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PLAYING THE SAME OLD FAKE

The Republican and, Populist

campaign speakers always assume

that the people whom they address

are ignorant, and easily imposed

upon and therefore they try to im-

pose upon them. The once famous

Republican machine manager, Col.

Ike Young, of Raleigh, had an

axiom, "lie like h-ll and stick to

it." which he commended to the

Republican speakers of his day, and

Some of them are now telling the

people to whom they talk that if

the Democratic party gets back into

power it will disfranchise the Re-

publicans and Populists. The Char-

lotte Observer quotes Hon. Office

Hunter Dockery as saying in his

speech at Huntersville, in Mecklen-

burg county, that if the Democratic

several vears succeeding the war

held their grip on the colored

contingent by making them believe

they would disfranchise the negroes,

and went even so far as to declare

that it would reduce them to slavery

again. But after the Democratic

party got into power and continued

they were neither re-enslaved nor dis-

franchised the Republican bosses

had to drop that fake. But now

the victims of this proscription.

want to disfranchise the bulk of their

of poor men?

the white Republican

they are following it up yet.

an, of Craven.

of Guilford.

of Lenoir. Seventh District—Hon. Thomas

of Beaufort.

FUSION REFORM.

gance" which they denounced cost

Instead of reducing taxes they

that their taxes have been increased.

This was by increasing, through

boards of equalization, the valuation

of property, thus making the tax

greater while the tax rates remained

Their professed zeal for economy

did not extend to reducing the num-

ber of offices, which, on the con-

trary, was increased, nor to reducing

the salaries of their officers, which

remained as they were, if they were

Places were especially created to

fill with dependents of the bosses

or with partisan tools who were

thus rewarded for services ren-

that the chiefs of those Depart-

list of their employes, with the

date of appointment and duties per-

let the people see how these Depart-

jobs to favorites and to party tools.

They propose to run the business

in the same way if they be con-

tinued in power. Now that they

are in they are illustrating what

WATCH THE BORDERS.

Colonizing negroes has been

colonized voter. Under the former

registration and election laws there

was some chance to prevent fraud-

ulent registration, and fraudulent

voting if the fraud did register, but

now there is not. All he has to do

is to swear that he is entitled to

registration, a very easy thing for

most of the imported to do, and

then his vote cannot be kept out of

the ballot box although it may be

known to many that he has no right

to vote. He registers and votes, it

is true, subject to penalty for fraud-

ulently registering and for fraud-

ulently voting, but in the meantime

before action can be taken to punish

him he can pull up stakes, go to his

old beat in another State and be

beyond the reach of prosecution or

They are posted on all that before

they attempt to register and that

makes them bold. They know there

will be no prosecution, and the mer

who import them know it, because

the prosecution must be at the ex

pense of the prosecutor, and it is

rarely the case after an election that

the frauds are prosecuted because

the victorious party does not think

it worth while and the defeated

party would see little to gain by it,

outside of establishing the fact that

frauds had been committed, and

they would gain very little by that

save perhaps in the case of a closely

contested election. But the fraudu

lent vote, the vote of the imported

voter is counted. He accomplished

what he was imported for and the

in this State. With Virginia on th

the North and South Carolina on

the South, there is a large colored

contingent to draw from, who can

be very well spared from those

States, and are within convenient

distance, where long and costly

transportation is not necessary.

Along the border counties of Vir-

ginia and South Carolina, reaching

nearly the full lengh of the State on

either side, with, as we have said, a

large number of negroes to draw

from, it would be a very easy matter

to plant ten thousand of them in

Colonization is a very easy matter

punishment.

The Fusion machine managers in

when they were trying to get in.

in the same period of time.

as they were.

not increased.

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The only exceptions are persons Carolina to the whites? Because as adjudged guilty of felony or other crimes infamous by the laws of the State, after the adoption of the constitution, unless restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by

This prescribes who is a citizen or may become a citizen and who may not exercise the rights of citizenship, and gives the reason why. It is pretty broad and includes every male person, native or naturalized, over twenty-one years of age, (not demented) . who has not been adjudged guilty of certain crimes.

