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GOEBELIZING THIS STATE.

Now that the registrars of election in this state have completed their work of registering voters, we cannot be accused of inflaming passion against these officers when we state some facts as to the system under which this registration has been conducted. These registrars, like the county election boards which appointed them, are all members of one political party—the democratic. Not only is this an unfair discrimination against the political opponents of this one party organization—an unfair discrimination never before attempted by any political party in this state—but beyond the injustice of this partisan law has been still greater unfairness in the method of its execution. The machinery of this election—from the state election board down to the county boards and registrars—is paid for out of the pockets of the taxpayers of the state, not by the democratic party. Yet it is a fact patent to every voter that thus far the arrangements for the August election have been conducted mainly in the interest of the democratic campaign organization. In the state at large F. M. Simmons has notoriously been the guiding hand in the work of the state election machinery. Though holding no office under the state government he has taken upon himself the supervision of the execution of this law, enacted in the interest of his scheme of "permanent supremacy." In the counties the democratic executive committees have been no less a part of the election machinery. The usual privilege of an equal opportunity to examine registration books has been denied to republicans and populists in most precincts, while the democratic political organization has had full access to them, giving them opportunities for challenging denied to their political opponents, and of a knowledge of the progress of the registration of their adherents as well as those of the other side. In some cases this co-operation of the registrars with the democratic campaign managers has been notoriously unfair, the registrar acting the part of an assistant to the democratic campaign committee in its purely partisan work. Last night, at the close of registration, the democratic committee in every county had not only full knowledge of the number of persons registered in each precinct, but the further knowledge as to whom these persons are and their probable party connections. The republicans have not been accorded this information. They have been forced to gather their information from outside. At some registration places in this city during all the days of registration democratic politicians sat beside the registrar and interrogated applicants for registration, asking questions the purpose of which could not have been other than for intimidation, and questions which even the registrar himself was not entitled to ask. On days other than Saturdays some registrars confined their work almost solely to visiting the homes and places of business of democratic voters and inviting them to register. That every registrar did not

make this unjust discrimination—this partisan execution of a law itself too partisan to be fair to the people of the state—can be said to the credit of some of the registrars. While generally speaking the law has thus far been executed very strictly in the interest of the democratic organization many registrars have exhibited a willingness to accord to their political opponents some show of fair play. The registrars in this city have treated republican applicants for registration with fairness. But one notable exception to this has come under our attention. In spite of all the advantages this partisan law has given the democrats, the republicans and those who will vote with them against the proposed amendment, or for some portion of their ticket, have shown a desire and an interest to register, beyond that exhibited by their opponents.

The obstacles that have been thrown in the way of registration, the unusual exhibition of a state law executed in the interests of only one political party, do not exhibit much confidence on the part of the democrats in an untrammelled vote of the people on the policies they have proposed. It is to the credit of the republicans and populists that in spite of the remarkable exhibitions of partisanship by some of the registrars in every county, going to lengths that have disfranchised many republican voters, the registration has passed off peacefully. What would have been the result had the republicans enacted such a law and attempted its execution throughout the state in the same way we will not attempt to say. We believe, however, that the incendiary newspapers and political workers in the democratic organization would have stirred the state to violence in every county where they had the means to do so. Tillmanism and red-shirtism would, we believe, have run riot in the state. The republican party has proved itself the party of law and order in North Carolina during this time that has tried the patience of men's souls. In this as in the policies they have championed they have won the respect of the people. The unjust execution of the Simmons law, like the law itself, exhibits the dangerous tendencies in the democratic party under its present leadership in this state. Success at the polls by such tactics would be more destructive to the democratic party in North Carolina than defeat in a fair election. While this Goebelizing of the democratic party has given those who have accomplished it an advantage in handling the machinery of the election, it has, on the other hand, alienated a numerous conservative element of the party from the policies of its present leaders. It is a dangerous course these leaders have started on. It is the policy of rule or ruin, and if successful would mean both.

"UNCONSTITUTIONAL," SAYS RUSSELL.

Governor Russell, who has felt demonstratively crosswise with the republican party in this state, and has shown his willingness to "get even" with a number of republicans upon whom fame and the emoluments of political victory and the rewards of consistent behavior have fallen more generously than on his head has now gone back on Joey Daniels, Secret Circular Simmons and all the other apostles of disfranchisement who have been codding him for some time. In spite of his "feelings" the governor evidently desires to place himself on record as a lawyer, and he could not do this if the whisperings of Joey and Simmons that the former judge "is in favor of the amendment" were to go uncorrected before the amendment is put to sleep in that retirement from which no amendment returns. In the Washington Post on Friday is an interview with his excellency including the following: "Governor Russell was asked tonight if he would vote for the constitutional amendment. No," he replied, "I shall not vote for it; I am against it for many reasons. One good reason is enough—that one is that it is unconstitutional. It violates the fifteenth amendment."

"But it will be carried through. It will be counted in. It will be adopted, and unless restrained by the federal courts, it will be put in operation. I know that some of its lawyer advocates think they have got a 'poser' in the South Carolina case, where the court of appeals overruled Judge Goff, and smile aloud at the idea of its getting into the federal courts." "How would you go about to get in the United States courts?" "Oh, well, I am not answering conundrums this morning. When I am practicing law and you bring me a retainer suited to the occasion, perhaps I may tell you."

