

# The Asheboro Courier

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The Republicans will only have five votes in the State Senate of 1907.

The carrying of Ashe county by the Democrats in the recent election is another evidence of a state-wide Democracy.

There is little doubt but that Judge Adams realizes how little the people in this State think of him and his cause.

The methods of the Republican party in the recent campaign, have won for their voters the contempt of the decent people of the State.

North Carolina is a well governed state. Its insane asylums, penitentiary and many of its state institutions are models in their management.

Many people think that the manufacture of paper will, in a great measure be revolutionized by the recent invention of manufacturing paper from cotton stalks. The cotton stalk will take the place of wood pulp.

Let the next Legislature take into consideration, first, the providing for the care of more of the insane in the State; next for youthful criminals, and larger appropriations for the old soldiers. We need a Reformatory for youthful criminals, and we need to increase largely the appropriations for the old soldiers.

Let's all work together for the upbuilding of the town. Every one cannot contribute money, but every one can prove of use by talking in favor of enterprises. Local enthusiasm is valuable and helpful to almost any enterprise. It is often the case that a good word has advanced an enterprise and changed a failure to a success.

A great fight was made on the Legislature, but there has been an increase in one branch of the Legislature. Instead of a decrease of Democratic members, the Republican party has received rebuke for its alliance with Marion Butler, who, no doubt, had some nefarious scheme to carry out. A solid Democratic delegation in Congress is encouraging to the Democracy; and an increased Democratic majority in many counties, gives assurance that there has not been the Democratic apathy which many supposed there was throughout the State.

In State vs Clay Garner, tried at the last term of Davidson Superior Court for attempting to influence a witness of the State to swear falsely, the judgment was confirmed by a per curiam order. Garner was convicted and sentenced to twelve months on the public roads. He will have to serve his sentence. This should be a lesson to others not to talk or try to influence witnesses in any case.

Another case from Davidson is that of State vs Horace Adams, who was convicted of larceny and sentenced to six months. The Supreme Court confirmed the opinion of the lower Court, and he too, will have to serve his sentence.

In the recent campaign the Republicans in Johnston county declared themselves in favor of free liquor, and denounced the Democratic party as a Prohibition party. The Democratic party planted itself in that county upon the Watts and the Ward law and made no pretence upon being Prohibitionists or anti-Prohibitionists, but advocated the principles in those two Acts. The Republicans condemned the Acts in the severest terms, and promised to do everything that was wanted to be done, such as the establishment of still houses and saloons in every section of the county. At least, they promised to do these things where it was popular, and advocated it to those who favored it.

In the campaign they told us that the days of Butler, Russell and Fusion times were old issues, and that we should not refer to those times. If the Democratic party had been defeated in the State at the recent election and that party had gotten back into power, you would have seen the day come to life.

They told us the negro question was a dead issue. It is a dead issue only so long as the Democratic party remains in power, and no longer. Restore the Republican party to power in North Carolina, and you will see how soon these so-called "dead issues" will revive and become questions of important public interests.

The well-being of every citizen, whether rich or poor, depends upon incorruptible, unbiased and impartial administration of public justice in the courts. The courts are the great safeguard of the people; it is through them that thieves are placed behind the bars and rascals are turned out of office. Were it not for the courts honestly administered, political thieves would be entrenched in power, and it would be impossible to nab them or control them, or even turn them out of office.

In the recent campaign the Republican party demanded a vote in every county on the liquor question, advocating Prohibition in the County of Buncombe, and free liquor in Johnston county. In other counties they took such positions as they thought would gain them votes. There were many counties in which they reported in one section that they were for one thing, and in another section that they were for another.

The corrupt use of money in elections is the most demoralizing influence which we have to contend with at the present time. When money can carry elections then those who have most money will always be successful; and so long as money controls in elections, just so long will corporations and trusts prevail throughout the country.

Now is the time of year to plant shade trees and fruit trees. We would be glad to see our city Council take some steps for the improvement of the town, and encourage the same by doing missionary work among the citizens. All our new streets should have shade trees planted along them without further delay.

Within the last few years a process has been discovered which has made saw-dust of more value than lumber. By the use of hydraulic pressure and intense heat uniting with alum and glue, a solid mass capable of being moulded into any shape, receiving a brilliant polish, is the result.

The colors shown on Tuesday of last week were not the kind that Butler and Adams like. The affairs of the State and the County will remain in the hands of those who love her most, and not in the hands of those who have never given of the State or county good government.

The Republican campaign in this State was based on a low plane; by insinuation and innuendo, graft was suggested upon honest men whose integrity could not be questioned with reference to the State Board of Education.

The entire State Republican ticket was defeated in New York with the exception of the Governor. Mr. Hearst was defeated and many Democrats rejoice in the fact, because they do not believe that he is a real Democrat.

The biggest steal that has ever been made in America was the graft connected with the erection of the New State Capitol of Pennsylvania, which cost the tax payers \$13,000,000.

