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REPUBLICAN INSURGENTS.

The conditions, politically, are somewhat peculiar in North Carolina this year, with the vantage ground decidedly with the Democrats. Two years ago we were divided on the silver question, while the Republicans were united, and the Populists stood with the Republicans in the State campaign.

In the center and the West the uprising against the bosses in the Republican camp has attained such proportions that they are called insurgents, and the insurrection is giving the bosses a world of trouble. The insurgents refuse to be argued off or bought off. If they refuse to be bought off they must be desperately in earnest, for there must be something very serious in the way when a Republican kicker refuses to be bought off.

This may be the true reason, but when was the time in North Carolina when Republican conventions were not controlled by Federal office-holders? We have seen a good many of them in our day, but we have never seen one in which the Federal office-holder was not very much in evidence.

They have generally succeeded in keeping in the background the colored brothers who happened to get into their conventions, but in the last one which met in Raleigh they were not so fortunate, for Congressman White (black), of the Second district, broke through the barbed-wire fence and got way up at the front, and while at the front lectured some of the white contingent for their cowardice in trying to dodge the race issue and keep the negro behind the woodpile.

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THE WHITE REPUBLICAN, POPULIST AND NEGRO LEADERS, who have sense enough to comprehend the enormity and effect of that infamous attack on the white women of the State, which recently appeared in the negro organ of this city, are resorting to various dodges to shift the responsibility, and break the force of that unparalleled production, the most outrageous that ever appeared in the columns of any newspaper published in this State.

While they are perfectly willing to use the negro and get the benefit of his vote, this is a little further than a good many of them care to go or will go, even at the dictation of the bosses. Ordinarily they might stand the political association as they have stood it in the past, but when it comes to an issue square out between white and black then they may conclude that "blood is thicker than water."

And then, too, they have seen the trickery that has been going on for several years between the Republican machine managers and Populist managers, for spoils and spoils only, neither caring a copper for principle, but both perfectly willing to let their "principles lie in abeyance" as statesman Pritchard said he was in the State convention when the question of fusion with the Populists was first broached.

They have seen Governor Russell and Senator Butler planning and plotting to form out of the Republican and Populist parties a Russell-Butler party with a war-on-the-railroads platform and they have become somewhat disgusted with that.

But they have had a good deal to disgust them, and a good deal to provoke an insurrection outside of the objection they may have to "ring rule" or the arrogant bossing of Federal officials.

How the bosses will deal with the insurrection or how they will go about suppressing it remains to be seen. In the meantime they are very much alarmed, for they have to face the race issue which is being forced upon them by the more aggressive negroes in their own party and by the Democrats, who welcome it. They will either have to take sides with the negro or against him. There will be no dodging. They will not be permitted to dodge, so that as the situation presents itself now the Democratic party was never in a better shape to enter a contest hopeful of success, nor the Republican party in a worse shape. What there is left of the Populist party, which does not go in with the Democratic party for white supremacy will be a very small factor in the contest.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

The mob of negroes which gathered in the lower part of Princess street Wednesday evening, as told in the STAR yesterday, and for hours menacingly paraded the street and streets-adjacent presented an object lesson which every white man and every well-meaning colored man in the State should study.

The cause assigned for this gathering of the mob was the alleged receipt by the author of that infamous assault on the white women of the State, of an anonymous letter ordering him to leave the city. Such a letter may have been received or it may not, but the fact that it was an anonymous letter neutralizes its importance to say nothing less of it. It was certainly not written by any one authorized to speak for the Democrats or for the law abiding people of this community. If there were any disposition to resent that assault by doing violence to the author, the white people would not have waited a week to show their resentment and then contented themselves with sending an anonymous letter.

Suppose the white people had shown the same spirit these street parading negroes did, and had congregated on the streets as they did, how easy it would have been to precipitate a riot that might have cost many lives? That this was not the result is due more than anything else to the self-restraint, patience and forbearance of the white people of the community; who on this occasion showed such splendid self-control.

