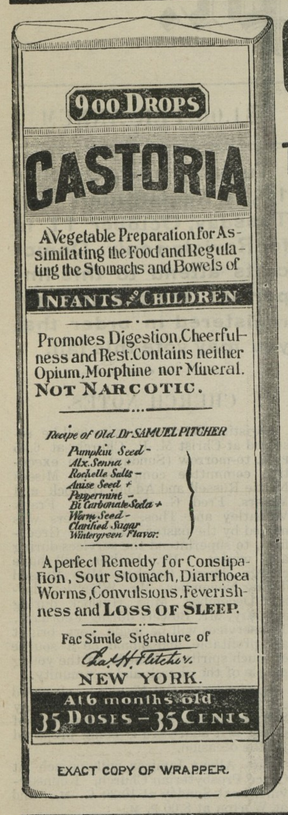

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The speech of Ex-Governor Jackson will be one of the documents of the campaign. It is as follows:

"When, several week ago, I was requested by some of my friends to make an address to this convention I declined the invitation, as I am not in the habit of making public speeches and have not a voice sufficiently strong to enable me to talk to large audiences. But, in view of the recent criticisms that have been made with reference to my views on the proposed constitutional amendment, I cannot refrain from saying a few words. Notwithstanding that I have on several occasions clearly stated my position, there seems to be a dispositions in certain quarters to misrepresent my views and motives.

"I want to say to you, gentlemen, with such emphasis that there may be hereafter be no question about it, that I favor the adoption of the franchise amendment, not because Mr. Gorman is for it, nor because Governor Warfield is against it, and without reference to what Senator Rayner's position may be; but I favor it because I am fully satisfied that its adoption will be for the best interests of all the people of the state, regardless of politics or of pafty.

"I do not regard it as a party question, but a great public question, involving the welfare and the peace of our state and her people from a business and social standpoint. For this reason I regret that the republican party is making it a party issue. This convention ought, in my judgment, to indorse the amendment, not because it may or may not perpetuate the democratic party in power, as some contend, but in the same spirit that it would indorse any other proposition having for its aim and object good government and the growth of the state.

"The truth is I am one one of those who do not believe, as some profess to fear, that the elimination of the negro from politics will tend to perpetuate the democratic party in power. On the contrary, I believe that the disfranchisement of the ignorant and illiterate negro will increase to a very large extent independent voting. There are thousands of persons in Maryland to-day who vote the democratic ticket, who ever may be the candidates, because they know there are 50,000 negroes in the state who at every election blindly, unintelligently and without any thought or concern for the fiinancial or business interests of the state go to the polls and vote the republican ticket. They give no more thought to men and issues to-day than they did thirty-five years ago.

"Certain it is that the chief effect of the adoption of the constitutional amendment will be to disfranchise the negro. I hope no one wants me to emphasize the fact that the intelligence of Maryland is to be found among the white people. It follows, then, that the adoption of the amendment and consequent elimination of the negro from politics will increase intelligent voting. If by increasing intelligent voting the democratic party is to be perpetuated in power, then every good citizen who has the interest of his state at heart should agree with me that it ought to kept in power.

"Aside from these reasons of public policy, I do not hesitate to say that I favor the amendment because I firmly believe that there ought to be a distinction between the white man and the negro politically, as well as socially, Political equality of the races tends to encourage social equality, and social equality leads to disorder and crime. This has been the experience of every state in which the race question has been agitated, and the result has been adoptior of a franchise amendment similar to the one now proposed in Maryland.

"I speak earnestly in this matter, not out of any feeling of prejudice against the negro race. I am, and always have been a friend of the colored man. My political and personal conduct proves this fact.

"Some years ago congress passed a bill oppropriating a sum for the use of the Agricultural College of Maryland, which provided that there should be no distinction of race and color. As Governor, it became my duty to sign the vouchers, and I said to the trustess of the Maryland Agricultural College: 'I will not accept this appropriation and sign the vouchers if by so doing its means, as the terms of the act provide, that colored students may apply for admission with white students of the Maryland Agricultural College.'

"I succeeded in making an arrangement whereby a substantial part of the fund should be allotted to the Morgan College, in Somerset county for the education of the colored people, and the Maryland Agricultural College should receive its part of the appropriation without incurring the risk of co-education of the races and having the black boy sit with the white. This colored institution has done good work toward the education of its race, and only six months ago I contributed $600 for the erection of new buildings. I refer to this only to illustrate the fact that I am not speaking as the enemy of the negro race: Indeed, I believe that the colored people themselves would be very much better off in Maryland if they were eliminated from politics.

"The democratic part has never failed to give to them their just dues in their educational and personal rights and I believe will continue to do so ; but I again assert that it was never intended by nature or nature's God that in this country they should be placed upon a social and political equality with the white man.

"In this connection I want to say that if our able, efficient and worthy Governor is opposing the amendment I am heartily sorry. He, as well as every other prominent democrat in Maryland, was thoroughly committed to the principles of this amendment two years ago and upon that issue he was elected.

"When the bill proposing the amendment to the constiution was before the Legislature of 1904 and I learned that there was some friction between the Legislature and the Governor, I wrote to every democratic senator and member of the House with whom I thought I had any influence and urged them to co-operate with the Governor in the passage of a bill that would be satisfactory to him. I have the highest regard for Governor Warfield. As evidence of my good faith I personally contributed more of my time and money to his election than I did to my own when I was your candidate for the same office. I want to endorse his administration, and I do indorse it as being in every respect clean, able and business-like, except in so far as he is reported to be opposed to this constitutional amendment. If he does oppose it, then I, for one, must say that I am, indeed, sorry, and it will be absolutely impossible, in my judgment, for him to explain his reasons to thousands of his best democratic friends.

"It has been contended by some persons in opposition to the proposed amendment that it gives too much power to the registration officers and that its effects will be to disfranchise many white persons who should have the right to vote, because of their failure to explain the constitution to the satisfaction of the registers. I have no fear of this. Every white man who is entitled to vote will be registered, because public sentiment will demand it. We may as well be candid about this matter and say what we mean and that is, as I understand it, we propose in so far as we can within the limits of the constitution to disfranchise the negro and preserve the right of the white man to vote. I wish it could be otherwise and that we could literally and in terms disfranchise the negro.

"In the next few years you people of Baltimore purpose to spend millions of dollars on the sewers and the improvements of your streets. Defeat this amendment, and there will be thousands of colored people, whose right to vote has by constitutional enactment been taken away from them in Virginia and North Carolina, coming into Maryland and seeking employment.

"This large influx of negroes will operate seriously against the white laboring class. The contractors will buy the cheapest labor they can get, and white people cannot compete with such labor as will be brought here from other states on account of the negro protection. Baltimore city, in both her social and commercial relations will be greatly injured by such an influx of negroes.

"I appeal to every white man in Maryland, democrat and republican, to lay aside party feelings and personal prejudice and vote for this amendment."

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