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## A TRAGEDY OF WOMAN AND MAN.

It has required this campaign to disclose the true character of Oliver Dockery. He has been known for many years as a rather cunning demagogue, who has no nice scruples about truth telling; but nobody had supposed he was capable of reaching the depths which he has sounded since the present campaign commenced. He was well born, well educated, and his associations have been with decent people. These facts it might be supposed, apart from his knowledge of the genius of our people, would have rendered a woman's reputation safe in his hands; but so far from it, he is the first man in the history of our State to get on the stump and assail with black-guard tongue a woman, and that woman the wife of the President of the United States.

And yet it is charged in the North that freedom of speech is not allowed to Republicans in the Southern States. In how many Northern States would this style of campaigning be tolerated?

Oliver Dockery charges in his speeches that Mrs. Cleveland "kisses negro wenches." He says he read it in a Democratic paper. Supposing he did, he knows it is not true. But to excite the coarse laughter of his negro audiences he repeats the charge from stump to stump.

Some doubt as to the result of the election might have been entertained by some Democrats heretofore, but there is no longer any reason to apprehend the election of Oliver Dockery to the governorship of North Carolina. He has shown the stuff he is made of, and our people never have elected a man of that fibre to sit in the Executive chair at Raleigh. They have sent at times low men to the Legislature and even to Congress; and have put them in other offices, but they have always had a proper pride in their Governor, and no black-guard has ever filled the Executive chair. Gov. Holden

was not a man after the hearts of our people, but he was elected while many of the best men of the State were yet disfranchised; Gov. Caldwell was very obnoxious to the white masses, but neither he nor Holden, on the stump or elsewhere, ever violated the common decencies of life. Dr. York was pitched on a lower key than any man who had ever run for Governor of this State up to the time he ran, but Dr. York would blush to prefer the charges which Oliver Dockery makes from day to day without an evidence of inward shame. The man who drags the name of a modest, innocent and lovable woman into the dust and dirt of the political arena and casts aspersions upon it will never be Governor of North Carolina. God Almighty has implanted in the breasts of the white men of this State a spirit which will cause them to see to it that no such disgrace ever comes upon us as a people.

As a companion piece to this falsehood, Dockery is in the habit of repeating that other falsehood that the President on one occasion had the negro Fred Douglass and his wife to dinner at the White House. This has been denied by a card over the signature of Col. Lamont, the President's private secretary, which card was published in this paper and many others, two years ago. The simple truth of this matter is that the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia, an office which Douglass then held, was invited with all the other officials of the District, to a reception at the White House where the guests merely passed in and out. There was no dinner about it. The reception was of a sort which the Governor of North Carolina might properly hold and which negroes might properly attend. It was purely formal and had no social feature at all; yet Dockery relates how Mrs. Douglass sat on the right of the President at dinner and Douglass on the right of Mrs. Cleveland; and all this he tells to delight the negroes, though he knows as well what the truth is as he knows that he is living, or as we know that he will live to see the back of his head before living to be Governor of North Carolina.

Along with these recitals he tells his audiences that Cleveland is in favor of mixed schools, and that while Governor of New York he signed a bill passed by the Legislature putting the white and colored children of the State into the same schools together. In a letter over his own signature the President has stated (and the letter has been published far and wide) that the only school bill he signed while Governor of New York was one separating the races in the public schools of the city of Brooklyn, they having up to that time attended the same

schools together.

It would be charity to Dockery to suppose that he is merely a fool—that he is talking without knowing anything of what he is talking about; but he is not a fool at all, on the contrary he is a man of sense; of intelligence, of acquaintance with public affairs; and being such a man there is no escape from the conclusion that he is wickedly and deliberately falsifying facts for his own selfish ends.

We invite the people of North Carolina to look upon the Republican candidate for the high office of Governor. Do you like him? Are you willing that a man whose neck by known falsehood to bring shame upon a respectable woman, who seeks by known falsehood to make it appear that the President of the U. S. believes in and practices social equality—are you willing that a man of this stamp shall succeed the pure, the high-minded Seales in the governorship of your State? If you are worthy of the ballot you would walk twenty miles to vote against him and exempt it a privilege—*Landmark*.

Triplet N. C.  
Sept. 1st, 1888.

Ed. Democrat:

Having read your much esteemed paper for some time and seeing nothing from Elk Township, I desire to ask space for a few lines. Politics is on a boom every where, Elk not an exception. The Democratic party seems to be gaining ground every where. No democrats are going to the republicans while many republicans are seeing the exit of their way and turning. I am unable to see how all who love prosperity more than party can keep from turning. Cleveland and Fowle and liberty and low taxes, is our motto on Elk.

