

THE AMENDMENT CONSTITUTIONAL.

Fourth and Fifth Sections Will Stand or Fall Together.

BRILLIANT LEGAL ARRAY AGREE

That No Uneducated White Man Will Be Disfranchised—Opinion of About 70 Leading North Carolina Lawyers.

The undersigned lawyers, members of the North Carolina bar, after having examined and considered the provisions of the proposed amendment to the constitution submitted by the legislature of 1899 to the people for ratification, give it as their opinion that the said amendment is not in conflict with the State, or the Federal Constitution.

We further give it as our opinion that the 4th and 5th Sections of said amendment are so connected in subject matter, each so clearly dependent and conditioned upon the other, that both must stand or fall together, and that it is too clear to admit of a doubt that the 4th Section cannot stand if the 5th Section should be declared unconstitutional.

It is clear this amendment, if ratified, will not disfranchise, either now or hereafter, any person who was himself entitled to vote at any time prior to 1867 or whose ancestor was entitled to vote at any time prior to 1867 in this State or any State in the United States in which he then resided, provided he registers once before 1908, and does not thereafter become disqualified by crime.

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SUPREMACY. Under these circumstances, what sense would there have been in making this or any other promise to the negro? Why should the white man have expected to receive for such a promise, and what possible benefit would there be to him? A bare statement of the facts shows that the statement that such a promise was made by the party is both untrue and absurd.

Whatever promises the Democratic party made in the last campaign upon the subject of suffrage generally, or any other subject, WERE MADE TO WHITE MEN AND NOT TO THE NEGRO.

And what white man in all North Carolina who voted the Democratic ticket in the last election has said or will say to that party: "I voted the Democratic ticket, because you promised not to limit or abridge the suffrage of the negro. I demand, therefore, that you keep this promise."

In the name of the white men of North Carolina, we protest with indignation against the intimation that the Democratic party made in the last campaign that it would make good any promise made in behalf of negro suffrage.

In the last campaign the Democratic party did promise the white people of North Carolina that no white man should be disfranchised for lack of education or on account of his poverty, and it promised the WHITE WOMEN as well as the WHITE MEN of North Carolina that if it should come into power it would PERMANENTLY ESTABLISH WHITE SUPREMACY.

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BUTLER'S RIVAL.

Chairman Holton a Candidate for First Readers in the Class of "Artful Dodgers."

Republican State Chairman Holton makes no secret of his ambition to be a candidate for the office of State Chairman Butler as an "artful dodger."

Chairman Butler and Holton play with each other's hands. When State Chairman Simmons challenged Holton for a joint canvass, the latter, who had notified Butler to also challenge him, was done. Then Holton declined both. He dodged the issue, as was to have been expected, and made an elaborate speech about his letter, which he submitted to a number of the Republicans, including of course, Revenue Collector Duncan, and no doubt he showed it to some Populists also, including Dr. Cyrus Thompson, whom he had a conference, with whom he had a conference.

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The Republicans have at least 1,000 men "bushwhacking" in this State. The revenue deputies are devoting themselves to it and an old-timer remarked this week that moonshiners are having a picnic. It is no wonder that moonshining increases and that there are plenty of illicit distilleries running in this county.

The Democrats will have to "fight the devil with fire." They may as well get to work on the individual rural voters (whites). These are the people who will vote for the Republican and Populist bush-whackers are seeking to poison. These fusion members do not say anything to the rural white voters about the fact that it is the negroes who will carry a large cross-section of the vote. No, they tell their hearers that they are to be disfranchised. The Democrats need only to talk to the people thus "bushwhacked" and to tell them face to face, the facts in the case.

There are now four State tickets in the field, since the Prohibitionists have nominated one, with Henry Sheets, of Lexington, as their candidate for governor.

The supreme court has decided the last of what were known as the State cases—that involving the salary of Theodore White, Chief Justice and commissioner. The majority of the court, the three Republican justices, ordered the State Auditor and Treasurer to do exactly what the Democratic party desired to have done. The court has thus gone a long way further than ever before in the matter of nullification of Democratic legislation.