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THIS DODGE WILL NOT DO.

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Some of the Populists are resorting to a different method to break its force, by misrepresenting it as a Democratic trick. Mr. Hill E. King is chief clerk of the Agricultural Department at Raleigh. He has struck on this dodge. After discoursing pretty freely on this monstrous utterance he wound up as follows:

"I believe the Democrats either dictated or wrote the editorial in Manly's paper, the Record. It looks to me like a Democratic trick for campaign purposes."

This is in line with Rocky Mount Butler's assertion that white Democrats connived at the rapes that were committed in this State, and is as infamous a reflection on Democrats as Butler's Rocky Mount speech was. Hill didn't believe any such thing; there isn't a man, white or black, in this community who believes it, and certainly the Republican executive committee of the county, nearly all of whom are colored men, didn't believe it when they met and repudiated the writing, the editor and the paper. Hill's dodge will not work, but it does show the ineffable meanness of the dodger.

The report that Russia and England had compromised on their game in China, puts them both in a compromising position.

USING THEM AS TOOLS.

Ex-Senator Green, one of the leading Populists of Wake county, who is opposed to the late fusion deal with the Republicans made by the S. Otho Wilson faction of Populists, is quoted as saying: "I do not think the fusion ticket will get a Populist vote in my township, unless, perhaps, Mr. Knight votes it. We are going to clean up the fusion in Wake this year. I have never voted for a Republican, and never will vote for one. The Republicans are using us as tools. The only hope for the continued existence of our party is to avoid fusion with the Republicans."

This is another Populist who has had his eyes opened, and discovered that "the Republicans are using us as tools." The surprising thing about this is that sensible Populists who were persuaded to support these fusion schemes didn't see this long ago, and didn't catch on to how they were being used to strengthen the Republican party in this State, and to destroy their own party.

It shouldn't have taken three grains of every day sense to see that hunger for office was at the bottom of these fusion-schemes, when men who had no principles in common got together and agreed to act together for a satisfactory division of the spoils, and then have the monumental cheek to ask honest men of either party to ratify these bargains and endorse them at the polls. Now some of them are beginning to discover that they have been "used as tools," as ex-Senator Green says, and that they have been used to "put life into the dead bulk of the Republican party," as ex-Senator Atwater, of Chatham county, says. That is precisely what the Populists who have supported fusion have been doing, if it did take them some time to discover it.

Readers of the STAR will remember that we warned honest Populists against this when the fusion schemes were first proposed and the Republican machine managers and Populist machine managers fell upon and embraced each other, and when they won divided the booty and chucked over how nicely they did it and fooled the honest men who followed them.

THAT PENITENTIARY REPORT.

After eight months and much public clamor, supplemented by a blunt demand from Governor Russell, who got tired of being held as a party to ex-Superintendent Smith's dodging, that long-delayed, loudly called-for report has made its appearance, or rather two reports—one being in the shape of a letter to the Governor by Chairman Dockery, explaining and apologizing for the delay, and eulogizing the ex-Superintendent; the other an alleged report by the ex-Superintendent, eulogizing himself and his management.

The surprising thing about these reports is that the former should have been deemed necessary when the ex-Superintendent could talk for himself, and that the report should have been withheld so long and require so much drumming to bring it to light when it showed such splendid management by the man whom Governor Russell so unceremoniously bounced. But Governor Russell was evidently quite unaware of the valuable services this distinguished ex-Superintendent was rendering the State until he learned it from the eight months incubated report of the gentleman himself.

Both the Hon. Claudius Dockery, chairman of the Board of Agriculture, and ex-Superintendent Smith take swipes at Hon. A. Leazer, the former Superintendent, who preceded Smith and turned over the Penitentiary and State farms to him. Some of these swipes were such gross misrepresentations that Mr. Leazer felt called upon to expose them, which he does in a letter under date of the 24th instant, addressed to the Raleigh Post. Speaking of Dockery's apology for the delay in preparing the report, he says:

"Mr. Dockery says: 'Theoretically, the law requires the report of the superintendent of the State's prison shall be made on the first day of January.' I affirm that it can be done, and practically always has been done before. And if a few days' delay were necessary, how does he account for a delay of eight months, and then responsibility upon the demand of the Chief Executive forced by the public clamor?"

