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BILL ARP'S LETTER

About what he observes from day to day.
Colored Orator Who Is Doing some Good services, in instructing His Race—Other Interesting Gossip.

We are not having very much fun now with our northern brethren. They have either stopped to rest or have blown out since congress adjourned. We haven't heard anything about the poor darkey in some time. There is a Washington City negro preaching through this region, and he knows how to preach and what to preach. His name is Shields. He is a born orator, and could make some of our candidates for office ashamed of themselves. He preaches in the church or out of it. He comes as a missionary to tell the negroes the truth and give them good advice. He preached in the street of our town last Saturday, and had quite a gathering of colored people to hear him tell how the northern people treated their race; how they were shut out from all trades and occupations but the lowest; how the white mechanics would not employ them nor work with them; how the colored barbers had all been boycotted and run out of that country; how the negroes that used to have them as waiters had substituted foreigners. "Your best friends are down here," said he, "and it is your duty to tie on to them and keep their good will by good honest work and respectful deportment until you are able to stand alone." He comes as a missionary to tell the negroes the truth and give them good advice. He preached in the street of our town last Saturday, and had quite a gathering of colored people to hear him tell how the northern people treated their race; how they were shut out from all trades and occupations but the lowest; how the white mechanics would not employ them nor work with them; how the colored barbers had all been boycotted and run out of that country; how the negroes that used to have them as waiters had substituted foreigners. "Your best friends are down here," said he, "and it is your duty to tie on to them and keep their good will by good honest work and respectful deportment until you are able to stand alone, and the southern people have proved themselves your friends. They have given you work and wages all the time. I see white and colored carpenters and masons working together on the same building in every southern town. I see colored draymen, colored porters, colored barbers all about. Up north they will call you Mr. Johnson or Mr. Jackson, but that is about all. Down here they call you Tom and Dick and Bob, but that is not all. They will befriend you and protect you. Now let me advise you to keep out of politics. Some of you have been voting and voting ever since the war, and generally if you have been voting right against your southern friends, and it has never done you any good. I don't advise you to be Democrats or Republicans, but always vote for the man who stands fairest in good works, for the man who has the respect of the community in which he lives; vote for the man that good men vote for. You have no time to devote to politics. Work, work, work and save your money, and before anybody knows it buy you a lot and build you a little house and own it, and plant trees and vines around it, and you will feel more like somebody than you ever did in your life. I am proud to know that so many of you are doing that around Cartersville."

That preacher is doing good, and he ought to be employed to travel all over the State and talk that way. A thoughtful gentleman remarked to-day that Shields had more sense than half the members of the American Congress, and was doing infinitely more good. I believe that the day is near at hand when the Southern negroes will be satisfied with the whites, including politics, and then there will be no further question of the race problem. Even if it is rare to find one who proposes to vote for Major Hargrove, the republican candidate for Congress in this district, where he is held to do his duty.

Great changes are going on both North and South. National politics is changing base and finding new centers. The tariff will divide the two great parties in the next election. McKinley or no McKinley will be the battlecry, and both sides will find adherents about and below the line. The tendency of this will be to wipe out the line and destroy sectionalism. Then the war will be over and National Integrity be restored. What a glorious picture! "Let us have peace," said General Grant, but he died without seeing it.

This reminds me of a story that was told me not long ago about Mr. Richards' dream. Mr. Richards is a genial genius who superintends the waterworks in Atlanta. He visited Boston as a delegate to the great waterworks convention, where the superintendents and engineers of the craft had gathered from every respectable city in the union. It was about the time that Mr. Cleveland restored the rebel flags and Fairchild and Foraker and company raised such a howl about it. The press

was at home. Democrats; how will you feel when negro judges are presiding in North Carolina? If such should be the result of this election remember you are personally responsible for it. Be a man and do your duty by voting the Democrat ticket.

The Democrats should make preparations at every ballot box to haul to the polls such Democrats as are unable to get there otherwise. This is a very important matter.

WILSON, WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, OCT 30, 1890.

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HON. W. M. ROBBINS!

HE MAKES A SPEECH THAT AROUSED THE DEMOCRATS OF THIS COUNTY.

THE CAUSE OF GOOD GOVERNMENT ADVOCATED IN WORDS THAT BURN AND THRILL THE HEARER.

The people of Wilson county look upon Hon. W. M. Robbins of Statesville, as the finest stump speaker in the State.

