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Mocksville, N. C., September 13.

W. R. Ellis, Clerk of Court, Dead.

In the sudden and unexpected death of W. R. Ellis, clerk of the Superior Court of Davie county, the county has lost a good man, a good citizen and a faithful officer. Mr. Ellis has been in poor health for a number of years, and for the last four weeks had been confined to his room, but his friends did not regard his condition as all critical, and his death Monday at 1 o'clock p. m., was quite a shock. Mr. Ellis has been in public life for quite a number of years. He was a justice of the peace for a long while, and he ably represented Davie county in the general assembly for two terms, '93 and '95. In November, 1898 he was elected clerk of the superior court for the term of four years.

The Editor of THE RECORD de- plores his untimely death, and ex- tends to the bereaved family his heartfelt sympathy.

Political Narrowness.

A great deal is being said by the little and narrow-minded fellows in the Democratic party about respect- able and self-respecting Republi- cans voting for the amendment. To be respectable a Republican must vote with the Democrats, ac- cording to their ideas. Peoples of such small views and ideas who try to ostracise and boycott all who do not see and vote as they do, are too contemptible to receive much notice, and were it not one of the machine's favorite methods of at- tempting to drive people into vot- ing for their pet schemes, would not be noticed by us.

Men are measured often by the amount of cash they have, instead of their nobility of character, up- rightness of conduct and gentle- manly bearing. When a cause is so weak that its promoters have to lay aside dignity, honesty and truthfulness, and resort to abuse, vile insinuations and misrepresen- tations, the stirring up of strife, passion and prejudice, the villifica- tion of all who do not see it from their standpoint, it seems that it would not take the lovers of the right, the supporters of law, order and justice, long to see through their transparent schemes, and brand them as unworthy of the support of all honorable men.

The talk of the amendment only being opposed by the office holders — "pie-counter brigade," is all stuff, and shows the littleness of those who have no argument to bring forward to uphold a measure that aims and intends to take away the rights of a large number of the citizens of the State. And the principle object of the schemers is to put a few Democrats in to feast at the "pie-counter." It makes a great big difference whose ox is gored. And when these little fel- lows who like to abuse Republicans so much are on the outside, with their mouths wide open, watering and hankering after pie, possibly when one considers the weakness and frailties of the human race—the mantle of charity should be thrown over them, in order to hide their littleness and weaknesses.

It strikes us there is a right and wrong way to do almost everything, and life is too short, and if our principal object should be directed toward gaining a better estate in the sweet by and by, then there are thousands of us reaching out

in the opposite direction to attain it.

Differ if we must, but let us use common sense, justice and reason in our arguments. Let's base our arguments upon reasonable grounds—and if we use rather harsh terms, let it be borne out by the reason of the thing and not by narrow-mind- ed littleness. Can't we see any good in others? Are all the Chris- tians in one church? If so, the Devil has got a bill of sale for a large majority. Are there not good men in all parties? Will they not differ on most subjects? If so, don't measure them by our own standard, unless we know our stand- ard is right. Remember the golden rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Democratic weeklies will please copy this rule.

That Democratic Banner.

At the Labor Day celebration in New York, Chairman Brown used this language: "We meet here to uphold the banner of Democracy. Democracy means more than to gain office by. It means the rights of the masses, everything our fa- thers thought worth fighting for."

How strange and out-of-date does the above sound here in North Car- olina, when the leaders of Democ- racy are waging a relentless politi- cal battle against the rights of the masses, against the rights for which our forefathers fought? Would not the old Revolutionary fathers turn over in their graves could they but know the efforts being made by modern Democracy to entrench itself in power at the sacrifice of the rights of a portion of the masses? When the tocsin of war sound- ed in the days of '76, the horny- handed frontiersman with his musket, was not asked whether he could read or write before he was welcomed in the ranks to fight the battles for freedom. Again, when the brave Southrons shouldered arms and marched to the front to repel the armies of the North, no educational test was required.— Good enough to fight freedom's battles; good enough to endure hardships and privations; good enough to leave a humble cottage with devoted wife and children; good enough to die or the battle field for one's country; good enough to leave a widow and orphan chil- dren to the tender mercies of a wicked, cruel world, to suffer hard- ships, to grow up in ignorance and their descendants be disfranchised because of poverty and misfortune, in order to make North Carolina everlastingly Democratic. Honest yeomanry, poor but honest toilers, true to your country in times of peril, do you like the picture? Can you vote away your own rights and liberties with these facts star- ing you in the face?

