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**WILL THE NEGRO VOTE?**

Some of our Northern friends have been discussing the propriety of dividing the colored vote with the democratic and republican parties. Mr. Fred. Douglass contends that colored man should continue to vote solidly with the republican party.—His reasons are many and forcible. There seems to be a more vital question just now to be considered by our republican friends—and that is, will the colored man vote at all? He cannot be convinced that it is right for him to vote the democratic ticket, and has sacrificed everything—even his life—in order to vote the republican ticket, but seeing that his vote is not to amount to anything after these sacrifices, he is caused to consider and ask himself, would it not show better judgment for him to stay away from the polls rather than make so many sacrifices for nothing?

We must say that many of our northern friends talk about us too much to know so little of us. They cannot tell us what is best for us to do. In many localities colored men are not allowed to vote; in other localities their votes are thrown out and not counted. Now what should we do in these cases? It has been published how colored men were prevented from voting in Norfolk, Va., very recently. That is one of the most common practices in North Carolina: challenging, hindering in every conceivable way, so as to prevent their voting.

In is now a question, should and will the colored man vote under such circumstances? Is it wise in him to persist in sacrificing friendship, time, and even life, when there is no hope of good resulting from it? The colored man is not much of an officeholder, and when he wishes to hold an office, we often find white republicans uniting with democrats, or hiring other colored men to run, so as to defeat all colored aspirants. And if one is elected in defiance to the wishes of white republicans, if it is a bonded office, the moneyed men of the party refuse to go on his bond, and this last extreme is resorted to to cheat us out of our votes. And will the colored man still persist in voting?

Yes, he will vote. The masses will continue to vote, even though they know not what they vote for. In North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, the colored man votes, but in South Carolina and Georgia it is only parts of the State in which he votes. Let our good northern friends set aside the effects of the eight box system in the Carolinas, and the prejudice of our own party leaders against worthy men on account of color, and let them advise us how to get our ballots in and counted, and we assure them the ballots will be of the right kind. The question with us is: How can we get our votes in and counted as we cast them? We are not contemplating a change yet. The principles of the republican party are good enough for us yet, even though some of the leaders are unworthy their places.

As between republicans and democratic parties, there is only one choice for a colored man to make; but in many other contests we have, in which there is no politics, then the colored vote should be divided like other men, according to their interests.

**ENFORCING A BAD LAW.**

Elsewhere we publish an article headed, "Excitement in Lexington." The article is taken from the daily Chronicle, and is supposed to be true in every particular. This article shows that a white woman of respectable family was forced to commit murder. Forced by public sentiment, backed by the law of the State.

The woman must have loved the

man; but the law says she cannot marry him. The result is, she is ruined, the family disgraced, and the man flees the county for fear of lynch law. The expenses of the trial are not worthy of consideration in connection with these great evils.

That is an unjust law that prohibits one from marrying the person of their choice. The makers of this law say by their acts that it is better for this disgrace and trouble to come to this family than for that woman to have married the father of her child.

But notice another feature of this article: the names of the father and mother are published, and the father flees the county to save his life.—How many illegitimate children of colored mothers in this town and country whose fathers are white men moving in the best social and business circles? If the law is just why not enforce it against such as these? "I will visit the sins of the fathers unto the children of the third and fourth generation of them that hate me," says God. Do the white men of the country believe this? Then what unbearable loads of sin they are heaping up for their posterity. We believe God's law to be just, and more sure of execution than the black laws of North Carolina.

We have in mind another case of murder which occurred in South Carolina but a few months ago. A white man showed too much familiarity with a colored man's lover, the colored man objected and was shot dead. This occurred at a colored festival. We noticed too much familiarity by a few white men at a colored festival in this city last week. The virtue of our women should not be bartered off for a few dollars. We could write a volume on what we saw at that festival last week, but those concerned may imagine what we would say. We want no social mixing of the races while there is a law against it. We want to see white men exposed and punished as colored men are. We want to see colored women punished as white women are. It is unfair to the white women and the colored men. The white men deceive and wrong the white women in order to shield themselves. Men are allowed to do as they please, and will not execute a law against themselves; but as soon as one of their women goes wrong in the same way, they either hang the colored man or put the woman in jail. If that be law, is it fair and just to execute it against one and not the other?

**REPUBLICAN PAPERS.**

"We hear that Mr. V. C. Dockery will start a republican paper at Rockingham, Richmond county. It will be a good one. It is rather a healthy sign to see so many republican papers shooting up in North Carolina. It shows that there is a demand among the white people for local republican journals. The county government question, and the oppression by magistrates and county commissioners have done the work for democracy in North Carolina.

"The local demand for a mouth-piece to talk against county ring rule and bossism shows how great is the change among white people. Recently new papers have been started at Boone and Troy. There are now 18 republican papers printed in this State, as against 5 two years ago. This speaks for itself."—North State.

