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NO DECENT MAN CAN FOLLOW SPENCER ADAMS.

His Selection as Leader in the Republican Party Disgusts Every Man Except Those Who Approve of Judges Who Extenuate the Crime of Rape.

In the year 1898, when the Republicans and Fusionists controlled the Legislature, the Governor and most of the county officers, Terror walked aboard in North Carolina. No man or woman with any memory can forget those days and nights of horror. Women who lived in the rural districts were afraid to visit a neighbor and in some parts of the State men did not dare to leave their families after dark. In the city of Wilmington, wholly under Republican rule, white girls were pushed off the side walk by negro policemen and thieves and thugs stood in no fear of the law. The only protection men in North Carolina had was in their own right arm and they had to go armed to protect their women.

That was only ten years ago. In the midst of that Reign of Terror, near the city of Wilmington where nothing but fire and blood ended the nightmare of Republican rule, in the county of Columbus, in the month of August, a Republican Superior Court Judge opened court. The tension was great. The baser negroes felt that they could do as they pleased and meaner white men upheld them in their deviltry. At that moment, when every good man in the State was straining every nerve to end that condition of terror and fear, Judge Spencer B. Adams delivered a charge to the grand jury that outraged every true man in the court house and when printed stirred the indignation of every good man in the State. As reported in the Whiteville News that charge was one of the culminating Republican atrocities that drove that rotten party out of power in disgrace.

In the year 1908—just ten years later—the Republican party, now claiming to have disinfected itself, comes forward and asks to be given power. What fruits meet for repentance does that party which disgraced the State ten years ago bring forth that are meet for repentance? Here is what they offer: They have chosen as State Chairman the Superior Court Judge who has the notorious reputation of being the only judicial officer in North Carolina who has made a vicious political speech from the bench, upholding the infamous Legislatures of 1897, culminating in extenuating the crime of rape committed by members of his political party. The elevation of Spencer B. Adams (who thus disgraced the bench and dishonored the white blood in his veins) as Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee shows that the Republican party leadership in North Carolina in 1908 is the same old gang it was in 1898 when Chairman Adams was, as a judge, extenuating the crime of rape and praising the disgraceful Fusion Legislature! No man who was a voter in 1898 has forgotten the crimes that caused the people to rise up and expel Adams and Manly and the other extenuators of the crime of rape from power and to declare that North Carolina should be free from such vicious and unworthy leaders. The Wilmington people burned Manly's printing office and drove him out of the State. Spencer Adams, whose charge was as infamous as Manly's article was outrageous, was allowed to remain in a State whose ermine he had disgraced. With what result? The Republican party has put Adams at the head of

the party. He is recognized by the Republican administration as distributor of patronage in North Carolina. No man can get a postoffice unless he bows the knee to Adams, whom Colonel Bernard, the veteran editor of the Wilmington Star, calls "the rape extenuating judge." He nominated Cox (the pass tater, the man who opposes rate regulation, the head of the hobbin trust and the Piedmont agent of Southern Railway) for Governor because Cox has boodle and will put it up. He filled the State ticket with men who either held office with Russell and Jim Young and made a Reign of Terror or apologized for them. He nominated in a secret caucus Stamp Licker Briggs for Congress in the Raleigh district. He is the boss of the North Carolina Republican party today. He has never apologized for his praise of the corrupt Fusion Legislatures. He has never apologized for voting against the suffrage amendment when he wished to keep every ignorant negro to vote to continue his party in power. He is the same Radical politician today that he was in 1898.

It is because Adams stands for the Radical party of 1894-1896-1898 that disgraced the State that the gang made him Boss.

It is because the people of North Carolina will not tolerate a return to another Reign of Terror that they will support no candidates who have the "O.K." of the "rape extending judge." The man who could deliver that charge is not fit to be trusted North Carolina affairs, and everybody know he been elected chairman because the Republican party of 1908 is the same party whose evil deeds and debauchery caused its defeat in 1898.

"Lest we forget." It is well not to forget the infamous charge by Judge Adams in Columbus county in 1898. It was published in the Whiteville News, edited by a man of high character, and nobody has ever dared to deny its truthfulness. The report in the News printed in Aug. 1898 is as follows:

"The August term of the Superior Court convened in the court house here Monday morning at 11 o'clock. His Honor, Judge Spencer B. Adams, arrived on the morning train from the South. Solicitor Scawell was present representing the nominee of the Populist and Republican parties for judge of this district.

His Honor's charge to the jury we will do him the justice to say, was the best (being the only) political speech we ever heard delivered from the bench. We have been reporting court proceedings here for about six years and in that time a number of judges have been here whose political affiliation differed from ours, but we have had no occasion to refer to any of them in uncomplimentary terms. We regret the necessity for doing so now.

