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ONE OBJECT.

There is only one object that is desired to be obtained by the amendment, and that is to cut off a portion of the ignorant negro vote and prevent a recurrence of such events as transpired during the last campaign. If I did not believe this was best for the colored race as well as my own I would oppose it, but I am fully convinced that it is best for all that it be made impossible for vicious colored men ever again to dominate Eastern North Carolina. Those who were there during the last campaign know that our people stood on the brink of a racial riot which seemed at times unavoidable, and if it had come would have been bad enough for the white race and awful in its consequences to the poor deluded negroes. Such a condition must never again occur. We have the race problem to solve. We must face it. The responsibility is upon us. The adoption of the amendment will solve it and will settle the whole question quietly, peaceably and without one drop of bloodshed. It will be a spur to the coming generations, both white and colored, to secure an education, to improve their minds and fit themselves for citizenship. It will be a blessing to the white people and its beneficial effects will be at once perceptible. Life and property will be safe, capital will seek investment, good government will be assured and a better feeling between the races fostered.—E. C. Beddingfield.

When the legislature had under consideration the amendment to the constitution the joint committee reported a bill that was warmly approved. The caucus of the Democratic members was held and after a prolonged debate the amendment was agreed upon. When the vote came in the legislature the Populists all voted for it, while every Republican member antagonized it. There are many intelligent, self-respecting, conscientious white Republicans who will give the amendment their support. They are white folks and believe in the necessity and wisdom of the measure.—Wilmington Messenger.

Andrew Carnegie has filed an answer to the complaint of Frick, the discharged manager of his steel works. Among other things, Carnegie's answer says Frick has never invested but \$30,000, and even Carnegie admits that Frick's interest in the company is worth \$5,000,000. This would look to be enough money to make on so modest an investment, but it must be a great business that can make such tremendous profits. It scarcely needs to be fostered by a protective tariff.

Why They Keep to the Right.
"It is a rare treat for a person to go through Europe the first time," said a returned tourist. "I visited one old palace in Scotland and was walking down a long corridor when I came to a sentinel, who told me to keep to the right. I could not see any reason why I should keep to the right and asked him why, but he said he could not tell. I finally asked the custodian, and he said he had looked it up in the archives of the palace and found that nearly 100 years ago the floor was painted, and some people walked over the fresh paint. The officer of the day was ordered to station a sentinel there to keep people off from the fresh paint and have them walk to the right. The order had never been countermanded, and from that day to this a sentinel stands there and tells everybody to keep to the right."—Indianapolis Press.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by J. E. Hood.

SCORPIONS AND FIRE.

The Poisonous Animals Are Particularly Sensitive to Heat.

An interesting question has from time to time been discussed by naturalists and physiologists, as to whether the scorpion commits suicide by stinging himself with his own venomous dart. Experiments have often been made, which consist in surrounding the scorpion with a circle of fire, usually formed of small pieces of burning coals.

One may then see the animal agitate his tail in the air, waving his dart to and fro over his head in a desperate movement and finally fall dead, appearing to have decided that he could not escape the flames and to have inoculated himself with his own venom. This idea is now, however, found to be erroneous, as it has been proved that the scorpion is not affected by his own venomous fluid, and the hypothesis of his suicide cannot be maintained. It appears from later observations made upon the death of the scorpion under the conditions in question that a more simple explanation is to be found.

Scorpions are, in fact, sensitive to heat and are easily killed by a temperature not exceeding 50 degrees centigrade. If one concentrate the solar rays upon a scorpion's back by means of a lens, one may observe that he tries by means of his tail to remove the cause of discomfort. It is this movement of defense which has hitherto been mistaken for one of suicide, and in reality the scorpion has been killed by the heat to which he has been exposed under such circumstances.—Scientific American.

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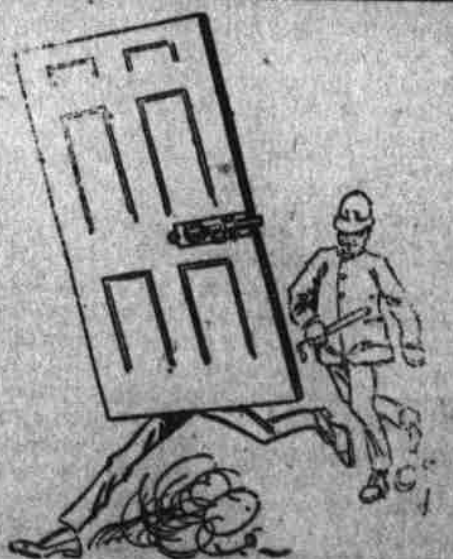
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