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Republican County Ticket.

Senate.—R. E. McDonald. House.—J. M. Creighton, Eli Hinson, F. D. Davis. Register of Deeds.—R. H. W. Barker. Sheriff.—M. A. Dalin. Surveyor.—D. C. Flow. Coroner.—C. A. Frazier. Tax Collectors.—W. G. Ford.

FORD vs. COOPER.

The republicans of Mecklenburg county have been troubled with three candidates for tax collector. The favorite candidates are W. G. Ford and T. S. Cooper. McMatthews is running in the lower end of the county, but it is not thought he will carry off many votes.

Mr. Cooper was put on the republican ticket as an independent democrat, and that offended Mr. Ford and a number of old line republicans, and Ford was persuaded to run as an independent republican. He has the support of such republicans as Col. W. R. Myers, Judge W. P. Bynam, A. Brady, Gen. R. Barringer, H. B. Kennedy, J. M. Goode, L. P. Perry and J. T. Schenck. Mr. Cooper has the new converts and the professional politicians, who are for Cooper for revenue only.

We have favored Mr. Ford from the beginning, but preferred to keep it out of the paper for the good of the party. We have thought much of the situation and as the time has come for us to take a stand on one side or the other, we freely and unhesitatingly declare for W. G. Ford.

Mr. Ford has been a life-long, consistent republican, and because he is a poor man, was slaughtered in the

convention by Cooper money. Many slanderous false charges have been created and brought up against Mr. Ford, some of Cooper's canvassers even going so far as to charge him with being a murderer. Such lies are disgusting to thinking men and are making votes for Ford.

We are told that we should support Cooper because he is on the ticket. In the first place there was a distinction in the fraudulent convention when the ticket was made. All were nominated except Cooper, and he was endorsed. Calvin was emphatic in reading the report. Then Cooper was not a republican at that time, and when republicans are ignored, voters are left to select such democrats as suit them best, and this paper prefers to make no choice of democrats, and when there is no republican to vote for we vote blank, as we have done heretofore. In this case we have selected an old line, true and tried republican to vote for against two democrats.

It is urged by Cooper's republican friends that it will injure the State and National ticket to vote for Ford. This is not true. The canvass for the two candidates has only served to arouse and bring out a fuller republican vote, if it has had any effect. It will take no votes from the Legislature or the remainder of the county ticket, for Ford will not trade with democrats by having his name on any except the republican ticket.

The canvass on the republican side has been a factional one; and while the county candidates have been forced by the committee to ignore Ford and all his friends, and while Ford's friends work for the balance of the ticket, all who do not fall in line for Cooper at the behest of the boss, is branded a democrat and the like. We will not be driven out of the party by men who force democrats on us contrary to our wishes and who are in the hire of the democratic party. We are sticking to the republican principles and republican nominees. When Harrison is elected, as he will be on next Tuesday week, we will be satisfied.

When we see the best republicans in the party revolting against Cooper and the policy that put him on the people, what can we do but stand by our own record and by the true men of our party and by the platforms and principles of our party. We could not support Cooper if we wanted to, after holding him up to the people as we have the last two years.

What is Cooper's record since the colored people of this county elected him sheriff two years ago? How has he treated prisoners? How has he treated white republicans and how has he treated colored men? When has he ever appointed a colored man on jury or deputy or anything else he had an opportunity to do? He has had the appointing of several venires, the tax collectors, bailiffs and the like and how does he deserve the support of the republican party?

Cooper does not deserve the colored vote and we advise all colored voters to vote the republican ticket from Harrison down to township constable, but in this county vote for W. G. Ford for tax collector. There is a chance of electing Ford. If he gets the bulk of the colored vote he will be elected; for democrats will vote for Cooper and he will thereby cut down Torrence's vote. Let republicans rally to Ford and he will be elected.

CHURCH SCHOOLS.

