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SIXTH YEAR IN ADVANCE.

MORE RECRUITS FOR THE AMENDMENT.

from the political bushwhackers who have been going among them and, as the correspondent of the *Observer* says, filling them with the devil. They are easily stirred up now, more easily than heretofore because they are told that the constitutional amendment is intended to put the shackles on them and that it is simply the preliminary to offensive legislation which is to follow. The following are among the latest. The first is from the *Clarkton Express*:

"Editor Express—I have studied the Amendment very carefully, and with a mind unbiassed by prejudice and unbiased by argument. I have heard it discussed pro and con and I am now ready to endorse it as it now stands revised, and say, 'Sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, I give my heart and hand to this vote.' I write this because in my hesitation to decide on it, it would be before it was revised, I really was opposed to certain features of it. I have been known as an opposer of the Amendment."

"Yours cordially,
JAS. A. GOODMAN."

The following is from the *Salisbury Truth-Index*:

"Mr. John Goodman, of Locke township, who has been a life-long Republican, has renounced the Republican party and expressed his determination to affiliate in the future with the Democrats."

"Mr. Goodman was present last Saturday night at a meeting of the White Supremacy Club in Mr. Sprout's school house, and at the conclusion of Prof. Smoot's speech was called on. Mr. Goodman arose and briefly stated his past and present position with reference to the parties, and said that in the future he would be found fighting with the white men of Rowan."

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PUTTING THE DEVIL INTO THE NEGROES

Since the present campaign opened the Radical stumpers and their Populist associates have done much by their incendiary speeches to make the negroes insolent and aggressive, not only in localities where they are numerous but in some where they are not. We have published several instances where they without provocation have attacked white men, one some time ago in Pitt county where they assaulted a tax collector because he refused to list a negro under age, and later another in the same county where several of them lay in wait for a registrar, who escaped attack only because some white men were watching the negroes and got close enough to the registrar to protect him.

Not long ago a citizen of Davidson county driving on the highway was assaulted by a crowd of rowdy negroes who abused and cursed him, threatened to kill him and might have done so if he had resented their abuse. A few days ago a gang attacked a white man on a public road in Wilson county, dragged him from his wagon, searched his pockets and took from him the little money they found in his pockets.

The latest comes from Shelby, Cleveland county, thus reported in a dispatch:

"Mr. Anderson Howell, a white man, was held up by three negroes in Shelby Tuesday. The negroes saw that he had on a white supremacy button and one of them said: 'Look at that G—d poor white scoundrel! with that button on. He ain't as good as a negro. We are a good mind to kill you and throw you in the creek.' A white man drove up about that time and the negroes fled."

This man's offence was that he was a white man and wore a white supremacy button, which excited the rage of these three cowardly negroes, who fled on the approach of another white man.

Had not this other white man appeared, and had this white man assailed, resented the attack, the probabilities are that these three negroes would have carried out their threat, killed him and thrown him into the creek. It was three against one, and they knew they had him in their power.

Here is another instance of a somewhat similar character, although really more outrageous, an occurrence in Surry county, told by an Elkin correspondent of the *Charlotte Observer*:

"In this section of the State for the past few months it has been a matter of comment that negroes have become quite insolent and the cause of this change is to be found in the fact that they are being backed up by certain fellas who are out and about to get it do not care what means are used. Proof is offered that some renegade white men have been putting the devil into the negroes is shown by a recent occurrence near Elkin. One day last week a crowd of negroes tanked up with mean whiskey, went to the house of an aged and respectable white man named Lyons, in the town of Elkin, Surry county, and demanded that he tell them how he was going to vote on the amendment. When told that he expected to vote for the amendment the negroes got very mad, commenced to curse and abuse the old man and kept it up for some time. They finally left, saying he had best be careful how he voted against them, as they intended to get even with every white man in the county."

This is the result of white men advertising negroes to protect their rights at all hazards and if the white men of the State allow the amendment to be defeated North Carolina will witness many scenes more shameful than this one."

Here we have this outrageous insolence going on in different sections of the State, where the negroes are numerous and where they are few, but they are all characterized by audacity and inspired by the common hatred of the white man who does not agree with and affiliate with them.

This wasn't the case until quite recently. There were bad negroes of course, as there always will be, but a white man could travel on the highways alone and feel pretty secure from assault. It was not considered safe for a lone, unprotected white woman to do that, but white men were seldom maltreated. It isn't so now. Why this change? Why is it that negroes seem to lay in wait on the highways to assault and insult white men, when they feel safe in doing so? It is nothing more nor less than the result of the incendiary harangues they have been listening to.

