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Douglass for Elector.

It is gratifying to THE BLADE to learn that the mention of Mr. W. C. Douglass' name in connection with the office of Presidential Elector in this District, is meeting with such warm approval on every hand. If Mr. Douglass is chosen the Democracy may rest assured that every nook and corner of the district will be thoroughly canvassed, and every possible voter will be converted to the doctrine of unadulterated Democracy. Mr. Douglass is an able canvasser, and can be relied upon to do his full duty if chosen for this important position of honor and trust.

Moore County has never enjoyed the honor of having the Elector, and is justly entitled to it this time, and we hope the convention will accord us this honor in the selection of W. C. Douglass.

Mr. Grady and the 3rd Party.

We mentioned in our issue of two weeks since the fact that it was reported here that Congressman Grady was about to go over to the 3rd party, but did not give any credence to the report. We expected Mr. Grady would quickly deny the report after seeing our article, and in this issue we publish a letter from him, which is his explanation of his position. We suppose he stands on the right side of the question.

An Admirable Selection.

THE BLADE is gratified at the following favorable mention of its distinguished friend, Col. J. R. Lane, of Randolph, for legislative honors. No one more deserving or better suited for this position of honor could be found. The Siler City Leader has this to say on the subject:

"Col. John R. Lane is one of the men who is capable of ably representing Chatham county in the Legislature. He possesses the necessary qualifications, being an energetic, shrewd, successful business man, and ever thoughtful of the welfare of his neighbors, a most courteous and polished gentleman, and a man whose very presence would command respect and attention. He would ably represent us if he could be induced to become a candidate. We do not know that he would accept the nomination if it would be tendered him, but let's try him."

We learn that the saw mill and the lumber belonging to the Digs Lumber Company, situated between Colon and Sanford, was destroyed by fire last Friday night. We have not heard whether there was any insurance upon the property. This seems to be an unfortunate location. An explosion there last fall killed two men.—Monroe Echo.

Carnegie, the great Pennsylvania iron baron, who has become many times a millionaire under the infamous robber tariff, last week reduced the wages of his five thousand operatives, and because they would not agree to work at his cut wages, locked them out, and because they would not allow cheap labor to come in and take their places, sent a number of Pinkerton detectives there, who murdered ten or a dozen of the workmen, and wounded about forty others. This does not look like protection increases wages, as the Republicans would make us believe.

Belching at any time is due to indigestion—both are cured by Simmons Liver Regulator.

F. M. SIMMONS ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Of the Democratic State Executive Committee.

Raleigh, July 6.—The Democratic State Executive Committee met this afternoon. The attendance was remarkably large, and all save one of the candidates for State offices were present. There was a discussion of the outlook, and also of the plan of campaign. It was decided that the campaign should be aggressive, and that it ought to begin not earlier than mid-August, though local canvasses could begin sooner. There were bad reports from a few counties, notably Chatham and Vance, as to the extent of the Third party defection. The meeting expressed its intention to carry the State by 20,000 majority for Cleveland and Carr.

The committee met again tonight and devoted itself to the election of a chairman. Ed. Chambers Smith was re-elected but declined to serve. Ex-Congressman F. M. Simmons, of Newbern, was then elected and accepted the position. Ex-Governor Jarvis' name was not mentioned in connection with the position as he had stated that he would not accept it but proposed to do active campaign work. The nominees for offices did not make any suggestions as to the selection of the chairman but left it entirely to the committee.

There was a good gathering of Democrats here to-day. If any of the Third party cranks think the Democracy is not full of earnestness of purpose they are badly mistaken. Timorous people have to take a back seat.

An earnest Democrat called my attention to the fact that this is the year of all the times in the world for an overhauling of the county and township chairman and committees. There are not a few of these in the State, it is whispered, who are not "true-blue." There ought to be great care this year in the selection of registrars of election and the election law ought to be rigidly enforced. The allied forces of the Republicans and the Third party will use all efforts to whip the Democrats in the coming election. The Third party's declarations as to the force bill show that it does not have any feeling against that terrible instrument of fraud and oppression.

The election of Hon. F. M. Simmons as chairman gives general satisfaction. He is recognized as one of the best Democratic workers in the State. His campaign in the second district has proved this. Mr. Simmons will be here next week. The central committee will meet and elect a secretary. Mr. Simmons will establish his headquarters here regularly. The Democrats in the State must aid liberally and heartily with voice, pen and pocket book.

It appears that the Third party State convention will be held somewhere after August 20. Of its putting out a full State ticket there is no doubt. Republicans know that this will be done. They continue divided as to whether they ought to have a ticket. Rollins and Pritchard, of the western district, are red-hot for a State convention. Loge Harris writes them that they are crazy; that if there is no State ticket the darkey will not be an issue, and that Harrison will certainly get the electoral vote. The Republicans are plotting day and night. One of that party's best workers is D. L. Russell.—Cor. Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Grady and the 3rd Party.