Now how would the Democrats go about disfranchising any of them? There are only two ways, and both exceedingly difficult ones, if not absolutely impossible. Either by a constitutional convention or by legislative enactment, in both of which the people to be disfranchised would have a voice. The constitution prescribes how a convention may be called, thus:

Sec. 1 Article 13. "No Convention of the people of this State shall ever be called by the General Assembly unless by the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of each House of the General Assembly, and except the proposition Convention or no Convention be first submitted to the qualified voters of the whole State. at the next general election, in manner to be prescribed by law. And should a majority of the votes cast be in favor of said Convention, it shall assemble on such day as may be pre-scribed by the General Assembly."

We see here that no convention can be called for any purpose without a vote of two-thirds of both Houses of the General Assembly (not a vote of two-thirds present, but a vote of two-thirds of the actual members) and then not unless the people endorse that two-thirds vote at the polls. That's a pretty good safeguard as far as calling a convention is concerned, so that before the Democrats could (if they desired) call a convention and change the suffrage laws they would have to control two-thirds of each House of the General Assembly, and then get a majority of the votes when the question was submitted to the people, and then have a majority in the convention when it met.

The other way is by amendment by the General Assembly, the method of which is thus prescribed

"Section 2, Article 13-No part of the Constitution of this State shall be altered, unless a bill to alter the same shall have been agreed to by three-fifths of each House of the General Assembly. And the amendment or amendments so agreed to shall be submitted at the next general elec-tion to the qualified voters of the whole State in such manner as may be prescribed by law. And in the ity of the votes cast, such an amend ment or amendments shall become part of the Constitution of this State.'

With this section in view, is it an easy matter to alter the constitution by an act of the Assembly? If the Democrats desired to alter the suffrage or any other provision in it. party get back into power it they must first be able to control will disfranchise "poor men." For three-fifths of the votes in each House of the General Assembly and then the bill passed by this three-fifths vote would have to be ratified by a majority of the electhat if the Democrats got into power tors of the whole State. After this the man who would tell the people that there is danger of anybody being disfranchised if the Democrats get control of the Legislature is a pitiable imbecile or an unscrupulous in power and the negroes saw that liar. The thing is just simply im-

possible, that's all. ASTUTE MR. SIMS.

they are beginning to play the dis-Mr. John A. Sims is a Populist franchising rot on the white men, He is also chief clerk in the State and the negroes alike, and Mr. Auditor's office at Raleigh. Mr. Deakery becomes brazen enough to Sims had the sagacity to see the assert that poor men will become white supremacy question looming up, and he had the astuteness to ad-But how will these mendacious vise his party to catch on in time deceivers explain how the Democrats and declare for white supremacy. could if they would disfranchise He also had the sagacity to foresee Republicans and Populists without what the result of the failure to disfranchising others? and how catch on would be, and was prophet will Hon. Office Hunter Dockery enough to predict some of the reexplain how they could disfranchise Poor men? and why they should

He is a member of the Populist

aucasian race.
"Why, from a political standpoint,

State Committee, and at one of it own party, which is composed largely meetings some time ago introduced a resolution declaring that the And then after they have balked Populist party was a white man's and given up trying to explain any porty, and should declare for white of these things how will they exsupremacy in North Carolina and plain how the Democratic party, if make its fight in 1898 on that issue. it would, can disfranchise anybody? This, of course, meant a dissolution There isn't one of them who does of partisanship with the Republicans not know better, and there isn't one of them who makes any of and would put an estoppel on fusion these assertions that does not make in the future. The committee sat them knowing they are false and down on that resolution and it died with the deliberate purpose to de- in the cradle. Mr. Sims was not altogether satisfied at the fate of his ceive the people before whom they resolution and therefore he wrote a letter to the chairman of the com-The Democratic party cannot mittee giving some of the reasons control the question of suffrage. why the party should divorce itself That is fixed by the constitution of the State as amended by the constifrom the colored contingent and tutional convention of 1875. This proclaim itself white, from which we

"Let them (the negroes) have charge of their own institutions of learning here, by placing only those of their people who are thoroughly competent over the same. There can be no objection to this, although the white man may pay a part, and it may be a greater part of the tax which supports this institution, but leave the legislation and the general management of the affairs of North Carolina to the Caucasian race.

trates under Democratic rule, but that is not always the kind of men who serve under Republican-Populist fusion rule.

