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A COWARDLY CAMPAIGN.

The two characteristic features of the Rep.-Pop. campaign have been deception and cowardice.

The alleged object was to preserve the present election laws, which insure the present system of county government, but the real purpose was to hold the power they have and thus retain the offices they secured by fusion.

When this fact was made known to the people of the Center and the West, and the true condition of the East was described, illustrating the practical workings of this county government system, to preserve which they fused with a party which has no more affinity with the Populist party than oil has with water.

Why did they, and why do they still, endeavor to conceal or deny these facts, and when they can no longer deny them why do they delude in the past, go back twenty years and rake up some negroes who held some petty positions and parade them as an offset to the thousand or so that they with their Republican allies have put into office within four years?

But it has been a campaign of cowardice as well as of falsehood and sneaking deception.

One of the first things the fusers who met for the purpose of working up their trade for the spoils did after the bargain was consummated was to announce the opinion that it was not advisable for the fusion campaigners to hold any joint discussions with the Democratic speakers.

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their record was clean and unassailable, why fear to go before the people on that record, and manfully and boldly show it and defend it if assailed?

If the Democratic party was as vulnerable as they say it was; if it was the progenitor of negro rule, as they falsely allege it was; if it is a gold standard party, as Rocky Mount Butler and some of his pals say it is; if it was the tool of the money power and of the railroad corporations, as they lyingly assert, why did they not seek and invite joint discussions, when they could show all this up and dumbfound the Democratic speakers who undertook to defend the Democratic party?

They missed the opportunity of their lives when they didn't do this, but adopted this cowardly course of dodging and advising against joint discussions.

They may have thought the people could not see through this cowardly dodge to avoid discussion; or understand why it was resorted to, but they were very much mistaken, for the people did see through it and understand it, and the people hate a coward who aspires to leadership.

Their latest, but probably not their last, confession of cowardice is their whining about Democratic intimidation after they have asserted broadcast that they have an invincible majority and that they were going to carry the election by overwhelming numbers.

It isn't conscience, that Hamlet talked of, that makes cowards of them, but the knowledge that they have been playing a disreputable part and are doomed to defeat.

MORE OBJECT LESSONS.

There was a race riot at Harpersville, Mississippi, a few days ago, another Ashpole affair, but on a larger scale and with more fatal results, for fourteen negroes paid with their lives the penalty of resisting the law, and four white deputies were shot, one fatally.

This riot was caused by the banding of negroes to resist the arrest of a negro who had got into an altercation with his employer, a white man, whom he felled with a hoe and beat badly. Officers went to arrest the negro but he was not to be found at his home. Next night a posse went when they found the man with about fifty other negroes who opened a fusillade upon the posse, killing one and wounding three more, and thus opened the war which cost these fourteen negroes their lives.

In Chattanooga about the same time negro soldiers started a riot by trying to release a comrade who had been arrested by a policeman. In the melee a white man was killed and a policeman and several of the soldiers were wounded.

Here are two collisions in both of which lives were lost, both resulting from the negro's defiance of law and attempts to resist it.

Thus it is everywhere in the South, where a negro is seldom arrested, (unless for an offence against some other negro), without some attempt being made by other negroes to prevent arrest or to take him from the officers of the law if arrested. In nine cases out of ten this has been the cause of the collisions between the races in the South, and yet this is thirty-four years after their emancipation, with all the opportunities they have had in the meantime, with their schools and churches, for enlightenment and improvement.

RUSSELL OBSTINATE.

There may have been some who believed that Governor Russell would realize the gravity of the situation and show some disposition to meet in a conciliatory spirit the committee from this city who called upon him Wednesday, but we were not of that number. Daniel L. Russell is naturally obstinate, and in spite of the counsel of conservative Republicans in this city he insists that a county ticket be run, although the principal names that he mentions are of men who decline to run. He has thus given another exhibition of his disposition to run counter to the best people of this community, and to aggravate the gravity of the situation instead of using his good offices to mollify it.

He may put up a Republican ticket in New Hanover county, but the white men of this county are going to carry it and they are going to carry it inside of the law, too.

