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## The Amendment Catechism

Q—What are the issues involved in the campaign?

A—There is only one issue—Negro Suffrage.

Q—Who gave the negro the right to vote?

A—It was given him by the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Q—Was the Amendment adopted by the State of Maryland?

A—No. The Maryland Legislature voted against it unanimously, but two-thirds of the other States, which had but few negro voters, forced the Amendment upon the Southern States, and turned loose a horde of ignorant negroes to rule over their former masters.

Q—Which States have adopted these Amendments?

A—Every Southern State in which there are any appreciable number of negroes, except Maryland.

Q—Why should Maryland adopt such a measure?

A—For the same reason that urged other Southern States to secure relief. To make certain our State Government will always be in the hands of a majority of the white people.

Q—Why should anyone object to the rule of a majority of the white electorate?

A—There can be no objection except from individuals who desire to use the negro vote to advance their own political futures, and who know they cannot secure a majority of the white vote.

Q—What would be the result of negro disfranchisement?

A—Any party would be compelled to secure the endorsement of a majority of the white race.

Q—In the thirty-five years the negro has been allowed to vote has he given any evidence of his ability to use the ballot properly?

A—No, he is voting to-day just as he did thirty-five years ago for Abraham Lincoln's nose and the Republican party regardless alike of party principles or the fitness of candidates.

Q—Is there any danger from the negro vote in Maryland?

A—By a combination of fewer than 19,000 white men with the solid negro vote in seventeen counties of the State they can elect a majority of all the members of our Legislature.

Q—Why are we justified in trying to eliminate the negro as a political factor?

A—In violation of every principle of home rule, he was forced upon us as a voter by the Republican party of other States. At every election the Democrats are compelled to place in the ballot boxes of the State sixty thousand ballots from the hands of white men before we can begin to count in our effort to secure a majority of the white vote in this State.

Q—If the pending Amendment is passed, what will be its practical operation?

A—A white man, whether native or foreign born, Democrat or Republican, would be allowed to register without objection, both Democrats and Republicans being committed to this policy.

Q—In what does the pending Amendment differ from other Amendments that were proposed?

A—The pending Amendment will permit the registration of every white man in the State, no matter what his politics, or where he was born.

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## PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, an Act was passed proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State, which said Act is in the following words, to-wit:

CHAPTER 26.

AN ACT to amend Section one of Article one, title, "Elective Franchise", of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said Amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring, that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section one of Article one, title, "Elective Franchise", of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of Section one of said Article one.

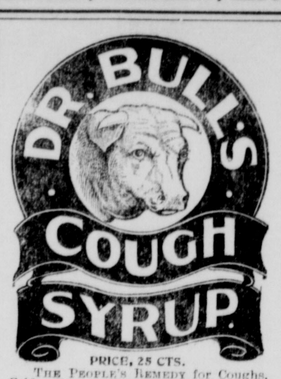
Sec. 1. All elections shall be by ballot, and every male citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, who has been a resident of the State for two years and of the Legislative District of Baltimore City or of the county in which he may offer to vote, for one year next preceding the election, and who, moreover, is duly registered as a qualified voter as provided in this Article, shall be entitled to vote, in the ward or election district in which he resides, at all elections hereafter to be held in this State, and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates or other officers, then to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote, for one year next preceding the election; but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed.