His speech here two years ago thrilled our people as they have not been thrilled before within our recollection, and on Friday last they were pleased beyond expression to have the pleasure of hearing once again this eloquent and earnest exponent of pure and good government.

At 2 o'clock the courthouse was filled with people from town and country. W. H. Blount, Esq., in a few eloquent words, introduced the speaker.

Maj. Robbins said that he came among the people a candidate for no office, but simply as a private citizen to talk to them about their interest.

I examined my pockets and found a late copy of The Atlantic Constitution. The guards were dressed in blue uniforms, and, to my surprise, had guns in their hands. They looked at my paper and threw it aside with contempt. I tried again, and found the New York Tribune, which seemed to mollify their displeasure, and they gave me permission to go in and look around awhile, and I was put in charge of another soldier in blue with instructions to show me through heaven and bring me back in an hour for I was a suspect.

The place was beautiful beyond all conception, and I forgot myself in a delirium of joy and wonder at what I saw. Everything and everybody was dressed in blue. There were thousands and thousands of them frolicking and sporting, and I found that the favorite game was football, which was played with skulls. I suppose they were the skulls of lost sinners but my guide informed me they were the skulls of the rebels that were killed in the war.

His comparison of the treatment of the South since the war by the Republican party, in its over twenty years of power, and the Democratic party in its four years of power, was masterly. He showed that the Republican party did not respect its own members in the South; that while they had appointed forty-two cabinet officers only two were from the South, while three of Cleveland's seven were from this section; that while Cleveland made Jarvis Minister Plenipotentiary to Brazil, Harrison made Dooley a mere commercial agent in Brazil; that while the Republican party put no Southern men on the Supreme Court Bench Cleveland placed L. C. Lamar there.

The manner in which the Republican Senators acted in regard to binding twine and cotton bagging and ties was next shown. He said that when the Republican Senators of the Northwest asked that binding twine, with which the Western farmer binds his wheat, be put on the free list, Vance and the other Democrats said we'll help you, we believe in relieving the agricultural people from all the burdens possible. The Democrats voted to put binding twine on the free list and it was done.

"My friend, tell me, is this heaven?" "Yes," said he; "this is the G. A. R. heaven—the heaven of the Grand Army, but St. Peter has a little ainer over yonder. Grant is over there and Lincoln and Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and many others. Grant was in here for a few days, but he kept on saying, 'Boys let us have peace and so we fired him out.'

By this time we had returned to the gate and I said to the sentries; Is there not another gate somewhere that I can enter and see St. Peter and Grant and Lee and Stonewall Jackson? "Oh you are for peace, too, are you?" said they, and with that they gave me a kick and such a thrust in the side that it awoke me and to my great joy I found myself in the land of the living where peace may be sought and pardon found notwithstanding rebellion. Now, my friends please tell me where is Joseph?"

The newspaper men were there, of course. They saw the point, joined in the cheering, and many crowded around Mr. Richards and congratulated him and gave three cheers for the rebel who was objected from heaven in a dream.

BILL ARP.

PENSIONS.

If you are white man you are expected to be Democatic ticket.

Democratic government means low taxes. Republican government means bleed the people for all they are worth." Where do you stand?

Next Tuesday is the day upon which you show by your vote whether you or a true man or a traitor to the best interests of the people among whom you live.

If you don't intend to exercise your right and duty of free men on next Tuesday give the "old lady" the breches and don her petticoats for you deserve not the name of man.

Shall railroad tool Charlie Price be Chief Justice of North Carolina in place of the incorruptible Merrimon? If you believe not then vote the straight Democratic ticket and see that your neighbor does likewise.

millions of dollars to come out of the people. The people of North Carolina pay six times as much to pension soldiers as they pay State tax; we pay four million dollars as the tribute to our conquerors. The farmer and laborer are taxed to buy the votes of Federal soldiers and their kin folks.

DON'T SCRATCH.

There is too much at stake in North Carolina for any good citizen to scratch a Democratic ticket.

No thinking, respectable man can contemplate the effects, the horrors, of one Radical Legislature in North Carolina without a shudder.

What does it mean? Where does it lead?

What is its effects financially, economically, in the home circle, for the tax payer, for the poor and self respecting white man and his wife and little ones?

It means that hereafter each judicial district will vote for its own Judge as it goes now for its own solicitor. What does this mean? It means that George W. White, the present colored solicitor of the Second district, will be elected a Judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina. Article IV, Section 21, of the State Constitution.

