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THE DAY FOR THANKSGIVING.

This is the day set apart by the President of this nation for general thanksgiving. To be sure, there is not a single individual in the nation who has not something for which to be thankful; and many grateful minds will return hearty thanks to Almighty God for the rich gifts of his bountiful bestowment. But it is an open question with many whether this day of thanksgiving does more good than it engenders harm. With many people, we fear with the majority, the day has lost its significance as a day of real, heart-felt thanksgiving and has become a day of gormandizing, and unnatural and unnecessary feasting. Surely with many it has become a day of rollicking carousals, drinking, hunting and the like, in which it would be hard to find any attitude of mind towards thanksgiving to God for his rich gifts and bountiful mercies.

But let us be glad that some still observe the day in the spirit of holy worship and true thanksgiving, and let all thank the Giver of all good for his bounties and mercies; for to no people on earth has God been more gracious than to the people of this nation.

STILL A LITTLE TIME.

While it is better to plant wheat earlier than this, there is still a little time left for planting this season.

THE COMMONWEALTH has frequently urged the farmers to plant wheat, and we are well convinced that they make a great mistake in not doing it. Frequently inquiries are made as to what will be the probabilities of getting wheat ground here. We always reply that with plenty of wheat there will be mills to grind it.

Mr. John Henry Baker says he planted 4 acres in wheat last year and harvested 57 bushels; and even with the yield he was encouraged to plant 10 acres this year.

There is still a little time for planting and the wise farmer will see to it that he raises as much of his supplies at home as possible. A few acres in wheat will greatly help out any farmer, because it is that much at home which he does not have to buy.

A SEED FARM.

Recently THE COMMONWEALTH suggested that some one might do well with a seed farm in this region. The Roanoke-Chowan Times, published at Rich Square, copied and commented on it. It says that Mr. George Hampton Barnes, of Roxobel, has already a nice little seed farm on which he raises successfully garden and flower seeds and bulbs. Our neighbor makes a good suggestion in the following:

"It occurs to us that a company could be organized with a capital stock of from one to five thousand dollars, with power to increase it if desired, to be divided into shares of ten dollars each. Land could be rented or leased with privilege of buying, and the business started with a comparative small outlay. If the merchants and other seed buyers in three, four or five counties could be induced to take stock in the company its success would be assured from the start."

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The Amendment to the Constitution.

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sons for its adoption, we too, for the purpose of meeting them at every point, will discuss matters not strictly included in it. They seem to ignore what every one else conceives, that in the essential requisites of the best and safest suffrage one race is, and necessarily so, from its history, environment, nature and condition, inferior to another, and that under any reasonable rule intended to separate the fit from the unfit voter, a larger proportion of the inferior race necessarily will be eliminated than of the superior race. No rule will be perfect. No law can be devised that will admit every fit voter and reject none, and reject every unfit voter and admit none. It is submitted that the proposed amendment contains as nearly a perfect rule under present conditions as the wisdom of any legislature is apt to devise. Its extension of suffrage to more white than negroes is natural and necessary in distinguishing the fit from unfit voter. A State has the right to adopt any reasonable qualification, rule, line of distinction or expedient to separate fit from the unfit voter not violative of the 15th amendment.

A voter should be patriotic, desiring his country's welfare, conscientious, loving right above all things, intelligent, fairly understanding the general principles of government and the ordinary matters presented for his suffrage, and fearless, acting upon his best intelligence. He should vote honestly without fear, favor or corruption. The ordinary ignorant negro is not prepared for the duties of suffrage.

Political motives, when the best intelligence and patriotism of the South were not heard, endeavored to elevate the former slaves in a day to the high position for which white men had struggled for ages, but even then their right to vote was not insured, but it was merely proscribed that it should not be denied or abridged on account of three particular things. There are great differences between the qualified and the unqualified voter under our amendment, regardless of these three things, and it is natural that under it as under any reasonable rule more blacks than whites will be disqualified.

The unlettered negro usually knows nothing of and cares not for public questions. He does not openly vote contrary to the other negroes. In many counties should he on election day announce his intention to vote the Democratic ticket, the others would, except for the presence of white men, drive him from the polls, and afterwards persecute him.

The unlettered white man on the contrary, has the courage of his convictions. He is intelligent. He is superior to the unlettered negro in information and intellectual grasp. He is a patriot. He fought at King's Mountain, at Alamance and Guilford. He was with Washington at Yorktown, with Jackson at New Orleans, with Lee and Grant at Appomattox. His moral faculty and firmness of purpose exceed the African's. He has exercised governmental rights for hundreds of years. Seven centuries ago he wrung the great charter from tyrant King John. He made Luther's reformation successful. He shouldered his rifle, built his cabin on the frontier, and laid the foundations of our country's greatness. Is he not better qualified to exercise a patriotic, intelligent, incorruptible ballot than an uneducated man whose ancestry and race have never approached the white man in government, in liberty, in progress, in mind? The white man conceived the railroad, steamboat, telegraph, printing press and other inventions that bless. He organized our government, created our educational and developed our religious systems. He has come in contact with the brown man and his superiority has appeared. He has met the red man and the red man is disappearing from the earth. He has touched the black man in his native African home and the black man yielded to him. Yet when the people of North Carolina, believing in the larger capacity, better intelligence and steeper character of the race most greatly blessed by God, propose to overcome the evils of ignorance and prejudice by this amendment under the operation of which unlettered men with ancient heritage of political duties will be allowed to vote, ordinary Republican politicians say that we shall not do this. It depends upon the intelligence and wisdom of the voters of North Carolina to decide whether our State shall go forward in this great work or tamely bear the evils endured in the past.

