

# The Chatham Recruit

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**THE Senatorial primary** is arousing more interest than the election of Bryan and Stevenson, and will cause a larger vote to be cast in this State for Presidential electors than would be cast if the Senatorial primary was held.

On account of the excitement and intense strain of the late political campaign the Democrats of North Carolina would have taken too little interest in the Presidential election, if they had not been somewhat aroused by the Senatorial primary. Many would vote at the election next month simply because of his interest in the election of his favorite candidate for Senator. In other words, many a man in this State would not vote at all next month, if no Senatorial primary had been ordered.

And yet while this action, while the Senatorial primary will bring out a larger vote for Bryan and Stevenson, yet it will cause the Democrats to fight one another too bitterly, and in the end may possibly do the party more harm than good. Let the conservative element of the party try to restrain the more hot-headed. Let our Democrats bear in mind that the harmony of the party is more to be desired than the success of any individual.

Some Populists say that they will not vote for Bryan this year, as they did in 1888, because they are opposed to the election proposed by an last Legislature.

It is said that a Populist is better than no excuse, but the above excuse for not voting for Bryan is worse than no excuse at all. Of course Mr. Bryan had nothing whatever to do with the enactment of our election law, and is in no way responsible for it. He had no more to do with the enactment of that law than with the election law of the Florida Legislature. It is not only unwise but silly to blame Mr. Bryan for any law passed by any Legislature. Let us leave him alone. He has studiously refrained from taking sides on any question in our State politics. Indeed he has recently been much criticized and even censured for not advocating our suffrage amendment in the speeches which I made on his last visit to this State. And Democrats have urged, because of this, not to vote for him next month. Such Democrats would be as foolish and unwise as the Populists who oppose Bryan because our last Legislature passed an election law which they do not like!

Estimates come which put the estimates for the support of the army and navy for the next year amount to two hundred four million dollars. These estimates were not made by Democrats for political purposes, but are made by the Adjutant General's Secretary of War and the Navy.

If some allowed incredibility the taxpayers of this nation would support a party of an administration that opposes them with such a burden and expense, which is unnecessary. Sending Filipinos is not only unwise but costly.

The expenditures for the army alone last month were made \$15,000,000.

This comes now long made by Mr. Bryan is wonderful. It seems almost incredible that any man can do what he is doing, and it is not for a few days, but after day for weeks. When he was in this State in 1888 we heard him make eight speeches in one day, beginning at Charlotte, and closing at Raleigh, and there was not enough time to break down any man. But it is now of daily occurrence for him to speak at least fifteen times, and twice meet men. It really seems like "ternity" to make any man do much.

Trinity College was given \$100,000 last week by Mr. Washington Duke, of Durham. This added to his previous gifts makes half a million dollars given by Mr. Duke to Trinity, which now has a larger endowment than any other institution of learning in this State.

## Washington Letter.

### Gen. Carr's Care Of Confederates.

From the Boston Post-Dem.

Washington, Oct. 5, 1890.—The battle scene of the campaign has been reached, and the lead has been knocked out of the Republican barrel. Hanna's recent visit to the eastern headquarters of the big trusts filled the barrel to overflowing. In every doubtful State and Congressional district every vote that can be had "o' money" is to be fought. These are not mere assertions. They are hard facts, of which the Democrats have been warned by Chairman Richardson of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and by Mr. Richard Croker of New York, both of whom know of the enormous amount of money secured by Hanna, and judge by the way he spent millions in 1888 how he intends to spend it. It is not necessary to prevent some such sound and well-informed enough to cause a real trouble, but originals in the part of Democrats may easily lessen the number. Though, and still, as every State provides a large penalty for the crime.

There was a noticeable change in the attitude of the Republican managers just as soon as they saw the tip that Hanna had all the money he wanted. First of all, taking hold of the result of the elections, both Presidential and Congressional they began to move, making all the arrangements, as far as they could, to have a new President selected, and the number of Republicans that had been seated.

Both senators of Virginia, called at the Presidential Parliament, were recalled. At noon, excepting against the Republicans, and in its defense, to have a new President selected, and the number of Republicans that had been seated.

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