Last Saturday was a regular field day for the Republicans. They held their county convention that day. Before the convention was called Marshall L. Mott, of Statesville, made a speech in the courthouse to a considerable crowd, negroes largely predominating. Having everything his own way he spread himself. He flaunted the bloody shirt until the old garment was "tattered and torn." He appealed to the passions and prejudices of his ignorant audience and was loudly and frequently applauded. His speech suited them—Rockingham ham Rocket.

THE NEGROES.

The negro problem was one that must be settled in love, he said. He told the negroes that they were not fit to rule, whatever Radical politicians might say to flatter them. If it required centuries for the white people to reach a point where they were capable of self-government, it is any humiliation to the negroes to be told that in twenty-five years they have not reached a point that it took the white people centuries to attain to. Whatever affects the white man affects the negro. If the money made by the Southern farmer is taken to pay Yankee soldiers the negro who works him will feel it less.

He said:

"The Republican party is a sectional party and lives entirely for the benefit of the North; it does not respect or treat with fairness the people of the South." His face glowed with the love he bears for his Southland.

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FARMERS ALLIANCE.

He thanked the farmers for organizing to secure protection for themselves against oppressive legislation.

He spoke of the good that the order was capable of and the members present, as well as those who were not members, cheered him heartily.

He said he wanted to offer a word of warning. "Don't you let anybody persuade you to distrust other classes. Men who would do so are selfish men; chief workers at work to use you for themselves. I am a lawyer and cannot join you or, er, but I say to you go on, you have my best wishes. I am proud of my profession—there are many widows and orphans over whose head there is a shelter that would have been robbed of their rights, but for the skilled protecting care of some lawyer."

THE FORCE BILL.

He explained the Force Bill—

show how the officers of election for North Carolina would be appointed for life by Judge Bond—

whom he denominated the embodi-

ment of villainy at two thousand—Col. Jno. D. Cameron, Asheville Correspondent of the Raleigh State Chronicle.

GREAT IS "OUR ZEB."

A correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer at Greensboro, N. C., October 15th says:

"Great is Vance!"

The great Senator may have been more entertaining in his more youthful days, but never more incisive, clear, forcible, solemn and convincing than he was yesterday.

He spoke to the audience and

opponents, it is true, are handled mercilessly for inconsistencies, or for participation in legislation involving the peace and prosperity of the country. With a full registration it is almost safe to place

Crawford's majority at two thousand.

The next Legislature will divide the State into Senatorial districts. This was done in 1881. (See laws 1880, chapter 206) and is to be done each ten years. By combination and gerrymander the State will be so redistricted that for ten years to come the Legislature will, at all hazards, go Radical, and with it goes the credit of the State, and with it goes the character of Raleigh, Wilmington, Charlotte, Durham, Asheville, Fayetteville, New Bern and other Eastern towns and cities, and with their characters go the prosperity of these cities.

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tricts of North Carolina, and,

by gerrymander, the State will

lose certainly half, probably

three fourths of her Congress-

men, and this means endorse-

ment of Speaker Reed and of

the odious Force bill, and of

the stabs of Northern Congress-

men at Southern industries.

Again: The Radical Legisla-

tive means the repeal of Chap-

ter XVII, section 716 and of

chapter XXII, section 819 of

the Code of North Carolina,

which means that chaos, hell

and confusion shall again break

loose and reign supreme in Ber-

keley, Halifax, Craven, Vance,

Pasquotank, Granville, North-

hampton, Hertford, Warren,

Washington, Currituck, Edge-

comb, New Hanover and Wake.

Again: The Radical Legisla-

tive means the defeat of Vance,

and when this tribune of the

people shall fall, this man

who has incurred the dis-

pleasure of hydrocephalic mo-

nopolies and who has grown

old and poor and blind in his

fight for the rights of the op-

pressed against the rich—when

this man falls who will dare to

champion the cause of the poor and needy, seeing how

little the reward for duty done?

In the name of the great

State of North Carolina—her

business relations and her

rising tide of prosperity; in the

name of that Peace and Security

we now enjoy and of that

confidence between white and

black is nearing. It means that

the van guard of the black and

the rear guard of the white

have met. It will reopen the

old wounds of 1868-70. It

will turn the head of the colo-

red man from business to poli-

cies. It will make him insolu-

able and stiffnecked. It will

affect every household in the

State. The farm hand and

nurse, the house maid and

servant, the cook in the kitchen,