"Both of these officials affirm in this so-called report that Superintendent Smith took charge of the penitentiary April 1, 1897. The records show that he qualified on the 5th of March, 1897, and he notified me the same day, whereupon I at once turned over the whole business, and after that never contracted for a cent, never collected a cent, never paid out a cent. The statement, therefore, that I was responsible for any business of the penitentiary, outgoing or incoming, after the 5th of March, is without foundation."

visited all the penitentiary farms, for the purpose of inspecting and receiving the property. I heard all the members of the committee, especially Mr. Clark, as also the superintendent, express astonishment and delight at the advanced and careful preparation of the lands, Mr. Clark asserting that he believed there was no farm in the State in such good condition as that before him. This misstatement is so palpable that it vitiate all other statements made. The truth is, there were not less than 7,000 acres of these lands beautiful and thoroughly prepared by the 30th of March. If nothing had been done, which I say again is absolutely false, why did the incoming administration employ my supervisors to remain and make the crop? And if nothing had been done till the 1st of April, how was such a large crop made that year?

"As to supplies on hand, the fusionists seem to have expected that the Democrats should have provided at least a year's ration of flour, meat, and other necessities. We usually bought such things as we needed every month, and we expected them to do likewise or as they deemed best. It is admitted that there was no corn to reach corn again, because every one knows the July flood of 1896 destroyed the whole corn crop except about 20,000 bushels. Much ado is made by these officials because they found among nearly 400 mules and horses a very few sick, disabled or worn out animals. We found the penitentiary in 1893 with 210 mules and horses. We added just about that number of other animals during our term, and the average of the whole was very high to any one capable of judging and who is not determined to misrepresent."

"The officials find much fault with the Democratic administration because they say that it failed to prevent an appropriation by the last General Assembly for the penitentiary for the year 1897 and 1898. The superintendent differed with Governor Carr as to the necessity for an appropriation, and declined to recommend it, though the governor did. The General Assembly failed to appropriate, and by the Legislative committee on penal institutions to recommend an appropriation, he declined to do so, saying that it should not be necessary, and that the penitentiary could be sustained in the future as it had been in 1896 without the people's taxes. Some other persons, very few, may have said that it should be appropriated; and if so, I made the same answer. It is strangely paradoxical to charge that I had any influence at all with the mob called the General Assembly of 1897. It had no influence at all with them, and desired none."

Both of these documents, Dockery's letter and Smith's so-called report, prove too much, for they show evident collusion between Dockery and Smith to saddle blame on ex-Superintendent Leazer, concerning whom they were forced to speak through these documents. There was no occasion for Dockery to say anything more than to inform the Governor of the transmission of the report and give, if he saw fit, the reasons why it took so long to produce it. He simply, in the effort to render his party service, sent in this misrepresenting apology as a supplement to Mewborne's offensive answer to Mr. Simmons, but the public understand that quite as well as they do Mewborne's letter and understand the motive that inspired it.

The ex-Superintendent's report, so-called, proves too much, for while he had the reputation of being incompetent if not corrupt, it shows that he was doing splendidly (for he says so himself) thereby establishing either the prejudice or the blindness of the Governor, who turned him down as grossly incompetent if not corrupt, when he was showing such remarkable ability, zeal and fidelity, as set forth in that eight months collaborated report. How it could be possible that such a splendid manager of convicts, horses, mules and land should have achieved the reputation of an incompetent is one of the latter day puzzles which is quite as mystifying as how it is that a free silver Populist professes to believe in "principle" can fuse with and support a gold standard Republican, as some of them are now doing.