Steven Bryant is a negro magistrate in Wayne county, elected by the fusion Legislature of 1895 for six years. A case came before him in which a laborer sought to levy on a erop for labor done whereupon constitution as it stands now is a quote the following: Democratic document, with the indorsement of a Democratic con-Section I of article 6, prescribes who the voters shall be thus:

"Every male person born in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, twenty-one years old or upward, who shall have resided in the State twelve months next preceding the election and ninety days in the county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed an elector."

soon as it becomes a fact which will be known and read to all men, that the negro is in authority in North Carolina, then the white men who have come out of the Democratic ranks, who now constitute the Pop-ulist party, will flee, every mother's son of them, back to the Democratic

camp.
"The main issue before us now North Carolina, and not as yet fully agreed upon, is, who shall manage the affairs of our own beloved Common-

'Just here allow me to say that I give all the honor to that noble band of forty odd Populists, who stood solidly as a stone wall in the last General Assembly of North Carolina, against some of the vicious legislation that was attempted to be thurst upon the cities of Eastern Carolina (as well as some of the western), but for these the management of the cities referred to would have been turned over to those wholly incompetent to say the

"I, for one, am opposed to further misleading the negroes of North Caro-

lina.
'Now, Mr. Chairman, if you could only see some of the many letters now in my possession from parties throughout North Carolina, who en-dorse the course that I took before the recent meeting of the State executive committee, you would see that, as a party, we cannot afford longer to fail to give expression on the question of white supremacy; if from no higher motive, we are compelled to do it in solf-defense. And pray, tell me, why not? The Populist party is a white man's party, while the greatest issue involved affects all classes. conditions and colors of men and i should be a party composed of all, and more especially of all laboring men, yet the fact remains that the negro is a Republican and ever will be. (I know of but one township in North Carolina where the negroes are stick ing to the Populist party.)

This in the main is good, hard sense, to which most of the white men of North Carolina will subscribe, and it speaks well for the political sagacity of the writer, but it didn't have much effect on the machine manager to whom it was addressed for he was one of the main movers in the recent fusion deal with Republican machine managers who represent a party composed of three-fourths negroes and one-fourth whites, and Mr Sims forgot it himself for he was one of the committee that fixed up the fusion deal. He and the chairman will now get into harness and pull, alongside the negro just as if they were born that

But for all that he grasped the situation from the standpoint of politics, and also from the standpoint of patriotism, if it may be assumed that he was honest and sincere in what he wrote. As a politician he foresaw and predicted that if his party didn't secure a divorce from the negro party and declare for white supremacy, when that issue came up (as it would) the white men in his party who had been Democrats would desert it and "flee back to the Democratic party"-just as they are doing, and just as some Republicans who have never voted

the Democratic ticket are doing. It does him credit (or rather it would do him credit if he had consistently refused to return to the fusion wallow) that he was opposed to turning over Eastern cities and counties to negro rule, and it does his candor credit to virtually admit that they had been "misleading the negroes," when he declares that he is opposed to "further misleading"

If he thought it was time to quit misleading the negroes, the negroes have come to the conclusion that it was time for them to cease being led by the white men who have been leading them for the sake of offices the leading brought, and are proclaiming a leadership of their own and putting in a claim to the offices, or at least what they consider their share of them.

Mr. Sims may be tired of the association, he may deprecate the rule of the "incompetent, to say the least," and he may possibly sympathize with those communities where the negro has been put on top, but he will go right along helping to keep him on top by continuing to breathe life into the dead bulk of the Republican party," as Populist Senator Atwater, of Chatham county, said the Populist party had done. But Mr. Sims in his letter wrote a good deal of sense, even if he were simply talking from a political standpoint and were inspired by no higher or more commendable motive.

