

FROM OTHER STATES.

The People's Party Pushing to the Front
Everywhere—G. O. P. Eloquence
Has Lost Its Charm in
Virginia.

Peculiar Situation in Mississippi—News
From Pennsylvania, Florida,
Colorado, and Other
States.

In Mississippi.

A constitutional convention met a year or so ago and adopted a new constitution for the state. It was a democratic affair, and seems to have had in view the disfranchisement of the negro voters, who are in a majority in the state.

How well the work was accomplished may be seen from the fact that out of 147,000 colored voters, or who would be voters in Nebraska, only 8,615 are registered as voters in the coming election. In fact only about one in eighteen of the negroes will vote.

Speaking of the manner in which this result is accomplished, the Philadelphia Press says:

"The first change was to limit the vote to those who could read and write. This however was not sufficient. It left some 37,000 negro votes, and as these voters are increasing in number, as the number of educated negroes is steadily increasing, the chances were that the colored vote would soon become a danger. To still further cut down the number of colored voters, a clause was inserted requiring voters to pay a heavy poll tax for the support of the schools. This tax must be paid long in advance of the election or the voter loses his electoral franchise. The democrats argued, and with reason that the negroes would be careless in the matter of paying this tax or preserving the tax receipt's. Again, the provision disfranchising illiterate persons disfranchised 10,000 whites, many of them old confederate soldiers. In order to find a loop-hole for them, the so-called "understanding clause" was inserted in the Constitution. By this an illiterate voter is granted the franchise if he can understand and explain any clause of the state Constitution read to him. This can, of course, be easily "worked" in the interest of the white voter. The register reads a simple paragraph to the illiterate white applicant, who easily explains it, but the negro applicant gets a harder nut to crack, about equity and chancery courts, and is rejected."

How could such a constitution ever secure adoption by popular vote? It didn't. The democratic machine proceeded to foist it on the state without ever submitting it to the people.

But now a curious result, entirely unforeseen by the democratic machine-men, has developed. A people's party has been organized. As in other parts of the south, the intelligent, patriotic white voters are flocking to the standard of the new party. In other parts of the south, notably in Mills' district and in Alabama, democratic machine has fallen back on the negro vote for salvation. But in Mississippi this will be impossible. Verily they have "dugged a pit and fallen therein." The people's party stands a good chance of success in Mississippi.

IN THE "OLD DOMINION."

The Virginia Sun speaks thus of the campaign in old Virginia:

The rapidity with which the people's party is spreading all over the country passes belief. It has become epidemic, and breaks out where least expected. It baffles all the efforts of the old party doctors to check it, and they are beginning to despair. As a democratic chairman said the other day, "There were 106 democratic voters in my precinct, and now there are only four besides myself; the 101 have joined the people's party, and I can't do a thing with them. They are crazy." Well, we want the whole country to become

crazy in the same way, and the shall know that they are coming to their right mind.

The democratic party is dependent on its speakers to whip us back they have an army of them, led by congressmen at \$5,000 each a year, all the free passes they want, an amiable state chairman who knows how to fry and how to be fried, lack of fat with them. But, strange to say, speaking seems to have no effect. After the most impudent orations the people troop listlessly of the house and quietly remark to themselves, "The same old tale, the fact of the matter is that the old parties talk, the deep sink in the political filth the doings have created. We have nothing to fear from their eloquence, they fume and coax. "In vain a snare set in the sight of any bird."

IN MINNESOTA.

Robert Shilling has been up on Donnelly's campaign in Minnesota. In nine days he made twenty speeches. He was listened to by immense crowds at nearly all his meetings.

FLORIDA

is in line with a full people's party of good men with a fair chance of success. The Omaha platform was endorsed and a strong state platform adopted.

IN COLORADO.

The following is from Editor Chamberlain of the Headlight:

Judge Waite of Aspen has been nominated for governor on the party ticket of Colorado. Nance, formerly of this city, is a candidate for state treasurer. Coleman as chairman of the committee, there will be a strong pull altogether. Judge Waite, the editor of this paper, is a student-greenbacker in the old line, we know him to be one of the old liners in that state. He is one of the best business men in the state of Colorado; and money for the year when it costs the opposition to be elected; and an Illinois man made a new cool, Colorado can in all

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