We have supported Northern monopolies and manufacturers as long as we are willing to. The time has come when we are forced to advocate our own interests regardless of party. I am glad we find our interests fully protected under Democratic rule. I earnestly appeal to every thinking man, through whose veins flows Anglo-Saxon blood to unite regardless of party and elect the Democratic ticket from Cleveland to the most humble office in the land. I appeal, especially to the young men of our country to think well before voting the republican ticket.

I warn the young men too to beware of the Prohibition party, which is only a trap to catch Democrats for the aid of the republicans. Our interests will be best served and protected by re-electing Grover Cleveland, so let nothing drive us from this. Let every one do his part and victory is ours.

Our Primary meeting will be held Friday Sept. 14th, at L. E. Davis's at 2 o'clock p. m. at which time we desire to organize a Cleveland and

Fowle Club. We would be pleased to have Capt. Lovill and the Ed. of the DEMOCRAT present to speak for us. Please answer through your columns whether you can attend or not.

Good Democrat.

Sparta N. C.

Aug. 28th, 1888.

Editor Watauga Democrat:

I hope you will find space in your worthy paper, for a short letter. I feel it to be the duty of some one to speak out before the Baptist of this country are divided again, we are just on the eve of dividing, lets see if peace can't be restored. We prospered, were in peace, preached the same doctrine, and were in fellowship, until recently. Who has changed? It is those who tell the people that Christ only died for a part of mankind, and that our destiny was fixed before the creation, and tell us we are dead, deaf, dumb and blind, and tell the sinner that if he be one of the elect, he will be brought in at the proper time, and if he ever shed one penitential tear, he is sure of Heaven, that there is no such a thing as Instrumentality; that God does it all for us. Well if all this teaching be true, there must be a great deal of unnecessary preaching done. What is the use of preaching at all, if everything was fixed before the creation of man. It seems to me that it would be discouraging to go into the harvest to reap, if we did not expect to get a few sheaves at least. I certainly would quit sowing if I never expected to reap. What would be the use, but we have the promise that we shall reap, we are to reap the same kind we sow, therefore we ought to be very careful what kind of seed we sow. God hid the plan of salvation, and has told us what we must do to be saved, and if we pretend to teach, we should teach just as it is laid down in his word. All we have to do is what he tells us to do, and God will do the balance. Believe the Prodigal Son was shown his condition, and the good spirit told him to go back, his Father did not force him back, but he resolved to go and did go willingly, and was received as his son again, and the reason he was received was because he obeyed, if he had gone on heedless and refused to obey he would have been lost, but he obeyed and was saved, that is the way all are saved that are saved, by obedience. And God's will is that all would obey, and be saved, He forces no one against his will, to be saved, or lost, He offers a free salvation to all, without money or price, all that is required is to do his will, and the balance is promised. I hope no one will believe he has nothing to do, and I hope those who preach it will quit it, and tell the sinner that his salvation depends entirely on his obedience to God's will, and tell him he never will be saved as long as he refuses

to do the biddings of the good spirit. His destiny is fixed if he will do what the good spirit tells him to do, and it is also fixed if he refuses. We are commanded to quench not the Spirit. Don't tell the sinner if he sheds one penitential tear that he is sure of Heaven, but tell him to keep on shedding tears, until he is forgiven of all his sins, I would advise those preachers who believe they never have been instrumental in causing anyone to repent to quit preaching and follow something they can effect something at. I know of one of our preachers who has not been preaching this inconsistent doctrine long, who will now step behind the court house or shops on public days with wicked drinking men, and turn up the bottle freely, but that is in keeping with their doctrine. We ought to net out what we preach. Again we have a preacher who still preaches the old doctrine and his church has excluded him because he would not quit it. I hope this letter will do some good, it is written for that purpose, by a Primitive Baptist. Old Issue.

Interesting To Ladies.

Our lady readers can hardly fail to have their attention called this week to the latest combination of improvements in that most useful of all domestic implements, the "sewing machine."

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Rutherford, N. C.

Sept. 3rd, 1888.

Editor Democrat.

If you have the space please allow me to suggest a ticket for the approaching township conventions that will suit this section exactly.

For Representative, J. W. Horton. For Sheriff, Ben F. Baird. For Treas. W. E. Greene. For Reg. Deeds, J. B. Horton. For Surveyor, L. W. Farthing, and for Coroner, A. B. Cook.

It will be seen that this ticket gives the eastern portion of the county an equal showing, and it is one that will go through with a whoop. Voter.

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