Every male citizen of the United States having the above prescribed qualifications of age and residence shall be entitled to be registered so as to become a qualified voter if he be, first: a person who, on the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, or prior thereto, was entitled to vote under the laws of this State, or of any other State of the United States, wherein he then resided; or second: a male descendant of such last mentioned person; or third: a foreign born citizen of the United States naturalized between the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine and the date of the adoption of this section of this Article; or fourth: a male descendant of such last mentioned person; or fifth: a person who, in the presence of the officers of registration, shall, in his own handwriting, with pen and ink, without any aid, suggestion or memorandum whatsoever, and without any question or direction addressed to him by any of the officers of registration, make application to register correctly, stating in such application his name, age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation at the time and for the two years next preceding, the names or names of his employer or employers, if any, at the time and for the two years next preceding, and whether he has previously voted, and if so, the State, county or city and district or precinct in which he voted last, and also the name in full of the President of the United States, of one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, of the Governor of Maryland, of one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and of the Mayor of Baltimore City, if the applicant resides in Baltimore City, or of one of the County Commissioners of the county in which the applicant resides; and any person who is unable to comply with the aforegoing requirements as to making application for registration in his own handwriting, solely because he is physically disabled from so doing; or sixth: a person, or the husband of a person, who at the time of his application for registration, is a *bona fide* owner of real or personal property in an amount of not less than five hundred dollars, is assessed therefor on the tax books of the City of Baltimore or of one of the counties of this State, has been such owner and so assessed for two years next preceding his application for registration; shall have paid and shall produce receipts for the taxes on said property for said two years and shall at the time of his application make affidavit before the officers of registration that he is, or that he is the husband of the person who is the *bona fide* owner of the property so assessed to him or to her, as the case may be, and that he or she has been such owner for two years next preceding his application.

No person not qualified under some one of the above clauses shall be entitled to be registered as a qualified voter or be entitled to vote. Every written application to be registered, presented to the officers of registration by any person applying to be registered under the above fifth clause, shall be carefully preserved by said officers of registration and shall be produced in any Court, if required, as hereinafter provided.

The affidavit of any applicant for registration, duly made to the officers of registration or in Court, that he, the applicant, is a person who was entitled to vote on or before the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as aforesaid, or that he has become a naturalized citizen of the United States between the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine and the date of the adoption of this section of this Article, as aforesaid, or his affidavit upon information and belief that he is a descendant of a person who was entitled to vote on or before the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, or that he is a descendant of a person who has become a naturalized citizen of the United States between the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine and the date of the adoption of this section of this Article, shall be *prima facie* evidence of any of said facts so sworn to.

A wilfully false statement upon the part of any applicant for registration in relation to any of the matters aforesaid shall be perjury, and punishable as perjury is punished by the laws of this State.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In determining whether any person who applied to be registered under the above fifth clause of this section was or was not entitled to be registered under said fifth clause, the court shall require the board of officers of registration complained against to produce the written application prepared and submitted by such person at the time he presented himself for registration to said board of officers of registration, and upon said written application the court shall determine whether or not said person, when he presented himself for registration, complied with the requirements of said fifth clause; and if the court shall determine that said written application, so prepared and submitted by said person, complied with the requirements of said fifth clause, and that said person was not disqualified under any other provision of this Article of the Constitution to be registered upon the books of registry in question, then the Court shall order said person to be registered as a qualified voter, but if the court shall determine that said written application of said person failed to comply with the requirements of said fifth clause, or that said person was in any other respect under this Article of the Constitution disqualified to be registered upon the books of registry in question, then the court shall order that said person shall not be registered upon said books of registry.

The court may enforce any order by attachment for contempt in said cases; neither party shall have any right of removal; exception may be taken to any ruling of the court at the hearing of said cases and an appeal shall be allowed to the Court of Appeals as in other cases; all such appeals shall be taken within five days from the date of the decision complained of, and shall be heard and decided by the Court of Appeals upon the original papers, or otherwise, as the Court of Appeals may by rule prescribe, as soon as may be practicable.

The General Assembly shall have power to provide more fully by legislation not inconsistent with this section of this Article, for the hearing and determination of all such cases.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the next General Election for members of the General Assembly to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment" as now prescribed by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Article XIV of the Constitution.

Approved February 25, 1908.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AUSTIN L. CROTHERS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 1, of Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that a copy of said Act proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution of said State, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State and in three newspapers in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next General Election, which election will be held on November 2nd, 1909, at which election the said proposed amendment shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis, this 1st day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

(Seal.) AUSTIN L. CROTHERS.

