

THE AMENDMENT.

The following is the amendment to article 6 of the State constitution, adopted by the General Assembly of 1899, and to be submitted to the voters for ratification next August:

Section 1. That article VI of the constitution of North Carolina be and the same is hereby amended in and the following shall be substituted in lieu thereof article of said constitution:

ARTICLE VI.  
SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE—QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTION.

Section 1. Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, twenty-one years of age, and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 2. He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election; Provided, That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district from which he has removed, until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted, or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment of any crime the punishment of which is, or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote, unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 3. Every person offering to vote shall file the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed, and in the manner hereinafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

Sec. 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be allowed to read and write any section of the constitution in the English language; and, before he shall be entitled to vote, have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax, as prescribed by law, for the previous year. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

Sec. 5. No male person who was, on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualifications prescribed in section 1 of this article; Provided, he shall have been registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who register under this section on or before November 1, 1908, and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote at all elections by the people in this State, unless disqualified under section 2 of this article; Provided, such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law.

Sec. 6. All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

Sec. 7. Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this article specified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath:—"I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the constitution and laws of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as such help me, God."

Sec. 8. The following classes of persons shall be disqualified from office:

First, all persons who shall deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted or confessed their guilt on indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony, or any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, or corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Admiral Dewey has planned to visit Savannah, Ga., for two days, reaching there on March 30, and from that city he will go to Macon.

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# EASTERN REFLECTOR

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1900.

The Senate Republican caucus Tuesday night was unable to reach a conclusion on the Porto Rican bill, and will have to hold another caucus.

General Otis is said to think it is simply outrageous that the insurgents should begin fighting again just as he had them hopelessly scattered. The blamed cusses ought to stay whipped.

The Republican party in Texas has split. That ought to be good news for that party. The country didn't know that Texas Republicans were numerous enough to be capable of splitting.

If it is possible that President McKinley may be vindicated by time, but it is not likely to be until after Col. Bryan has been elected to the White House and then it will be too late to do McKinley much good.

Honor continues to be heaped on General Buller for his heroism in relieving Ladysmith after Joubert had been forced by Roberts to raise the siege. Sampson continues to be honored by the Navy Department for—but no, we won't say any more.

And John Bull informs your Uncle Samuel that none of his modifications is wanted to bring about a settlement of the war between England and South Africa. President Kruger and President Steyn requested the United States government to offer its services to England to mediate peace. Thereafter was a tale but England declined it.

Wadesboro has been selected by a party of the principal professors as the best place for taking observations of the total eclipse of the sun, which will take place on the 28th of May. It is said that the eclipse will be visible for a longer period in North Carolina than it will elsewhere.

The Raleigh News and Observer has just invested upon its forty-eighth volume. For five and a half years it has been under its present management, and they have made it a paper of which Raleigh and the State ought to feel proud. The steps of improvement and progress have been continual, and the paper grows better all the while.

The mountain has been in labor and has brought forth a ridiculous mouse. The Republican Senators have argued and argued and finally decided to do nothing for the present in the hope that something will turn up to enable them to decide the Porto Rican question satisfactorily to every body. Was there ever a more ignominious case of playing politics? The country will know how regard such conduct.

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# WASHINGTON LETTER

From the regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 16, 1900. Mr. McKinley's alleged tender to England of the good offices of this government toward bringing about peace between England and the two South African republics which England is slowly but surely crushing out of existence was nothing more than the attempt of a frightened politician to bamboozle the voters of this country who have been openly expressing sympathy for the fight for life that the citizens of these republics are making. In fact, there has been no tender of the good offices of this government. All that was done was to forward a cablegram from the president of the United States to the president of the South African republics, through the United States Embassy in London. There was no word of comment from this government, although Mr. McKinley knows that a right sort of a message from him would result in saving the existence of those republics. The message from the South African government was not even dignified by being presented by the United States Ambassador to England, States Ambassador to England, that official being off on a pleasure jaunt; it was presented by one of his secretaries. It was because of the bad showing that would have been made that Mr. McKinley took advantage of his right and refused to furnish the Senate with copies of all correspondence with Great Britain and the South African republics, which are asked for by the resolution offered by Senator Allen and adopted.

After wrangling and fighting for nearly a week and holding two caucuses the republican Senators have patched up a sort of agreement on the Porto Rican bill. A bill appropriating 2,000,000 for the immediate relief of the Porto Ricans is to be passed at once, and the debate upon the old bill is to be continued indefinitely. Senator Davis stated in caucus that if the republicans did not give Porto Rico free trade Mr. McKinley would lose the electoral vote of Minnesota and Senator Beveridge made a similar statement as to Indiana.

Representative Salzer, of New York, believed that the various complaints of American citizens resident in the Transvaal Republic of the treatment of themselves and other foreigners are false circulated to stop the increase of Boer sympathy in this country, and to prove his belief to be correct he has offered a resolution in the House calling on State Department for copies of all letters received from citizens of the United States resident in the South African republic from January 1, 1892 to the present time.

Having got their gold standard bill beyond the reach of the Republican Senators who still claim to be bimetallists, the republicans were very frank in acknowledging the effect the new law will have. For instance Representative Overstreet, who was in charge of the bill when it finally passed the House, said in reply to a question of Representative Williams, of Illinois, as to whether the clause of law making bonds payable in gold would prevent their being paid in silver, if international bimetallism should in the future be secured; The bonds could only be paid in gold. This bill holds out the slightest hope of international bimetallism under present conditions. I say frankly that this bill will make it practically and also utterly impossible ever to have international bimetallism at the rate of 16 to 1. That fully exposes the hypocrisy of those republican Senators who stated when it was before the Senate that the bill contained nothing that would stand in the way of international bimetallism.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has opened headquarters and started the work of the campaign. Secretary Keer, who is in charge, says the prospect for electing a Democratic House is becoming brighter every day and the same thing has been publicly said by prominent Republicans.

According to the latter the man who shaves himself has a hard luck.

Mr. Richard Gear Hobbs, of Springfield, Ill., is raising money to send a cargo of corn to the starving natives of India.

Delegates from ten States, including Pennsylvania, met at Chicago, Ill., and formed the Interstate Retail Hardware Association.

Matthew Hessel dragged his invalid wife out of a burning building at New York, and was then burned to death in trying to save himself.

Rev. Barton W. Perry, Presbyterian, of San Antonio, Cal., has been appointed a chaplain in the army.

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