But when a man clothed with the judicial ermine takes advantage of his position on the bench to abuse and to vilify as good people as there are in the State and to mix his personal rancor with his instructions of the law, we think it our duty, as a faithful chronicler of events, to publish the fact.

The first point in his political speech was to pay his respect to folks who were going up and down the country abusing people about the way they cast their ballots. This came under the

head of "intimidating voters." and was evidently intended for the Democratic speakers who are now canvassing the State, as neither of the other political parties have begun their canvass yet. His second political point was under the head of a defense of the last Legislature, saying that if it had done nothing else but pass the law in regard to embezzlement by public officials, administrators, executors, etc., which he was then discussing, it would have been worth all it cost the State.

He reached the climax, however, when he came to discuss fornication and adultery. He said that "nine times out of ten, if you will chase down the fellows who are going about trying to stir up race prejudice, you will find them sleeping with a negro woman. When we consider that perhaps as good people as there are in the State are going about stirring up race prejudice, as he would doubtless call it, his statement becomes a most sweeping vilification and one which cannot be properly characterized in temperate language. And he said this with a kind of remember the Maine expression on his countenance, which seemed to indicate his regret that there was not a law by which Democratic speakers and papers could be stopped from telling the people of the foothold which negro supremacy had obtained under the present administration.

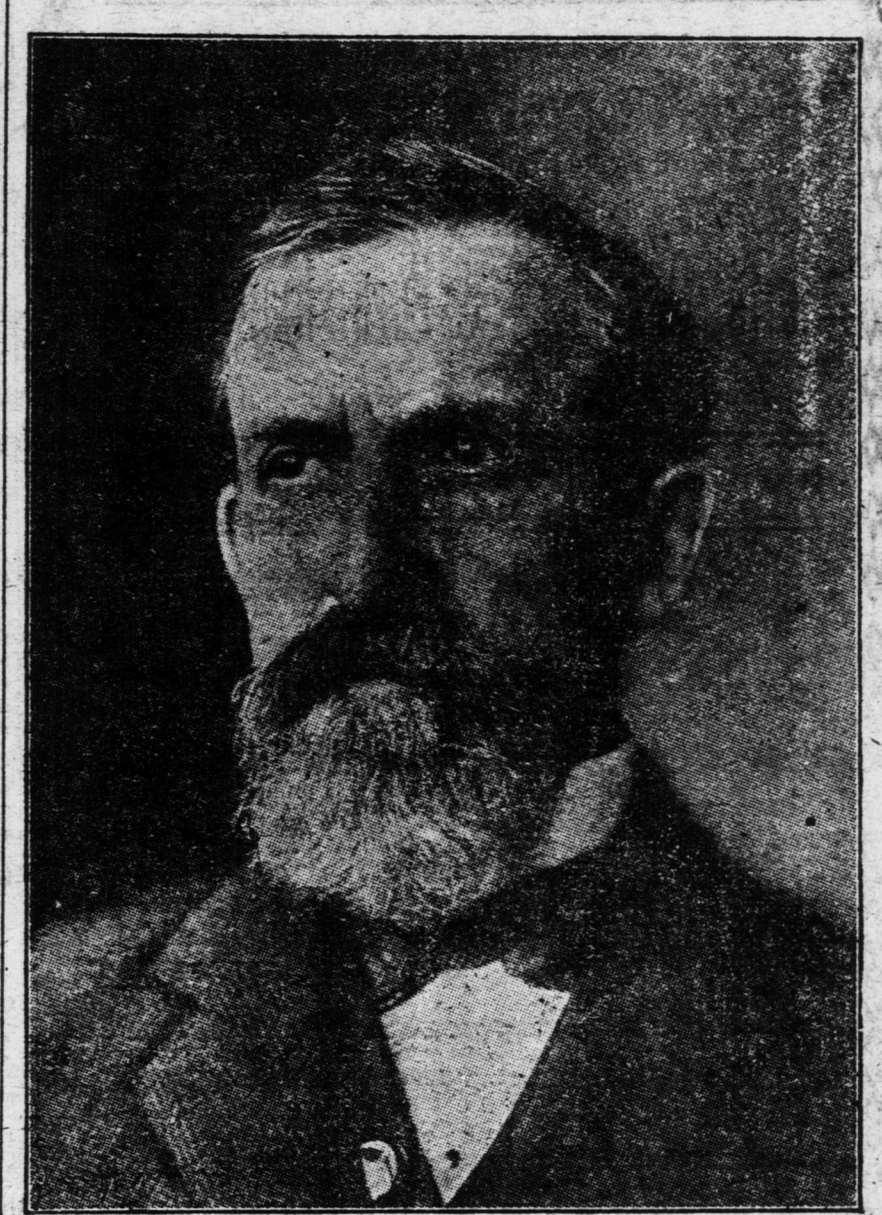
"And this was not all. Proceeding to the question of rape, he argued to the jury that it was a lesser offense than seduction, because the only difference was he said, that one was committed by force and the other by fraud. It required some courage for the former. He illustrated his position by saying he had rather his purse was stolen by a highwayman than by deception. We may not be surprised that assaults upon white women by brutes—the lowest crime in the eyes of the law as well as of men to which it is possible for human depravity to descend—are so alarmingly on the increase when a judge on the bench attempts to minimize its heinousness and argues to a grand jury that it is less a crime than one for which the most extreme penalty is a term in the penitentiary.