There are a good many thin things in this report that these gentlemen will be called upon to rise and explain before they get through.

JUMPING-JACK BUTLER.

A week or so ago Senator Butler made a speech at Houston, Texas, in which he, as reported by wire, surrendered to the Middle-of-the-road faction, and declared that he would call the Populist national convention at least a month in advance of the meeting of other conventions so as to forestall any movement for fusion.

Now he is orating in Colorado, where he seems to have found a fusion sentiment, and is quoted as urging in a speech delivered at Denver, "co-operation between his party and all other friends of free silver."

IN TEXAS HE IS AN ANTI-CO-OPERATIONIST, IN COLORADO FOR CO-OPERATION.

At the next place, he will be for co-operation or against it, as the sentiment happens to be in that domain. Butler always keeps a couple strings hitched to his views, and is ready to pull either string as it may suit for the time being or the sentiments of those addressed. As far as policies or fixed principles are concerned he hasn't any, but is fish, flesh, or fowl as circumstances may suggest, a regular jumping-jack who performs his little part and fancies he is leading while he is only covering. He talks about "his party," but he hasn't any party; what there is left of it is split up into factions, and he doesn't amount to much in either faction.

FOR WHITE SUPREMACY.

We publish in this issue of the STAR the constitution of the White Government Union, and the plan of organization. This is an organization which has been called forth by the peculiar and threatening condition of affairs in our State. There is nothing secret about it, nothing in it that any patriotic, law-abiding white man cannot subscribe to. It openly proclaims its purpose, which is to rescue North Carolina from the domination of the mongrel power which has brought disgrace upon her, and restore the white supremacy which was dethroned when this mongrel power got possession of the State.

Every white man in the State old enough to vote, who believes that white rule is better than mongrel rule, or negro rule, who believes that the white people who bear the burden of taxation to pay the expenses of government should have a voice in the government, should become a member of this organization and work for better, more honest and more economical management of our public affairs.

Every white man, whether he pay much taxes or little, or no taxes at all, who believes in the sanctity of the home, in giving protection to wives and daughters from insult and assault by brutal negroes should join this organization and work for the protection of the loved ones at home.

CAN'T DO BOTH.

The man who edits the Reformer, the Populist paper published at King's Mountain, seems to have some views of his own, some respect for the principles he professes and for consistency. In discussing a fusion deal in Cleveland county he remarks as follows:

"Last election we slid out of the Republican end of the county ticket quietly, but this year we will be more frank and repudiate the deal openly. We cannot endorse the Republican and Populist platforms at the same time. We cannot knowingly stand with one foot on one and the other on the other of such ultra platforms."

This is honest talk from a man who evidently does not believe that dicker for office is the prime object of party organization. But that is the inspiration of the Populist leaders who favor fusion with the Republicans, and urge the masses of their party to ignore their principles and vote for candidates whose principles, as far as they are known to have any, are diametrically the opposite of theirs, and who stand on platforms which oppose the cardinal principles that the Populist party advocates. In the deals thus far made principle has been entirely ignored, the dealers having their gaze fixed on the offices they are struggling for and nothing else.

In this district don't we find them supporting Office Hunter-Dockery for Congress, when he stands on a straight out gold standard platform and is running as the regular nominee of the Republican convention? If he has been making any secret promises to the Populists; in pursuance of which that so-called Populist convention at Wadesboro nominated him, then he is as treacherous to the Republican party, whose nominee he is, as he was to the Populists when he basely deserted them, repudiated the platform on which he ran two years ago, and returned to the Republican party to get a nomination for Congress.

No honest Populist can vote for such a candidate, for no honest Populist can be a gold standard man and a free silver man at the same time.

THAT NEGRO EDITORIAL.

The following is from a letter received by the STAR from one of the prominent and reliable citizens of Duplin county: "In Goldsboro, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., I overheard a negro politician say to other negroes that the editorial in the Daily Record of the 18th would cost the fusionists 25,000 to 30,000 votes in the coming election."

