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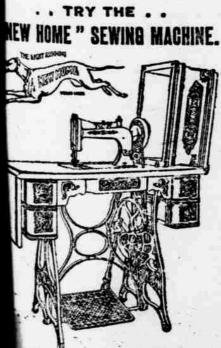
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ing Political Problems.

We are midway between the elections of 1898 and of 1900. We are far enough removed from the excitement of both struggles to look backward and to look forward calmly and dispassionately. Next year North Carolina will be forced to

confronted her since 1860. Then the question was, will the State secede from the Union? Now the question is. will the State violate the fundamental condition on which she was readmitted into the Union; and the democratic voters If you are in need of a TRUSS will have to decide whether they will break the solemn promise which their chairman and official people of the State before the last

The good faith of a sovereign sonally fit you at the Old Reliable state and the ancient honor of a great party cannot be treated or disposed of lightly; they demand

class of citizens of the right to vote of last winter:

onferred by that constitution.

by the constitution of IS68.

These learned gentlemen will hard ly pronounce the act of congress unconstitutional because the validity of the Reconstruction Acts has been adjudicated by the supreme court of the United States, the final arliter, the tribunal of last resort, and the great Judge Cooley in conmenting upon this exercise of federal power, Cons. Lim., page 34 n, feelingly observes:

In September, 1898, Mr. F. M. United States supreme court."

in which he uses these words:

elected a president they would disfranchise them. Then they told them that if the democrats got control of congress they would disfrancontrol of congsess and did not disto see that he was daped.

had learned through experienc erates and to white illiterates. that that party did not propose to disfranchise him, and he, too, be. He now promises with great velocity they till, if kindly treated by their their rot any longer. So the old 'however poor and ignorant."

party has always stood for man- er a person who breaks a promise hood suffrage, and they know that to a black man can be trusted to For sale by Agents generally the democratic party will never, keep a promise to a white man, and under the worse construction its under any circumstances under the further to inquire in what code of operation will be a crime. sun, ensent to the passage of any morals the color of the promise imlaw with the will take from them, pairs the obligation of the promise, believe the more completely we Branca Virgin a-Carolina Cherical lidwever, roo and ignorant they and further to inquire if in the treat the negro as a brute without

that great privilege."

This promise was so circumstantial, so earnest, so indignant, so plausible, and so fortified by political history that it almost compellof intelligent republicans and alwho actually carried the Black Halifax by 1,500 majority.

without apology, Mr. Simmons himself inaugurates and leads the move- against Mr. Simmons for congress. ment to disfranchise the men he had promised to defend, to sacrithe victory.

tion required every delegate to that acting taste of Mr. Simmons. face the gravest situation which has convention to take an oath that they "shall not require or propose eral House of Representatives conany educational qualification for office or for voting."

instinct of the white man in loca- disfigured and somewhat discredthe quail?

thoughtful, anxious and reverent former case and the present is that found wanting, tested and tattered consideration...

In 1868 the people of North Carolina adopted a constitution establighing universal and fine the members took the outh individually and here Mr. Simmons, as chairman, makes the liberty of saying that lighting universal and shattered by the people, the courts and the congress.

I take the liberty of saying that lighting universal and shattered by the people, the courts and the courts are courts. lishing universal suffrage, and in pledge for his party; the sanction I am opposed to negro domination, the constitutional amendment is an study, books on bookkeeping and June of that year the State was re. and binding force upon the honor and have never feared such domi- honest measure that the white men street. June of that year the State was readmitted into the Union subject to the fundamental condition that her Our amazement at the course of banner democratic county of the constitution should never be chang- Mr. Simmons is increased by the State. ed so as to deprive any citizen or following from the Washington Post | I heartily endorse the act of the

still in force and will continue in legislature in regard to a constitu- Carolina," which gives certain force until the State attempts to tional provision for the restriction counties in the East a separate form The learned gentlemen who ad- a visit made to this city by several lilar measure in the legislature of ecate the proposed a sendment leading North Carolina democrats. 1897, and I insisted upon section 5, will not deny that it contravenes Among others to whom the delega- chapter 135 of the laws of 1895, in the act of congress in that it will thou talked was Senator Caffery, of fact wrote the original draft of the disfranchise some citizens upon Louisiana, and the Louisiana plan section providing for bi-partizan whom the suffrage was conferred has been accepted by the North boards of commissioners in certain tions prescribed in the other articles of the state constitution.

'This means, of course, that it disfranchises the negro.

"At the same time, Sen. Caffery, as he said yesterday, was very frank to inform the delegation that "It suffices for the present to say he did not regard the provision as that congress claimed, insisted upon constitutional. It creates a priviand enforced the right to prescribe leged class,' he said. 'and I told the steps to be taken and the con- the people of my state that it would the federal constitution. ditions to be observed in order to not stand a test when they adopted restore these states to their former it. If the legislature of North Carpositions in the Union." And he olina has accepted the same provis- ny, that it violates the act of conexpresses the "Hope and trust that ion, I believe that they will find gress by which the State was readthe occasion for discussing such their work undone for them as soon mitted into the union. questions may never arise again." as the matter is brought before the

democratic committee, issued to the Senator Caffery, in which his col- support the Constitution and laws people of the state an address which league, Senator McEnery, formerly of the United States, and I cannot was both a promise and a protest, chief justice of Louisiana, fully violate the law which readmitted concurs, and in which the Post says the State without violating my oath. "For the past twenty years or every "jurisconsult" in the land 4. I am opposed to it because I more, just before every election, concurs, most of the learned gentle- cannot accept the invitation of its the Republican speakers, at their men in North Carolina who have most eloquent advocate. "to sink midnight meetings, have been in favored the public with their views my conscience for the public a cuthe habit of telling the negro if the in advocacy of the amendment start I deny the possibility of promoting democrats came into power their out by "assuming" the constituright to vote would be taken away tionality of the measure. the science. from them.

"First, they told them if the democrats got the state government they ocrats got the state government they

would disfranchise them. The dem- impartial layman would e justified ocrats got the state government and in assuming quite reverse be pos

cessfully concealed that purpose in parallel. chise then. The democrats got a periphrastic form of definition. franchise them. All along the hon; his head in the sand and his body gro question, if it is literally conest white men of the state lengthed exposed, is the only bird which strued and strictly enforced, it must at these lies, and marveled that the concludes that he is successfully leave the ballot in the hands of

"Finally the negro himself began because he can see nobedy. to see through the trick. He Lad Mr. Simmons' ante-election prom- will take away the ballot from the seen the democrats in full power in ise was made with equal force and humble, docide and inoffensive Shoes, 95c. Worth fully \$1.25. the state for twenty two years, and with equal solemnity to black illit- blacks in the country who live on

gan to laugh at these liars, and rious rolling of the eye that he will landowners. finally refused to be frightened by not disfranchise any white man,

hanled down and put away. * * * largely due to the neglect of the ready established, and because it They know that the democratic state, will naturally inqu're wheth-

will in any way diminish or lessen the helplessness of the promise and act as a brute without obligation, his inability to enforce performance and because I believe it is dangerdoes not increase rather than di- ous to the law and order, peace minish the sanction of the promise. and progress of the State to have These illiterate whites before risk. | within her borders a great body of ing their salvation to Mr Simmons people without master, without

ed belief; it silenced the warnings will be moved further to inquire protection, without guide, without at what particular point in his hope, without higher restraint than layed the suspicions of the timid lively career did Mr. Simmons the fear of punishment and with and ignorant and gained votes by evince his special regard for the out higher incentive than the pangs the thousands for the democrats, rights of the "poor and ignorant" of hunger and thirst. white man. If they go back to 1886 District and carried the county of they will find that Mr. Simmons disfranchised some two thousand on the editorial page, a part of And yet with that promise fresh voters in Vance and Warren coun Hon. Rich. Pearson's able article ONE \$7 CHATTANOOGA PLOW. on his lips without explanation and ties, not so much on the ground of color as because they had voted

And it they go back to 1892 they will find that Mr. Simmons, opera- give it a close reading. The balfice the victims whom his promise ting under the decision of Harris ance of his article will appear in had deluded, to betray the confi- vs. Scarboro, disfranchised 49,000 dence which had gained for him oters not on account of color but because their names were not writ-It should be borne in mind that ten in the registration books with ough and correct idea of these two scribers by paying what they owe the Act of the Assembly in 1874 sufficient fullness and particularity Democratic machine schemes, and calling the Constitutional Convento suit the refined, critical and ex-

And they will find that the Fed taining a hundred majority of democrats overruled Mr. Simmons' titled to vote thereon, we shall be The proportion both of negroes scheme of disfranchisement in the and of illiterates in the State at case of Williams vs. Settle, and that time was much greater than it that the people made haste in 1894 is now. What would be said of the overthrow Mr. Simmons at the the delegates to that convention if polls, and the supreme court effectthey had violated the oath and ively suppressed his methods by When your rights and liberties are Address J. F. DEAVORON, Pres't, at either plant proceeded to pass the "grandfather their ruling in Quinn vs. Lattimore. clause" and to extol the hereditary In spite of all this, though slightly ting his vote as proven by the he- ited, here he comes again, still unreditary instinct of the setter dog abashed, asking poor and ignorant and the amendment, get a thorough sevenneh, Ge., Sevenneh, Ge., Sevenneh, Ge., and to accept his constitutional The only difference between the views, which have been tried and

present legislature, chapter 488, enof suffrage was largely based upon of government. I advocated a sim-Carolinians. It provides that a contingencies. The aim and the voter whose father and grandfather effect of this provision has been to voted in any state prior to January safeguard the financial interests of 1, 1867, shall be exempt from the these counties and render impossiproperty and educational qualifica- ble incompetent or corrupt control

by either blacks or whites. In my judgment this separate county government law makes the proposed amendment wholly unnecessary.

I now submit without fear of argument a summary of my reasons for opposing the amendment: 1. I am opposed to it because I

am convinced that it conflicts with 2. I am opposed to it because I know, and its advocates do not de-

3. I am opposed to it because I, along with every registered voter Simmons, chairman of the state Notwithstanding this advice of in the State, have taken an oath to

5. I am opposed to it because it requisite to votice corruption

did not disfranchise them. Then cause the court has been overruling 6. I am opposed to it because it they told them if the democrats these acts in almost every instance. will disfranchise all or none of the It is amazing that the learned illiterates, both black and white; franchise them. The democrats advocates of this measure-men of if it disfranchises none it vill be a All Other Goods Equally Low. elected a president and did not dis- excellent and approved common useless and mischievous agitation; sense who avow their purpose bold- if it disfranchises all it will be an ly should fancy that they have suc- act of cruelty and perfidy without

7. I am opposed to it because in-The ostrich on the desert, with stead of eliminating forever the renegro did not have sens enough concealed in that interesting atti- 54,000 negroes, 40,000 who can read or Vici button and lace, \$1.98. per yard, big assortment. tude and that nobody can see him and write and 14,000 half breeds, Actual value \$2.75. mulattoes and quadroons, while it the farms and are voting more and

8. I am opposed to it because it is not needed in the East where Worth \$1.25. Resulblican scare-crow had to be These men whose ignorance is separated local governments are aldemocrats or republicans.

9. I am opposed to it because

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