A DISPENSER OF JUSTICE

The presumption is that a magis trate who is empowered to sit in judgment on the people brought before him, and decide cases pertaining to person or property, should be at least an ordinarily intelligent person, capable of writing what is necessary for him in his official capacity, to write, and to understand the law as applying to the cases that come before him. That was the kind of men who served as magistrates under Democratic rule, but

trate in Wayne county, elected by lecturing for the misfortunes of

from the Raieigh Post, in which levy is made on the whole township and county.

"North Carolina, Wayen county." Goldsboro township befor S. L. Elexander T. Hook elaimant-

"The said Abe Whitly hereby files his lien against the said township and county said lien is for work and labor done on crops of said Abe Whitley for bill of particulars here with filed the said crops being upon the land of said Abe Whitley situat in said county and township and adjoining the Land of Benet and I. B. Fonsill and upon said Elexander t Hook His Ben Elexander t Hook claims, Sept. 13, 1895, this day befor me S. L. Bryant J. P."

"On the corner of the document is this figuring: 65x60x \$3.50, is \$4.75." It may be observed that the sable dispenser of justice didn't forget his costs. There are doubtless more of the same kind. And these are the kind of law dispensers the fusionists would give North Carolina, because the negro must be recognized to keep the white bosses in

ONE OF MANY.

There are thousands of Populists in North Carolina who withdrew from the Democratic party, but, disgusted with the faithlessness and mercenary bartering of the so-called leaders of the Populist party, are returning to the Democratic fold. Many of them give the reasons why they do so, and good reasons, too. We have published letters from a number of them, found in our State exchanges, and herewith present another which we find in the Lumberton Robesonian:

Editor Robesonian: Fearing that the Democratic party, under the lead-ership of Cleveland, was drifting from its true principles, I joined the People's party, believing that it was what it contended to be, for free silver, a low tariff and an economical administra tion of the government. But I find now that the leaders of the party those who want office-have placed the party on the block to be bil off by the highest bidder by that party which will leaders the most offices. We see them joining the Republican party whose every principle is opposed to their platform, for they are for gold, a high tariff and an expensive administration. They are placing the black man over the white man and the white woman in the South, while they dare not do it in the North.

For these reasons I have deterto return to the Democratic party; the white man's party; the party which has always defended the niddle classes and fought the trusts; the party of my fathers. And I sin-cerely hope that all those who withdrew from the party for the same reasons that I did will also see their error and return again to its flag and table. Our chairs have never been occupied and are now waiting for us.

This man has the courage to act on his convictions. He had the courage to go out of the Democratic party when he believed it was under wrong leadership, and he has the courage to go out of the Populist party when he discovers that the leaders of that party are false to it, deserters of their professed principles, and in the lust for spoils consort with men who are opposed to everything that the Populist party in former days contended for. Honest people, in the possession of their senses, with eyes and ears. can't be fooled all the time. The Populist office traders have carried the fooling too far.

"CONTEMTIBLE PIE HUNTERS."

This Is What Butler Called Those Wh Payored Co-Operation in 1897.

Here is what Marion Butler said in his paper, the Caucasian, in February, 1897:

"The co-operation of the Populists and Republicans in this State has been a dismal and disastrous failure. Only the contemptible pie-hunters see any good in it."

If you do not believe Marion But ler's paper said this, ask him whether it did or not. He dare not deny it. If "co-operation" had no "good in it" in 1897, is there "any good in it" in 1898, when Negro Domination is staring us in the face?

What Marion Butler said in the Caucasian in 1897, is exactly what every decent white man in North Carolina believes now.

Four preachers are disputing over which converted Capt. Philip, of the Texas. That doesn't seem to have been a yery difficult job, but if they want to have something that will justify a lively wrangle let them try their powers on Hon. John Sher-

Col. Roosevelt on parting with

his "rough riders" gave them some

good advice, and among other

things told them not to "pose."

Men who pose very often expose their weokness. Emile Zola is coming to this country to lecture. He is going to talk about himself and Dreyfus, This country has to stand a good deal of

That Cincinnati Populist conven-

other people.