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ROBESON AROUSED.

Six Thousand People at the Great Democratic Rally at Lumberton Yesterday.

AYCOCK AND GLENN SPOKE.

The Procession—A Thousand Red Shirts in the Parade—Great Barbecue—Beautiful Girls—Fine Music—Cannon Booming.

[Special Star Telegram.]

LUMBERTON, N. C., July 9.—This has been great day for Democracy in this section. The crowd present at the Democratic rally was conservatively estimated at six thousand; both Glenn and Aycock said it was the largest crowd they had spoken to during the campaign and those who have recently attended great gatherings in the State pronounced the one to day the most enthusiastic and best organized assemblage of Democrats that they have seen. Chairman Geo. B. McLean and Col. N. A. McLean, assisted by other party leaders, have made a great fight and confidently expect twenty-five hundred majority for the amendment.

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REVENUE BULLDOZERS.

In an article a few days ago on the part the Revenue officers were taking in trying to intimidate registrars, we referred to the fact that in many counties in the central and western parts of the State they exercised a sort of despotic power and wielded it in the interest of the party to which they are indebted for the offices they hold. The following, which we clip from the *Raleigh News and Observer*, corroborates this and shows the methods some of them are resorting to to force men to vote against the constitutional amendment:

"Chairman Simmons yesterday received a letter from a leading Democrat of Wilkes which shows how the office of revenue officers are using their office to help on negro rule. We make this extract from the letter:

"I read with pleasure your letter to Mr. McKinley. We are to-day faced with a great difficulty in reference to the election. We will give you an instance. I learned that H. M. Parlier, who operates a government distillery, was opposed to the Amendment. Farlier has always voted the Democratic ticket. I saw him in Wilkesboro last week and asked him if it were true that he was opposed to the Amendment. He said: 'No; I am in favor of it, but I don't think we should use it. I would not vote against it.' He said that he had been notified that he would be watched on election day. If he voted for the amendment that a storekeeper and gauger would be sent on him, who would run him out in four days; but that if he voted against the amendment, every favor possible would be shown him. He said that if he voted for the amendment now at this season of the year with the large lot of hope he had on hand that it would ruin him, and under the circumstances he must vote against the amendment. This was said to Mr. W. W. Barber in the presence of James M. Wellborn."

The chairman is believed to be very advanced in his knowledge of the revenue service in this State is a political machine, which is worked in every campaign for the Republican party, and it was never more thoroughly or infamously worked than now. There are hundreds of men acting with the Republican party in this State who were driven into it by these revenue officers.

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PROMINENT LAGRANGE CITIZENS ARRESTED.

It is claimed they are proprietors of alleged fraudulent concern doing business through Wilmington.

THE REGISTRATION CLOSED.

New Hanover is now certain of 3,000 Majority for the Amendment—The Leaders Well Pleased.

AYCOCK SATURDAY.

Thousands of people heard him at Whiteville, in Columbus County.

CAME HERE SATURDAY NIGHT.

Unprecedented Campaigning During the Past Week—A Thousand Red Shirts in Procession—Patterson Accompanies the Governor.

REGISTRATION CLOSED.

Registration closed Saturday at sunset and thanks to the earnest and well directed efforts of white men in every ward and township in the county yesterday, there was a very full registration, and it is now absolutely certain that New Hanover will roll up 8,000 majority and more for the Amendment and State and county tickets on the first Thursday in August. The negro registration was very light and the colored man, as a rule, took no interest and appeared utterly indifferent to the question at stake. Many of the leading negroes are preaching to their followers and have preached it during the past few months that their place for prosperity was out of politics and the advice appears to have been pretty well taken.

The white registration is larger than for the primaries for county and legislative offices several months ago, and this is very encouraging, notwithstanding the seeming carelessness of some white men at the beginning of the period of registration.

Chairman Johnson and prominent members of the Democratic Executive Committee last night, after a thorough canvass of the registration, expressed confidence as highly pleased with the result and confidently confirmed the estimate of the majority made above.

Messrs. Murchison and Taylor were arrested Thursday night by Deputy Marshal Mangum and carried before United States Commissioner Hugh Humphrey of Goldsboro, where they promptly gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 and were discharged. They employed as counsel Messrs. Munro and Daniels, of Goldsboro. Mr. Conoley was at work on the case only two weeks.

