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THE SUFFRAGE QUALIFICATION

The proposed constitutional amendment upon which the people of North Carolina are to vote next year, is a matter which rises above politics, and while it may be claimed as a Democratic measure, it is one which concerns white men who may not be Democrats, as did the State vote cast last November, which was for White Supremacy, had the strong support of Republicans, Populists and Democrats, alike.

The matter of suffrage qualification is one which ought to apply in every State, if it did, if the voter was compelled to have some knowledge of what he was voting for and for whom, there would then be something in being possessed of the right of suffrage, and the corruption which is found in politics today, when thousands of voters simply cast their ballots because told to do it, or for a pecuniary or other personal consideration, very much of this corruption would cease, and men and measures would receive votes, and principles of parties would not be life boasters, as they assuredly are at present.

Because a constitutional amendment may be proposed in a Southern State, the instant political exclamation is "try to get to disfranchise the negro!"

And yet accepting the statement from Chairman Simmons, of the Democratic party, it must be seen that the negro is not disfranchised, but can vote under the amendment as proposed.

In his address Mr. Simmons says on this point—

"The Constitutional Amendment upon which the people are to vote does not in any legal sense, either deny or abridge the right of the black man to vote, it simply establishes a qualification of suffrage. This qualification is that the voter shall have a due understanding of the nature of his act, and the effect thereof upon himself and his fellow man, and it prescribes two ways in which the voter may show that he possesses the required degree of understanding.

First, if he can read and write, it is conclusively presumed from that fact that he possesses the required degree of understanding.

Second, if he or his ancestors began to exercise the right of suffrage prior to 1867, it is conclusively presumed from that fact that he possesses the required degree of understanding.

The reasoning in the latter case being that the voter having been thus long accustomed to exercise the function of the suffrage, and to participate in the affairs of government, or having been in parental relationship and association with those who have thus participated, has come, both to understand and appreciate the full significance and import of the suffrage, and that it is as safe to presume the possession by the voter of the required degree of understanding from the knowledge and training thus acquired, as it is to presume it from a knowledge by him of the art of reading and writing. Of course, all qualifications predicated on the intelligence of the voter must necessarily be based upon presumptions, there being no scales in which you may weigh mind and understanding.

This is the qualification, and the manner of proving the possession of it, by the voter, and every negro who can show either in one or the other of these two ways that he possesses it, is entitled to vote under the amendment.

UNFRIENDLY STATE LEGISLATION

North Carolina is beginning to reap the fruits of its unfriendly legislation towards Insurance companies, as enacted under what is known as the Craig Bill, by the last Legislature.

That this bill must be strictly inimical to the business interests of every Insurance company, except local companies, is noted by the fact that each day the reports show that one or more Insurance companies are preparing to close up their offices in this State, and seek quarters in other States where they can

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do business undisturbed by local legislation, which is hostile to them.

The approach of June 1st is hastening this exodus of Insurance companies, for after that date the new law imposes a fine of \$500 a day upon each company which has not complied with the law, therefore the necessity of each company declaring at once its intention of leaving or "domesticating."

This Craig Insurance law has, to put it plainly, a number of very ugly features.

It is not merely driving away the Life and Fire Insurance companies now located in this State, with their offices and employees, but it is vitally affecting the material interests of North Carolina, as it shows that this State can and does exact such legislation as is hostile to outsiders.

If a Legislature shall enact a law, such as the Craig Insurance law, which forces Insurance Corporations to break up their places of business, why cannot some future Legislature enact a law which shall force other corporations doing business in this State to leave, or remain, pay a burdensome and unjust tax? Here is a nut for the business men to crack, and it is no easy one, either.

Another ugly feature in the rumor which seems to have considerable basis, is that this Craig Insurance law was a "caucus measure."

If a "caucus measure," who inspired it, what was the animus which prompted its creation and adoption, for no thinking person can for a moment imagine that such a law fought additional revenues for the State.

Its enactment was sure to both lessen the revenues from Insurance Companies, not to mention the thousands of dollars of loss certain to result from driving this business out of the State.

Still following the rumor, it is said that the law was a direct hit at the Southern Railway Company.

Naturally the query, why against the Southern Railway Company?

A few days ago a telegram announced that this Railway Company had "domesticated," complying with the law, which as rumor alleges was enacted solely to strike this company.

Meanwhile the entire State must suffer from the loss of the Insurance companies leaving, and the "enemy" sought is safely riding at anchor within the State, and the Craig law goes storming away, and North Carolina is placed on public record before the country as being hostile to foreign corporations.