NOT ENOUGH.

One of the leading Croatans Robeson county writing to the Lumberton Robesonian says it is not enough to elect John D. Bellamy to Congress, Democratic Judges and the Democratic county ticket, but a Legislature must be elected whose hands the Croatans, as well as other citizens will be safe, and therefore, they must work to elect the right kind of men to the Legislature from that county. He was speaking as a Croatan for Croatans but when he emphasized the importance of electing members to the Legislature who would see that his desiring good government in the people were not unfairily dealt with East, government that will have a he showed that he appreciated the tendency to develop, make strong necessity of looking to the Legislaand build up, rather than cripple and

If the Croatans are interested in seeing the right kind of mer sent to the Legislature, so is every man who desires the welfare and happinsss of North Carolina. It is not enough that we elect Democratic Congressmen, Democratic Judges and Democratic county officers, for important as all these are -and they are of vast importancethey are of less importance than the right kind of a Legislature.

There is no person in North Carolina however humble, whether he pay much or little toward the support of the State government, who is not interested in the election of the right kind of men to make our laws or to unmake the laws which unscrupulous or stupid men made.

There is no section of the State of North Carolina which is not interested in this, for all sections must profit from good laws and suffer from bad laws. Certain laws may apparently operate more against one section than against another. The West, for instance, does not as keenly feel the effects of the laws which in the East are giving the negroes such conspicuous position in the government of cities and counties. The East suffers more at first because it is the first struck, but how long will it be before the blight will be felt in the West which has heretofore rested in fancied security?

The Legislature makes laws for

the whole State, and the character of

those laws will be shaped by th character of the men who make them. The Republican party is three-fourths black. The black three-fourths are becoming very assertive and very aggressive, and are beginning to declare their inde pence of if not their contempt for the white fourth. With the color line drawn by the negroes themselves and welcomed by some of the boldest of them; with conventions demanding the fuller recognition of the negroes and asserting their claims to their full portion of the offices, how long will it be before they will be electing themselves to the Legislature, and how long will it be before they become a dangerous if not a dominating force in that body? Then they can dictate the legislation not only for the East, as they have been doing in the last two Legislatures, but for the whole State, and thus the West and the Centre would feel the effects of negro domination without having negro commissioners sitting in their court houses, negro magistrates dispensing justice, negro school committeemen directing their schools, negro aldermen making ordinances for their towns or negro policemen patrolling their streets. There might not be much or any of this, but they would feel the blight of negro rule all the same.

The laws that regulate traffic and prescribe the duties and the privileges of common carrires, such as the railroads, in as far as they do not conflict with interstate traffic, are passed by the Legislature. This being so, how long would it be until the railroads of the State would be made the special objects of legislation by the colored solons; who would insist that companies have no right to adopt rules and regulations that would exclude a negro from riding anywhere on a train that he saw fit, regardless of his personality or his offensiveness? There is a good deal of that now, but there would be more of it when emboldened by such encouragement.

throw their doors open without discrimination of race, or previous or present condition of servitude? This would, of course, lead to a great deal of conflict and unpleasantness from which the West or the Centre could not escape any more than the East, for their people must travel on railroads, and they have their hotels, boarding houses and places of public amuse-

The State Government is supported by taxation on real estate and personal property. The lands on a crop for labor done, whereupon | tion seems to have entirely lost sight | as to value, and on this value, and on this value, and on this value, and on this value, and on the Summer inthe sable justice issued the follow- of Tom Watson of Georgia, who is, tion the tax is figured. If him. Alger has a clear case now if and a very easy matter to register haling the invigorating air of do I say it is to the advantage of the ing unique document, which we clip or was, also a middle-of-the-roadist. the East should pay one-third of he wishes to discipline Miles.

purposes, and her lands and other property depreciated in value until she paid less than one-third other sections would have to pay proportionately more to meet the State expenses, or the treasury would become bankrupt. Therefore it is to the interest of each section to see that no legislation be enacted that will depreciate the property of other sections, and render them less able to bear their full proportion in contributing to the support of the State Government. For this reason the Centre and the West have a pecuniary interest, if they have no other, in

the gross amount required for State

It does not take a moment's reflection to show that immigration will not flow in, nor capital flow to a section where the status is uncertain and no one knows what to look for, where the vicious rule and the better class are ignored. More than this, for this better class, wearving of the struggle, will eventually leave the viciously ruled section and find homes in more congenial quarters, which would be the inevitable result of continued negro rule.