They are neither going to invite nor provoke trouble, but they know their rights and will maintain them, and if trouble be forced upon them they will meet it like men.

This State is as certain to go Democratic on the 8th day of November as the sun is to rise on that morning, and all the frenzied efforts of the other side, and all the letters or proclamations that Daniel L. Russell may write cannot prevent it. The white men of North Carolina were never more thoroughly united than they are now, nor more resolutely determined to rescue North Carolina from the mongrel rule that now humiliates and disgraces her, and they will do it unless the world comes to an end before the day of election.

THEY KNOW WHAT NEGRO RULE MEANS.

We have published in these columns a number of letters from Northern residents of this State, formerly Republicans and still Republicans in national politics, but see the effect of negro rule and fear that reason affluite in State and local politics with the Democratic party in this State.

Mr. F. W. Clement, a Northern man, has been for some years a resident of Winston, where he has charge of the street railway system and electric light plant, representing a capital of \$150,000. He is in national politics a Republican, but in State and local politics, (like nearly every Northern man in the State who is not in politics for spoils), he is a Democrat, and gives his reasons in the following letter published in the Winston Journal, under date of the 23d inst:

Editor Journal—For more than five years I have been a resident of the city of Winston, coming here from New York, and I have always been a Republican. Since coming to your State I have seen Democratic rule in State and city and also Republican rule. I am thoroughly satisfied in my mind from observation and actual experience that the good of the community and State is best subserved by the white Democrats and have resolved to affiliate with them in future State elections, although retaining Republicanism in national causes.

These are the reasons of a man who represents a company which has many thousands of dollars invested in the cities of Winston and Salem. They may be called dollar reasons, but they are good ones, for dollars as well as the peace, dignity and manhood of the State are at stake in this campaign.

And yet mercenary office holders and hunters assert that there is nothing in the cry of "negro domination," that it is merely a Democratic invention for election purposes. The lie ought to choke them and would if they didn't, like the snake, have elastic throats.

TRYING TO POOL POPULISTS.

'Home Rule' is a Populist organ published at Raleigh, which represents the S. Otho Wilson faction, which is fighting the Butler faction. It is for fusion, and has been all along. Now it is trying to fool the 'anti-fusionists,' or 'middle-of-the-roads,' as it calls them, with the following rot:

'Honest Populists who are not fusionists, called "middle-of-the-roads," are daily coming to the support of fusion, as they see the only result of their course is to help put in the party who reaped the ballot in '92 and '94. Wise course. The right to vote for what you please is of more consequence to us than any mere party policy.'

This was not the inspiration of fusion at all, and it was never thought of as being put forward as a reason until fusion had been consummated and the Radical-Pop. Stumpers, led off by Office Hunter Dockery, put up the "disfranchising" scarecrow and tried to scare the negroes and "poor white men" by alleging that if the Democrats carried the Legislature they would deprive the negroes and "poor white men" of the right to vote.

But logically what does this Home Rule rot amount to? Simply this. That to preserve the present system of county government the white Populists of the State are urged to vote with the Republican allies of the fusion Populists to keep thirty counties under negro rule, and make the race conflict endless, unless the white people in the negro-ruled counties migrate and give the counties up entirely to the negroes, the very thing that some negroes leaders, who declare that "Eastern North Carolina is the place for the negro," hope for and are working for. It is too late to play that kind of rot on the Populists, who see through it, although Rocky Mount Butler has joined the Home Rule gang in trying to play it.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Mr. C. M. Roberts, who was in the city yesterday, told the STAR of a fearful accident which occurred in Bladen a few days ago. Adalia, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. Charles Pate, who lives near Brompton in Bladen county, was burned to death, the fire having caught from some matches which the little one was playing with in the absence of his mother.

AFRAID OF STATE TROOPS.

A State's militia is its arm of defence in case of invasion or of domestic turbulence with which the civil authorities are unable to cope. The militia of North Carolina has never been wanting in loyalty to the State, and has never yet failed to respond to a call to support the civil authorities, and it has remained for the present administration to acknowledge that because they are white they cannot be depended upon in this emergency to obey the orders of the Republican machine managers and help to fasten negro rule upon North Carolina.