The amendment will stand or fall as a whole. It is submitted to the people as a whole. No man can vote for one section and reject another. Thus the courts must consider it, if it ever reaches them. If it is unconstitutional

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the whole amendment fails. If a horse has one bad leg he is unsound, though he may have three good ones. So if one section is bad the amendment is unsound and will fail. Its opponents can cite no instance in which an amendment has been sustained at all while unconstitutional in a material part.

Those who attack section five are generally opposed to the entire amendment. They do not want many negroes disqualified, but if negroes are disqualified to any large extent, then they want many whites also disqualified. They therefore strive hard to make section 5 appear unconstitutional while declaring that the other sections will stand. The unlettered white man can have no worse enemy than he who labors on the one hand to prevent the disqualification of ignorant and incompetent blacks, and on the other hand after the adoption of the amendment endeavors to prevent unlettered white men from voting by insisting that section 5 is unconstitutional and shall not stand and that the balance of the amendment shall stand, thus demanding at every step that the unlettered whites, notwithstanding the greatly superior natural and acquired qualifications, shall be forever chained to equality with unlettered negroes.

The 4th section contains the main new qualification required. No one questions its constitutionality. Section 5 extends suffrage. Instead of denying or abridging the right to vote, it expressly says the right to vote shall not be denied to certain ones on account of lack of the educational qualification. The people presume, when they adopt the amendment, that these have proper intelligence and fitness for suffrage without education, as I have above indicated. Yet in that section its opponents pretend to find a denial of the right to vote on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. They admit that after the amendment's adoption many negroes will continue to vote. Not one could vote if the right to vote were denied on account of his race. There will be thousands of living testimonials to contradict their assertion that the right to vote is denied on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

An unlettered white man born here 30 years ago of parents who came to our country after the war will not be benefited by section 5. This will be unfortunate, yet no one will say his right to vote is denied on account of his color or race. His lack of education disqualifies him. Can one reason thus: "You require me to read and write before voting. I cannot read and write, therefore you deny my right to vote on account of my color?"

The State can require any reasonable qualification in her voters, such as the educational test. If one negro votes because of his education, not because of his color, then another negro fails to vote for the lack of education, not on account of his color. He must have the educational qualification in Massachusetts to vote. They admit that it is all right there and that the lack of education prevents voting. Here they say under our amendment that it will be the color that prevents the ignorant negro from voting, although he might vote if he had the same educational qualification as required by Massachusetts. Here every one, without any denial, though he be black as midnight, who has the

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required qualifications, will be a voter under the amendment.

The State can also extend suffrage in any reasonable manner as is done in section 5 for the next few years. The only restraint upon the State relative to suffrage is that contained in the 15th amendment above quoted. There is a real difference in capacity, in fitness, in intellectual and moral force, in information, in love of home and country, in aspiration, in all that makes competence for good suffrage between the great mass of the unlettered ones who or whose ancestors could vote prior to 1867; and the great mass of those who or whose ancestors could not then vote, and this difference exists without consideration of servitude. It is a deep, time-proven, unmistakable difference, known of all men.

While section 5 is an enlarging, not abridging section, even its extension of suffrage to certain ones is not on account of race or color, but if we are to look beyond its words for its reason, because of the actual fitness for suffrage known to be usually possessed by them. The position taken by the opponents of the amendment, puts upon them the maintenance of the proposition that there is no difference in fitness for suffrage between the unlettered negro who will not vote under it, and that the only difference between them is race and color. Let those who choose to do so, contend that the unlettered negro is the unlettered white man's equal, but the Democratic party stands for the white man's superiority. It invites the contest, and confidently appeals to the people. It will gladly meet its opponents at the polls and cheerfully in the courts. The people should not consider it a mere party question nor act upon it from ill feeling. The courts should not consider it a mere political contention nor act upon it with partisan spirit. The end in view is not strife, danger, and oppression, but peace, safety and liberty of thought. The equal protection of the laws will continue to bless those who vote and those who do not. The Democracy, with respect for the better and more intelligent ones of the colored race, and a just and patient regard for others who will be admitted to the ballot as they become qualified, will continue its efforts to educate the youth, care for the blind and insane, and to in every way enable the members of that race in this State to work out its destiny in peace and friendship with white men.

The amendment will be maligned and misrepresented by every one whose future depends upon the votes of ignorant negroes, but this child of the Democracy with her face set firmly towards white supremacy, her heart full of faith in honest, fearless, white manhood, with prayers and hopes of good women ringing in its ears, unharmed by malice and falsehood, will succeed, and with her success will come, we trust, a better day for our good Commonwealth.

Roxboro, N. C., Oct. 31, 1899.

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MR. KITCHIN'S PAPER.

In this issue we print a strong paper on the constitutional amendment by Hon. W. W. Kitchin. It is an able presentation of the subject and we hope every voter among our readers will read it carefully.

It is a very important question, and every voter ought to put himself on the various features of it, as they will come before the people next year.

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