The right kind of a Legislature can save North Carolina from these perils, save the East from becoming a wreck, and this is why the right kind of a Legislature, a white Legislature,-white not only in color but in feeling,-is an imperative

OLIVER NOT HONEST.

When Office Hunter Dockery spoke at Huntersville, Mecklenburg county, he devoted most of his speech to an appeal to the Populists. and to an effort to deceive them into the belief that he would not betray them if elected to Congress. told that touching story (although somewhat belated) of how he had promised his dying father never to "go back on silver, the poor man's money." He showed how filially he kept this pledge by acting with the Republican party, and endorsing its declarations for gold up to the time when D. L. Russell knocked him out of the nomination for Governor, and he was tempted to subscribe to free silver by- the offer of the Populist

nomination for Lieutenant Governor. Up to the time that he was laid out in the Republican State convention one of the strong points he made against his competitor. -Russell, was that he was not sound on gold and was too much tinctured with silver, and then seduced by the prospect of a Lieutenant Governorship, with a nimbleness that a circus tumbler couldn't hold a candle to, he tumbled right over to the silver side. He realizes the position in which he now stands and tries to wriggle out of his change of base thus, as we find him quoted in the Populist organ, Home Rule, published at Raleigh.

"I am asked how I can run as a How I could be a Populist two years ago and now a Republican? I was not a Populist two years ago, though I did affiliate with that party and help to carry the State for Bryan. This cooperation movement is not fusion. After the victory is won, each party will march back to its own with its organization intact.'

This is neither honest, nor clever attempt at deception. He is not asked "how he can run as a protectionist and a free silver man." He is not running as a protectionist and a free silver man, but as a protectionist and a gold standard man, for he stands squarely on the gold platform adopted by the Republican convention which nominated him. and he tries to dodge when he lugs in protection and leaves out gold.

He says he was not a Populist two years ago, but neither was he a Republican. He seems to be under the impression that the people have forgotten that open letter which he published denouncing the Republican party as the tool of the money power, as the betrayer of the people, declaring that it was an unfit party for any honest man to affiliate with, and therefore he withdrew from it. He was talking for himself when he severed his allegiance to the Republican party. The Republican party has not changed. How long would it be before they has not come to him. It is as would be regulating the hotels, strong or stronger for gold now than boarding houses, places of public it was when he denounced it, but importers reap the benefit. amusement, etc., and legislating to he has recanted, subscribed to its gold declarations, and is, to use the anguage of the sponsor who did the recanting for him, as good a Republican as ever.

There is no honesty in this kind of cavorting, and Dockery must either be playing foul with the Republicans who nominated him, or with the Populists for whose votes he is pleading.

When General Miles landed he also landed a pretty heavy document on the War Department, and contrary to Secretary Alger's exand personal property are assessed pectation he didn't take back any North Carolina, and so scatter them

resent election laws, registering and voting are made easy.

The imported come in, of course, under the guidance of fellows who are selected for that business and know where to locate these recruits where they will attract the least attention, and can be best held on hand to be utilized on election day. NO. 48 They find work for them where they can if they keep them on the ground, get them registered and Until the Fusionists got into then turn them loose with the unz power they were loud for retrenchderstanding that they will come to time on election day and earn their ment, reform, economy, and all that money. Of course they will be dissort of thing, but their retrenchment has cost the people about \$400,000 tributed according to the requiremore than the Democratic "extravaments for votes. In close districts a few votes in each township would give aggregate votes enough to carry a close county, and these, carrying out the plan for a close district, have increased them, and have rewould give votes enough to carry sorted to a system of deception to prevent the people from discovering the district.

