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HARD LICK.

The Charlotte Observer evidently knew that it was striking the "Star" a heavy lick when it asked the "Star" if it knew of any frauds, &c. But the "Star" did not have the pluck to answer candidly and say, as it should, yes; we knew that Canada was defeated by Congress, by the most outrageous frauds ever committed by man.

Moore County.

The Democrats committed all kinds of frauds, and only carried the county against Canada 72 votes, but they thought that would not be enough, so they threw out one township which gave Mr. Canada 61 majority, and declared the county for Shackleford by 135 majority. A Democrat is always equal to the occasion of giving his candidate a majority, and it does not matter what the means required.

The Republican, published at Raleigh by Hon. J. H. Harris, is out demanding that the colored voters shall be recognized by the government in the official emblems of the party appointments. We have at all times advocated this course on the part of the Republican party, and we shall continue so to do. We hope General Garfield will do justice to our colored fellow-citizens. We advise the Republican to continue its good work, and everything that we can do to aid in the accomplishment of this equitable measure shall be done.

Prophecy Coming True.

Judge O. P. Meares, who introduced Gov. Z. B. Vance to the Democrats of this city in 1876, said: "We are sure of success this election, (1876) and when we get in power (meaning the Democrats) we will stay in power forever." What did Judge Meares mean by this prophecy? Did he mean that the Democratic poll-holders would throw out votes enough to elect their candidates every time? If he did, then his prophecy is coming true. We have always looked upon Judge Meares as a very bitter partisan, but a perfectly honest man. But if he intended the above remarks in the way they have been construed by his Democratic friends, then our high opinion of him would be wrong.

OUR ARMY TOO SMALL.

Gen. Sherman has made his annual report to the Secretary of War, and recommends again as he did last year an increase of the army to 30,000 rank and file or enlisted men. Gen. Sherman states that the number of enlisted men in the army is 24,211, which are diminished by details as clerks for recruiting stations, sick, detached service and other service, so that the available force is not more than 20,000 enlisted men. He, therefore, agrees with Gen. Sheridan, the Lt. General, that the army is too small in enlisted men for the heavy duties imposed upon it, and is overworked. He therefore, recommends that Congress be asked to increase the number of enlisted men in the regular line to such an extent as to give full 30,000 enlisted men, and make also provision for Ordinance men, "the Engineer Battalions," "Hospital Stewards," and so forth, in the same manner as has already been done for the Signal Corps.

He also adds:— In this connection, I will venture to call your attention to the fact that the Revised Statutes, edition of 1878, Section 1,115, Chapter I, defining the organization of the army, limits its strength to "not more than 30,000 enlisted men," but subsequent appropriation bills by providing have limited the expenditures to 25,000 enlisted men. Still the legal strength is 30,000 enlisted men; and that number is the least possible at which we can maintain the present organization of forty regiments in anything like good order, discipline and economy, and I infer this end can be reached by simply omitting the proviso in the next appropriation bill.

The combat force remains to-day the same that it was last year, composed of ten regiments of cavalry, five of artillery and twenty-five of infantry; but under the proviso "limit" 25,000 men, the companies are too small for proper discipline or economical service; and I am convinced that the proposed increase of enlisted men will double the efficiency of the Army, and hardly be felt in the annual expenditures.

General Sherman calls attention to the reports of Generals Sheridan, Hancock, and McDowell, and the subordinate reports, and continuing, says:

The progress of settlement west of the Mississippi in the past fifteen years has been simply prodigious. Hardly a mountain but has been prospected for gold and silver; and now prosperous farms and cattle ranches exist where ten years ago no man could venture. This is largely due to the soldier; but in an equal if not greater measure to the adventurous pioneers themselves, and to that new and greatest of civilizations, the railroad. The Pacific Railroad from Omaha to San Francisco is daily traveled in as much safety as from New York to Chicago. The Southern Pacific Railroad is approaching completion, traversing Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California, and to include Texas and New Orleans. The Northern Pacific Railroad is making rapid progress from Bismarck westward. These railroads are penetrating every valley and every district of country which hold out an inducement to settlement. The railroads have completely revolutionized our country in the past few years, and impose on the military an entire change of policy. Hitherto we have been compelled to maintain small posts along wagon and stage routes of travel. These are no longer needed, because no longer used, and the settlements which grow up speedily along the new railroads afford the security necessary, and the regular stations, built for storage at convenient distances, afford the necessary shelter for stores, and for the men when operating in the neighborhood.

These words below in relation to the colored enlisted men in the Army are so bold and noble that we quote them entire, as a refreshing vindication of the devotion of the Army to the Constitution and law, and regard for that part of the Army which is colored:

COLORIED MEN IN THE ARMY.