For and Against.

We call the attention of our read- ers to the open letter of Mr. Dillon M. Luther, of Asheville, who comes out squarely against the Constitu- tional Amendment. Whatever you see in the Democratic papers about this letter of Mr. Luther's will be abuse, and an attempt to make light of him. Mr. Luther is a man of ability and character, which can be proven by Democratic authority. Below we give the News and Ob- server's opinion of him prior to the publication of his letter. THE RECORD is of the opinion that for every Republican vote that for the amendment there will be hundreds of not thousands of Democratic votes against it. It will never be adopted with a free ballot and fair count. An unfair election law and a manipulation of the ballot boxes is its only hope.

"Mr. Luther has probably been the most active man in the Demo- cratic party in the county. He was nominated for the legislature in 1896, a fusionist year, and for mayor of Asheville in 1898. He was city attorney from June, 1898 to June, 1899. He was the prime mover and organizer of the Vance club, and ran its membership up to 1,500. The club was the first to originate the idea of white su- premacism in North Carolina, and Mr. Luther was the first man to advocate it. He is a Mason, a K. of P. and an Odd Fellow. He is an attorney of fine ability and lends weight and influence to every movement with which he becomes connected."

DILLON M. LUTHER,

PRESIDENT OF THE ZEB. VANCE DEM- CRATIC CLUB, OF ASHEVILLE, N. C., AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

In obedience to the dictates of an honest conscience, I shall oppose the adoption of the proposed amend- ment to our State Constitution, restrict- ing suffrage.

In taking this course I know I invite the caustic censure of a majority of my party associates, but when consid- eration is taken of the action of our last legislature in its disregard of cer- tain campaign pledges upon which the Democratic majority was secured, I know the integrity and honor of my fellow citizens will be generous in their criticism of my course.

From the date of Chairman Simmons' letter to the voters of the State as- suring the public that, in the event of Democratic success, no effort would be made to abridge in any way the suffrage rights of any voter, either white or colored, we had the best ar- gument of our opponents against our right to control the State completely answered.

With this menace to the rights of our unfortunate illiterate voters re- moved, the duty of a majority of the voters of the State was made clear. The object of our contest in that campaign was to rescue the State and county governments from the incom- petent hands into which they had fallen. To do this with an avowed purpose of restricting suffrage to a class, was at that time considered by the Democrat having an interest in the campaign an insurmountable barrier in the way of our success. And so far as my knowledge extends, there was not a candidate for any po- sition, or a newspaper within the State, that did not most earnestly and emphatically disavow any such purpose on the part of the Democ- ratic party, and pledged its legislature, if successful, against such a policy.

How well those ante-election pledges were kept by the legislature is a mat- ter of history, and is now before us for re-consideration. As one believing in political honesty, as well as personal honesty, I do not believe the common people of the great Democratic party should be committed or forced to the ratifica- tion of this monstrous measure.

The Democracy of Jefferson, Jack- son, Bryan and Vance stands upon the house-tops and the battlements of lib- erty, proclaiming to the world, the universal political freedom of all man- kind, with "equal rights to all and special privileges to none," while the Democracy of Tillman and others hides itself behind the unjust laws, and restricts the privileges of citizen- ship to the classified few, who believe as it does, and will follow at the bid- ding of its acknowledged masters. The type of North Carolina's Democ- racy has always been the former and true type, and the latter can now be substituted at the bidding of those who seek through such measures as this proposed suffrage amendment, to foist it upon our party and State even at the dictation of party leaders.

Such a valuable party for- bids that at this time, attempt to give all my reasons for parting ways with my party on this question. The manifest unconstitutionality, which section five of the proposed amend- ment makes with the constitution of the United States, and the great dan- ger which lies in an unfavorable opin- ion by our national supreme court upon this section, and the strong probability that lies in the mainte- nance of the remainder of the amend- ment, whereby illiterate white and colored voters are left alike without the privilege of the ballot, should be sufficient cause in the minds of all patriots for the damning of the entire measure.

I have carefully read every article yet offered by the friends of the amendment, and in my mind I have formed the first opinion from any of them that would convince the most credulous layman that there is even a remnant of hope that section five can stand the test of an honest judicial opinion.

In fact, not one of the friends of the amendment have ever touched the vital point in the case, and to my mind, it seems clear from all the works that I have been able to find upon the subject, that when this mat- ter is brought before the courts of the country, its legality will not stand.