"We are informed that Judge Adams never practiced law and that he was clerk of the court of Caswell county when he was called to our 'nonpartisan judiciary.'

"His Honor received just a few days ago from the Republicans of his district, the renominated for the position he now holds, and this was, perhaps, his opening campaign speech."

Men of North Carolina: In 1898 the man who made the charge was kicked from the bench by the voters of this state. In their righteous indignation against Adams and others who disgraced the State, the men were aided by the good women who knew that they had the deepest stake in driving out of power the gang that made the brutes feel they could do as they pleased.

"Lest we forget"—lest voters who were boys then—do not recall the infamous charge of Adams and the conduct of leaders of the Republican party, the above extract from what transpired in 1898 is printed here. No man who could vote in 1898 and who voted against Adams and the others of the gang will vote the Republican ticket in 1908. Young men who could not vote then should know to what depths Adams descended when he was appealing to the horde of ignorant voters in the State. Because of these young voters the above disgraceful chapter in our judi-



Hon. John W. Kern, Democratic candidate for Vice President, who will speak at the Great Piedmont Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1908. He will be introduced by Governor, and one hundred of the most distinguished men in the country will be seated on the platform with him.

cial annals is reprinted this year to show the young voters that THE leader of the Republican party today is the man who soiled the ermine by his "rape extenuating charge in 1898."

If the Republican party in North Carolina had reformed they would not have put such a man as Adams in charge of their party. When they kick out Adams and every other leader who helped to make the Reign of Terror when the Republicans were in charge in 1895-'99 then the Republicans may make some claim to trying to be "respectable." But as long as they keep Adams as Boss and name the sort of cattle who compose most of their county tickets—as long as the odor of Fusionism is on their garments as the stink shows is the list to day—just that long will the decent people of North Carolina know, to quote Vance, that "the Radical party now is the same old coon as in 1868-'69 except it has one more ring around its tail."—News and Observer.

A Trust-Ridden Party.

Of course the head of the Steel Trust makes a speech lauding the President. Of course young Goelet has been named by the Rhode Island Republicans as a candidate for presidential elector. The trusts are for the President and the party is glad enough to bestow its honors upon the scions of the millionaire families; it needs campaign funds, and it does not limit to \$10,000 the amount it will accept from one person.

Republican Value of Money.

The most self-satisfactory argument of Republican organs and orators with which they back up their assertion that Bryan cannot get votes enough to elect him is based on the allegation that he cannot raise the necessary money. They do not appear to care for the implication of cash control that follows this line of controversy.

Mr. Kitchin aptly says: "If it happens under a Democratic administration it's a panic, but if it happens under a Republican administration it's a financial disturbance."

Do you take the Democrat?

How He Got in the Circus.

A certain negro boy who loafs much on the streets of Statesville but now is employed by a Statesville gentleman to take care of his horse played quite a trick on some negro "crap shooters" the day Robinson's circus was here. The day after the show the negro told the gentleman for whom he works how he got in the show, related in the following dialogue:

Negro—"Boss where was you just before the show opened yesterday?"
W—"I was over at the show grounds, but why do you ask?"
N—"I just looked and looked for you to get a half dollar to go in the show but I could not find you and I did not see nothing of you till I got in the show,"
W—"You got in there did you?"
N—"Yes, sir, boss!"
W—"How did you get in?"
N—"You won't tell anybody if I tell you will you?"
—"No."

"Well sir boss, I knew where three negroes 'shooting craps' in the bushes on the other side of Mr. Kincaid's factory and I knew where there was a shot gun, so I went and got the shot gun, slipped up in the bushes near the negroes and shook them a little and those negroes jumped up and I hollered 'halt!' just like Chief Connor."

"Those negroes started to run and I shot up in the air, then they just fairly flew, then I walked on down where they were playing and I found \$1.75 and went and put up the shot gun and went to all the show,"—Mascot.

That is good news that Rev. W. B. North, who has been a member of the St. Louis Conference for eighteen years, is to return to North Carolina. He is a scholar, an author, and a preacher of ability. He is the best North Carolina stock and will be warmly welcomed back to his native State.

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