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THE ISSUE AT LAST.

The "suffrage" question, the all-important one that has absorbed the attention of our people for the past six months, indeed, for 'that matter, since 1865,-the question that caused the Constitutional Convention as the great central issue, all others (however important) must cluster as matters of far lesser magnitude, is confronttne same-that is, for the first few years of registration, the applicant for a certificate (1) must have some property; (2) or he must be educated to a cer tain extent; (3) or he must be able to understand certain parts of the Constitution when they are read to him.

The colored members from Beaufort, Smalls, Miller, Whipper, and others, have had the attention of the Convention for several days recently, and have spoken for the colored citizens of South Carolina who wish to have their votes counted. They have urged that the Convention establish a property qualification; that it make the qualification an educational one; that it require the applicant to show that he has both educa tion and property; that the requ rements, in either or both instances, be placed just as high or just as low as the framers of the law care to have it-in short, that any form of qualification that could conceived of BEST LIGHTS, be adopted that would place the races on the same footing as citizens, as is contemplated by the United States Constitutionany form that would not place one of them at the mercy of the managers of election. The colored members argued ably. In replying to them, Mr. Burn took occasion to say:

"I have no hesitancy in say. ing that they have acquitted themselves with the highest credit to their race. From their standpoint they have covered the whole question; with consummate ability given the history, marshalled the facts and statistics favorable to their side. They have displayed splendid argumentative ability, keen sar-

Their arguments, as arguments, were unanswerable, but they were made in vain. The necessity for maintaining white supremacy is, of course, undisputed, and admits of no discussion even; but the question is, was it necessary for the attain ment of that end that the ordinance be framed as it was, leav- of so much to the discretion of the managers of election? We think not. By disfranchising a few white men other than those already disqualified for crime, an ordinance could have been framed that would have ensured white supremacy without reposing so much power in the election managers. But that is "where the shoe pinches"-Tillman had given his word that not a single white man would be disqualified except for crime, and that I romise had to be re-

It was the necessity for its redemption, rather than the necessity for the maintenance of white supremacy, which required that the ordinance be passed in its present shape. The promise itself was a "play to the galleries", and was based upon the erroneous (though not un common) impression that the power to vote is universal, that it is born in a man-that is, if he is a white man. As a mathe is a white man. As a matter of fact, however, the power to yote is not a natural right—it is not even a right at all, but a privilege. The experience of the world in all ages has shown that a restricted suffrage is best. In our case, under all the circumstances, it would have been far better to have restricted it somewhat—to have disfranch omewhat-to have disfranchised a very few white men in order to ensure white supremacy without leaving so much dangerous power in the hands of the election managers.

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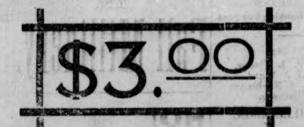
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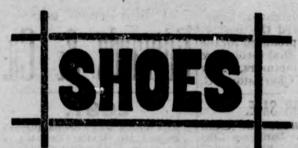
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