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IS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Extract From an Article by E. V. Cox,

A Former Representative From Pitt County and a R-publican—The State Has Control Over Suffrage and Should Control It for Public Good.

The public good—the good of all citizens—is more to be considered than whether this man or that man has the right of suffrage, and if the public good can be secured by limiting the suffrage what right has a State if it has not this one, and what is a sovereign State if it cannot enact laws that secure the peace and prosperity of its own citizens? A State, to be a State at all, must be the judge of the qualifications of its own electors. If it is not it has become merged not only into the Federal Union, but into the Federal Government itself. It has surrendered the fundamental right of sovereignty. It has lost its statehood and become a territory.

The proposed amendment in order to provide for the public good aims at unfitness and incompetence, and it is not the 'race, color or previous condition of servitude" of the negro that has brought about the present discussion, but his unfitness and total incompetence to participate in, much less administer, the affairs of government.

How the Negro Suffrage Came.

In the consideration of the amendment let us all remember that the enfranchisement of the emancipated slave was held out to the South at the point of the victor's sword and that in the adoption of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the National Constitution the Southern States had no free voice. It is not disloyalty to the Constitution that prompts these amendments to Southern constitutions, but self protection, self-preservation and the indelible will of a race conscious of its own superiority, a race which has always ruled—dominated, if you will—every other race with which it has come in contact and ruled with such masterly strength and kindness that all the arts and sciences have advanced, factories flourished, and the people prospered till benighted races of other lands look to it to lead the vanguard of human liberty and human progress.

The Amendment Demanded by the Evil Tendencies of Negro Suffrage.

Again, these amendments to the State constitutions of Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina, already adopted, and that proposed to the Constitution of North Carolina, were not proposed, as might have been expected after the carpetbaggers who had made the ex-slave ruler over his former master, were overthrown, about 1876, but after years of trial and patience with the negro as a voter, sharing the schools and asylums with him and his children from a store already too meager, when the danger arose that the ignorance and insolence of the negro in politics might precipitate a conflict between the white and black races. No one can truthfully claim that there was negro domination in North Carolina except in a few localities during or prior to 1898, but it was the tendency of evils then apparent to become greater and greater until unbearable that solidified the factions of the Democratic party, found them allied and insured their sweeping victory.

The White Man is Qualified for Self Government.

Centuries of experience have qualified the Saxon race for self government and the government of others. Through years of toil and trial they reached the latter. The negro cannot reverse the order of close his eyes and blindly leap over centuries of history. He must tread the same paths. The guideposts are plain. First he must learn to govern self; then he may hope to learn to govern others.

Negro Vote Curse of Republican Party.

It is no secret that the negro vote is the curse of the Republican party in the South, the open disgrace of all State conventions of the party and its purchasable quality a source of shame even to the great national conventions. Not alone, however, at the negro should the blame be directed, but also at his white leader, who in corrupting him or taking advantage of his corruption is more criminal because more intelligent.

White Men Can't Stay in It.

I will give one example which I do not doubt may be paralleled in a majority of the counties of North Carolina east of Raleigh. In this county (Pitt) in the eighties there were several hundred white Republicans. There cannot be twenty-five counted now.

A Dismal Prospect.

If it is not blotted out I firmly believe before very many years have passed away the memory of the Southern white Republican party will be only a dream, a hideous dream in which black specters hold ceaseless orgies above the grave of men once prominent in the councils of their States and country.

Some of the Benefits.

To urge the adoption of the amendment is not an attack upon the principle of majority rule. I believe in majority rule, but for the good of all the people and the successful management of the affairs of State that rule must be the rule of an intelligent majority. And to secure such rule forever what more potent than the incentive to all men to secure an education for their children furnished by the ratification of the amendment. Knowing that after 1908 every man, whether white or black, not on the permanent roll must conform to the provisions of the article there is a great stimulus to all the children of the State to learn to read and write as all hands which they become of age in the governmental affairs of their State and country.

What Will the End Be?

One of the postoffices in this county is kept by a middle-age white man married to a mulatto woman. A year

court while before the last election a negro boy, son of one of the negro school teachers, walked into the postoffice, and called out: "John, is there any mail for us?" The merchant asked the boy to repeat his request, thinking possibly he did not hear correctly, but the boy went off without his mail, and soon returned with his mother, by sufferance a school teacher. She was very angry and demanded of the postmaster what her boy had done. Upon his giving her a statement of the matter she replied: "is that all? That is all right! I teach all my children not to 'Mister' the Joneses, the Browns and all those white people around here, but to call them by name." This was told me by the postmaster himself. To test this matter of the constantly increasing insolence and disrespect towards the white people I have frequently in the last years called the attention of friends to the fact that in driving along the roads not one negro in a hundred met would speak first. They wait for the white person to speak first or they do not speak at all. I can give other instances in my own experience and from my own observation, but only mention these two to call the attention of the better class of negroes to the fact that the whole tendency of events is towards a wider and wider separation of the races. It does not take a prophet to foresee that a continuation of this state of affairs will end in a clash between the two races. And it is their duty, and just as incumbent upon the negroes as upon the whites to endeavor to prevent this clash. As to who will be the greatest sufferers and who will be the survivors, the good judgment of the negro ought to teach him. The Bible speaks of the folly of sowing the winds. The harvest is reaped in the whirlwind.

