from politics does not mean his elimination from citizenship, except in regard to the voting function which he is the least capable of appreciating and least prepared to use for his own benefit and the good of the State. All other rights guaranteed to the best of our citizens are vouchsafed to him. Moreover, the provisions of this amendment are not such as to work a permanent or even temporary displacement of any class, but only a temporary suspension of the franchise for a short period.—R. D. Gilmer.

LEGISLATURE.

North Carolina's last General Assembly of the nineteenth century will materially affect her welfare during the twentieth century. The legislation will go into our history as an industrious, economical, able and conscientious body of men. It had a greater task to perform than any of its predecessors. It re-wrote the laws governing the State's institutions, the railroads, the telegraph, the railroads and other corporations. Its work is the platform of the Democratic party of 1900.—Locke Craig.

There was very nearly a unanimous opinion among the members of the party in the majority that there were in North Carolina about a hundred thousand negroes to whom the right to vote had been unwisely given, and that their voting jeopardized the interests of the State, and that they should no longer be allowed the unrestricted right of suffrage.—E. J. Justice.

BEST REPUBLICANS FOR IT.

Ordinary Republican politicians must oppose it, for they want to preserve the status quo. But the Republicans who do not aspire to office. Some of these, however, will oppose it for the sake of their political friends, some from prejudice against all things Democratic, and some because they really think that ignorant negroes who will be disqualified under it, are as capable in government affairs as are the unlettered white men who will vote under it. But many white men in North Carolina have today a hearing and a laugh for their children, and lovingly regardful of their future, while Republicans on other questions are Democrats on this. They will, with the approval of many staunch and able Republican leaders, increase the majority by which the amendment will carry and their posterity will cherish their conduct.—W.W. Kitchin.

Of course we are in favor of the amendment, but if we were not one of its most earnest champions, we would be disgusted at the conduct of those negro Republican clubs in North, who are organizing to send speakers and money to North Carolina to work for the defeat of the amendment. Congressman Linney and Senator Fritchard met with these clubs in Washington City and encouraged the negroes in their plan. We are sure that this exodus of negro politicians to this State will receive the condemnation of every peace-loving citizen of our State, and we deeply regret this intended invasion. Milton Herald.

IMPROVEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT.

BRYAN ON IMPERIALISM

At the Jackson Day Banquet in Chicago on January 6th—He Tells the Western Democrats That the Party is Ready for the Campaign of 1900—His References to Expansion, Trusts, the Philippine Rebellion and the War in the Transvaal Enthusiastically Cheered and Applauded.

Democrats from many States and from every county and city of Illinois, celebrated Jackson's Day with a banquet at the Tremont House, Chicago, January 6. William J. Bryan, former Governor of Nebraska, and other Democrats of national prominence, addressed the 500 banqueters and spoke of the future of the party of Jefferson and Jackson. Expansion, trusts, the Philippine rebellion, and the war in the Transvaal were most frequently mentioned. The utterances regarding the struggle in the Transvaal were, without exception, pro-Bryan, and they were cheered and applauded by the banqueters, who were enthusiastic in the extreme. Trusts were denounced as injurious to the interests of the common people, and as threatening the foundation of the republic.

IS CONSTITUTIONAL.

But there is no necessity of discussing this question further. Because the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Williams vs. Mississippi* puts an end to all controversy. The Constitution of Mississippi contains a disqualification of negroes similar to that proposed in the amendment. The court says: "Restrained by the Federal Constitution from discriminating against the negro race the convention disqualifies against its characteristics, and the offences to which its criminal members are prone. But nothing tangible can be deduced from this." And the Constitution of Mississippi was determined to be valid.—170 North, page 224. Hon. Wm. Shepley Bryan, of the Baltimore Bar.

MUST STAND OR FALL TOGETHER.

Q.—The Republican politicians say the court will hold the 5th section of the grandfather clause, so-called, of the amendment unconstitutional, and the 1th section, or the educational qualification clause, Constitutional. Is there any truth in this statement?
A.—Absolutely none whatever. This is altogether the most absurd position Republican politicians have taken against the amendment. Every tyro in the law knows that when SEVERAL SECTIONS or provisions of a law constitute PARTS OF ONE GENERAL SCHEME OF LEGISLATION, so that those voting for it, have taken the amendment as ONE PART or SECTION without the other parts or sections, the WHOLE MUST STAND OR FALL TOGETHER. Moreover, the people are going to vote for ONE AMENDMENT, not for TWO or THREE SEPARATE AMENDMENTS. They are going to vote for the WHOLE AMENDMENT and NOT FOR DETACHED PARTS OR SECTIONS OF THE AMENDMENT. The courts cannot say to the people: "We will MAKE YOU take HALF OF WHAT YOU HAVE VOTED FOR, but we will NOT LET YOU HAVE THE OTHER HALF, though YOU VOTED FOR IT AS A WHOLE, and though you MIGHT NOT HAVE VOTED FOR ONE HALF WITHOUT VOTING FOR THE OTHER HALF. WE WILL FORCE UPON YOU, without the HALF WE DENY YOU, THAT would be the COURT AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION and NOT THE PEOPLE, and no court has authority to do this kind of thing. So it is too clear for argument that these two sections of the amendment must stand or fall together.

The rule applicable to statutes which I have discussed applies with greater force to the question of an amendment to the Constitution, because in the case of a statute, if the court mistakes the intention of the Legislature the mistake can be easily corrected by repealing the part of the statute which the court has annulled. So it is too clear for argument that these two sections of the amendment must stand or fall together.

The question of imperialism will occupy a prominent place in the next campaign. It matters not whether the war in the Philippines ends in the near future or continues until election. The people must determine the policy to be pursued in regard to the Philippines. That policy must contemplate the ultimate independence of the Philippines or their permanent retention under American sovereignty. If the islands are to be retained permanently the inhabitants must be given the hope of full citizenship, or they must be condemned to the lot of subjects. Who desires to admit them to share and share alike with us in the destiny of this republic?
"We cannot adopt a colonial policy without ignoring the doctrine of self-government so long cherished in this country, and we cannot ignore this doctrine in dealing with the Philippines without endangering its existence in the United States. Upon what ground can forcible annexation be defeated? Is it on the theory that the Filipinos without endangering its existence in the United States? Upon what ground can forcible annexation be defeated? Is it on the theory that the Filipinos are incapable of self-government? Clay, in discussing the revolution which led to establishment of South American republics, declared that self-government is the natural growth, and asserted that those who deny the capacity of any people for self-government impeach the wisdom of the Creator. Clay was right. The doctrine that it is the duty of a government to cross the ocean and force an allied government upon another race which happens to inhabit valuable lands in a doctrine conceived in avarice, born in iniquity and defended always by hypocrisy.
"When we enter upon a policy of empire we cease to be a moral factor in the world's progress. Heretofore

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