Yes, there is a demand for local republican papers in different parts of the State, but the North State seems to fall in the same ditch that the Signal fell in some time ago. Colored newspapers are not taken into consideration when the time comes for them to receive aid from the State or National committee. We don't know the time in the last six years when there were less than five colored papers in the State, and they are generally republican. The North State and the Signal don't seem to count colored papers as republican papers, but they will be counted as such, all the same, not so much by the new converts, but by the solid, black republicans of the State.

We have no objection to republican papers springing up to advocate the principles of the party. There has been a demand among the colored people for local republican journals for some time, and colored men have made sacrifices to supply the demand, and have had but little encouragement from white republicans. Next year is the great political year, and money

will be spent by the National and State committees to encourage republican papers. We rather suspect that the springing up of so many white republican papers just now is more an indication of newspaper money hunters than a change in the politics of the white people.

The colored editors of North Carolina want to see the Republican party succeed, because we are republicans. We want to see no white man's republican party, and we are going to be respected by the leaders, or we will "hands off." Now, let us have republican papers in every county, but let us not forget and neglect "the old for the new."

**EXCITEMENT IN LEXINGTON.**

**Sarah Warner Charged with Killing Her (Colored) Child and is Lodged in Jail.**

Special Telegram to the Chronicle.

LEXINGTON, N. C., Nov. 26.—Considerable excitement was created here this morning when it was learned that Sarah Warner, a young white woman, daughter of Lewis Warner, a respectable and well-to-do farmer, living some seven miles from Lexington, had been committed to jail here for the brutal murder of her own (colored) child. It seems that Sarah Warner had given birth to a negro child, some two months or so ago, this so enraged her father and the family that he told her repeatedly that the child could not remain there. She, some two weeks ago, left home, taking the child with her. She remained away a day and night, they think, and then returned without the child. This naturally aroused suspicion and inquiries were made of her what she had done with the child. She replied that she had given it to its father, a colored man named Charlie Hanes, to take care of. This allayed suspicion to some extent for a time, but recently some one had seen the negro Hanes in Winston or Greensboro, he having left the county for fear of lynching, and he denied having the child in his possession. This caused renewed sensation in the neighborhood and diligent search was instituted which resulted in finding the mutilated remains of the child some half a mile from Lewis Warner's house in a thicket where it had been killed and buried in the sand. The dogs had torn it up, but it was, I learned, fully identified as the lost child.

The above facts I get from Coroner Hedrick, who, with magistrate Helmsfelder, last night investigated the case and committed the woman to jail to await the action of the grand jury. Court meets here December 5th.

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Lv Bennettsville,	8:45 a.m.		2:45 p.m.
Ar Maxton,	11:20		4:25
Lv Maxton,	11:30		5:20
Ar Fayetteville,	1:30 p.m.		8:30
Lv Fayetteville,	2:00		8:00 a.m.
Ar Sanford,	4:05		12:00 m.
Lv Sanford,	4:15		1:05
Ar Greensboro,	7:25		6:50
Lv Greensboro,	10:10 a.m.		
Ar Pilot Mountain,	2:45 p.m.		
Passenger and Mail—dinner at Fayetteville			
TRAINS MOVING SOUTH.			
Lv Pilot Mountain,	4:00 p.m.		
Ar Greensboro,	8:15		6:00 a.m.
Lv Greensboro,	9:50 a.m.		12:00 m.
Ar Sanford,	12:55 p.m.		1:30 p.m.
Lv Sanford,	1:15		6:00
Ar Fayetteville,	3:20		6:00 a.m.
Lv Fayetteville,	3:30		9:20
Ar Maxton,	5:15		10:03
Lv Maxton,	5:25		12:45 p.m.
Ar Bennettsville,	7:00		12:45 p.m.
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WESTBOUND TRAINS.			
	No. 1.	No. 3.	
May 16, 1887.	Daily ex. Sunday.	Daily ex. Sunday.	
Leave Raleigh (R & A),	7 25 A.M.	8 00	7 00 P.M.
Wilmington,	11 30		
Maxton,	12 50 P.M.	2 33 A.M.	
Hamlet,	2 15		
Wadesboro,	4 32	6 55 arrive	
Charlotte,	4 17		
Lincolnton,	7 40		
Shelby,	9 10		
Arrive Rutherfordton,	9 10		

EASTBOUND TRAINS.

	No. 2.	No. 4.	
May 16, 1886.	Daily ex. Sunday.	Daily ex. Sunday.	
Leave Rutherfordton,	7 15 A.M.		
Shelby,	8 48		
Lincolnton,	10 07		
Charlotte,	12 02 P.M.	8 45 P.M.	
Wadesboro,	2 30		
Hamlet,	3 38	1 55 A.M.	
Maxton,	5 20		
Arrive Wilmington,	9 05	8 00	

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