E. V. COX, WHITE REPUBLICAN.

He Describes the Republican Party Under Control of the Negro in the East.

The Republican party so far as North Carolina is concerned is divided into two distinct and separate parts, West and East and Black belts. The average Western North Carolina Republicans, and in this respect I am sorry to say Senator Pritchard seems but little better informed than the average, but illy and incompletely comprehends the situation in Eastern North Carolina, where the negroes, ignorant and insolent, are entirely in control of all Republican conventions and where every effort to better the condition of affairs is counteracted by the opposition of some white-feathered white man with contrary proclivities who sees in added intelligence and reputable work a diminution of his own unenviable acquired prestige. Though the Republican party has not, as a party, [illegible] it is entirely [illegible] out of the ignorance and corruption of the negro politicians who, being numerically stronger, preside over white men, call them to order at will and occasionally consent for them to be elected delegates to a State Republican convention. The white Republican, if honest, is entirely at their mercy and under their control; if corrupt he must purchase their votes and influence. This is not an overdrawn picture. And this state of affairs contributed largely towards Democratic success in the fall of 1898 for many white Republicans in Eastern North Carolina, old time Whigs and their descendant, men whose Republicanism had seen and survived the passing of the carpetbagger and the Ku Klux openly aided the Democratic party. That there is a decided disposition on the part of many of these same men to support or at least not seriously oppose the proposed amendment there is no doubt.

BUTLER'S UNPARDONABLE SIN.

Denies Saying That Negroes Were Hired by Democrats for Partisan Purposes.

From the Raleigh News Observer.

Senator Butler strenuously denied saying that "outrages were committed by negroes hired by Democrats for partisan purposes." It was proved that he said it by the best citizens of Edgecombe and Nash. But it was said in our own borders under stress of political excitement and some were willing to extenuate words spoken in excitement. But when he gets up in Congress, in the Senate of the United States, in the presence of the nation's assembled wisdom and reiterates the charge that there are white men in North Carolina who, for partisan purposes, will hire negroes to assault white women, the whip he was going to drive Democrats out of the State with ought to be used on him when he sets foot on our soil again, if such methods were encouraged by Democrats. The "whip" of just indignation and righteous wrath will be used by all self respecting North Carolinians on this Senator who traduces his own people.

In his speech on February 6th, on the Pritchard resolution, page 1783, Congressional Record, Butler uses these words:

"Now what class of negroes would be left to vote? There would be many elements; thousands who would still vote, and this number would include all that element who have been active and offensive in politics, and who, either from innate perversity or FOR A CONSIDERATION, have furnished the capital necessary to enable the machine politician to raise the negro cry and appeal to race prejudice."

Here is the man who misrepresents us at Washington. "Let's whip him out" of the State's list of office-holders next August. We can do it, and the people are getting ready in every county in North Carolina. The unpardonable sin in Southern politics is to exalt the political power of the negro, and the crime for which there is no forgiveness—here or hereafter—is for a Southern man to slander the people of his State.

A newspaper reporter who lied in South Africa recently married at the age of 26 a woman of 60 years, and it is said the union was a happy one. She was wealthy, which may account for the match, and he was away from home most of the time, which may account for the happiness.

Kaiser William who finds it difficult to scrimmage along on his little salary of $8,500,000 a year, wants a raise of $1,000,000. He has had an increase every year since 1889. His father managed to get along pretty comfortably on $2,000,000 a year.

BUTLER WRIGGLES OUT

Taking His Cue From Senator Allen.

Butler Says the Colloquy Between Himself and Aldrich Was Not Correctly Reported—He Contradicts Official Stenographer's Report.

Washington, March 31.—At the conclusion of morning business in the Senate Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, rising to a question of privilege, said he had been misrepresented as to his position on the free coinage of silver.

"Nothing that I have ever said could by any kind of torture be construed as a lack of faith in my party platform, which declares for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1."