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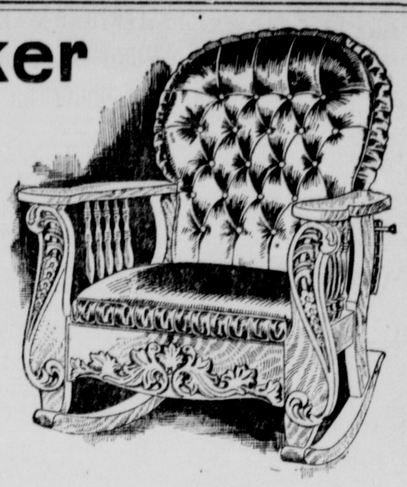

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## REV. J. B. JONES DEAD

Rev. John Bayley Jones 76 years old, pastor of Brooklyn Methodist Protestant Church, Anne Arundel county, died at 5.30 o'clock Tuesday evening at his home of paralysis, after 50 years of active service in the ministry.

He suffered a severe stroke last Thursday, and up to the time of his death was unconscious. His wife and daughter, Mrs. H. I. Ward, and two sons, Messrs. J. A. and T. C. Jones, were with him at the time of his death.

Well-kown in church circles, Mr. Jones' chief work has been among young men. He was born in Milton, Del., December 5, 1833, and received his education at Laurel and Milton academies, of that State. Later he taught at the Lewes Academy, Delaware.

In 1860 he entered the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. He served his first year in the ministry under the president of the conference. He was ordained in 1862. Afterward he was changed to the Alabama Conference, in Montgomery. During his service here the great yellow fever scourge broke out and he and the Catholic priest were the only ministers that would remain and bury the dead.

Among Mr. Jones' friends was Judge Bibbon Montgomery, a close confident of Jefferson Davis. He was also an honorary bearer at the funeral of Abe Lincoln. Burial took place in the M. P. Cemetery at Laurel. He leaves a widow and six children, viz., Dr. J. B., of Phil., Mrs. H. I. Ward, of Balt., Fred, J. A., T. C., and A. L. Jones.

His ministry in Chestertown was very successful and at no other place has he more devoted friends.

## ROCK HALL NOTES.

On Sunday afternoon and evening Rally Day exercises were held in the M. E. Church. Two splendid programs specially prepared for the day were nicely rendered. Both services were largely attended. The choir service was specially fine. Mr. Abbett, of Chestertown, and Prof. Judefind, of this place, assisted in the choir loft with excellent effect. The offerings amounted to about $60, the young mens class taught by Prof. Greenhawk carried off the honors of the day. May the upbuilding of the Sunday School, numerically and spiritually, be of permanent effect.

The next special event here is the festival and supper of this (Saturday) evening on the lawn of St. John's R. C. Church and this is expected to be a most successful affair.

Mr. V. M. Kendall and family, of Chestertown, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kendall, the former's parents.

A message received by Mr. Joseph Downey on Sunday morning announcing the death of Dr. A. P. Sharp cast a gloom over this section. A good man, a great benefactor to many Rock Hallites, is gone. His genial presence and kindness, so often enjoyed by our residents, will be long missed.

Prof. F. A. Greenhawk, with his mother, now occupies the Greenwood cottage on Main street.

Capt. Charley Thomas says no surrey for him. His next mode of family conveyance will be a motor car.

Mr. T. B. Durding has completed the construction of another building to his already highly improved farm.

Considerable corn is being husked by a number of our farmers.

The oyster business in Chester river is so unsatisfactory that many of the tongers have gone over to the bayside where there is better sales.

Miss Nannie Ryan is just the happiest girl in the Fifth district because of the return home of her sister Daisy, who has been spending nearly a month with relatives in Baltimore. Nannie has been housekeeper and cook with no one about home during the day time but herself. This is something she has not been used to, hence her joy.

The Odd Fellows of this place initiated several new candidates on Wednesday evening. After which a social set-out was enjoyed by a goodly number of members and invited guests.

Miss Anna W. Leary is enrolled among the new students at the Peabody.


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