The governor's slams at his former political associates—the leaders of the republican party in this state which accompany this interview are of little consequence, but most people will regard it as very significant that Judge Russell feels himself at this eleventh hour called upon to join with the host of distinguished lawyers who warn the people of the unconstitutionality of this proposed amendment.

It is to be feared that between the horrors of war and the heat and rancor of politics, peace loving people find little to their taste to read now-a-days. Not only newspapers but magazines

and even books are given over to the strife and turmoil that rage so visibly until the weary reader feels that life has little else. To all this "strenuous life" there is, however, fortunately a quiet, peaceful background where thousands pursue calm occupations and where the noise of strife comes like the roar of the distant cataract, softened by space and heard as, in a dream. These sheltered lives that do not bear the brunt of battle, yet may be fruitful of all that is worth striving for. A round of quiet duty, leisure to enjoy and a heart to be thankful may be theirs. What more can come to anyone? These lives, too, are no less useful to others, perhaps, than those whose deeds are chronicled. In the workshop, the school room, the laboratory, the farm and the household they find the rewards of calm endeavor and all humanity profits thereby. For them are the triumphs of peace. On them depends comfort and contentment, education and wisdom. When the noise of battle has cleared away, it is to homes where these lives rule that the wearied fighter turns. To live in an age and a country where, however much the public eye may be filled with startling events there still exists this broad background of quiet, normal life, and where once a week the peace of Sunday comes to still excitement and discord is to live in an age and a country where humanity may at least hope to fulfill a high destiny. When the steady influence of thousands of quiet, useful lives shall some day still the noise and calm the unreason of passion, and from where the reign of peace on earth, good will toward men may spread like the silent glory of sunrise over the whole earth.

Democratic "white supremacy" thus far has cost the state \$620,000. This means that a taxpayer, whose taxes amount to \$20, must pay, for this democratic supremacy, \$28. And if the amendment were ratified the disfranchised whites and blacks denied representation would be expected still to pay their share of this taxation.

LETTER FROM W. R. MANEY.

A Democrat Presents Insulting Epithets and Broken Promises.

Editor of The Gazette: The "toughs" of Big Ivy, so called in the Citizen of July 19, are a good number of democrats who voted and worked for the democratic ticket two years ago, when of course they were good citizens, but as soon as the democrats found out these citizens were too good to endorse their ticket they became "toughs."

Mr. Craig hurt his party when he denied what he said two years ago. There is not one of the "toughs" now who will vote for the democrats.

Yours truly, W. R. MANEY, Democrat, N. C., July 20.

CAMPAIGN BASKET PICNIC

There was a basket picnic yesterday at Stoney Fork, this county, at which addresses on the issues of the day were made by Capt. T. T. Patton, John W. Stamey and Major W. W. Rollins.

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For several weeks the Gazette, through the generosity of a subscriber who has placed funds to its credit for the purpose, has been offering prizes to any democrat who would justify the breaking of the public pledge made by the democratic party in this state in 1898 that they would not submit any proposition to take from any man his right to vote. The offer and challenge has been without result. The breaking of the pledge remains unjustified. We have now been instructed to increase the amount offered to ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, to any democrat who can fulfill the conditions of the offer. This money is on deposit in the Blue Ridge National Bank of this city, and will be paid immediately on receipt by the Gazette of a written article in justification of this act of the present democratic organization in North Carolina, the article to be endorsed by the pastor of any white church in Asheville. The pledge is as follows:

THE PLEDGE.

The democrats will never submit any proposition to the people to take from a man his right to vote. No democrat has ever proposed such a thing. The charge is only intended to mislead, deceive and to make political capital. It is entirely false. There is not a democratic convention that would not spit upon the man who might make such a proposition.—Page 18 of the Supplement to the Democratic Handbook, 1898.

The article is to be endorsed by any pastor in charge of a white church in the city of Asheville, certifying that the said pastor has read the prize article and finds that the reasoning therein contained is sound and honest. This certificate might be worded as follows:

The undersigned, pastor of church, in the city of Asheville, N. C., has read the public pledge of the democratic party set forth on page 18 of the supplement of the democratic handbook of the campaign of 1898, and has also read the act passed by the democrats of the general assembly in 1899 submitting a proposition to the people to deprive certain citizens of the right to vote notwithstanding the said public pledge in violation thereof. The undersigned has also read and carefully considered the article written by Mr. ——— undertaking to justify the violation of said public pledge by the democratic party, and the undersigned declares that the reasoning contained in said article is sound and is in harmony with the principles of common honesty and with the doctrines of revealed religion. (Signed)

In making this latter condition we enforce no unjust hardship on any contestant for these prizes. Neither is our desire to bring the pastors of the churches of this city into disagreeable connection with politics; but if there is any justification for the breaking of a pledge solemnly made during a campaign involving the government of the state it should be such a justification as would meet the approval of men who do not look triflingly on questions of truth and honesty.

AT FIRST BAPTIST TONIGHT.

Dr. Ion Jackson has very kindly promised to sing at the First Baptist church this evening. The order of service is as follows: Organ Prelude: Hymn to Music, Buck. Hymn 730. Prayer. Hymn 441. Scripture reading. Anthem: "Seek ye the Lord," J. V. Roberts—Dr. Jackson and choir. Prayer. Hymn 654. Offertory organ solo: Reverie, Schumann. Short address by Rev. W. M. Vines. Solo: "The Holy City," Adams—Dr. Jackson. Prayer. Hymn 611. Ferdinand Dunkley, organist and choir director.

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