Mr. Allen read the colloquy between himself and Mr. Aldrich, which he said was the basis of the report concerning him. "I want to repeat," he said, "and I want the public printer to put this statement in black-faced type, that I am a firm believer and always have been in the doctrine of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and I don't believe in waiting for any other nation."

Mr. Allen was followed by Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, who desired to make a personal statement concerning a similar matter.

Mr. Butler said that the report of the colloquy between himself and Mr. Aldrich had not correctly represented him. This report stated that Mr. Butler evaded a direct answer to Mr. Aldrich's question as to whether or not he (Butler) was in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Mr. Butler then restated his position as given during the colloquy. In closing, he said he was in favor of the free coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 by the United States, independent of any other nation.

Mr. Aldrich replied briefly, saying that the press account of the colloquy was a fair and accurate statement of what occurred. He had asked the North Carolina Senator six or eight times if he was in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 by the United States alone, and had not received a direct answer. Mr. Aldrich said he was glad to get today a statement from Mr. Butler that he was now in favor of such free coinage.

SPENCER BLACKBURN.

Extract From His Speech Delivered at Newton.

"Goebel was shot down at the steps of the capitol because he was the arch perpetrator of this hellish scheme. It was no more than might have been expected." Then drawing himself up to his full height, he shouted: "North Carolina Democrats may take warning from the fate of William Goebel."—Extract from speech of U. S. Asst. District Attorney Blackburn at Newton.

The Goebel referred to by Blackburn in the above harangue was the Democratic Governor-elect of Kentucky, who was foully murdered by the followers of Governor Taylor, the Republican usurper of the office to which Goebel had been elected, because he dared to contest before the Legislature in the way provided by law the right of this usurper to the office of Governor.

Blackburn is very close to Republican Chairman Holton. Holton is United States District Attorney of the Western District, and Blackburn is his assistant in this office. He is a protege of Senator Pritchard, and the above threat was delivered from the same platform from which Pritchard had just spoken.

Blackburn, seeing the general indignation excited by his utterance above quoted, attempted to repudiate, but seven or eight citizens of Newton and men of the highest character who heard his speech have made affidavits, published in the News-Observer March 18th, that he did use substantially the language above attributed to him.

WANT THEIR PRIEST REMOVED

Most of Father Picke's Congregation Leaves Church in Anger.

Belleville, Ill., March 30.—A petition for the removal of Rev. Anton Picke as pastor of the Catholic Church of the Holy Childhood of Jesus at Mascoutah has been filed with Bishop John J. Janssan. The filing of the petition resulted from a scene in the church at early mass on last Sunday. A week ago several of the parishioners left the church while Father Picke was preaching, in disapproval of his course. Last Sunday, instead of reading the customary lessen, Father Picke produced a paper, on which was apparently notes, and began to speak about the parishioners who were opposing him. He had not proceeded far before Philip Weigant arose and started toward the door. Turning to the people on either side of the aisle he said:

"Are we to come here and never hear anything but grumbling? I will not stay to listen."

Several arose and followed Weigant. The priest from the altar called out to the janitor: "Put that man out."

Weigant turned, and raising his clinched fist, shook it at the priest and shouted. "Do you call this the house of God and say such things?"

The congregation was in an uproar. Everybody arose. Many of the congregation left the church. Father Picke did not finish his speech. He went to the altar and continued the mass, but the few who remained paid little attention to the solemn services. Father Picke has been pastor of the church for almost twenty-five years.

The farmers of North Dakota have formed a State Grain Growers' Association, the object of which is to restrict the production of wheat, to keep up prices. This, like the efforts to curtail cotton production in the South, will probably result in increased production.

PUT RED SHIRT ON SHERIFF

Made by Young Ladies in Pee Dee Village.

The White Supremacy Flag Was Raised in Rockingham by the Presoher Sheriff of Richmond—Mill Operatives for White Supremacy.

Rockingham, N. C., March 30.—Saturday night was a roaring time in the howling little Democratic village of the Pee Dee Factory. Eloquent and convincing speeches were made by Messrs. D. M. Morrison, A. S. Dockery and Paul C. Whitlock. The commodious hall was crowded and yet a large portion of the audience failed to get inside. It was the occasion of the election of officers for the Pee Dee Factory White Supremacy Club, which election resulted as follows: President, Charlie Worley; Vice-President, J. C. Stubbs; Secretary, James Meacham.

Mr. Worley will make a bold, able and intelligent presiding officer. In fact we cannot too highly commend the entire result of the election.

The most interesting and significant incident of the occasion was the presentation of a magnificent "red shirt" to Sheriff T. S. Wright, our alumni. The cloth from which this beautiful famous red shirt was made, was woven and made at Pee Dee Factory, by the young ladies of the factory, all or nearly all of the young ladies weaving a few threads and sewing a few stitches until the beautiful garment was complete in every particular.