These managers are, generally speaking, sufficiently familiar with the political status to know about how the respective parties normally compare, how many home votes they can reasonably depend upon, about the number of votes that can be cast against them, and they can therefore calculate pretty closely on the number that it will be necessary to import and they make their arrangements and import accordingly.

It isn't easy to keep up with the colored contingent for they, especially the young men, are disposed to be nomadic in their habits and do much of their perambulating between supper and breakfast, very frequently dered. In some of the Departments taking supper in one county and this has been done so scandalously breakfast in another. Moving around as they do, it isn't easy to identify ments have refused to publish the them, or be positive that they are new importations, although eight formed, because they were afraid to white men out of ten who are present when they come to register feel morally certain than they are newments were being utilized to give comers. But by organization and a close watch a good deal of this importation and registration may be prevented, although all cannot be. Democrats in the border counties, at least, should put their pickets out they meant by the howl for "reform?" and be on their guard so that they may follow up these importations and keep track of them.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE.

this State are totally unscrupulous We have asserted in these columns as to the methods they employ to that there have been more burwin the offices they are striving for. glaries by negroes, and more out-The last election was carried by rages and attempted outrages on fraud so palpable that no reasonable white women since the present man could for a moment doubt it, mongrel rule-began than there were and no one does doubt it. There in all the years of Democratic rule. was more money spent than was It is an exceptional week when ever spent in any preceding election some of our State exchanges do not for it was necessery to carry the Legrecord either burglaries or outrages, islature to elect a Republican Senator and a Republican Senate with the and sometimes both. The Snow Hill Standard of last week tells of a Senate as evenly divided as it was, was double crime of burglary and atnecessary to the Republican party. They got a Republican Governor. tempted outrage thus: a mongrel Legislature, and a Republican Senator. who was elected with

"Last Tuesday night about 12 o'clock John Best, a negro who lives on the place of Mr. J. R. Ham, about seven the aid of Populist votes. They miles from Snow Hill, entered the got about all they expected, but it house of Mr. Jesse Ham and attempted that awful crime which he will pay for with his life. Mrs. Ham was the cost them hard work and much victim. She was aroused by this devil in human form before he accomplished his purpose and screamed for pretty common thing with the Reher husband, who was in an adjoining publican machine managers, but room. The negro then attempted to escape, but was recognized, a warrant their colonizing never before reached issued and he is now in the county jail. We have heard some indignant the proportions that it did in the hreats, and the hellish fiend may last election, because it is a very meet speedy justice at the hands of an outraged people." easy matter under the present election and registry laws to utilize the

With a satanic impudence and levity the editor of the negro organ in this city, in that brutal slander on the white women of this State. reminded fathers and mothers that if they "left their goods out of doors over night" they had no right to complain if they "were taken away," an apology for rape as trifling as it was brazen. In this case "the goods were not left out of doors," but the black fiend boldly entered the sanctuary of the home under the cover. of darkness to do his hellish work, n which he was happily foiled by the timely appearance of the husband of the assaulted woman.

We will not charge the white men who lead this mongrel party with direct responsibility for these frequent outrages, but there is no denying the fact that under their regime the negroes have become bolder and more lawless, until it is not safe for an unprotected white woman or girl to venture from home, and every house must have its watchdog and shot-gun. How long is this thing going to last, white men of North Carolina?

DIDN'T FOOL ANYBODY.

When decoy duck Norment pulled out of the mock race for Congress in this district in favor of Office Hunter Dockery, he didn't fool anybody. He certainly didn't fool the STAR, which remarked shortly after he bobbed up that he would soon bob

Of course there is a consideration, quid pro quo, to come in. He will hardly be satisfied with a nomination for the Legislature for there is not substance enough in that for patriots of the Doctor's build. He probably has his eye on something better, which will come on certain conditions, one of these conditions being that Office Hunter Dockery can fool men enough in this district to vote for him and elect him to Congress. In that event the Dr. may get something to his liking.

A Northern contemporary remarks that for an old man who had to leave the Cabinet because of the befogging effects of age, Mr. Sherman talks with surprising spirit. and vote them, because, under the Alaska.