In proportion to the amount of money used in the campaign, just to that proportion does the purchasable vote increase at each election.

Senator Simmons is entirely correct when he says that the recent election was the greatest Democratic victory we have won since 1898. Quoting from a recent interview Mr. Simmons says:

"It is a rebuke in the held interference of federal office holders in this state with our local politics, and I do not believe we will ever again see in North Carolina the spectacle of the big postmaster running for office and stamping the state at the same time."

"It is a disgraceful spectacle—that of a man, while holding a high federal office, running for a state office."

"It is an emphatic answer to the claims of the Republicans that the trend in North Carolina was away from the Democratic party. It is a rebuke to the attempt to revive Butler in this state. It means that the people of this state have no patience with the campaign of misrepresentation and deception, of abuse and vilification which Butler, through his papers, has attempted a second time to introduce in this state. It is a notice to Butler and his crowd that, though they fooled the people once by systematic and persistent misrepresentation, they can't do it again."

We complain about the trust evil and about combinations controlling legislation, while little is said about the use of money in elections. The use of money for votes is shameful, no matter whether the money is paid for the day's work or paid as a direct bribe; it is all the same. When elections are controlled by the check book or by cash and these are used to influence the conscience, and to corrupt and debauch the voters, the time is rapidly approaching when only the very rich, the very powerful and the very wealthy, or the tools of the big corporations can succeed in holding any office. This does not apply to some states, but to many states. It is not so bad in the Southern States as in the Northern, Middle and Western states.

The late Republican State Convention at Greensboro refused to indorse or condemn the Watts law or the Ward law, but adopted a platform which was most absurd indeed, providing for an election in every county and every town to determine for itself by vote, as to whether or not liquor should be made or sold in its limits. That is to say, that if a majority of the people of a county have already voted against whiskey or for whiskey, then any town in the county should take the question up and vote on it itself; notwithstanding the fact that the whole county had been carried for or against the sale or manufacture of liquor. This feature of the platform was worked for everything it was worth in every section of the State where there was a sentiment for free liquor.

The recent Republican Convention in Randolph would not declare in favor of the sale of liquor in this county; yet Mr. English, in more than one speech, intimated as plainly as words could intimate without saying so, that he favored it. What he did say was that Randolph liquor was as good as liquor in Salisbury and other places. He had forgotten that the county people did not want bar rooms. Years ago, they petitioned the Commissioners of various counties all over North Carolina and both Republican legislatures left it to the discretion of the Commissioners whether they should grant license or not. The sale of liquor, by common consent, has been restored to the towns.

It is said that the oyster, unlike all warm-blooded animals, exerts an antiseptic action on the typhoid germ, and it is now claimed by some medical experts, that oysters are the best preventive and cure for typhoid fever.

There is a great demand for residences and business buildings in Asheboro, and those who desire to make investments can do so with profit to themselves.

Representative Babcock, who was an avowed enemy of the Southern people and white supremacy in the South, has been defeated for reelection as a member of the next Congress in Wisconsin.

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### ALAMANCE COUNTY ELECTION.

The Democrats carried Alamance county by a small majority, except the sheriff and a representative in the General Assembly. Dr. J. A. Pickett defeated W. H. Carroll by 200 majority. Dr. Pickett is a brother of Pat Pickett and Jarvis Pickett, of this county, and was born and reared in Cedar Grove township. J. D. Kernodle, Democrat, was elected Clerk Superior Court by a majority of 7. The State ticket, Congressional and Solicitor is Democratic; so is the State Senator. Some of the County Commissioners are Republican and some Democratic. It is as the Courier predicted before the election, that here and there might be a Republican official elected in the State. Out of the 97 counties from sixteen have gone Republican. The whole State is Democratic from Stokes and Surry counties to the sea coast, with the exception of Sampson, and a greatly reduced Republican majority in that county.

### REPUBLICAN LOSSES IN THE STATE.

There is an increase in the Democratic vote of several thousand votes, and a loss in the Republican cast of 15,000 votes.

No one who knows Adams' and Butler's methods of conducting the campaign is surprised at this loss. The unfairness and trickery of Butler, and the ignorance and low ideas, bitterness and hatred of Adams, are enough in themselves to account for the disastrous results of the campaign which they conducted.

Our people should awake to the importance of public education, and the attention of the public mind should be called, from time to time, to the importance of public schools. We should do more; we should supplement the public schools by increasing the length of terms by subscription. We must do more; we must pay better prices to public school teachers in order to get more and better ones.

Chairman, W. J. Scarborough, of the County Democratic Committee, has made a fine name for himself and a fine reputation, and the Democrats of this county owe him a vote of thanks. It is doubtful that there was never a doubt of the election in the county, but the Chairman's untiring efforts during the closing days of the campaign, and especially his effort in stirring up the Democrats of the county to more active work, had much to do with making the majority as it was.

They glorify Roosevelt and condemn Hearst for advocating one and the same thing.

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