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If there is a man with two and a half grains of sense who really believes that the suffrage amendment will disfranchise white men The Citizen would like to have his photograph.—Asheville Citizen.

The white people of North Carolina will never again submit to negro domination, nor that the negro shall rule the white man in any part of this State. This was the irrevocable decree of Nov. 8, 1898. For this reason the Republican party can never hope to regain control in North Carolina, so long as it continues under present influences, for it is manifest that so long as it so continues negro domination in certain parts of the State will inevitably follow its success, and the influence of the negro in politics will of necessity be exerted and felt in every part of the State. It is futile for Republicans to longer deny that their party in North Carolina is controlled by the negro and that government by it is necessarily government under negro influence.—F. M. Simmons.

The pension bill this year calls for an appropriation of only \$145,245,250. But this is not likely to fill the requirements of the pension bureau. There are now 25,000 Spanish war claims on file and they keep pouring in. This is probably the largest number of pensioners that ever developed within a year after any war. It will require some six million dollars to pay the Spanish war claims already on file and the sum will probably be fifteen millions or more by this time next year.

The pension raid is the greatest fraud ever perpetrated on this government. It is a palpable fraud, because more than a generation after the close of the civil war, when most of those who participated in that conflict have passed away, we have on our pension rolls more people than are in the ranks of any army on earth, and are paying more for pensions than it costs any other country to maintain its army.

It is the most colossal jobbery and fraud of modern times.—Charlotte News.

THE FREE PRESS fully endorses the following from the Statesville Landmark:

The Landmark is informed that Mr. H. A. London, editor of the Chatham Record, of Pittsboro, is considering the matter of becoming a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State treasurer. We sincerely hope that Mr. London will be a candidate. We are for him for any office he wants. He is one of the oldest as well as one of the foremost, ablest and most popular newspaper men in the State. He is an able lawyer as well as an able editor, a charming orator and personally one of the most lovable of men. He has represented his county—Chatham—in the legislature and has been prominent in public affairs for years. He wears the white flower of a blameless life, both public and private, and the State would be honored by his election to public position. If the editors of the State are to be recognized by giving one of their number a place on the State ticket, then Henry A. London is the man who should be elected to represent them.

Laconic and Caustic.

Maurice Barrymore's wit is far famed, but a neat little witticism at his expense was Augustus Thomas' laconic criticism of one of Barrymore's plays.

The celebrated playwright had been mercilessly picking flaws in the actor's drama until the good natured Barry winced.

"Oh, come, Gus," he interrupted. "Don't be quite so hard if it's not an 'Alabama.' Just remember that I wrote it in a week."

"Did you, Barry?" retorted Thomas. "Then you must have loafed."—Kansas City Independent.

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When night makes all the meadow black, She lets the chickens on her back Fall fast asleep, and sleep until The sun comes peeping o'er the hill.

—R. K. Munkittrick in Woman's Home Companion.

THOSE BOER LADIES.

By Middle Life They Are Almost Too Fat to Walk.

The Boer woman is very little like the trim, handsome Dutchwoman of her ancestral Holland. She is seldom pretty. Her complexion is her principal charm, and she guards this carefully whenever she goes out. She is never seen outdoors without a great peaked bonnet on her head, her visits to church being made behind an almost oriental seclusion of veils. This is necessary to preserve the pink and white of her skin, for the climate would otherwise soon tan it to the color of sole leather. Her eyes are small and set close together, and her features are irregular. Her cheeks are broad and flat, and her hair is naturally light in color, although time and weather soon bleach it from its early straw color. At a very early age she loses all her teeth, for she is constantly chewing sweet cakes and confectionery.

A European woman would replace the molars that nature has deprived her of with well mounted works of art, but the Boer woman does not do this. She thinks it would be impious thus to try to duplicate the work of the Creator. Her figure is thick and almost waistless. While still a young woman she begins to grow fat, and by the time middle life is reached she is often so unwieldy that the only exercise she is able to take is to waddle cumbrously from one armchair to another. She is clad in a loose, scantily made gown, devoid of trimming and apparently waistless. The day garments of the Boers are also their night-clothes, so the gown is generally wrinkled.—Charleston News and Courier.

Wanted to See the President.

The Washington Star says that a big, gawky country lad went to the White House the other day just as the president had gone out for a morning stroll. "I want ter see the president," he announced to the first man he met. "Well, there goes the president now," said the man addressed, pointing to the president's retreating form. "Dern my time!" the young man ejaculated. "He walks just like any other man," and the fellow struck out so that he could get close enough to see the president well.

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