The concern began business according to receipt of mail at the postoffice several months ago. Many of the letters were addressed simply to "Cotton," while others were addressed in full. There was quite an accumulation of mail at first, so it is said, but more recently the proprietors of the concern sent for the mail with some degree of regularity.

Messrs. Alexander Sprout & Son received frequent inquiries as to whether they were interested in the "company" and of course replied "no." It is claimed by the prosecution that the location of headquarters for the concern at Wilmington was to have the benefit of the influence of Messrs. Sprout & Son, as the natural inference would be that they or Mr. J. H. Sloan, the only importers in Wilmington, were really in need of men.

It is learned that friends of the two men arrested, claim that Messrs. Murchison and Taylor will find no difficulty in proving themselves innocent of the charge of using the mail for fraudulent purposes at the preliminary investigation.

FIRE THIS MORNING.

Two Story Residence on Walnut Street Partially Destroyed—Several Narratives.

The two-story frame residence, No. 10 Walnut street, owned by Mr. L. Hansen and occupied by Mr. F. L. Manley, was partially destroyed by fire this morning at 1 o'clock, the total damage to the house and furniture being about \$1,000, partially covered by insurance. Two other residences adjoining, No. 107, owned and occupied by Mr. H. G. Smallbone, and No. 111, owned by Peterson & Rulfs and occupied by Mr. Geo. E. Leftwich, were also slightly damaged by fire.

The fire originated in the kitchen and took a rapid flight up the stairs leading from near the kitchen door.

It was well advanced when from inmates of the house attracted the attention of Mr. Geo. W. Brunson, who hastened back to Front and Grace streets and turned in alarm from box 25. When the department reached the scene the house was almost entirely enveloped in flames and the firemen deserve much praise for saving the building at all, to say nothing of the two residences in close proximity.

Mr. P. R. Albright and a Mr. Williamson, an A. C. L. machinist, who were boarding at the house, barely escaped from the second floor. Mr. Williamson lost all his personal effects, saving only a shoe. He was also slightly burned about the face in escaping.

Miss Myer McMannen, of Durham, who was visiting the family, also had a narrow escape.

CAUGHT IN MARION COUNTY.

Negroes Who Attempted to Assault a White Girl at Florence, S. C.

Lynching Threatened.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, secretary of the South Atlantic Lumber Association, yesterday received a telegram in response to an inquiry, stating that at a recent special session at Cordele, Ga., he was given 1,000 majority for the amendment, out of 1,000 white voters. Walter H. Neal, Scotland's peerless leader, was here and helped to warm the occasion with his enthusiasm.

SENT TO CASTLE HAYNES.

County Convicts Have Been Put to Work in Phosphate Mines There.

Thirty-three county convicts have been taken up to Castle Haynes to be used in mining phosphate rock by the Hanover Land and Improvement Company. Business before the association was principally routine and of a private nature. There was nothing for publication.

Died At Southport.

Mr. William Drew, father of Mrs. Alice Thees and an uncle of Mr. Samuel S. Drew, of this city, died at his home at Southport Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, at an advanced age. Mrs. Thees and Miss Carrie Drew, a granddaughter of the deceased, who has been visiting friends in the city, left yesterday morning on the steamer Wilmington to attend the funeral. Other children of the deceased, besides Mrs. Thees, are Messrs. James and Alfred Drew, and Mrs. B. Sophia Wiley, of Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. Fallon Left.

Mr. W. H. Fallon and wife left yesterday morning via the A. C. L. for Grand Haven, Michigan, where he will succeed Mr. G. W. Felger of the Weather Bureau station there. Mr. Felger, as already stated, has assumed charge of the Wilmington station, succeeding Mr. Fallon, who requested a change for the reason that he believed a change in climate would result in benefit to his health.

Death of a Child.

The three-and-a-half-months old son of Capt. and Mrs. P. T. Flowers, of Florence, died yesterday morning of bilious fever at the residence of Mr. W. C. VonGlahn, No. 516 North Third street. The remains were carried to Florence yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock on the W. C. & A. train. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends.

Elected to Texas Parish.

Rev. M. A. Barber, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, has received notice of his unanimous election to the rectorship of St. Mark's parish, San Marcos, Texas. Rev. Mr. Barber has neither accepted nor declined the election as yet, and the numerous friends of himself and family here hope that he may see his way clear to remain here.

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Election on Constitutional Amendment, for State and County Officers, and for members of the Legislature.

Thursday, August