Washington, D. C., July 8th. Edr. Blade:—

I enclose you a copy of a letter which explains itself. I do so because, in addition to the frequently expressed desire to know my views on the questions discussed, some of my colleagues urge me to consent to its publication.

Yours very truly, B. F. GRADY.

Washington D. C., July 8th. Col. W. E. HILL, Faison, N. C.

My Dear Sir:— I have just had a pleasant chat with your son, who stopped here on his way to New York, on political conditions in your section, and he advised me to write you my views on the questions now agitating the minds of our people. I have concluded to follow his advice because I am certain that you feel as much anxiety as I do for our children and our state.

As to the general objects aimed at in the St. Louis platform I have no doubt that you and I agree; but we may not be entirely one as to the methods of attaining these objects. Take the ownership of Railroads, for example, and let us compare opinions. Of the 57 railroads in North Carolina, 35 made reports to the State R. R. Commission, in which we find that the managers and employees—not including attorneys, and physicians, and others who depend directly or indirectly on the railroads for their support—number 11,772; and if the other 22 roads had reported, the number would reach 12,000. Now if the Congress should purchase railways, the appointment of these 12,000 able-bodied voters would be thrown into the hands of the President of the United States, with the usual consequence that this number be largely augmented just before elections; and uniting with all the other beneficiaries of Executive favors, they would constitute a dangerous political force in the State. They would exert a powerful influence in county and State conventions; and co-operating with the vast army of their co-beneficiaries in all the other States—some of which have many times more railway employees than North Carolina—they would dictate the renomination and reelection of their benefactor; and we should soon prefer a hereditary monarchy to the intolerable corruptions of our elective system.

The spectacle of 134 Federal officers, as delegates, and 2,000 or 3,000, as strikers, forcing on their party at Minneapolis the renomination of Mr. Harrison, ought to warn us against the enlargement of the Executive patronage.

Those who undertake to fortify their advocacy of the Transportation plank cite the fact that some European governments own and operate the railways in their dominions, and that the system works well. They forget, however, that in those countries there is no quadrennial election of the King or Emperor, inviting fierce and violent struggles for the retention of lucrative places.

The consequences flowing from government ownership of railways seems to have alarmed others as well as myself. The PROGRESSIVE FARMER, of June 28th, advised the Omaha convention to "adopted the first two planks—finance and land"—and leave out the Transportation plank, and the Omaha convention, itself, in its 3rd plank, says:

"Should the government enter upon the work of owning and managing any or all railroads we should favor amendment to the constitution by which all persons engaged in the government service should be placed under civil service regulations of the most rigid character so as to prevent the increase of the power of the national administration by the use of such additional government Employees."

Now, consider this dilemma: Many county Alliances, Sub-Alliances, and District conventions have pledged themselves to

vote for NO MAN who does not accept the St. Louis platform and EVERY PART OF IT; and the candidate for President nominated by the People's Party is required to accept one of its most important planks with a proviso, while the organ of the party in North Carolina advises that that plank should be dropped altogether. Now how can these pledged people vote for Weaver?

The Omaha convention took substantially the position which I have maintained all the time. Amend the Constitution and have all Federal officers and employes elected by the people or selected by competitive examination—the members of the Cabinet, the judges, &c., &c., down to the lowest paid laborer. Do this, and the way will be open for entering upon such reforms as the menace of Executive patronage deters us from now. Then will have passed away the cause of bitter dissensions among our people.

I need not tell you that my warmest sympathies are with the unprotected and despised masses as against the protected and favored classes, but in seeking remedies I must be governed by my conscience and my best judgment. And if I cannot get all I want I will take the best I can get. The Federal despotism controlled by the plutocrats and their beneficiaries and henchmen, re-enforced by all the monarchists in the country, must be checked in its mad career, if civil liberty is to be preserved—or, rather, re-established—for our children. In order, however, to accomplish anything for themselves, our people, in my judgment, must stand shoulder to shoulder. In their anger—justifiable as it is—they must learn to exercise patience and tolerance, and maintain a prudent regard for the consequences of their actions. Suppose that, failing to do these things, the People's Party nominate nine candidates for Congress in North Carolina, and the "straight" Democrats do the same thing, there would be danger of having in the 53d Congress nine republicans from North Carolina to vote with the tyrants and plutocrats, and if other Southern States were equally unwise, Mr. Reed might carry out his threat made before the American club in Pittsburg two years ago. "It seems to me that the only wise course is to take into Federal hands" the election of President and Representatives in Congress. "Let us cut loose from State elections, do our own registration, our own counting and our own certification." Mr. Harrison urged this course in one of his messages, and the Minneapolis platform re-echoes the demand. The result of our discussions, then, might be that we should be bound hand and foot by a tyrannical plutocracy, with no power to rescue ourselves.

