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NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT.

It is partly amusing, though also somewhat amazing, to read the expressions of some of the Southern congressmen upon the proposition to investigate the basis of representation in that section.

The constitution requires in effect that when the Negro voter is denied the right of suffrage, he shall also be eliminated from the count upon which representation is based.

Congressman Bellamy, of North Carolina, in a recent speech admits that the new constitutions and laws of many of the Southern states were framed for the express purpose of depriving Negroes of the ballot.

"For nearly a third of a century a black cloud, the menace of Negro domination, has been hovering over the South. And just at this period when we are about to peacefully settle the racial question, when peace and contentment are prevailing throughout the Southland, when our people had begun to study the great economic questions of this country rather than partisan politics, when the sunlight of hope had begun to disperse forever that black cloud and solve the race question peacefully forever, we are startled and awakened by another effort to interfere in our domestic concerns, stir up sectional strife and bitterness, and tear the gaping wound afresh."

This sounds and reads quite fine, but what are we to think of a member of congress who has taken an oath to support the constitution of the United States thus protesting against even any inquiry into a notorious and systematic violation of the constitution by the Southern Democrats?

According to the constitution the Negroes have a right to vote; if they are not allowed to vote it is not only unconstitutional but unjust and unfair not only to the Negroes but to all other parts of the country to count the Negro as part of the basis of representation.

The Northern Republicans do not propose to interfere in the domestic concerns or affairs of the South, but they have not only the constitution to respect and uphold, but the interests of the North and West, and of their party to protect and defend.

A MISTY SITUATION.

Apparently there will be a citizens' ticket composed of Democrats, Republicans and laboring men in this county and city, to oppose the factional Republican ticket nominated last week. Such at least is inferred from the action of the Democrats at their county convention held Thursday.

ever, it is obvious and not to be denied or doubted that a very large number of Republicans are inclined to voice and vote their protest against the action of the Republican convention by supporting a citizens ticket.

The situation is therefore interesting, but is yet involved in a good deal of mist which it may take two or three weeks to clear up, so that the battle ground will be clearly defined.

WANT LIBERAL MEN.

While all practicable efforts in the direction of morality are to be commended and supported, we want no puritanic town here. The 1905 fair is coming on; thousands of people are coming into Oregon, many of them to reside temporarily if not permanently in Portland; among them are all classes and conditions of men and we must have here a cosmopolitan, liberal city, in which everybody can do as he pleases, so long as he pleases not to commit any positive crime.

While the New Age is not in favor of a "wide open" town in the popular sense of that term or to the degree that Seattle is a "wide open" town, for instance, yet it believes in a wide latitude of personal liberty, so long as the laws are not transgressed by actions that are recognized by everybody as crimes—that are in their nature of a criminal character.

It will be important next June to elect a mayor and councilmen who are broad, liberal men, not such as will try to make everybody conform to their possibly narrow views and notions, and so drive people away who would spend money among our business people.

NEGRO ADVANCEMENT.

We reprint the following from "The Voice of the Century," as an epitome of the advancement of the Negro. These things are mere straws, indicating the awakening energy and ability of our people along other lines than politics.

Democrats all over the state are declaring for George Chamberlain for governor, and he will probably receive the nomination unanimously.

Judge Bean, State Treasurer Moore and School Superintendent Ackerman all well deserved the re-nomination they received. They have been efficient and faithful public servants in their respective positions, and will be re-elected by large majorities.

As the New Age expected and predicted, there was no opposition to Judge Bean's re-nomination. He is the right man in the right place, and will very likely stay there as long as he lives if he chooses to do so.

Now it is reported the governor thinks that though beaten for re-nomination, he might be a Senator. But it doesn't look much that way in this neck of the political woods.

Mr. Fulton did not get his coveted endorsement for United States Senator, but he may be elected to succeed himself in the state senate. That office is nearer his size.

Senator Brownell was not stout enough to pull his man through for state printer; but he should not be blamed for that; nature made him as he is.

Eastern Oregon ought to be pretty well satisfied now—taking it for granted that the ticket nominated Wednesday will be elected.

The Albany man got there, and he deserved to do so. Mr. Whitney will make a very capable and popular state printer.

Multnomah may turn out to be the most doubtful county in the state.

It will be a campaign in which a good many voters will do more thinking and perhaps more scratching than usual.

The Pendleton push are great people. When they go after any thing they are pretty sure to get it.