But how about that "caucus measure" against the Southern Railway company, implied in the Craig law? Are the people of North Carolina to remain puppets in the hands of politicians, who can create and enact laws to serve their individual ends?

This is not so much a political query, as a business and practical one, for what corporation can feel safe, after observing the effects of the Craig Law?

CONSERVATISM VS. PROGRESS.

The boast of conservatism by the individual, or by a community is very often a certain sign of selfishness.

Not that a certain amount of conservatism is not a good thing to be possessed of, but it must be conservatism in the abstract, not of the penny wise, pound foolish kind.

Among the individuals in a community, who boast themselves as being always so conservative, will usually be found persons who are well to do in this world's goods, and who when asked to take part in the promotion of local enterprises will hesitate to risk a dollar in order that the community may secure some industry which shall give employment to the laborers in it.

These conservatives may have made their money among these very people who seek work through some local industry but their conservatism prompts them to hold back.

And yet very many of these same local conservatives will not hesitate to risk money in the next town on something, which if it was a local affair, they would turn from with a financial shudder.

It is this kind of conservatism which would risk ten dollars away from home, before it would chance one dollar in its own community, even when it knows that if the dollar is lost it will remain at home.

No town or city can go ahead when afflicted by local conservatism which hesitates and trembles at every local scheme which may be started, and will not lend a helping hand, in the way of encouragement or money, or both, when an attempt is being made to advance the community's social, religious or commercial interests.

Real progress is never linked with the cold, calculating conservatism which hangs on to each dollar, figuring not on the benefits which may accrue to others through the assistance given, but incessantly calculating upon the dollar's loss to the man who ventures it in a business enterprise.

But fortunately there can be progress in a community, even when it may be

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hindered by such a fatal conservatism. This spirit of progress, of enterprise, when banded firmly together with a number of persons in a community, can ignore these conservatives, and reaching out can do business through the hearty and united efforts of those who have their own and their community's best interests to preserve and promote.

Progress for a time may be held in check by selfish conservatism, but it need not always remain so, for let the progressive spirits get together, determined to go ahead, and they will find assistance and the conservatives will be left by themselves to count over their own money, and mumble and predict disaster to every new enterprise.

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WILMINGTON RIOT CASE.

Gathering of Witnesses But Not Taken Up.

State Law Printing. Judge Purnell on Assignments. J. S. Carr on Lynchings. Craig Law. State Board Health.

RALEIGH, May 26—George Z. French, of the counties of New Hanover and Pender, is here the guest of Governor Russell. The cause of his presence was he had been subpoenaed as a witness in the Wilmington riot case. It was ascertained that R. H. Bunting, C. H. Gilbert, R. B. Russell and W. J. Harris had also been subpoenaed. As yet it appears no bill has been drawn. The district attorney prepared the subpoenas. It was said at his office that there was so much business with moonshiners just now that no one could say exactly when this Wilmington matter would be taken up.

By the terms of the law on the subject the public printers are required to deliver all the laws to the State in 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or else forfeit \$50 a day. Now the question comes, whether 90 calendar or 90 working days are meant. The printers contend that "90 working days" is meant.

Jeff. D. Lee, a merchant at Wilson, filed a petition in bankruptcy here, Judge Purnell, in an opinion, sharply criticized the folly of attorneys who try to force the State assignment act into authority above the national assignment law, and told them the latter is just and universal and is also paramount, taking precedence of all State laws.

The Preferred Accident Insurance Company filed its charter with the Secretary of State. The Northwestern is arranging to withdraw the charter it filed a few days ago. The Manhattan withdraws, also the State Mutual, of Boston.

Insurance men of prominence are arranging to call a State convention of agents here, probably June 5, to urge the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature, to repeal or modify the Craig Law.

Speaker Connor, of the House in referring to the Craig law, says he deplored the withdrawal of the companies that it was a calamity, and that in his opinion the bill was a mistake. He added that from the very beginning he was afraid of the Craig bill.

The Second Division of Naval Reserves was organized at Elizabeth City, N. C., with forty men and the following officers: C. W. Merrill, captain, F. H. Shipp, first lieutenant, F. M. Dexter, ensign, George M. Scott, Jr., treasurer; George Jordan, secretary.

Lincolnton is to have a new cotton mill, Mr. Edgar Love, of Gastonia, and Messrs D. E. Rhyne and A. M. Price, of Lincolnton, purchased a site there and will begin building a \$200,000 mill at once.

