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### A Populists' Views.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LANDMARK:

I have just been handed a copy of the Landmark of the 29th of August, and I see in it a communication from a correspondent who signs his name "B," who states that Esquire Adderhold and the Old Roman will support the constitutional amendment. If by the Old Roman is meant the writer of this article, he is very much mistaken. If almighty God permits me to live until the election, and I am able to go and vote, I will vote against the amendment. The entering wedge to the downfall of all republics has been by tampering with the elective franchise. I have never struck a blow at our great American Republic yet, and I do not propose to do it now in my old age. It is sheer nonsense to say that the amendment applies to the negro only. It applies to the white man also, and I do not propose to disfranchise any white man except by his own will and action. I have other good reasons for my stand. I am not governed by what Butler or any other man may say or think, and I intend to act and vote as I think best for my country. J. W. A. KERR.

Mocksville, N. C., Sep. 14, '99.

Mr. Kerr, one would infer, is a Populist, and he shows very plainly where he stands, and gives good and sufficient reasons for his opposition to this Democratic scheme to disfranchise thousands of the unfortunate white men of the State. The history of this country does not show that the poor and unlettered man is its greatest enemy by any means. Some of the best citizens we have are poor, and by misfortune have grown up in ignorance. In times of peril they are the ones to shoulder the gun and go forward in defence of the government—and for the government to deny them a right to participate in its affairs is unjust and impolitic. "Taxation without representation is unjust," and will not be tolerated by a free and liberty loving people. Our forefathers fought for it, and we will maintain it at all hazards.

The heaven is working, and by next August the machine crowd will find out that unfair partisan election laws, made for the express purpose of placing a machine crowd in power in this State, will not be tolerated by a free, liberty loving people. The election law is an adroitly prepared scheme to defeat the will of the people, and the amendment is being given great prominence by its sponsors in order to divert the people from one of the most unrighteous, partisan election laws ever engrafted on the statute books. Let the good work of exposing this great scheme go on.

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### Opposed to the Scheme.

To the Editor of Watauga Democrat:

My attention has been called to an article appearing in your paper of date August 24th, 1899, in which it is stated that "John L. Council, of Vilas, a young man whose democracy has never been questioned, is holding the position of special brando granger," etc. I do not know what others think of my democracy—I voted with the democratic party and I resented the assertion of the republican candidates and speakers made at the last fall elections—that the democracy harbored evil doings upon the ballot box, or that they intended to require an educational qualification for the exercise of the elective franchise. I knew that the energy and moral qualities of many of our illiterate ancestors had contributed largely to the development of our common country. I knew that the burden of state had been borne with Herculean strength by men

who had made themselves intelligent, worthy citizens, who knew nothing about the elementary principles of English grammar, and in fact, in many instances, by men who could not read or write. Knowing this, I was swift to resent any insinuation that the democracy would attempt to degrade this most meritorious class of our toiling tax payers.

But since the action of our last legislature in seeking to deprive a large per cent. of our best citizens of their right of suffrage, to claim therefore to be any longer a democrat would be the sheerest hypocrisy on my part. I shall fight with my heart and hand and with every other power God has given me in the beginning of my manhood life these most to be dreaded results. I will never give my consent to the dishonorable proposition to commit the entire election machinery to one party.

I will never consent to an amendment to our state constitution which drives out of existence all political parties except the one governing the election machinery. I believe that the arraignment of our public abuses at the bar of reason is the only hope of this republic. The party that fears this is not brave and is unfit to govern a free people. Resp'y, JNO. L. COUNCIL.

Vilas, N. C., Sep. 11, 1899.

Another Democrat heard from, and don't he talk like a patriot and lover of his State and country? We extend our congratulations to Dillon M. Luther, chairman of Zeb Vance Democratic Club of Asheville; also to Hon. Thomas Patton, ex-mayor of Asheville, and now comes our young friend, Council, whose patriotic words should inspire every lover of right and liberty to do his whole duty until the polls close next August. God defend the right.

### This is Prosperity.

In 1890 the savings deposits in the Chicago savings banks—the savings of the laboring people—were twelve and one-third millions; last June they were nearly forty and one-half millions of dollars. A good showing.—Raleigh Post.

Yes, indeed. McKinley prosperity has struck Chicago; and its effects are being seriously felt in North Carolina. But it's hard to get some of the calamity waiters to admit it. Let her continue to "explode" all over this country.

### To Disfranchise White Voters.

ARDEEN, N. C., Sept. 29, 1899.

Editor of the Gazette:  
When I was in Asheville Monday ex Congressman Thomas Settle expressed himself to me on the amendment as follows: He said the fifth section of it was unconstitutional; that it would undoubtedly be thrown out by the courts; and that the amendment would disfranchise both white and black illiterates. He said it would go harder with the whites than the negroes because the ignorant whites were mostly farmers, living where there were no schools.

When Mr. Settle told me that the 5th section of the amendment would be decided unconstitutional and that the fourth section would disfranchise the whites and blacks alike, I told him that if he would deliver that kind of a speech in Western North Carolina he would make more votes against the amendment than all the speakers who were opposed to it could make, because that would open the eyes of the ignorant whites, as coming from a man who was in favor of the amendment.

J. B. SUMNER.

The above letter together with the testimony of Collector Harkins and others, leaves no doubt in any reasonable man's mind as to what the Hon. Thos. Settle thinks of the amendment. He is in favor of an educational qualification, and he gives it as his opinion that section 5 is unconstitutional. That being the case, it will, as we have all along contended, disfranchise all whites who cannot read and write. The Democrats are not getting as much comfort out of Mr. Settle's views as at first. And when the people get through with them next August, with a free ballot and a fair count, (if we can get it) there won't be a greasy spot left.

On with the fight for justice and the right. Down with the demagogues and political tricksters. Read, think, listen, and go to the polls and vote for the perpetuation of manhood suffrage in North Carolina; for the masses rather than the classes.

### A Pertinent Inquiry.

Elsewhere in this issue appears a very timely and pertinent communication from a Cabarras populist making inquiry why sections 4 and 5 of the constitutional amendment were not embodied into one section so as to remove any doubt or danger that may exist in the minds of the people as to the disfranchisement of any white voters in the event that the state supreme court should declare section 5 unconstitutional and leave the rest standing. This is a highly important year, vital question, and we would like to see the democratic leaders and newspapers explain why these two sections were not joined together when the amendment was framed. This will get at a very important feature of the matter and the motives that actuated them to make separate sections. We do not believe that any good and satisfactory reason can be given for having two distinct sections when one would have removed all trouble. With only one section and in the event of the grandfather section being declared unconstitutional, then the educational qualification would also have been defeated, and no white voter's right would be in danger. We call upon our democratic contemporaries for explanation.—Caucasian.

The Raleigh Post says everything points to a good advance in the price of cotton. The best authorities now concede the crop cannot exceed 10,000,000 bales, which would mean that the staple ought to fetch at least 8 cents per pound. So convinced are the Southern mill men of this early advance in price of the raw cotton that they are discussing ways and means to meet it, saying they cannot afford to pay the advance and sell their products at prices now prevailing. As contracts for future delivery are the life of the business, the mill men are therefore embarrassed as to what contracts for the future they are justified in making. We hope the farmer will soon be getting the higher price.

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