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POLITICAL.

THE "grandfather" clause of the Arkansas
Constitution reads as follows:

"SECTION 4a. No person shall be
registered as an elector of this State, or be al-
lowed to vote in any election held herein, unless
he be able to read and write any section of the
Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; but no
person who was on January 1, 1866, or at any
time prior thereto, entitled to vote under any
form of government, or who at that time resided
in some foreign nation, and no lineal descendant
of such person, shall be denied the right to
register and vote because of his inability to so
read and write sections of such Constitution.

"Precinct election inspectors having in charge
the registration of electors shall enforce the pro-
visions of this section at the time of registration,
provided registration be required. Should regis-
tration be dispensed with the provisions of this
section shall be enforced by the precinct elec-
tion officers when electors apply for ballots to
vote."

This amendment has been voted upon and the
votes canvassed, but an official count has not been
announced, and probably will not be until just
before the general election in November.

The Hon. J. C. Napier will replace the Hon.
W. T. Vernon, of Kansas, as Register of the
United States Treasury. The *Chattanooga
Times* gives the following reasons for the change:

"It appears now that Vernon has outlived his
usefulness, since he could not help the administra-
tion to stem the insurgent wave that recently,
swept over the Sunflower State, and that his re-
appointment was contingent on his success in that
campaign. It is learned from that day he was
marked for retirement.

"Tennessee Republican politicians readily rec-
ognized the opportunity to make a master stroke
and impression on the Negro vote in Tennessee,
by recognizing one of their race with an impor-
tant office.

"Napier for eight years was a member of the
Republican State Committee, but the white mem-
bers fell out with him at the recent state con-
vention when it was believed that he had agreed
to use his influence with the Negroes in favor of
Patterson. Since he was deposed the committee
has been without Negro membership, and this sop
is held out to pacify the rebellious Negroes all
over the state."

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, will introduce a
bill into Congress for direct primaries in select-
ing candidates for President and Vice-President.
He says:

"To me the injustice is plain of permitting the
4,000 Republicans of Mississippi to cast 20 votes

in the convention, while Iowa, with 300,000 Re-
publicans, can cast only 26. Is it right that
Georgia, with only 30,000 Republican voters,
should have exactly the same number of delegates
as Iowa, with ten times that number of Republi-
can votes? Every one recognizes that the Republi-
can party—such as it is in the far Southern
States—is composed almost wholly of Federal
officeholders and those who want Federal office.
It has been demonstrated time and time again
that the delegates to Republican national conven-
tions from these states are absolutely venal and
that they uniformly vote with the administration
forces, which purchase them by means of post-
offices and collectorships."

The United Colored Democracy of the State
of New York has been organized for the coming
campaign. They demand a colored regiment in
the New York National Guard, and also colored
policemen and firemen.

J. C. Manning and the progressive Republicans
in Alabama are fighting Mr. Washington's politi-
cal influence in that state.

The newly elected Governor of South Caro-
line, Blease, made his fight on a platform op-
posing Negro education and prohibition.

The Negroes of South Carolina gained com-
plete control of the State Republican Convention.

The Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, once Recon-
struction Governor of Louisiana, has been ap-
pointed to the Internal Revenue Service in Cin-
cinnati, O.

The Colored Independent Political League has
decided to support the Democratic ticket in Ohio,
New York and New Jersey; the Republican
tickets in Delaware and West Virginia, and to
favor Senator Bulkeley, of Connecticut, and op-
pose Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts. Local In-
dependent organizations are at work in New
York, Ohio, New Jersey, Utah and Missouri.

The National Executive Committee of the
Socialist party have appointed Lena Morrell Lewis
and George A. Goebel a committee of two to
investigate the condition of the Negro in America.

Suit has been brought in the United States Cir-
cuit Court to compel the city of Annapolis, Md.,
to register colored voters. Annapolis by city
ordinance has attempted to nullify the Fifteenth
Amendment.

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