Some people are disposed to pooh-pooh the Force Bill, but they have not correctly interpreted the signs of the times. Just as Andrew Carnegie's man Frick brought in a band of armed mercenaries to compel the submission of his discontented laborers, so will what Mr. Kingsbury calls the "money-devil," urged by fear as well as desperation, resort to any affective means of depriving the people of any voice in legislation.

These, my dear colonel, are the views expressed to your son. I have given them to you at his request, and I beg you, if you can see things as I see them, to exert your influence for harmony among the people and against hasty and perhaps dangerous conduct.

Trusting that the God of our fathers may guide us in the path of safety, I am truly your friend, B. F. GRADY.

Henry M. Stanley was defeated for Parliament in a London district by a Liberal opponent.

Mrs. Farmer shot Wesley cleaver dead near Vernon, Tex., while he was preparing to assault her.

Too Much Whiskey.

Big Stone Gap, Va., July 9.— On Saturday night last James Fox, a section-hand on the South Atlantic and Ohio railroad, being through work for the day came to town and bought a pint of whiskey at Alexander Collier's saloon. He drank it up very quickly, and, having decided to see how much he could drink purchased another pint. The third time he drank a pint of brandy. He continued drinking by the pint until about 8 o'clock at which time he went into Collier's saloon again, where some young men were drinking and made the proposition that he could drink a schooner of whiskey. One of the young men, not knowing how much he already drank, told him that if he would drink a schooner they would pay for it. Fox poured the schooner full which the bar-keeper says holds a pint, and drank it as if it were beer, that making the fifth pint he had taken, or nearly three-fourths of a gallon of whiskey in seven hours. Fox stayed around the saloon a short time and then staggered out. When he had gotten about 350 yards away he fell, striking his head against a house. He was carried into the house and a doctor summoned, but no avail, as the man was dead before he arrived.

How the North Carolina Congressmen Regard Weaver's Nomination.

The North Carolina Democrats in the House inclined to rejoice at the nomination of Weaver by the Third party. Your correspondent met Messrs. Williams-Branch and Alexander in a group to day and they all agreed that Weaver's nomination would contribute very much towards unification of the Democracy in North Carolina.

Weaver has a Republican record which must repel Southern Democrats. When he was last in Congress posing as a Democrat, General Henderson, of Iowa, in a speech, ventilated Weaver's political record, much to the annoyance of the present Third party candidate. He showed that Weaver had been a most aggressive Republican, intolerant toward Democrats and proscriptive towards the South; and further, that Weaver did not leave the Republican party until it had rejected his services as a would-be leader. When all the facts as to Weaver's political gyrations of the past are made public it is scarcely likely that he will command much of a following in the South.

Representative Bunn, of North Carolina, has gone home to open the canvass in his district. Representative Henderson is detained here because of his arduous labors in connection with the postoffice appropriation bill. As chairman of the House committee it largely devolves upon him to protect the public interests, and particularly those of the South, in conference.—Richmond Times.

Salem Press: One of the very best signs of the times is the large quantity of clover hay coming to town. There is old worn out land being built up where it comes from and we're glad of it. Our farmers are progressive and are rapidly changing from old rats to a new order of things.

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Whipped by Masked Men.

About six miles from Smithfield, Johnston county, on last Saturday night, a party of men in disguise went to the home of Steve Thompson, a white man, and gave him and his wife a terrible thrashing.

Thompson claims that the men were white and that they disguised themselves by blacking their faces. He states that there were about a dozen in the party and he pretends that he recognized some of them as his neighbors. He made complaint of these facts before Justice F. C. Hyman, at Smithfield, and swore out warrants against one of the wealthiest men in the county and three of his sons.

It was said that the motive for the whipping of Thompson and his wife involve several things effecting their character. It is charged that they are virulent and dangerous people, and that they are firebrands in the community. They are also accused of being of depraved and immoral character and several robberies are laid to their door. The old woman is said to be a perfect virago and is the mother of three negro children.

All these things the community could not endure and the idea of driving them out of the neighborhood. The Messenger's informant says Thompson received a terrible flogging. The stripes laid across his back made a mass of sores that caused him to cry out when he makes an effort to walk. Across his shoulders the flesh is terribly lacerated, and it is said his wife's punishment was little less severe.—Wilmington Messenger.

Charlotte Observer: The little five year old child of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Taylor was found dead in their yard yesterday morning at eleven o'clock. The mother missed the child a short time before eleven, and went out to look for it. She could not find it anywhere, either at home or at the neighbors. As it had been near the stable with several other children, Mrs. Taylor concluded to look for it there. On approaching the stable she saw the child lying face downward on a pile of hay, with one hand under it, and the other across its back. She called it but received no answer, and on hastening to the spot, found to her horror on raising the child that it was dead. Dr. Charles McManaway was summoned, and did everything he could to resuscitate the child, but it was impossible. It was dead. Its sudden death could not be accounted for in any way, as it was apparently perfectly well up to the hour of its death, and had been at play with the other children as usual.

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