In this connection I desire to state that in my judgment the requirement that all the enlisted men of the 9th and 10th Cavalry, and of the 24th and 25th Infantry shall be colored men, whilst the officers are white, is not consistent with the amendment to the Constitution referred to. All men should be enlisted who are qualified, and assigned to regiments regardless of color or previous condition. Such has been the law and usage in the Navy for years, and the Army would soon grow accustomed to it. No body of men on earth has more reverence for the Constitution and the laws than the Army, and I pledge my own and the good faith of all in the service to enforce faithfully every part of the Constitution of the United States and every law made in pursuance thereof. General Schofield is abundantly able to enforce the laws and regulations of the Army.

We have not room for more of this admirable report of the great General of our Army, who is a statesman as well as a great soldier. It has always been the average opinion of Americans that the treatment which the Army receives from Congress, is incompatible with the value of that important branch of the service to which the nation owes so much even now in time of peace for onerous service, and in which every good thinking American looks with pride.

POINT CASWELL.

HOW FRAUDS WERE COMMITTED—PLAIN TALK—JUSTICE TO HONEST DEMOCRATS—GLAD THAT MR. CANADAY WILL CONTEST, &c.

POINT CASWELL, Nov. 17, 1880.

MR. EDITOR:— I see the Post is in demand in these times. The Democrats even are not able to rest well without borrowing it to see what you say about them and the election. As a plain citizen I have made up my mind to let you know the news in Pender, and what the Democrats are about. They are letting themselves down some since Garfield beat them so badly. They are scared about their man Shackleford not taking his seat. I have been watching their capers and chat. Some of them think he can come it. A portion think Canada will be admitted in place of Shackleford, and a good many of them are saying that Congress will give a new election. I see by your paper that Canada will contest for the seat, and he is right. He is a popular man in our County and got Democratic votes and a good many more of that party will vote for him if the thing has to be tried over. He was cheated out of his election by Democratic means and fraud in your city and in other counties. I hope you will go on and uncover these tricky and bad fellows. You have not yet found out half of their low work of fraud and corrupt means in this county in cheating our Republican candidates. That is why they are so uneasy and so anxious to read the Post. Your exposures of that man Bruce Williams, cut as they go. It is just like his low sneaking way of doing things. But he had help in his foul tricks about tickets to defeat Canada.

Old Merrie Collins is trying to sneak out, but he was in that ticket fraud. He is a legal man in the Democratic County Committee. He is weak and his party poke fun at him all the time.

He gets along in politics by low cunning and sickens out his party by nearly dying for office. There were very tricky chaps about Burgaw and Rocky Point too, in this ticket cheating business if people down there would tell the truth.

I hear that the young man who sat as registrar there was too much on the sly against our men about election times. I mean at Rocky Point. All I want is a fair deal. We did not have it in this election and I am for ripping up things and for justice. The Democrats are hoping to get Ward in for sheriff over Williams. The people wanted Paddison for sheriff ago. It was the very thing for our party that had men of his own party tricked him out of nomination. Ward is a sorry chance. The Democrats are ashamed of their late county ticket any way. I will except Dr. Lucas, who is smart. He did not go around, because he hated to be seen with such blockheads as their heavy loads on their party were. No wonder we beat them so badly in spite of all their great noise and mean fussing and meetings in all the townships more than ever took place before. I am now done for the present, and am a

FAIR DEALING REPUBLICAN.

A FREE BALLOT AND A FAIR COUNT.

Fraud in Halifax—Democratic Villainy—Outrages of the most Scandalous Sort.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE POST:

I write the following letter to show to the world what a free ballot and a fair count means in Halifax county:

It has been rumored around that Halifax county had gone Democratic. In justice to myself, and to the colored citizens of Halifax county, I write this letter in order to show you how the county did go Democratic. One reason I give, is in Brinklyville township 300 Republicans were prevented from voting. Second, in Caledonia township 250 Republicans were prevented from voting. Third, in Enfield township 200 Republicans were prevented from voting. Fourth, the registration books of Dutterwood township were stolen, which kept 400 Republicans from voting. And in Palmyra township 100 were prevented from voting, and what is worse than all, Halifax township that gave the whole ticket to the President, 500 Republican majority was thrown out, simply because the names on each ticket were not read aloud.

And in Enfield township where the Republicans had a majority of five or six hundred with a fair count, and where all the colored people voted the solid Republican ticket, at right, after the voting, the poll-holders adjourned and went to supper, each man or rather poll-holder taking with him two or three of the boxes. After supper they came back and counted out the votes. It turned up in the count that the vote of seven hundred Republicans, had by some means been changed to Democratic votes. Mr. Hubbs was given 79 votes, A. J. Jackson the Republican candidate for the Senate was given 89 votes, and H. E. Davis 100 and R. J. Mayo 100.

