

Hoke's "Disfranchisement" Scheme.

(From The Cordele Rambler.)

The amendment to the Maryland constitution, allowing the legislature to disfranchise the negro, was defeated last Tuesday by a good majority, notwithstanding the fact that Senator Gorman and the democratic party indorsed it. The great trouble with this amendment is that it disfranchises the old antebellum ducky who gives no trouble, and allows the new negro who has a smattering of education to vote.

It was a hell-blooming piece of corruption to ever enfranchise the negro, but if we are going to disfranchise him we should not begin with the old-time ducky who got his training when negroes were "niggers."

Another trouble about this amendment will be that, in a short time, they will practically all be voters, as every negro preacher and school teacher will have a further incentive to educate.

This is nothing but a temporary expedient, and a statesman should build for the future, as well as for the present.

The result of a constitutional amendment of this kind might serve to divide the white voters and later the educated negro would heap up lots of trouble on the coming generation.