Black and White Affair. CLINTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE RALEIGH MORNING POST. "I was a no one knew of it until the 'dilettantes' arrived on the evening of the 15th. They stopped at the Clinton Hotel—the white ones did. The colored brother who had been engaged by the patronage. They caused the evening of the 15th. remained in session nearly all night and began again early on the morning of the 16th, until about noon, when they adjourned in pairs, generally a negro 'dilettante' taking the arm of his white revenue' bush-smeller by the festive postmaster—nearly all United States office-holders—the patriot Odd Fellows' Hall.

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"As a Republican who has supported the national candidates ever since the organization of the party, and who answered promptly Mr. Lincoln's call for troops in defense of his principles, I feel that in supporting the proposed amendment I am not only doing my duty as a citizen desiring the welfare of his State, but acting in line with the expressed sentiments of the immortal Lincoln.

Very respectfully, "S. B. KERNNEY, M. D." Dr. Kennney is a resident of Oxford county, Maine, in the Congressional district now represented by Mr. Littlefield, whose speech in the Robert's case, as noted in a former issue, Dr. Kennney is a graduate of Dartmouth College. He was in the Union Army from 1861 to 1869 as an assistant surgeon. He moved to Windsor, Vermont, in 1872 where he is a prominent and useful citizen.

TABLE NO. FIVE

The Story of a Remarkable Murder and How the Truth Came Out.

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Cars Carry Three Down To Death. Akron, Ohio, Special.—Three men, James MacMahon, Michael Pentara and K. Welker, were killed and a number of other seriously injured as a result of an accident to a work train early Saturday on the Akron and Cuyahoga Falls Rapid Transit (electric) suburban line. The brakes on two cars loosed with gravel, and carrying about a dozen workmen became disabled at the top of a steep grade. The cars roared down the incline at a terrific speed. Nine of the workmen jumped from the cars as they sped along, and were seriously injured.

PRESBYTERY'S LAST DAY.

A Number of Committees Have Been Appointed.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church concluded its labors Saturday. There was much enthusiasm displayed during the morning hours over the decision to raise a million-dollar Twentieth Century Fund for the benefit of Church education. The central committee in this regard consists of Chairman Dr. W. W. Moore, of Union Seminary, and Vice-President Dr. Charles H. Hemphill, of Ketchucky, with one minister and one elder or deacon from each Synod of the Church. Its membership in part is as follows:

Synod of Virginia: Rev. R. P. Kerr, D. D., Richmond; George E. Caskie, Lynchburg.

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Many important matters were considered by the Assembly up to 11:30 a. m., when the Moderator Alexander announced that his docket was clear and the business before the body was finished. A vote of thanks was extended to those who have contended for the success of the session and the hearty appreciation of the Assembly was expressed in many ways to the workers on the committees and elsewhere. During the morning Moderator Mar in appointed two important committees. One was to form a new Sunday school series. It is composed of Rev. E. C. Murray, chairman, Newbern, N. C.; Rev. O. L. Phillips, Rev. Charles Joseph, Rev. J. K. Hazen and Major Joseph Hardie.

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NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Daily Proceedings of the Senate and House.

One Hundred and Twenty-third day.—A protracted discussion of the status of the Boer commissioners now in Washington was precipitated in the Senate by a resolution offered by Mr. Allen, Nebraska, extending to the commissioners the privileges of the floor of the Senate during their sojourn in the national capital. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 36 to 21, but not until a sharp controversy between its author and Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations. Mr. Allen maintained that the resolution was in line with precedents, while Mr. Davis contended that, in the peculiar circumstances, the Senate ought not to take any action which might be construed as a recognition of Boer diplomats until the President, who alone had the power to receive diplomatic representatives, had taken action.

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An Interesting Letter from Superintendent Mebane.

Superintendent C. H. Mebane has issued the following letter to the various county superintendents and school directors: "Dear Sirs:—I wish to refer you to section 19 of the School Law, which is as follows: 'The county board of school directors of any county may annually appropriate an amount not exceeding fifty dollars out of the school funds of the county for the purpose of conducting one or more teachers' institutes for said county; or the county boards of school directors of two or more adjoining counties may appropriate an amount not exceeding fifty dollars to each county for the purpose of conducting a teachers' institute for said counties; or a convenient and satisfactory point, and the public school teachers of the said county or counties are required to attend said institute, unless prevented by some member of the State board of