

SUFFRAGE IN LOUISIANA.

MANY FAULTS FOUND WITH THE NEWLY INVENTED SYSTEM.

35,000 Whites and 8 Negroes on the Roll of Voters Just Completed—The Tests Which It Is Thought That Only 15,000 of the 100,000 Other Negroes Can Pass.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 10.—The permanent suffrage roll invented by the late Louisiana Constitutional Convention was completed on Sept. 1 and contains the names of some 32,000 voters, of whom nearly 20,000 are colored. On Sept. 1 the educational and property qualifications for the suffrage went into operation, and hereafter no negro can vote who is unable to pass an educational examination or is not a taxpayer to a considerable amount. Some 125,000 negroes will have to stand this test. It is doubtful if 15,000 can pass the examination. The Constitution framed by Louisiana this year was intended—so it was openly admitted—to get rid of as large a proportion of the negro vote as possible. The convention, after working at this problem for several months, gave up the job of finding an honest, legal and constitutional way to do this, and resorted to a vote in a spirit of desperation, after considering and abandoning the Mississippi and South Carolina plans, invented what is known as section 5. A proposition to restrict the suffrage to those who could read or write or owned property was voted down, because it shut out some 20,000 or 25,000 white voters as well as the negroes. It was then admitted to the suffrage every white voter, however ignorant he may be, and however poor—and, indeed, under it the white inmates of the Shakespear almshouse have been put on the permanent registration rolls to be voters in Louisiana as long as they live, without the formality of registration. It provides that any man who traces his descent from a person who was a voter in any State of the Union prior to 1807, when the suffrage was granted to the negro, or who emigrated to this country from any foreign land, is entitled to register himself on a roll to be known as the permanent roll of the State, and will be forever thereafter a voter, whether illiterate or not, and whether a property holder or not. For all other persons, that is, for those who are not descendants of the voters of 1807 or emigrants, a very rigid educational or property qualification is demanded. They must be able to read and write, must write out their own applications for registration, and must be able to answer questions or must have paid taxes on so much property.

It will be seen that section 5 gives the suffrage to all the white voters without condition, but requires onerous conditions from the negroes. It is the general belief in Louisiana that it is unconstitutional, and it is unpopular among the whites. It was proposed by both Louisiana Senators, McEnery and Caffery declared it unconstitutional when it was submitted to them for approval, and Senators Vest and Jones and all the other leading Democrats in Congress also advised against its adoption. The convention, upon receiving this advice, defeated section 5, but finding no other way out of the dilemma, reconsidered it and finally passed it.

The new suffrage plan works badly in a dozen different ways. It shuts out not only the negro, but also, after Sept. 1, all whites who are not able to pass the tests it provides. All white voters who came of age before Sept. 1, 1898, received the right to vote unconditionally. All those coming of age after that date are required to submit to rigorous conditions and examinations. It would not do, of course, to leave the gate up for the illiterate and pauper vote forever, as the convention had done, but on the day on which the right to vote should be opened again, all persons otherwise possessing the right to vote should be required to pass more than 21 years of age, had until Sept. 1 to place their names on the permanent roll, and for a few weeks it looked as though the total number of voters would be a few hundred. Whether it was that the illiterate white voters did not like to have their names on the roll, or whether they did not care to vote after all, the fact was evident that the roll did not grow fast.

The politicians who had favored this suffrage plan because they hoped that this would earn for themselves the support of the illiterate were not a little disgusted to see it misinterpreted, and now they are in a very awkward position. They made themselves the miscreants of the flock and began registering themselves illiterate. In order to get on the regular application they applied for registration on the permanent roll, saying that they were unable to read or write, and that their names were voters thirty years ago. The registration soon became a hollow fraud. Among those who applied for registration on the permanent roll, seeking the suffrage not because of their own merit but because of an ancestor, were an ex-President of the American Bar Association, ex-Mayor of New Orleans, and a number of other prominent men. The registration was a little puzzled and protested against men placing their names on the roll who had never been voters, and who were not even in Louisiana at the time of the registration. When they found that their names were inscribed alongside of men known throughout the country, and that their illiteracy was no longer betrayed by registering, they no longer objected.

