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Does it Pay to Buy Influence With Office?
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Certain Republicans are still talking about the reorganization of their party in North Carolina upon the basis of buying the leadership of prominent Democrats by giving them Federal offices. That sort of bribery was regarded as the way to break the Solid South when Hayes gave office to Democrats in 1877. It has been tried several times since, the latest being the South Carolina attempt under McLaurin. In every instance it has destroyed the man who took the bribe and strengthened the Democratic party.

How has it worked in N. C. where it has been attempted with some former Democratic leaders and in certain counties? Let us look at a part of the record of the policy now advocated. The Republicans thought that they could make big accessions in Buncombe by giving big offices to Hezekiah Gudger and Richmond Pearson, former Democrats and other so-called Democrats instead of the old line republicans. What was the result? In 1896 the Republicans carried Buncombe in the November election by over 400 majority. This year the Democrats won by 800 majority. That was not a very big return to the Republican party for the offices bestowed on ex-Democrats, do you think?

In Pitt county, the Republican District Attorney was removed from office, and that responsible position was given to Col. Harry Skinner, ex-Democrat. How did that pay out in Col. Skinner's county? In 1896 Pitt gave a Republican majority of 500. This year the Democratic majority reached the handsome figure of 2,531.

In Halifax county, with the negro eliminated, Senator Pritchard was persuaded that independent ticket could be elected if the Federal patronage was given to Democrats. And he turned over the postoffices to the personal and political friends of Captain W. H. Day, who was managing the Republican campaign in that section of the State. The negro postmasters were kicked out and the places given to men who had been affiliating with the Democrats. Result, out of a white vote of about 2,200, the Democrats got 1,963 votes to the Citizen's ticket, supported by the new Federal office holders getting 385 votes. In 1896 the Republican majority in Halifax was 2,395.

In New Hanover, the negro was removed from the position of Collector of Customs and ex Democrat and ex-Populist Keith was appointed. Result, the Democratic majority this year is 1,221 votes, where in 1896 the Republican majority was over 1,000.

Franklin was another county in which Pritchard thought to make big republican gains by the wise giving of offices to Democrats. Result, the Democratic majority this year is over 1800 the biggest Democratic majority in the history of the county, where-

as in 1896 it gave a republican majority.

But the influence upon which Pritchard relied most to demoralize the Democratic party, to whose chief owner and boss he and McKinley gave a \$3,600 sinecure job. What was the result? It did everything it could to hurt the Democratic party in both State and national politics, but it was impotent to harm the party. Mecklenburg county gave a Democratic majority of 2,423 this year whereas in 1896, before the \$3,600 job had been given by McKinley to D. A. Tompkins, the chief owner of the Charlotte Observer, the Democratic majority was less than 200. The counties surrounding Mecklenburg, in which the Observer principally circulates and where it was supposed its insidious opposition to Democracy would have some weight for the Republican party, did like Mecklenburg; increased their Democratic majorities as follows: Gaston which gave 43 majority in 1896, this year gave 1,300; Cleveland, which gave 100, increased to 1,600; Lincoln which was lost, gave 285 majority; Cabarrus, which was 400 Republican, is 300 Democratic; Iredell, which was 100, is 1,200; Union, which was 300 Republican is now 800 Democratic—and so on.

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Protection for the Bull Bats.

Ashville Citizen

A bill has been introduced in the Georgia Legislature for the protection of bull-bats. While it looks like a small thing, it is a measure of much importance to the farmers, and we hope some such law will be passed by the North Carolina Legislature. The bat feeds on insects and as the insect pest is the most destructive with which the farmer has to contend, the death of every bull bat only adds to his troubles. The cut worm and the army worm, the corn weevil and the cotton louse, the boll worm and the grasshopper and many other enemies of growing crops are favorite food for bull bats. The bull bat, as before said, is the friend of the husbandman, for he assists no little in cleaning out these destructive pests which prey on young growing plants. And yet thousands of them are yearly being slaughtered by sportsmen who shoot them as they fly over the fields in the late afternoon catching the insects that fly in the air. Some steps ought to be taken to stop the slaughter of this friend of the farmer. The injury inflicted on the wheat and cotton crops in the south alone by poisonous insects alone amount to millions annually. Caterpillars, bollworms, grasshoppers, rust, San Jose scale and other noxious things have simply carried destruction in their wake, and they must yearly become more numerous and destructive unless the slaughter of birds that prey on them is stopped.

Astonishing revelations of the loss of life and property by the eruption of the Santa Maria volcano are made by cablegrams to the New York Herald from Guatemala City. The eruptions continue. Many hundreds of human beings have perished. The destruction of property is considered greater than in Martinique by the eruption of Mount Pelee. Estates in the neighborhood of the volcano are buried in ashes, which reach the tops of the houses. The richest coffee estates are completely ruined. The principal losers are the coffee planters, mostly U. S. citizens and Germans.—Landmark.

There are 75,000 negro voters in Illinois. This is 75,000 arguments that caused Roosevelt to spit on the Lily White Republican party. And there are others for instance, the big negro vote in Indiana and other Northern States.—Ex.



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