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Broadside. Measuring 11" x 15". Single sheet printed on one side. Near fine with three horizontal creases from being fold and wear along one edge. An anti-suffrage broadside written by Judge W.H. Taylor, a former slave holder from Uniontown, Alabama. Taylor argues that it is unwise to expose women, through the act of voting, to the “rude things of this world” where the “delicacy of her senses and sensibilities would be constantly wounded by the attrition with bad and desperate and foul politicians and men.” He also attempts to link the organizers behind women’s suffrage with those trying to ease the encumbrances that prevent blacks from voting - land ownership and illiteracy - and how it all should be resisted: “the amendist is trying to destroy the fundamental guarantees of good government.” An interesting unrecorded broadside showing the efforts and fear mongering facing Alabama women’s suffrage efforts. Rare. OCLC locates no copies. Detailed image on following page.

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"I can say for myself and for those who are dearest to me of all the objects in this life, that I would leave a country where it was necessary that my wife and daughters go to the polls to protect my liberties. I would just as soon see them shoulder their guns and go like Amazons into the field and fight beneath the flag for my liberty, as to see them muster on election day for any such purpose."

Susan B. Anthony and Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, commenting in their usual sweet way upon the above, say:

"Mr. Morgan at once launched forth on the moral influence of woman which certainly demonstrated that if sentimentalism were a bar to voting, as Senators Vest and Reagan had insisted it should be, the Senator from Alabama would have to be disfranchised."—Vol. IV, page 1002, Suffrage History.

ALABAMA'S FRAGILE DISFRANCHISEMENT MEASURES.

Editor The Advertiser:

In the present crisis when the amendments to the National Constitution are the burning questions of the hour the voter does himself an injustice if he does not read section 181 of the Constitution of the State. It consists of two clauses which clearly establish an educational and properly qualification for suffrage. The second clause fixes a property qualification; under it any one can vote who owns a certain amount of property. Under the first clause the qualification is educational and occupational. I am not now concerned with physical inability or other disqualifications. I am merely calling attention to the fact that property and education are substantially the qualifications for voting in the State. Section 284 shows that it is very easy to amend these sections. It is true that at first these clauses will operate to disfranchise the negro women. But what will the later harvest be? No one can tell. The proposed amendment reads as follows to wit:

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Let us see how the counties will be affected. I shall not now consider the question of illiteracy; under the campaign that is now going and with the progress of time that disqualification can soon be eliminated from the State. Nor shall I now consider the ratio of men to women; the number is about equal for the State; though varying in many counties.

SITUATION BY COUNTIES.

I shall just take up the counties affected and give the number of citizens of the voting age:

	White	Negro
Autauga	1,970	2,670
Barbour	2,884	4,044
Bullock	1,252	5,019
Butler	3,163	3,249
Chambers	4,046	3,825
Choctaw	1,626	2,194
Clarke	3,294	3,724
Conecuh	2,692	2,151
Dallas	2,482	9,997
Elmore	3,494	3,146
Greene	812	4,108
Hale	1,521	4,715
Jefferson	31,933	29,623

Note the foreign element pure and mixed will bring the whites up to about forty thousand.

Lee	3,209	3,946
Lowndes	962	6,053
Macon	1,000	4,648
Madison	6,548	4,326
Marengo	2,214	6,143
Mobile	9,115	9,859

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Banish illiteracy. We are now engaged in a laudable effort to banish it and success is almost in sight. Divide the whites and elect a republican or independent governor, auditor and commissioner of agriculture and industry; who appoint under the law the registrar of voters and the thing is done. Read Acts of 1915, page 239.

FANATICISM KNOWS NO END.

Some years ago North Carolina tried the experiment and it failed. There is no telling what fanaticism will do; it never stops until it effects its end and it is careless of results.

Notice the present crisis. We are engaged in a contest about certain amendments to the National Constitution. In my judgment the amendist is trying to destroy the fundamental guarantees of good government. He thinks that the passage of the amendment is the salvation of the world. There is no other issue in the campaign. Everything else is forgotten. The amendist and his candidates and rulers set the pace. The antis begged for the postponement of the question until the war should end and until the soldier boys could have the opportunity of voting so that every effort might be concentrated upon the war. But no. The cry is: "Pass the amendment though the Heavens fall." He will consider no other issue; he has one idea and will never consider any other idea is of any value whatever.

This policy has brought more misery to the world than anything else that has happened in its history.

Very truly,

W. H. TAYLOE.

Uniontown, Alabama.

—Montgomery Advertiser, July 26th.

Men of the South, the 15th Amendment but sleeps.

Write your State Legislators TO-DAY to VOTE AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE.