

The Commonwealth.

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TEN TSEN TAKEN.

On July 13th the Chinese forces at Tien Tsen slaughtered heavily the forces of the allied powers, but on 14th the allied forces succeeded in making a breach in the walls with artillery and rushed in, captured the city and forts with a great slaughter of the Chinese.

REGISTER! REGISTER!

White men, remember that next Saturday, 21st of July, is your last opportunity to register for the August election. If you have not registered, do not lose one single moment, but go at once and see that your name is on the registration books.

A duty less than that of every white voter in Halifax county and North Carolina, which, if neglected, will perhaps be the means of fastening negro domination on us for years to come. That duty is to register and vote for the amendment.

IT IS BEST FOR ALL.

From the very first intimation that a constitutional amendment would be submitted to the people for the purifying of the ballot in North Carolina, THE COMMONWEALTH said let us have it. There is every reasonable argument for it and no reasonable argument against it.

The matter is of supreme importance considered from a racial standpoint alone. With the mixing of the white and colored races in the scramble for office, as has been the case in North Carolina for a third of a century, no country or people on the face of the earth could thoroughly prosper.

The superiority of the white race is a stamp of nature imprinted by the finger of God in the creation of the races, manifested all through the history of the ages by the achievements of the white race. And the white race will never be satisfied to continue in the relation which it now holds with the ignorant colored race.

The passing of the amendment will eliminate such a proportion of the negro vote as to make it altogether impossible for that race to play any part in the political affairs of North Carolina.

Then the stimulus which the amendment will give to education will more than compensate the State and its citizenship for all the labor expended for its adoption. Both the white and colored races will see the importance of general education; and so the cause of education will be helped more than the most sanguine can imagine.

And apart from all these considerations, it is a question that presents itself to the self-respect of every white man. Ever since the war the white people of North Carolina have done much for the education of the colored people, and yet they have every time persisted in voting against their own interests and ours, simply to satisfy a prejudice they never would allow corrected.

And now the white people have it before them to eliminate the ignorant contingent from the right of suffrage, and they must do it.

With the ignorant colored vote eliminated from our ballot boxes, we may expect a reign of peace and good government in North Carolina which our great State and its boundless resources promise and vouchsafe to us.

Do your duty, white men, on August 2nd, and you will be worthy a place with your race; otherwise you will not.

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"A RANK LIE!"

Correspondence to The Commonwealth. RALEIGH, N. C., July 17.—At one of the Raleigh hotels yesterday I fell into an interesting conversation with a well posted and exceedingly intelligent "drummer" (as most of his tribe are) from South Carolina. He had just read one of the Rep-Pop. fusion campaign circulars that Abe Middleton and Holton issue periodically from the Greensboro headquarters of the enemy—and which, by the way, are now coming thick and fast, the State being flooded with anti-Amendment "literature," most of it consisting of the most barefaced and lying of assertions.

"I see," said he, "that these fellows assert that some white men have been disfranchised in South Carolina by the law which has largely eliminated the negro vote; indeed, if a circular I saw today is to be believed and credited, a large proportion of white men (poor white men, they term them) cannot vote now in my State, and they point to the light vote polled occasionally as 'proof positive' of the assertion."

"It is a rank lie!" added the drummer, feelingly. There is not a white man in South Carolina, not a convicted criminal, that cannot vote, be ever so poor or ignorant. And what is more, they do vote—at the primaries, especially, where all our candidates are nominated—and a poor or ignorant white man never had as much voice in the selection of candidates of the Democratic party as he has had since the negro was eliminated and primaries held for the selection of our candidates."

THE "LIGHT VOTE" EXPLAINED.

"It happens to some campaigns that thousands of white voters—of all classes and conditions in life, rich and poor the ignorant and unlettered as well as the intelligent and educated—do not go to the polls and vote on the legal election day."

