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DEMOCRACY vs. RADICALISM.

What the People of North Carolina Owe to the Democratic Party.—Who Would Return the Reins of Government to the Radical Party?

There is a generation of voters now in North Carolina who can scarcely appreciate the immense debt of gratitude the people of the State owe to the Democratic party for its manly stand during the days of Reconstruction. And they cannot appreciate it because they were too young to understand the issues of those days. For the benefit of all such we beg leave to recall a few facts of indisputable record:

For the first three years of the existence of the Radical party, force was relied upon to accomplish its ends, coupled with insult of the grossest character. It was in 1868 that the women of the State were insulted by the advice given in an editorial in the Radical Raleigh Standard to Radical canvassers to throw their arms around them when their husbands were not about. It was in 1868, in a public address issued by Radical members of the Legislature, in their character as legislators, that the white people were threatened openly with starvation and destruction of their homes from the vengeance of negroes.

It was in 1868 that the Speaker of the Lower House of the Legislature, in open day, with a band of armed men, attacked the editor of the Raleigh Sentinel, alone and unarmed, and that the Radical Governor of the State, in the presence of and in defiance of the magistrate on the bench trying the case, declared his previous knowledge of the attack and his subsequent approval of all that had been done.

It was in 1868 that the Radical Governor claimed the right to suspend all laws at his own pleasure. It was in 1869 the bill was passed under which the State was filled with spies. It was in 1870 that the Sheriff bill was passed empowering the Governor practically to declare martial law in every county in North Carolina. It was under this bill and in this year that the Holden-Kirk war was carried on, and the Radical Governor asked the Radical Congress to authorize the Radical President to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, so that "men might be arrested and tried before military tribunals and shot." It was in this same year that the Radical Governor declared that he was "personally" manacled, certain leading Democrats and Conservatives, who might be named, will be instantly put to death.

But thanks to the manhood and courage of the white people of North Carolina, that Radical Governor came to great grief—in fact, was driven from office in shame and disgrace. With Holden's downfall the open work of the bayonet came speedily to an end.

The age of Force passed away, but only to be followed by the age of Fraud. Violence was then discouraged and partisan ends instead of being accomplished at the point of the bayonet, were reached at the end of the law, so-called. It was in thorough accord with the true spirit of the age, therefore, that Judge Kassel, in his Opera House obituary, told the negroes not to resort to violence, but to the machinery of the law, to enforce their rights to go wherever white men might go. Till 1870 the military sustained the Radical party. After that the judiciary, "exhausted" as it was, sought to do the wicked work.

But stronger proof of the villainy of the Radical party of those days than is to be had in the acts and intrigues of its leaders cannot be imagined. That it was a negro party then as now, that it was violent, lawless, malignant, insulting and vengeful, it stands convicted out of its own mouth.

Let no white man, especially let no white woman, fail to read the following extracts from the infamous record made by the Radical party in the days that tried white men's souls and made white women's cheeks pale with terror. Great heavens! as we look back to those days we wonder how we withheld our hands from punishing such creatures. Perhaps, however, we ought not to wonder, for there was not a man that had the nerve to pull a trigger that did not have either wife or child, or mother or sister, sometimes all of these, depending on his single life and freedom for the very bread they ate and the clothes they wore. It had been enough to go hence leaving loved ones to battle with the world at any time, but in days like those the thought was simply horrible—so horrible that doubtless it withheld many an arm from righteous vengeance, when no other consideration under the sun could have stayed it. But see what those people said and did in those days and judge for yourselves, ye young people, who would not be provoked. Don't fail to read a single extract.

1868. "But wherever else you work don't forget to go among the women." — Raleigh Standard.

"Did it never occur to you, ye gentlemen of education, property and character—to you, ye men, especially ye women—who never received anything from these colored people but services, kindness and protection—if did it never occur to you that these same people, who are so very bad, will be willing to sleep in the cold when your houses are denied them merely because they will not vote as you do? That they may not be willing to starve, while they are willing to work for bread? Did it never occur to you that revenge, which is so sweet to you, may be as sweet to them? Hear us, if nothing else you will hear, did it never occur to you, that if you kill their children with hunger they will kill your children with fear? Did it never occur to you that if you good people maliciously determine that they

shall have no shelter, they may determine that you shall have no better? Legislative Address given by George W. Stanton and others members of the Radical party in 1869. "The Governor has power to suspend all civil law as it was suspended in 1865." — W. W. Holden.

The Spy Bill was passed in this year.

The Sheriff bill was introduced into the Legislature. In advocating this bill Radical Senator Cook from Johnston county said it ought to pass, because if it became a law men accused "could be tried by drum-head court martial and shot."

The printing or disguise act was passed this year.

1870. "If Congress would authorize the suspension, by the President, of the writ of habeas corpus in certain localities, and if criminals could be arrested and tried before military tribunals and shot, we should soon have peace and order throughout all this country." — W. W. Holden.

John Paul proposed to put into the service a desperado named McLindsey, who would raise a company that "would give Governor Holden no trouble, for that if any of the men arrested by him, under the law, took any resistance he would kill them or they would be lost and never be heard of again"; and suggested that the Governor (Holden) should follow the example of Governor Clayton, of Arkansas, "who had taken military possession of disaffected counties and tried, and executed large numbers of men by military court." — R. C. Badger's sworn testimony before Congressional Committee.

"If the Governor (Holden) is ever personally manacled his friends will resent it and punish the man or men who may do it. If he is slain, or even wounded, it is already determined that leading Democrats and Conservatives, who might be named, will be instantly put to death. The Governor's mind is made up." — Raleigh Standard.

1872. "It is this last time and carry the election, and there will be no more of this kind of thing." — Neill McKay, candidate for Congress.

1873. "The pretension that any person or class may be prevented from resorting to a public place whose doors are open to all but them, and denied to them only on account of color or race, will not be tolerated by any court honestly and sincerely desiring of upholding the Constitution and the laws according to their true intent and meaning." — Judge D. L. Kassel in the Wilmington Opera House case.

Now, in all candor, and in all seriousness, and in all honesty, too, we ask the young white men and the young white women of North Carolina what sort of a place this home of theirs would be to-day had it not been for the bold, manly, determined fight the Democrats made against the Radicals in the days of Reconstruction? We ask you to consider for a moment only and answer the question soberly and truthfully. It is not a question to be dodged or shirked. Do you not owe it to the Democrats of those days that you now have a white man's government in North Carolina? Do you not owe it to them that negro equality, social and otherwise, was not forced upon you? Especially let the young women of to-day think of the insults to their mothers twenty years ago. Let them think of the terror those mothers must have suffered under threats to burn and murder, that they were happily too young to understand or appreciate.

Let the young men remember the Kirk war and how the best citizens were arrested and thrown into prison under martial law and saved from being tried by drum head court martial and shot at the stake only by the intercession of Judge Rogers. God bless him!

Suppose, in a word, the Radical party had been able to carry out all its belated purposes in those days; what would have been your condition to-day?

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