The directors of the Raleigh and Gaston and Raleigh and Augusta Railways met here but there was no quorum, so there was an indefinite adjournment. The purpose was to accept the charter consolidating these roads in the Seaboard Air Line. It is reported that there is objection to a certain clause of this and that nothing may be done until the stockholders meet in October.

Governor Russell has appointed as the State board of health Richard H. Lewis, Charles J. O'Hagan, J. L. Nicholson, Albert Anderson and A. W. Shafer.

The Pickford Sanitarium for Negro Consumptives at Southern Pines was opened in January and has treated sixteen patients successfully.

A Washington sculptor has an order from the late Senator Vance to make a model for a statue of the latter. No one here has any idea where the statue is to be placed. The Vance Monument Association will open bids here July 1 for the monument to Vance which it will erect at the eastern entrance to the Capitol Square.

The penitentiary board bought for \$5,000 the complete shirt factory and laundry plant put in the prison by a New York firm and will manufacture shirts for the market.

Colonel Julian S. Carr in his address before the Colored Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Greensboro spoke at length upon the subject of lynchings. Colonel Carr is very kindly disposed toward the negroes. He said that the recent atrocious crimes in one of our Southern States and the barbarous death meted out to the brute guilty of them had brought us face to face with conditions that threaten civilization. The lynching as a preventive of crime had proved a horrible failure. And while no death was so terrible for the assailant of an innocent woman, for the honor of the "outh, lynchings should be stamped out and the law permitted to take its course. The pulpit and the press should join in the work to make it respected.

At the same time all technicalities, delays and challenges that give criminals such an advantage must be wiped out so that men may know that the execution of an outlaw will swiftly and surely follow his capture.

Turning then, from the responsibilities of the white race to those of the black, Colonel Carr said: "The question of the future for the Southern negro is one that must be deferred for settlement until we have restored to safety and a feeling of security to the humiliated woman in the poorest cabin of the most thinly settled portion of the South. The Southern white man cannot restore that security. That is the mission of the leaders of the negro race. They must make a public sentiment so strong in their race that no brute can fall to be impressed and deterred by it. Criminals must be made to understand that crime shuts the doors of respectable homes to the criminal.

Let him be a Pariah, an Ishmaelite, an outcast, to be received nowhere except by charity and upon probation.

RETURN TO REFORM.

Can't See Why We Refuse Them Independence. Otis Men Kill Fifty of the Insurgents.

MANILA, May 25—The Filipino Commissioners left here by special train today. They will be escorted to the lines under a flag of truce. It is expected they will return soon. President Osage, of the Philippine Commission, previous to his departure said: "We greatly appreciate the courtesy shown us. We have spent some time with your commissioners, incidentally considering the American Constitution. Its principles impress us profoundly. The plan of government offered the Philippines seems a good colonial system. But why should a nation with your Constitution seek to make a colony of a distant people who have been so fighting against Spain to secure the same rights your Constitution gives. You fought the same battle in America when you fought against England."

Is the fighting at San Fernando yesterday fifty Filipinos were killed and many were wounded. The Americans had two men killed and twelve wounded. WASHINGTON, May 23—General Otis has forwarded the following dispatch to the War Department: "Manila, May 23, 1899. "Adjutant General, Washington D. C.: "On 23rd instant, Third Infantry, returning to Balingu from San Miguel, were attacked morning, noon and evening by a large force of the enemy, suffering in casualties two men killed and thirteen wounded. Enemy repulsed, leaving on the field sixteen killed, a number wounded and prisoners."

Yesterday enemy appeared in vicinity of San Fernando; attacked by Kansas and Montana regiments, which suffered slight loss; enemy driven through rich fields, leaving fifty dead, thirty-eight wounded and twenty-eight prisoners; fifty rifles and other property captured. Their retreat through swamp land saved them from destruction. Lawton returning, leaving with MacArthur on the front regular troops to replace volunteers."

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Father—What is the meaning of that black eye, my son?
Johnny—Oh, that's merely a mark of esteem, father.

Father—How so?
Johnny—I esteemed myself a better boxer than Tommy Jones.

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A Starting incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians and given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement, I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. per bottle at F. S. DUFFY'S Drug Store.

The Lawyer's Daughter.

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"Yes," replied the lawyer's daughter, blushing: "Mr. Brown actually had the audacity to steal a kiss from me."

"And then," continued the lawyer, "I heard something that sounded like another kiss."

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