There are many other points of ob- jection to this proposed iniquity that I hope to be heard upon, as the con- test for its adoption or rejection pro- ceeds. In conclusion, I wish to say that in faithful adherence to the doc- trine and discipline, when not in op- position to the patriotism of the Dem- ocratic party, and in love for time honored principles and in faith in their final triumph, I yield to none in my most sacred devotion. But when I see its cause so maliciously delect- ed from its time honored landmarks, as is proposed by this un-Democratic proposition, I feel that my patriotic duty compels me to prevent the perfection of a scheme so full of danger to our peo- ple and State as the adoption of this proposed amendment. Respectfully,
DILLON M. LUTHER.
Asheville, N. C., August 11, 1899.

Cotton Sales in Manila.

A special to the Chicago Times-Herald from Washington says: Senator Morgan, of Alabama, prophesies that expansion will be the salvation of cotton, and is about to start a crusade in the South to spread the new gospel. In his prophetic vision he says Ma- nila will be the great cotton market of the world, instead of Liverpool. Instead of paying toll to British brokers, spinners and ship-owners, he predicts the time is coming when Americans, in an American city in the Pacific, will handle two-thirds of the cotton of the world and save billions to the cotton-growers of America.

"Liverpool has been built upon American cotton, at the expense of American growers, while Manches- ter has thrived at the expense of American spinners," said Senator Morgan. "Why should the United States continue to enrich those Brit- ish cities? Why should the price of the cotton grown in Alabama and Texas be fixed by men in Liverpool?"

"Manila offers the key for escape from this commercial thralldom. There at the very door of Asia, is an American city with a splendid harbor, and the day is coming when it will rob Liverpool of much of its cotton trade. Cotton and cotton goods will be shipped West to the Pacific, carried to Manila and dis- tributed from that port up and down the Asiatic coast without paying toll to Liverpool and Man- chester. There is not only the sav- ing in transportation to be con- sidered, for the rehandling in effect entails a number of extra charges, but remember that Asia has two-thirds of the consuming power of the world, and you see the impor- tance of this trade and the promise held out to Manila."

The Shame of It.

The shame of it is what strikes intelligent people in both the constitutional amendment and the character of the campaign planned to put it through. We have just read an interview with Chairman Sim- mons that had been first published in Atlanta and then syndicated North, to still further scatter its misrepresentations, to the New York Herald, Chairman Simmons begins with a statement that the amend- ment, if passed, would disfranchise "fully one hundred thousand col- ored persons." This is valuable as showing intention, however little it may fit statistics. Then Chairman Simmons quotes the fifth section of the proposed slaughter pen law that he claims will protect every white man from the humiliation inflicted upon the negro. On top of this, with sublime consistency, he gives forth the following: "A careful study of the amendment will disclose the fact that it does not in any legal sense contravene the fifteenth amendment to the United States constitution or abridge the rights of the black man to vote on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, but that it simply establishes a qualification of suffrage." A careful study of this proposed amendment, combined with the effort to see it as Mr. Sim- mons sees it, would drive a man to strong drink or a lunatic asylum if he kept at it till he got results. Senators McInery and Caffery, of Louisiana, were waited on by a committee from Mr. Simmons' con- ference at Raleigh when the scheme of the amendment was being con- sidered, and they were asked if the fifth section of it was constitutional. These senators said it was not, but that it violated the fifteenth amend- ment of the federal constitution. And everybody, including Mr. Sim- mons, knows it does. No amount of interviews or misrepresentation can fool the people on this score. The partisan election law is a pair of spectacles through which an illiterate can read the fact that the constitutional amendment is not a measure for whose success at the polls it is safe to trust the honest vote of the State.—Asheville Daily Gazette.

The products of mica in North Carolina during the year 1898 re- ported by the Geological Survey was: Sheet mica, 87687 pounds, valued at \$103,534.

Major General William Shafter will be sixty-four years old October 15. In accordance with the age retirement law, he will be placed on the retired list.

The village of Portsmouth, south of Hatteras, is to be abandoned and its residents will settle near Beaufort. The storm has drowned out the village, and the surf comes up to the very doorsteps of the houses.

A Santiago special says copies of President McKinley's proclamation providing for the taking of the census arrived there on the 7th inst. The papers comment favorably thereon, saying that Cubans real- ize the situation and will do all in their power to aid the work.

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