"But that is from choice and not from necessity, and is easily explained. As I have said, our candidates are selected and nominated at the primaries (which all white men attend; we have no Pops and but a few hundred white Republicans in the State), and as the negro has been pretty well eliminated from politics and no longer can kill the votes of white men at the polls, the latter rest satisfied, after making their nominations (at the primary) and, knowing that their nominees are certain to be elected, do not, to a more or less extent, take the trouble to go to the polls on the legal election day—and so the vote polled, and published to the world in all the returns and tabulated statements of the almanacs and newspapers, appears to be and is really a light one."

"But if the votes polled at the primaries (our real election day) were used in making up the figures, instead of those polled at the legal election, the returns would be different and much larger."

"That is the whole thing in a nutshell. Every man has a voice in the selection of the Democratic candidates and the ballot of the poor and unlettered white man counts for as much as that of the bank president and the wisest man in the State. All are content, and you never hear any of this rot about 'poor men being disfranchised in South Carolina' at home."

"It will be the same way here in your State after the adoption of the Amendment to your Constitution, for I see your State convention declared for the primary plan (already partially in use in North Carolina) and provided for the enactment of laws legalizing the same after this year. Your enemies must be in dire straits to attempt to palm off such a transparent lie on the white people of North Carolina, for surely none are so ignorant as to be misled by it."

THE WINSTON OUTRAGE.

The outrageous and high handed proceedings at Winston before a Republican U. S. Commissioner named Becker, whereby it has been attempted to punish (or more truly, to intimidate and browbeat) registrars of election for declining to register non-resident and imported negroes, has greatly stirred up the white people of the State where the facts are known. I know something about this importation of negro voters in Winston. The same complaint was made when the writer edited a paper there in the Fowle-Dockery campaign in 1888, and it was found to be almost impossible to purge the registration books of Danville and Lynchburg and other Virginia negroes, who were brought there, ostensibly to work in the tobacco factories (where several thousand negroes employed), but who remained only a few weeks just preceding the election. Then they would return to Danville, or elsewhere, and vote again the same year, often the same month.

This is doubtless the same class of negroes about whom the fusionists are now attempting to create trouble. They are clearly imported negroes, and are not entitled to vote in Winston or any other place in North Carolina. No wonder they cannot truthfully answer

the legal questions of residence, etc., demanded by the new law and asked by the registrars. And the latter do right in refusing to register them unless they can satisfy them of their real homes and right to vote.

WHITE MEN OF THE WEST AROUSED.

The binding over of registrar Thompson by U. S. Commissioner Becker at Winston Friday has caused the greatest indignation here. It is a great big bluff, of course, and no harm will (or possibly can) come to the registrar for doing his plain duty under the law, but the gigantic gall of these Federal authorities (Holton and Blackburn) is something outrageous—no Federal officer being voted for and the United States in no way connected with the election of August 2.

Chairman Simmons, who spent nearly all of last week in Winston (together with Judge Shepherd and T. M. Argo, whom he took with him as additional counsel), and who personally gave his time and talents to protect the rights of the persecuted registrar, says that the whole transaction is a palpable usurpation of authority, and entirely without the jurisdiction of the U. S. courts. And, he adds, we intend to arrest and prosecute in the State courts every person who swears out such warrants against registrars.

RANSOM TO THE RESCUE.

The white men of Forsyth county and adjacent territory are greatly wrought up over the so-called "trial," and they have called a big indignation mass-meeting to protest against such outrages. The meeting will be held to-night (Tuesday) and one of the chief speakers will be General Matt. Ransom, the old Roman of Northampton, who was asked to come, and who at once wired his acceptance.

The white men of the West are at last becoming thoroughly aroused, and Holton and Abe Middleton's tactics, as instanced in the Forsyth registrar's case, has largely contributed to this result.

Even Republican leaders here say Holton has made a big mistake, and that it will make thousands of votes for the Amendment.

NO WHITE MAN AFFECTED.