The Government of the United States could depend upon them to carry its flag into other countries and plant it there and defend it, but the mongrel machine managers cannot rely upon them to help them carry out their infernal plot against the white people of North Carolina. This is a confession as damning to these conspirators as it is honorable to the white soldiery of this State.

If troops are to be used to carry out their schemes it will not be North Carolina white troops nor from any Southern State, for the fact that they are white and are therefore supposed to have a kindred feeling with the white people of the State bars all Southern white soldiers, and they will have to rely upon soldiers of other States. If they should be sent and they be white, the mongrel machine managers will probably not find them as servicable as they imagine. This game was tried in North Carolina in reconstruction days, and in other Southern States then and later, and in nearly every instance the plotters who invoked the coming of the soldiers got very sick of them before they left, for they were white and it didn't take them very long to make that fact apparent.

NOTES FOR PRITCHARD TO GRACK.

In this issue of the STAR we publish an open letter by Hon. F. M. Simmons, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, to Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard, U. S. Senator. In his recent interviews with U. S. officials at Washington, and with others, intended for publication and purporting to represent the situation in North Carolina, he has alleged that there is no good cause for the uprising of the white men of this State; that the race animosities have been incited for political effect; that negro domination is a myth, and that there are but few negroes holding office in North Carolina, and these all of minor importance. He asserts this on the word and authority of a Senator, who should be presumably, at least, familiar with such matters, and familiar with the actual condition of affairs, with which all intelligent reading people are familiar.

For the information of Senator Pritchard and others who may have read his one-sided statements, Mr. Simmons wrote him this letter citing the counties and cities in which negroes hold offices, the number holding offices either by appointment of the fusion Legislatures, or by election by the fusion party, the number of negroes holding offices, and those running as candidates for office nominated by Republican conventions, in all numbering over a thousand, and three hundred of them magistrates to interpret the laws and to dispense justice.

Of course Senator Pritchard will not undertake to answer these inquiries, it is not expected that he will, for he would have to acknowledge himself a falsifier if he did; but there is no honest man who can read this array of specific citations and for a moment believe that negro domination in the East is a "myth" and not an actual storm-breeding condition.

Mr. Simmons very appropriately concludes his letter with some pointed inquiries to Senator Pritchard as to what he would do if these conditions applied to his county of Marshall, and negro officers were thrust upon it as they have been upon some Eastern counties. These inquiries are peculiarly applicable and appropriate in view of the fact that not very many years ago Senator Pritchard was one of the chief promoters of the movement to organize a white Republican party, which the negro would not be permitted to enter. He, with others who were in sympathy with him, and co-operating with him, contended that if the negro could be eliminated from the Republican party white men enough would join it to make it possible to contest against the Democratic party. The movement fell through, but this does not lessen the fact that Pritchard was one of its chief promoters, and that he was then as strong a believer in white supremacy as he is now in negro rule, which he supports while denying its existence. Then he hoped to win office by white votes, now he holds office by virtue of negro votes, which accounts for the change and for his present position.

FRANK LEAK COVINGTON.

Died at His Home in Wilmington Yesterday Afternoon, Aged Thirty Years.

With the deepest and most sincere regret, the STAR chronicles the death of Mr. Frank Leak Covington, which occurred at his home in this city yesterday afternoon at six o'clock.

Mr. Covington was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Covington and was born in Rockingham in the year 1868. While quite young, his parents removed to Wilmington and he has been a valued and prominent citizen of Wilmington up to the time of his death, holding the responsible and important position of assistant clerk and travelling salesman for Messrs. C. C. Covington & Co., wholesale grocers, of this city. He was popular and highly respected, not only by the host of friends and associates here, but by a large acquaintance all over the State. For a number of years he has been a member of Hanover Lodge No. 145, I. O. O. F., and for some time held an important office in that order.

Some years ago he was happily married to Miss Maybelle Sebrell, who survives him, together with his father, Mr. E. P. Covington, his brother, Mr. C. C. Covington, and two sisters, Miss Kath Covington, of this city, and Mrs. H. D. Thompson, of Baltimore.