Many were registered in all 5,800 persons in New Orleans, and as far as can be known 22,000 in the whole State. It is difficult to say how many of these are really and honestly on the roll. The registrar estimates that 1-3 of those inscribed are really on the roll, and of the class for whom the section was intended, illiterate, and that of the others who have gone on the roll 4-7 have no right there, but can read and write, and only pleaded ignorance in order to encourage the genuine illiterate voter to register. An attempt will be made to clear the roll of all names improperly on it, but it is difficult to see how this can be done, unless a searching and careful investigation made of each voter registered.

In the total of 32,000 on the permanent roll just six are negroes. There are no returns from the southern parishes as to negroes, but these are probably the only ones of their race registered under section 5 of the new Louisiana Constitution. The registrar estimates that 1-3 of those inscribed are really on the roll, and of the class for whom the section was intended, illiterate, and that of the others who have gone on the roll 4-7 have no right there, but can read and write, and only pleaded ignorance in order to encourage the genuine illiterate voter to register. An attempt will be made to clear the roll of all names improperly on it, but it is difficult to see how this can be done, unless a searching and careful investigation made of each voter registered.

It cannot be said that the working of the new suffrage law needs with typical satisfaction even among the whites, save the politicians. Section 5, always extremely objectionable, has been made more so and highly resented by letting in a favored few who say that they are now permanent voters of the State and need never register again, and that the test is made by the whites to seize the rolls, and by the negroes to have it declared unconstitutional. The whole arrangement is the object of many attacks and is anything but permanent.

THE PANCAKE TURNER.

Some New Facts About a Familiar Kitchen Utensil.

The old way to turn pancakes over was with a table-knife; this is very probable, but to some extent even to this day; but pancake turners have, nevertheless, to a great extent taken the place of the knife. Pancake turners are made with some variations as to the shape and size of the blade and the length of the handle; there is at least one patent pancake turner. There are cooks in restaurants who use for a pancake turner a broad ten-inch spatula. With its thin, flexible blade this makes an ideal pancake turner, but its use would put it beyond consideration for the generality of housewives. There is a pancake turner that has the quality of flexibility, the blade being designed so to shape and dimensions, with that in view.

In the grade of importance it is sold, however, in great numbers, and orders for a hundred gross, which a little calculation will show to be \$4,000, would not be an unheard-of thing, and some few American pancake turners

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Half Priced Black Ribbons.

Here's a lot of Black Ribbons, the weaves are both plain and fancy, the qualities are the best, all silk, and the prices are half. Indeed it's a chance. Note this list:
2 inch, 12c.; 2 1/2 inch, 15c.; 3 inch, 19c.; 4 inch, 25c.; 4 1/4 inch, 29c.; 5 inch, 33c.; 6 and 7 inch, 48c.; 9 inch, 75c. yard.

Upholstery Crowding.

This is an instance of the new crowding out the old; it's a good kind of crowding, though, when you can find such friendly prices as these:
75 pairs Armure and Derby Portieres, good colors, only 2 and 3 pairs each, were \$5.00 and \$6.75 pair, reduced to \$3.75.
50 pairs Satin Stripe Curtains, only 2 and 3 pairs each, were \$4.50 and \$6.50, reduced to \$2.50.
24 pairs Flax Velour Portieres, were \$10.00, reduced to \$7.50.
150 pairs White Irish Point Curtains, \$6.00 and \$6.75 pair, for \$4.75.
Extra fine White Irish Point at \$12.00 and \$13.50, reduced to \$10.00; only 2 and 4 pairs of each style.
60 pairs \$1.90 and \$2.00 Nottingham, for \$1.35.
125 pairs \$3.00 and \$3.50 Nottingham, for \$2.50 pair.

An Event in Bicycle Suits and Skirts.

A very stylish Bicycle Suit in English Mixtures, with circular skirt and natty jacket, at \$6.50 instead of \$10.00.
Also a limited number in mixed chevrot at \$5.25 instead of \$8.00.
Separate Bicycle Skirts, circular shape, in plaid chevrot, at \$3.25 instead of \$5.75.