The Biblical Recorder, of Raleigh, is as ably edited as any paper in the country, secular or religious. It occasionally gives opinion on matters political, and here is what it says about the Amendment and the disfranchisement of white men:

"LET THE READER GET IT AND READ IT BEFORE HE ADVOCATES IT OR CALLS THE MAN WHO FAVORS IT A TYRANT OR ONE WHO OPPOSES IT A SCALAWAG. READ IT. THINK ABOUT IT. IF YOU FIND YOURSELF INCAPABLE OF DOING SO, DO NOT TALK ABOUT IT AND DO NOT VOTE ON IT. WE HAVE EXAMINED IT CLOSELY. WE STAKE OUR REPUTATION FOR UNDERSTANDING PLAIN ENGLISH ON IT, THAT THE AMENDMENT IS DESIGNED TO DISFRANCHISE ILLITERATE COLORED VOTERS, AND THAT IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE SUFFRAGE OF ANY WHITE MAN. We do not see why there should be any great strife or division about this. All who favor disfranchising illiterate colored voters ought to be allowed to vote for it, and all in favor of retaining them in the body politic ought to be allowed to vote against it. A clear understanding will make for peace."

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

WINTERTVILLE NEWS. Winterville, N. C. July 17, 1900.

Mrs. W. M. Dixon returned Saturday night from Scotland Neck, where she has been visiting several days. Mr. Dixon accompanied her up there, but returned Tuesday night.

A. G. Cox Mfg. Co. is keeping quite a stir around now. Tobacco sties and Tar Heel wagons give the hustle.

If the proposed Amendment to the constitution is unconstitutional, why is it that Mr. Butler and Mr. Pritchard are fighting it so hard? Why not leave it for the courts to decide?

A. G. Cox has several small farms of 15 or 20 acres each for sale near Winterville, also several town lots. Terms are very reasonable.

Winterville is in need of more laborers, as well as business men. Applications had better be made at once. The office of A. G. Cox, so says Bud Joe, is headquarters for Democracy. A gold bug with Aycock hat on its head was found there the other day. The bug was about 1 inch in length by 1/2 inch in width, its sides and edges were of golden tinge, and its head silvery colored. We take it, as a good omen.

Don't Stop taking Scott's Emulsion because it's warm weather. Keep taking it until you are cured. It will heal your lungs and give you rich blood in summer as in winter. It's cod liver oil made easy.

THE FAMINE SUFFERERS.

THE COMMONWEALTH recently sent a check to the Christian Herald for the amounts contributed through these columns to the relief of the famine sufferers in India. The check was acknowledged and we received a most encouraging letter about the work. Among other things the letter said:

"Terrible though the conditions are in the famine districts, by strong united effort we will be able to do much for these starving people, and make such a showing for the generosity of our country as will be noted everywhere in the civilized world."

"I appreciate most highly your valuable aid in this matter, and I believe that we will be surprised when our work is finished to find that it availed so much, and your paper (THE COMMONWEALTH) has been instrumental in saving so many lives. I have put THE COMMONWEALTH on the roll of honor and the Christian Herald will publicly express its appreciation of your efforts."

To be sure, we felt gratified to receive such a letter, and we print it because we believe those who have contributed through these columns will also feel gratified.

Read the story of the famine on our first page.

There are still other contributions to be acknowledged in these columns next week. Send in yours at once.

LETTER TO MR. R. E. HANCOCK

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.

Dear Sir:—The last meeting between L. & M. Paint and White Lead, was on the occasion of a certain test with a very large order for the winner. The L. & M. Paint won—had to win—people must believe what they see with their own eyes. We explain how much oil is added to each gallon of the paint—figure cost of material for your own house; then point out that lead always chinks, while our paint never does and back of our statements, place our Insurance Guarantee and our Annual Sales of Four Million Pounds. Kindly favor E. T. Whitehead & Co. with a call. Yours sincerely, LONGMAN & MARTINEZ, New York.

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