The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Ovington residence, No. 712 Orange street, and the remains will be taken on the 3.30 o'clock train to his old home at Rockingham, for interment.

NEGRO KILLED AT HAMLET.

He Insulted and Assaulted a Well Known White Man Who Wore a Red Shirt.

News was received here yesterday of an incident which occurred in Hamlet Wednesday evening, which is but another illustration of the insolence engendered among negroes by the present Republican-negro regime and which withal resulted fatally for the negro who attempted to bull-doze a "red shirt."

Mr. Brooks, who is employed on the Carolina Central depot yard at Hamlet, had occasion to enter a business house where several negroes were loafing. They were apparently drinking. Mr. Brooks was wearing a red shirt and one of the negroes stepped forward and demanded to know what he meant by wearing the shirt. He was given to understand that it was none of his business, whereupon he drew a large knife and attempted to assault Mr. Brooks, who drew his revolver and sent a ball crashing through the negro's head, killing him instantly.

It is understood that Mr. Brooks has been completely exonerated by the coroner's jury, in that the killing was clearly in self defence.

AND STILL THEY COME.

Ten Populists Near Rose Hill Declare Their Purpose to Join the White Man's Party.

Mr. Joe Merritt, the true blue Democrat of Rose Hill, was a welcome STAR caller last night and he brought truly cheering news from his neighborhood and Duplin county. Scores of Populists are renouncing that party and flocking to Democracy and white supremacy. The following gentlemen who reside in his neighborhood and have retrofitted votes, have authorized Mr. Merritt to announce through the papers that they propose to vote and work for Democracy and white supremacy at the coming election:

J. B. Hawes, T. J. Johnson, S. E. Johnson, R. D. Register, T. S. Johnson and J. B. Johnson.

Mr. Merritt will go to Goldsboro this evening to attend the great white man's rally.

THEY'RE SCARCER JUST NOW.

A gentleman who lives about three miles from the city, in Harnett township, told a STAR representative yesterday of a good joke on Wilmington's Chief of Police, Wednesday afternoon, in view of the fact that it is currently reported that several of the best members of the force are thinking of resigning, the aforesaid Chief made a tour of a good portion of Harnett township in search of Populists, upon whom he could bestow a policeman's salary of \$45 per month. What must have been the Chief's consternation, when after riding for many miles he could not find a single white Populist—not even when an office was in sight.

The gentleman who related the incident says the Populists of Harnett township are all swinging into line for a white man's victory in November.

THE CAMPAIGN IN NASH.

Rep. Pop. Speakers Disappointed—Democratic Nominces Address a Large Gathering at Gold Rock.

[Star Correspondence.] GOLD ROCK, N. C., October 25.—A Populist and a Republican came to this place yesterday to speak, and when they arrived their hearts were made glad by seeing such a large crowd of ladies and gentlemen out to hear them. But the crowd came to a baptizing which took place in Swift creek, and when the preacher departed, it left the poor Rep.-Pops to speak each other, except a handful of stragglers around the Rock.

A GREAT MEETING.

An Earnest Protest Against Negro Domination in Eastern North Carolina.

Eight Thousand White Men Present. Determined to Throw Off the Negro Yoke—Patriotic Speeches. Resolutions Adopted.

Eight thousand white men assembled at Goldsboro yesterday to enter their solemn protest against the existing negro domination in Eastern North Carolina, and to show by their determined spirit that it must cease forever. Probably twenty-five counties were represented, but the meeting was made up chiefly of white men from the negro-ruled counties of the East.

It was a great meeting; great in numbers; great in the attendance of Democratic speakers; great in the display of the invincible spirit of determination characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race; great in its firm resolve to free North Carolina from negro rule.

But it was not strictly a Democratic meeting; for it was composed not only of members of that party, but of Populists and Republicans who are sick of the infamy and disgrace that has been brought upon their State by the party of negro traders who have held high carnival within her borders during the past four years.