Children's Reefers and Jackets at One-half and Less.

Reefers in mixtures, covert and plain cloth from 4 to 14-year sizes at from \$1.25 to \$9.50; regular value \$2.75 to \$19.50.
Jackets in kersey, worsted and cheviot cloth, in tan, black or blue, 14, 16 and 18-year sizes, at from \$3.25 to \$9.50; regular value \$6.50 to \$19.00.

Grape Phosphate and Candy.

Our Grape Phosphate is a delicious drink, particularly seasonable now while grapes are so wholesome. It is not superior to our Orange Phosphate, but it's as good, and that's saying enough to those who know.
On Monday we offer 1-lb. boxes of Marshmallows for 20c.

A Matchless Price on Linings.

Standard Kid Cambric for skirt lining, in black and all colors, 2c. yard.
Fancy Waist Lining, 2,000 yards of Waist Lining, in black, 36 inches wide, 3c. yard; real value \$12.1-2c.

Art Embroidery Inducements.

Real Irish Point Squares at one-third of original price. 24 inch round and square in about ten different patterns, all perfect goods, not soiled; some at 98c. instead of \$3.75; some at \$1.25 instead of \$4.25.
Also Laundry Bags, all colors, at 15c. instead of 25c.

Low-Priced Handkerchiefs.

Boys' and Girls' School Handkerchiefs, tape borders, hemstitched white and colored borders, 1/4, 1, and 1 1/2 inch hems, 5c. each, or 55c. per dozen.
Women's Handkerchiefs, lace trimmed, draw work, four corners, hand embroidered and scalloped edges, at 9c., 12c., 17c., 25c., 35c. and 48c. each. Many are cheap at double these prices.

Laces and Insertions.

Fine Venetian Point Lace and Insertions, Choice Designs, 1 to 5 inches wide, regular prices 75c. to \$1.75 per yard, at 29c., 25c. and 39c. per yard quality at 15c. yard.

Men's Fancy Shirts At 59c.

A new lot of Stiff Bosom Fancy Madras Shirts, with detached link cuffs to match, such as you'll pay \$1.00 to \$1.50 for a little later in the season. Monday's price 59c.
Men's 49c. Scarfs, 25c.
Light, dark and medium shades of All-Silk Scarfs for Men at 25c.

Merchant Tailoring.

Our Autumn Cloths are particularly interesting this season. Have you ever thought to figure up how much you can save in a year by having us make your clothes? It counts up pretty fast. Our prices are nearly half the regular tailor, and we give style, fit, finish, satisfaction. Suits made to order at from \$15.00 up. Come and look over the season styles.

More of Our China Sale.

Here is a mention of just a few of the many opportunities to be had at this sale. There are hundreds of other articles marked to sell at like reductions and even less. The goods are all regular styles and decorations, and just such goods as give the best satisfaction.

DECORATED CHINA.

About five thousand articles are piled on tables and marked at 1/2 to 1/4 prices. A few of the articles are:
Chocolate Pots, \$3.50, reduced from \$8.50; \$1.98, reduced from \$5.00.
Cracker Jars, \$1.95, reduced from \$4.00; 98c., reduced from \$2.00.
Celery Trays, \$1.50, reduced from \$3.50.
Comb and Brush Trays, \$1.98, reduced from \$4.00; 75c. reduced from \$1.50.
Chop Dishes, 98c., reduced from \$2.50.
Ice Cream Trays, 98c., reduced from \$2.25.
Five o'Clock Tea Sets, \$3.98, reduced from \$10.00.
Pudding Dishes, \$3.50, reduced from \$7.00; \$1.50, reduced from \$3.25.
CLOCKS.
Fifty pretty 8-Day Ansonia Clocks, of metal finish, in mahogany, ebony and oak, are specially priced at \$3.98.
One hundred rich Cut Glass Fruit or Salad Bowls, of first quality and cut by American skill; the best; \$6.00 bowls, \$2.75; \$7.50 bowls, \$3.75.
Dinner Sets at ridiculously low prices. Think of a hundred-piece set, neat, attractive designs, too, for \$5.98 and on up in like proportion.
Beautiful Lamps at 1/4 price.

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