Each week the New Age will print notices of some candidates who are especially worthy of support.

The New Age insisted all along that Furnish was the best man for governor.

Men in the Public Eye

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

Judge Lionel R. Webster, Republican candidate for County Judge, is one of the best educated and most successful lawyers of the city, and it is fortunate for the county and the party when a man like him consents to serve them in such a capacity.

William Reid, Republican candidate for justice of the peace on the West Side, has lived in Portland ten years, and has become very favorably known. He has never before been a candidate for office, and was selected for this position at the instance of many friends who had come to know and understand his sterling qualities and his excellent qualifications.

FOR CITY ATTORNEY.

Lawrence A. McNary, the Republican candidate for city attorney, is as good a nomination as could have been made for this office. Mr. McNary is a fine specimen of the young man who gradually succeeds and pushes his way steadily forward and upward by his own diligent work and true merit.

STREET CAR CONDUCTORS.

Diplomacy that is Required in the Collection of Fares.

"That man will not last long as a street car conductor," said the observer. "Strange," said his neighbor, "for I had just been thinking what a remarkably good-looking fellow he was, quite above the average in intelligence. What do you see wrong in him?"

"The case was an extreme one, but every day the carman is called on to use discretion in handing out money. To collect a five-cent piece from a dithy track hand and at once transfer it to a superb woman of the upper crust is about the limit of indiscretion, but I have seen even that done more than once. There is something especially offensive in the oily warmth of a coin that has been held for several minutes in the hand, and it is a cardinal principle in 'street railroaders' that each piece shall be passed through the purifying money pouch on its way from passenger to passenger. I saw a curious violation of the rule the other day, when a pretty girl gave a nickel to a new conductor, who passed it across to a dude opposite. The man at once piped out that the coin was no good and entered into violent altercation, which ended in the young woman ringing the bell and leaving the car, although only half way home."

PARISIANS NOW SMOKE COFFEE.

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Coffee cigarettes are the newest sort of smoke here, says the Paris correspondent of the London Telegraph. They have been invented by intending benefactors of the human race, who consider that nicotine is deteriorating the modern man, and wish to cure him of the supposedly nefarious habit.

Your correspondent, while freely admitting that perseverance with the new weed may very possibly breed distaste for the old, has not made sufficiently prolonged experiments in coffee-smoking to pronounce from personal knowledge on the question, but can at all events vouch for the fact that the hygienic cigarette is not unpleasant. It draws satisfactorily, and can be smoked with comfort, if not with intense delight, to the end. The scent and flavor are sul generis, though vaguely reminding one of some Belgian tobaccos.

GOV. S. R. VAN SANT.

He Gained Notoriety by Slapping Prince Henry on the Back.

One of the incidents of his tour of the United States which will not soon be forgotten by Prince Henry was his meeting with Gov. Van Sant, of Minnesota. The latter presented the prince with an address of welcome, on behalf of 50,000 German citizens of St. Paul, in which they not only extended a welcome to the prince, but asked that the latter convey to the Emperor an assurance that these German citizens of St. Paul ever think of their fatherland with the deepest love and pray to God to unite the old fatherland and the new home in firm bonds of friendship.

Gov. Samuel R. Van Sant, who has thus come into temporary notoriety, is a typical westerner—the scion of an illustrious Dutch ancestry and of revolutionary forefathers. He was born at Rock Island, Ill., in March, 1844, and was educated at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. For three years he fought in the civil war as a member of the Ninth Illinois Cavalry and after the war was engaged in boat building on the lakes and the Mississippi river. In 1871 he went into the towing business on the Mississippi and is still engaged therein. He has been a member and speaker of the Minnesota Legislature, was prominent in G. A. R. and fraternal circles and is now Governor of his State.

A ZIONIST MEDAL.

The leaders of the Zionist movement have had a medal struck in commemoration of their National Federation. On one side is an allegorical picture in which Prophecy is personified as an angelic figure bringing a Divine message from heaven. She looks down lovingly upon a Jewish family, with the right hand pointing to the east, where the light is dawning.



In the Year 2050. Young Man—Are you a soldier? Old Man—Yes, sir, I have fought fifty years in the South African war and my father and grandfather both spent their lives helping to lick the Boers.—Ohio State Journal.

Loss of Hungary's Schools. In 1877 there were high schools for 2,026 German pupils in Hungary. Today all these schools have ceased to exist.

Pilots on the lakes complain that rivals use the searchlight to blind them.

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