A church, like a race of people, should not be content till its institutions and general conditions are as near equal the best as is reasonable to hope for. One church should not depend upon another any more than one man on another. Taking this view of the matter, nearly all the different denominations in this State have church schools. The Baptists have Shaw University at Raleigh; the Presbyterians, Biddle University at Charlotte for boys, and Scotia Seminary for girls, at Concord; the Episcopalians, St. Augustine at Raleigh; the M. E. church, Bennett at Greensboro; the A. M. E. church have theirs at Kittrells; Zion church, Livingstone College at Salisbury.

Only the Presbyterians have separate schools for male and female, and for that reason alone nearly as many

girls attend Scotia as all the other schools combined. They are not all Presbyterian girls, but many of them become Presbyterians afterwards. Many Methodist parents send their daughters to Scotia because they do not believe in the co-education of the sexes. There is a difference of opinion on this question, and while we may not discuss it here, we do not hesitate to say that it is a fact that many of our best men think that way and many of our best girls are getting away from us because we will not see the facts as they are.

The one fact that the white people with their great advantages of home training and race pride, have but few mixed high schools, is evidence to us that it is not well for us in the face of our undisciplined mixed society. As a race we need all the safeguards we can possibly have thrown around us. Separate schools are not only safer, but better and cheaper. A girl has more time to study and less to spend in writing notes and in socials, when she is at a separate school. It does not take so much to dress a girl nor a young man at a separate school. We will not discuss the matter here, but ask Zion ministers to prepare the way for a female seminary in this State.

DOCKERY'S CHANCES.

Dockery's chances for election are brighter than any republican's has been in this State since 1872. So far as the votes being cast is concerned he is all right. He will have 25,000 votes to spare and if he is not declared Governor, we have the worst lot of thieves and ballot box robbers in the country. We do not believe that. We believe the honest white men of North Carolina will see to it that the choice of the people as expressed by their votes on election day shall be properly registered. We do not believe that the honest white men who vote for Dockery themselves will abandon the fight until the votes are properly counted and properly recorded.

In all the papers, in all our correspondence and in all our travels we find a great uprising for Dockery. He is personally strong with the people. He is running against an unpopular and weak man in his own party, and if every republican will go to the polls and vote for Dockery he will surely be elected. The white men of central North Carolina are about equally divided between Dockery and Fowle and democrats vote for Fowle simply because he is the party nominee. They abused him roundly before he was nominated. Fowle's connection with the Raleigh bank and the special tax bonds and other matters the people of Charlotte know of makes him weak and unpopular. Dockery will be elected.

A Nut For Fowle to Crack.

I have never owned a special tax bond, nor had any interest in one either directly or indirectly. I am to-day opposed to their payment, or to any negotiation or legislation looking to any future arrangements whereby they may be paid or their value in any way enhanced.

If elected Governor, I shall use all my influence, personally as well as official, to defeat, by any honest means, the present suits brought by special tax bondholders against the State and should others be instituted, I shall defend the state against them with all the vigor I have.

I have never seen or had any intercourse with Hon. L. P. Morton, or any one else interested in these suits. In fact, I have no recollection of ever having seen any of them at all, except, it may be, Mr. A. H. Temple, the North Carolina plaintiff who, by the way is a democratic Federal official. I may have been introduced to him. While upon this subject, let me call your attention to the fact, that there is not a single republican politician whose character was besmirched by the corruptions of that rank epoch, but who has been relegated to the shades of private life, and most of them are insolvent.

That there has not been a campaign in the State since then including the present, in which the democratic party has not delighted to honor men who have handled and owned hundreds and thousands of these corrupt bonds, and whose names have attained a bad preeminence in the reports of the Bragg committee and fraud commission. That United States senators, judges of the Supreme Court, and governors have been made, and are still proposed to be, out of such material. I repeat: I opposed the issue of bonds under it. I am opposed now, and shall continue to oppose any

negotiation or legislation, looking in any way to their betterment. I have never, in any way, lawful or unlawful, honest or dishonest, given them countenance or support. Can and will my competitor, Mr. Fowle, say the same? —Extract from Dockery's letter.



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