White men of all ages and conditions were there, and from the grim determination depicted upon each face, it was clear that they were there, not for pleasure or amusement, but for the fixed purpose of throwing off the negro yoke which is threatening the every interest of the Caucasian race. They were there to discuss in a calm, dispassionate way means and measures for ridding themselves, their wives and their children, of the weight of negro insolence and negro impudence.

After the various special trains from all sections of the State, had arrived the crowd, which had assumed immense proportions resolved itself, under the direction of Chief Marshal George A. Norwood, into a vast procession, headed by the Second Regiment Band, and the Wilson and Newbern bands. To the martial strains of music by our own Second Regiment Band, this great aggregation of Anglo-Saxon humanity marched enthusiastically to the court house yard, where seats for the crowd and a substantial stand for the speakers had been prepared by the active leaders of Democracy in Goldsboro. The Goldsboro Rifles saluted the procession by the booming of cannon and wild cheering as they approached the place of meeting.

Chairman Simmons' Remarks.

The meeting was temporarily called to order by Democratic State Chairman F. M. Simmons, who in no uncertain terms explained the object for which this great meeting was held. He reviewed at some length the terrible condition of affairs in the East, giving specifically the exact status of negro rule in the unfortunate counties, all of the Federal officers being chargeable directly or indirectly to Senator Pritchard and President McKinley. In round numbers, he stated that 1,000 negroes are holding various offices in North Carolina, from Congressman down to school committeeman, and that for this reason it was only meet and proper that the white men assemble themselves together to thwart the impending danger. Senator Pritchard was censured, for the threatened coming of Federal troops into the State, and Mr. Simmons' remarks protesting against such a course, were greeted with loud and prolonged cheers. The emphatic statement that negro rule can and must stop was a signal for an outburst of applause. The Democratic party, he continued, was not an enemy to the negro, but proposes to treat him fairly, but there is one fact that he must remember, that this is a government which must be administered by white men. The time has come when the white men must rule North Carolina or leave it, and he declared that they are not going to leave, but will protect it, their wives and daughters, with their own strong arms; if need be, with their lives. He concluded by again referring to the Federal troops incident, signaling it as the last measure resorted to by the desperate Republicans, who see no chance of eluding their ticket in North Carolina.

Maj. Wm. A. Guthrie.

At the conclusion of his speech, in a few happy remarks he introduced Maj. Wm. A. Guthrie as temporary chairman of the meeting. Maj. Guthrie was greeted with a storm of applause. He began his speech by saying that in exercising the constitutional privilege of consulting together for the public good, the white people of North Carolina had met together to discuss the one supreme issue of white supremacy and of giving information to the people of the middle and western sections of the State with regard to the deplorable state of affairs in the east. It was a meeting for the exchange of views and for the purpose of prescribing a remedy for the deplorable state of affairs into which our eastern counties have unfortunately fallen. A remedy proposed, it then becomes the duty of every white man to meet the issues promptly. The speaker extended thanks to Mr. Simmons for calling upon him to act as chairman of the large organization present and said that he had come with the intention of laying aside party differences and coming breast to breast with his fellow citizens for the rescue of the State. Prejudice must be laid aside and the issue of white supremacy must be met. Parties and prejudice caused the present unfortunate conditions. It is manifest to any man who has common sense that if white men come together in solid phalanx for the removal of the existing conditions they have the power in their own hands. He declared that in the last election there was found in the Populist ranks 5,000 professed Populists, who cast 5,000 votes for a renegade Governor, and he was elected. The remedy is in our hands and that without violence to the constitution. Let white men come together, elect members of the General Assembly, who want a change. Let the Legislature elect magistrates in certain Eastern counties and let these magistrates elect every other officer in the county. Continuing, he said that he had rather live under a good government as a private citizen than to be Governor of North Carolina, if inconsistent methods had to be employed in his election. Eighteen Populists in the Legislature had deserted their party and sold the flag of the People's party to Senator Pritchard and got for it negro postmasters, custom house officers, etc. He declared that he had turned their flag over to 120,000 negro voters, and these negroes hold it now, and until they give it up, he said in emphatic terms, that the white man's flag was gone from him. (Prolonged applause.) He left the Republican party when it became the common enemy of the country, and he was proud that he belonged to the Anglo-Saxon race—the race which carries the Bible and civilization in one hand and a sword in the other. When you attempt to put your heels on our necks, we will wipe you from the face of the earth. Here he very reverently read from the Bible the story of the Israelites, and drew a parallel case with the condition of affairs now in olden times and free themselves from the shackles. The Bible he referred to incidentally as a book very few fusion candidates were familiar with and cautioned them not to go away and say that he had read a "pack of Democratic lies." The fusionists in their desperation he said, had called on President McKinley "For Good Lord's sake send us down some federal troops to keep the people down. He resented this as an insult to the white people of North Carolina. He entreated everybody to arm themselves with the ballot and fight for the honor of their wives and daughters. If they are still threatened and it comes that daughters and wives have to accept insults from the Africans, the white men will show them the effect of shotguns and Winchester rifles.