The presentation address was made by that eloquent Englishman, Mr. George Warburton, long since an adopted son of the old Tar Heel State, whose reputation as an eloquent speaker, himself the superintendent of the "weave room," was fully sustained on this occasion. He alluded with pride and fervid patriotism to the achievements of Democracy, with the aid of the lovers of white supremacy; to the valiant fight made by Sheriff Wright in the great campaign of 1898, and to the grand battle to perpetuate White Government in 1900. His eloquence and pathos were sublime, in his allusion to the sad misfortune which befell a reputable young lady, one of their operatives, more than a year ago, at the hands of a negro brute. He said he "spent sleepless nights, searching for the villain," and who was it that determined to avenge her wrong? Did the Republicans come to her rescue? Are your friends, those who hunted the brute or defended him? No, ladies and fellow-citizens, it was the same party and same people who now propose to plant the flag of white government upon the dome of the State capitol; on every courthouse cupola, and on the gables of every house inhabited by white people, who are white. It is the party that will love our women, fight for them, and die for them. It is quite fitting then, young ladies, that you should honor those who honor you, and swear by the eternal God, to protect you now and forever, &c.

At the conclusion of Mr. Warburton's most excellent and altogether appropriate address, he called out Sheriff Wright, who was met by three beautiful little ten-year-old factory girls, handsomely attired in white dresses, trimmed with red. These bore the red shirt, and after commanding the sheriff to kneel, each one of the trio, in faultless style, repeated beautiful, heroic, pathetic poetry, selected for and adapted to the scene. Then they advanced and placed the shirt on the sheriff. On its front, on one side, were inscribed these magic words: "White Supremacy," on the other, "Our Sheriff." The scene electrified the audience and tears flowed freely.

This was too much even for a sheriff. But T. S. Wright is a kind-hearted, whole-souled Christian gentleman, and a faithful minister of the gospel. He could not conceal his emotion, but when it had been subdued, he made a first-rate Tom Wright speech; one that captivated his audience and moved everybody to feel that they could brave any and every danger which lies in the pathway to eternal deliverance from negro domination. The sheriff said he was proud of his red shirt; that he was the first man who ever raised a White Supremacy flag in North Carolina and that when the campaign was over he would send the battered flag and shirt to the State Museum to be preserved as relics of the memorable victories of 1898 and 1900.

The opposition to the amendment is fast vanishing and you can put old Richmond down for a majority of at least 800 for the amendment. Give us G. B. Aycock for Governor and W. H. Everett, of Richmond, for Treasurer, and other counties can fill out the ticket.

The Pee Dee country is clamorous to have Captain Everett on the ticket.

White Men Traduced.

Pritchard's Asheville organ imitates the negro meanly, and traduces white men in saying:

"But why does the desire to eliminate ignorance extend only to the negro? If ignorance is a constant menace to the State, certainly it ought to be wholly eradicated and not stop at the least offensive part. The ignorance which disturbs the peace in this State is found among the whites in the Democratic party, and not among the negroes. If the negro is unfit for the ballot by reason of his lack of learning, certainly the white man who is equally ignorant is also unfit for the ballot. No amount of sophistry can destroy the force of this argument."—Asheville Register (Republican).

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, the gentleman with the double back action jaw, has been selected to do the formality in presenting Mr. McKinley's name to the Philadelphia Republican National Convention. Mark Hanna will do the rest.

J. W. LEE AGAIN.

Greensboro Record.

Action was taken regarding Rev. J. W. Lee last night by the Quarterly Conference of his church—West Market—and he was dismissed or expelled.

His former trial, it will be recalled, was somewhat of a compromise; that is, he was found guilty of "inveracity," but the charge of immorality was not sustained and on his plea that it was all a concocted scheme to ruin him, he was not expelled from the church, but given another showing.

It seems from the evidence adduced at the hearing last night that he made a fine "showing"—so get ejected from his church. A deposition was read from his mistress in Washington in which she said she had no other idea but that the woman was his wife—that he was with her constantly and all their relations were that of man and wife.

Lee's family is still living here. It is said that he sent them $5.00 only a day or two ago. How long since the previous remittance came is not stated.

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Can't Miss His Nap for Dewey

Chicago, March 31.—D. K. Pearson, the philanthropist who has given his entire fortune $3,500,000 to colleges, declines to serve upon the reception committee for the Dewey day celebration.

Here is the letter which was received at the committee's headquarters from Mr. Pearson:

"I am 80 years old. I sleep after dinner. One day in the Dewey celebration might make me sick 10 days. If I were younger I would go in for a jolly day. I thank you for the invitation.

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