OFFICES AS MERCHANDISE.

It having been intimated that Maj. Wm. A. Guthrie, Populist, of Durham, might be offered the fusion nomination for Judge in that district in the event that Judge Adams, Republican, be nominated for Congress, the Major rises to put his veto on that, which he proceeds to do as follows: "I want it distinctly understood that while I feel, as every citizen ought, a lively interest in political affairs, nothing could tempt me at the present time to become a candidate before the people for any political office. I am not a political trader and until the time shall come, if ever, in North Carolina, that political honors shall be based upon political principles, I shall be content to remain simply a private citizen, and vote as I see fit, with the best lights I can get to what is best under the circumstances to promote good government. I am heartily sick and disgusted at seeing our public offices made a matter of merchandise to be hawked around by political traders for pure personal gain. Our theory of government is that the public offices are the agencies of government, and those who hold them are servants of the people, but most of the office-holders and office seekers of the present day in North Carolina, in practice have reversed this theory (which is the true theory) of government. 'The traders now have their day, but it requires no prophet to foresee that a day is coming, and I hope it is near at hand, when the traders will be forced to go out of business and give the people a chance to administer our own State government upon correct principles.'

It is quite apparent from this that the Major has not been a listless observer of current events in the political arena within the past few years, but it is somewhat to his credit that he has become disgusted with the traders who "hawk offices as merchandise." With the Populist and Republican traders who have been running the party machines the theory that "public offices are public trusts" never did amount to much, their theory and practice being that public offices are public snags, and that party organizations are only agencies for securing these snags.

With the hypocrisy of the devil and the effrontery of the totally depraved they prate of principle and reform, when they have no more principle than a dive-keeper and no more conscience than an egg-sucking dog. Even the plain people who haven't been as close to them or had as good opportunities to observe their methods or study them, are beginning to see through and understand the mountebanks who have been trading on their votes. The evidence of this is accumulating every day. But the day is coming, as the Major remarks, when the office-traders will have to shut up shop and earn their living in some other way.

BECOMING ASHAMED OF IT.

Having negroes for school committeemen and for other offices doesn't take well with the Populist machine managers in some of the counties above us. The Populist committee of Chatham county seems to be on the ragged edge, judging from the following which we find in the Pittsboro Record:

"We are pleased to note that the Populist executive committee of this county seems to be ashamed of having negro school committeemen in charge of schools for white children. In the proposition made last week by this committee to the Republican county executive committee for fusion, was a declaration that they 'favor separate school committees for the white and the colored races.'"

The Record very pertinently comments on this and shows that the Populist party managers who fused with the Republicans and supported Republican candidates for office are quite as much responsible for these negro school committeemen as the Republicans are. But it isn't so much shame that is influencing their action, as stated in the above paragraph, as the fear of the consequences resulting from this putting negroes over white schools. There was no intimation of disapproval from these machine managers until the stentorian protests of the white people began to ring in their ears, and until they saw honest, indignant Populists leaving them in disgust and going to the Democratic party, which they know will take good care that negroes will not be put in management of white schools and hence these managers are taking water and trying to break off their association with negroes. They deserve no credit whatever for it, for it is not the respect for their own race, but prudent fear of outraged public sentiment that has driven them to it. It is costing them votes and that's what's the matter.

EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Democratic Convention Nominated Bryan of Craven and Suggs of Lenoir.

[Special Star Telegram.]

NEWBERRY, N. C., August 25.—The Eighth Senatorial Democratic convention, held here to-day, nominated James A. Bryan, of Craven, and Wm. Suggs, of Lenoir. The nominations are regarded as strong ones.

There are said to be one hundred and fifty holidays in Manila, and the rest of the time the people do a good deal of loafing.

THE MEETING AT NEW HOPE.

A Large Number of Croats Present—Speeches by Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., and Others—Bellamy Made Fine Impression.

[Special Star Telegram.]