The Democratic Legislative and Congressional tickets received as follows: W. H. Kitchen 685 majority, W. H. Day 666 majority, S. Wilkner the candidate for the Senate 653 majority. Five hundred men in this township will swear that they voted the solid Republican ticket from Constable up to Presidential Electors. I hope no one will think the colored people voted the Democratic ticket in this county, as an assertion of that kind is an infamous falsehood.

Yours respectfully,

A. JONES.

P. S. The Republicans of Halifax county elected their whole ticket from Coroner up to State Senator. The Democratic Returning Board consisting of 9 Democrats and 2 Republicans, counted them out and gave the Democrats 58 majority after keeping over 1,200 men from voting the Republican ticket on the day of election. The Republicans are very much dissatisfied, and the rightfully elected men A. J. Jackson, M. E. Davis and R. J. Mayo will contest the seats of Spear Whitaker, W. H. Day and W. T. Savage, to whom the Democratic Board gave the certificate of election. If there is any justice in the next legislature, the Republican contestants from Halifax will be seated, and they ought to be. If any one ever was elected it was A. J. Jackson, H. E. Davis and R. J. Mayo.

Half's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer is the most reliable article in use for restoring gray hair to its original color and promoting its growth.

A western editor, in replying to a subscriber, who complained that his morning paper was miserably damp, says, "That is because there is so much dew on it."

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF COLORED OLD-FELLOWS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CANADAS, AND WEST INDIES.

The Annual Movable Committee of Colored Old-Fellows of the United States, the Canadas, and West Indies assembled in convention this morning at half past 10 o'clock in the hall of the House of Delegates Grand-Master Fawcett in the chair, D. B. Bowers, Grand Secretary.

FIRST DAY.

The convention reassembled yesterday at 3 p. m. Prayer by Chaplain W. H. Brown.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted. President Fawcett then read a letter that the next business in order was the election of permanent officers.

Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, nominated for the permanent chairman A. K. Manning, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Manning was unanimously elected.

James Spilman, of Jackson, Miss., was elected vice-chairman.

J. B. Sample, of Harrisburg, of Penn., and Charles V. Wilson, of Louisiana, were elected secretaries to report the proceedings of the convention, Chaplain, W. H. Brown, of Baltimore; Guardians, J. P. Graham, Aaron Dodson, and E. S. Brown.

After transacting routine business, the convention adjourned with prayer by the chaplain.

SECOND DAY.

The convention met this morning at 10 o'clock, A. K. Manning in the chair. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

COURTESIES TO THE PRESS.

G. W. Price, of North Carolina stated that the reporter of The States newspaper, who had made a very correct and full report of the temporary organization of A. M. C., had kindly offered to give a full report of the daily proceedings of the convention, and moved that Mr. John B. Sample, the stenographer, be requested to furnish the proceedings to the press. Agreed to.

The Committee on Credentials reported that delegates from several lodges had been reported, and their credentials had been examined and found to be correct.

The new delegates were admitted and assigned seats on the floor.

The convention next proceeded to consider the rules adopted at the last convention A. M. C., held at Little Rock, Ark., and their application to this convention. The question was discussed until the hour of recess had arrived.

Mr. Bustle, of Philadelphia, announced that he would present this afternoon a set of rules for the government of the convention.

Recess till 3 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION. The convention reassembled at 3 p. m. The calling of the roll was suspended.

W. H. Brown offered a resolution fixing the time for holding the daily sessions from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. Adopted.

The Grand Master's report was received and referred to a committee.

The annual reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were received and referred.

Adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION. After the usual routine business, the convention this morning proceeded with the consideration of a matter which was debated until the hour of adjournment. What it was we were unable to learn.

Sketches of Delegates.

GRAND MASTER FAWCETT.

Redmond Fawcett, Grand Master of the U. O. O. F., was born in the city of Philadelphia 1831. He was educated in the public schools of that city; afterwards studied for the ministry, and was ordained in 1860 a minister in the Methodist Church. He joined the Order Old Fellows in 1869, and passed through all the chairs of the subordinate and Grand Lodge. He is prominent as being the author of many of the laws governing the Grand Body.

D. B. BOWSER.

D. B. Bowser, the Grand Secretary, is a man of striking appearance. He is a native of Philadelphia. After receiving a common school education in the public schools of that city he turned his attention to ornamental painting, and has met with great success in his profession. He makes a specialty of ornamental work on military flags and banners. He was one of the founders of the order of Colored Old Fellows in this country, and has held some of the most important positions in the order—Past Master for nine years and Grand Secretary ten years, and has been a member of the Sub-Committee of Management of America for eight years. During the yellow fever scourge at Memphis and New Orleans he succeeded in raising \$1,250 for the relief of the sufferers of Philadelphia, and has met with great success in his profession. He makes a specialty of ornamental work on military flags and banners. 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