

DISFRANCHISING ILLITERATES.

Mississippi has a new registration law, based upon her constitution, which restricts the franchise to men who can read and write. There is a proviso known as the "understanding clause," which permits an illiterate voter to obtain his ballot by proving that he understands the constitution. A section of that organic law is read to him by the registrar, and if he can properly explain it he is entitled to vote. This provision will continue only to 1896. The ignorant voters have six years in which to learn to read and write. If they do not learn in that time they are permanently disfranchised.

The operation of the law has virtually disfranchised the colored men, not ten per cent of them having registered for voting. The colored votes have been reduced from 145,000 to 8,615.

There is not a county now in the state that has a colored majority. Every county is "white." The negroes have not only disappeared from the state offices but they cannot elect a single member of the legislature. In Yazoo county, which used to elect republican officers by majorities far up in the thousands, there are only nine colored voters registered. In Noxubee county, with 5,360 colored voters, just four negroes have registered.

The startling reduction of the negro registration has been brought about by Mississippi's new constitution which greatly effects the electoral franchise by providing that the voter must be able to read and write and requiring the pre-payment of the poll tax. Over 100,000 negroes have ceased to be voters in that state.

The "understanding clause" has brought out one peculiar fact. The number of illiterate white men who have taken advantage of the proviso and have been registered by showing that they "understood" the constitution is 1,037, while the number of colored illiterates who go in by "understanding" is 1,085, showing that a few more negroes than whites have secured registration under the proviso. This would appear to indicate that no discrimination is allowed "on account of race or color." But it should be borne in mind that the 1,037 "understanding whites" are taken from only about 10,000 illiterate white men, while the 1,085 colored men are drawn from about 100,000 illiterate colored men.

Altogether the subject is one which will attract considerable attention, as bearing upon the advisability of having an educational qualification for voters all over the country. The early and later effect in Mississippi will be carefully watched.

THE numerous republicans who wanted to see the independents endorse Mr. Bryan in order that the charge of fusion might be used in the coming campaign, are feeling a little sick. The independents appear to be strictly in the middle of the road.

THE republican orators of this state who had counted on making Rome with the argument that the independent party is simply playing into the hands of the democrats, have lost all their campaign thunder. They counted on the independents endorsing Bryan, and giving them a chance to howl. But that chance has fled and they are left without an occupation. They will have to confine themselves to the tariff—a very dry subject, but one that has done duty in so many campaigns that no one will be surprised to see it ridden into the ring again.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Weaver and Fields! Significant names, representing the agriculturalists and artisans combined for industrial freedom.—New Forum.

The ticket is all right. The head of the ticket will fill in the web, because he is a Weaver, and our second man on the ticket will cover the ground as he is a Field.—Plow and Hammer.

We ask every sober man and woman in America to look upon the fiendish acts at Homestead and tell us where protection to labor comes in under our present administration.—Wayne Journal.

There are thousands of the "Old Guard" who are rejoicing over the nomination of James B. Weaver, and there are millions of the "New Guard" who will join them in voting for him in November.—Union Labor Gazette.

Cap't. Jacob P. Carnahan, the people's nominee for governor in Arkansas, was in the field hoeing corn when he was waited upon by the committee that notified him of his nomination. So was Percy Daniels candidate for lieutenant governor of our party in Kansas.—Ex.

Ballots not bullets must be shot at plutocracy next November. There is nothing the old monopoly-ridden parties fear so much as ballots. The Kansas victory has scared them more than all the strikes and organizations since the war. Shoot a ballot against plutocracy next election by voting for the people's ticket.—Milwaukee Advance.

Clay county has the honor of furnishing the cleanest, most popular and strongest man on the people's state ticket. Hon. Logan McReynolds is a successful farmer, known far and wide for his honesty and integrity. Clay county has every reason to feel proud over her contribution to the make up of the state ticket, and will show her appreciation at the polls by rolling up a tremendous majority for the ticket.—Clay County Progress.

The nomination of General C. H. Van Wick for governor will give very general satisfaction to the independents throughout the state, and his name will be a tower of strength throughout the campaign. He is the best known and has been for years the most popular man in the state among the people (not with the politicians.) His career in the United States senate as a foe to corporations endeared him to the people; and his ability even his enemies concede. That he will carry the state by a large majority in November is without a doubt.—People's Voice, Imperial.

The nomination of V. O. Strickler and J. V. Wolfe, two of the most popular men in Douglas and Lancaster counties, insures the solid vote of the workingmen of Omaha and Lincoln for the independent ticket this fall. C. D. Shrader, who has second place on the ticket was the recognized leader in the independent legislature two years ago, and proved his loyalty to the principles of our party, and his ability to grapple with the problems that confront the people. Mr. Shrader is a man of sterling integrity, and of marked executive ability.—O'Neill Tribune.

General Weaver is a man of the people. He can be trusted. We love him for the enemies he has made. They are not the men who earn their bread by honest toil. They are either the great coupon clipping brigade or the silk tile fraternity, who have a masterful hold on the public teat and don't want to let go. Weaver is all right. He may not be the next president, but it will not be because he does not receive the cordial and undivided support of the growing party that he represents. Hurrah for Weaver and Fields!—Columbus Argus.

How to Win.

If every man had a home of his own he could snap his fingers in the face of oppression.

But how is he to get this home?

We know of no practical, common sense way of doing it except through governmental assistance.

1st. Let the government confiscate all land which has been stolen by the Pacific roads—and while about it hang a few of the thieves who did the stealing.

Then let it help poor men out upon those lands by furnishing them transportation, houses, farming implements, seed grain and a year's provisions, taking a mortgage for the amount so advanced, payable in ten years with interest at 3 per cent.

Let the government loan money direct to people who are in debt, or who want to build homes, on long time at 3 per cent. Limit the amount loaned to sums not exceeding \$1,000.

Having once helped poor people to their homes exempt such homes from all taxation and from execution! Exempt homes for instance to the value of \$1,500 or \$2,000.

Impose a graduated land tax. Increase the tax as the holdings increase in value and quantity—making it unprofitable for men to hold more than they want to use. This is the only means of preventing land monopoly.

Adopt and rigidly enforce a graduated income tax, so that the burden of taxation will be placed upon the shoulders of men best able to bear it. Make the men who can accumulate pay the taxes. Let up on the poor devil who has not the "faculty of making money" by skinning his neighbors.

These things can be very easily and very readily accomplished.

They are the only remedies for the present miserable wretched and unhappy condition in which the people are placed.

The only way to bring them about is by going to the polls and voting like intelligent free men!

When the people learn enough, have courage enough, honesty enough, decency enough, common sense enough, to organize and go to the polls and vote for reform, they are going to get it, and not till then!—Sentinel.

Harrison and Cleveland.

Had the Minneapolis and Chicago conventions left the selection of their candidate to the People's party they would have gotten just exactly what they now have—Harrison and Cleveland!

These are the two men of all men whom the People's party wanted they should nominate.

Both men have been tried.

Both men have been found willing tools of Wall street.

Both men have proven themselves abject slaves to millionairism.

Both men have bowed their necks to the velvet yoke of Corporate Greed!

Both men have records—and if those records do not damn them in the estimation of the American people, then the American people themselves ought to be damned.

Both men have vied with each other in their efforts to suppress free coinage of silver; to further the interests of the national banks and bondholders; to protect the corporate land thieves; to foster gigantic monopolies; to do the bidding of the shysters and gold bugs of both Europe and America.

They are a well matched pair. There is no difference between them.

If the people submit to the election of either of them, we may as well haul down the Stars and Stripes—and acknowledge that a republican form of government is a failure.—Chicago Express.

Sawing an inch from your yardstick may shrink the door of heaven so small that you can't get through.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Disease

Are very common in this climate. The general all around doctor, is not prepared to treat these cases. If he is interested in his patients, as he should be, he would advise them to consult a specialist in this line of work. Among those who treat all forms of catarrhal diseases of the eyes, ears, nose and throat, none are more successful than Drs. Moore and Dennis, Catarrh Specialists of Lincoln Neb. Graduates of the best medical colleges in America they are thoroughly prepared to treat all cases of polypus of the nose, obstructed breathing, deafness, sore eyes, chronic cold of the head, hay fever, asthma and bronchial and lung troubles, all results of nasal catarrh. Come and see us. A consultation will cost you nothing.

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