MAXTON, N. C., August 26.—The meeting at New Hope to-day was attended by more than seven hundred people, of whom more than three-fourths were Croats, the remainder being white Democrats and Populists. It was a picturesque picnic with all the attractions of the peculiar people whose origin has given rise to so much speculation.

The meeting was opened by Rev. J. A. Blanks, an educated Croatan, who speaks with remarkable fluency and vigor. S. A. Edmond, clerk of the Superior Court of Robeson county, and bellwether of the Fusion gang, was the first speaker. His speech was an appeal to class prejudice and was full of reckless assertion. He was followed by Col. N. A. McLean, better known as "Neil Archie," in an exceedingly strong effort. He paid special attention to the demagogue Edmond, and gave him a most merited exhortation, which the audience received with evident satisfaction. Dr. Norman, the Independent Republican candidate for Congress, followed in a speech of an hour. It was straight Republican stuff, with many loving references to the negro and numerous well-timed thrusts at Office Hunter-Dockery, who of course was not present, although invited.

Next came Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., who is already a prime favorite with the Croats, and who spoke for an hour and a half. He piled argument upon argument in favor of white rule in North Carolina. His speech was strong and compact, and that portion addressed specially to the Croats was persuasive and convincing. He ridiculed Office Hunter-Dockery with his rapid-fire gun, quoting his record on him with telling effect.

George B. McLeod made a short but very effective speech, which was well received. George is a fine campaigner, and will be the next sheriff of Robeson county.

Aaron Locklear, a young Croatan of good education, made a speech that attracted much attention. His appeals to his people to stand by the Democratic party, which has always stood by them, were vigorous and striking. Rev. Cary Wilkins, one of the oldest and most influential of the Croats, was speaking when I left about train time. I have made a very careful and conservative estimate of the present political status of the Croats, based on diligent inquiry, and conversation with at least twenty of their leading men. At a low estimate they poll 600 votes in Robeson county. Of these not more than fifty have heretofore been Democratic. If the election were held to-day I feel assured that 275 to 300 of the Croats would vote the white Democratic ticket. And the defection from the Republican party is still going on. Bellamy is very strong with them and some of them call the present movement the "Bellamy Rising."

The general outlook in Robeson county is full of hope for Democratic success. The accessions from the Populist ranks have not been exaggerated, and there is no check to the movement. W. H. B.

THE COLORED ORGAN.

Roasts Mr. Lockey and the Members of the Republican Executive Committee. Negro Paper in Negro Home.

The Daily Record, the negro organ, came out from its new quarters, on Seventh, between Church and Nun streets, yesterday afternoon. It claims now that it is a negro paper, edited in a building owned by negroes.

The only article of interest is one which takes all the point out of the resolutions adopted by the Republican Executive Committee, so far, at least, as these went to show that the sentiments of the negro-editor were not those of the colored people generally. The resolutions are printed in full and there are angry retortations of the character of the following:

"The editor inquires, if he was a 'mischievous simpleton,' how was it that he was sent to Washington with Lockey not long since on a mission that was not essentially that of a simpleton. He also wants to know where Lockey got the authority for saying that the Record would suspend. Then he says some sharp things about Lockey's candidacy for judicial honors, and says that his course in assembling the committee and dictating the action to be taken was from a hankering for Populist votes, upon which he will depend in his race for the judgeship.

The whole animus of the article in fact is directed against the Republican candidate for Judge. And the impression that the reader gain from it is that the action of the Republican Executive Committee is considered by the Record a the biggest sort of a farce and in no way indication of the feeling of the majority of the colored voters. Certainly, in view of the colored ministers in upholding the Record, and in view of the threatening demonstration Wednesday night when it was thought the colored editor was in danger, the high sounding resolutions of the Republican Executive Committee shrink into very faulty insignificance indeed.

There was no excitement about the Record office last night or yesterday afternoon. However, it was learned that there is a liberal supply of firearms about the building.

A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of Albert D. Jones to Cornelia M. Howe, colored.