Plain Statement of Facts.

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Third. It is not claimed even by his white leaders that the negro is capable of administering a government. On the contrary, the many who are present Republican Governor of the State, has declared in the most emphatic language that he (the negro) is wholly unfit for office.

Fourth. That in many of the counties, cities, and towns of the east the local governments have been turned over wholly, or in part, to the negroes. Among these we mention Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Halifax, New Hanover, Warren, Greenville, Newbern and Wilmington. In these counties, cities and towns, negroes are holding the offices of registered voters, deputy sheriffs, constables, justices of the peace, school committeemen, town commissioners, policemen, postmasters, collectors, store-keepers, gaugers and the like, there are no offices in counties and towns of Eastern North Carolina, nearly one thousand negroes; there being nearly three hundred negro magistrates alone.

Sixth. That as a consequence of turning these local offices over to the negroes, bad government has followed, homes have been abandoned, and a sanctity of women endangered. Business has been paralyzed, and property rendered less valuable. The majesty of the law has been disrespected, and lawlessness encouraged. In many localities men cannot rely upon the officers of the law for protection, for they are known to be incompetent and corrupt. Conditions have become so intolerable in these communities that they can be no longer tolerated or endured.

Seventh. That this negro domination was made possible and these deplorable conditions were brought about through a division of the white men at the ballot box. Had the white men remained together, as they did for many years, those things could not have been.

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Sixth. That as a consequence of turning these local offices over to the negroes, bad government has followed, homes have been abandoned, and a sanctity of women endangered. Business has been paralyzed, and property rendered less valuable. The majesty of the law has been disrespected, and lawlessness encouraged. In many localities men cannot rely upon the officers of the law for protection, for they are known to be incompetent and corrupt. Conditions have become so intolerable in these communities that they can be no longer tolerated or endured.

Seventh. That this negro domination was made possible and these deplorable conditions were brought about through a division of the white men at the ballot box. Had the white men remained together, as they did for many years, those things could not have been.

Eighth. That knowing these evils came about through a division of the white men, the White Man's Party has been zealously working for months to re-unite the white men at the ballot box, where these wrongs can be righted and these evils remedied.

In view of these things it is resolved: 1. That the Republican leaders have a second time clearly demonstrated their inability and their unfitness to govern North Carolina.

2. That the time has come when those who have followed these leaders should no longer do so, and that all men who love their State and their homes should unite in one supreme effort to redeem the State and to place honest and capable white men in office, in State, county, city and town.

3. That our appeal has been, in now, or in the future, to vote in the ballot box and to honest white men. We have contemplated no violence, but we are determined to use all proper means to free ourselves of this negro domination, which is now a blot upon the face of our State.

4. That we declare it is not our purpose to do the negro any harm. It is better to let the negro remain in the ballot box and to honest white men. We have contemplated no violence, but we are determined to use all proper means to free ourselves of this negro domination, which is now a blot upon the face of our State.

5. That we affirm that no such conditions exist in this State as justify Senator Pritchard in calling upon the President to send troops to this State, or in the Governor in issuing his brutal proclamation, and we hereby condemn in the most unmeasured terms the conduct of Senator Pritchard and Governor Russell in attempting to send troops to the outside world that the President of the United States, the home of the Anglo-Saxon, and the Anglo-Saxon shall govern it.