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ALL EYES ON THE BROKEN SOUTH.

BIG BOX FRAUDS IN ALABAMA AND USES POPULAR INDIGNATION

TO THREATEN THE STATE WITH REVOLUTION.

How Votes Were Stolen in Election and Counted by Democratic Election Officials—Crude and Clumsy Frauds Performed with Good Impunity—the People's Will Nullified—Will They Submit and Trust to the Moral Sentiment of the Country to Right a Great Wrong?—the Situation Critical.

(Special to THE CAUCASIAN)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Capt. Kolb was fairly elected Governor of Alabama in 1892. He was counted out. He submitted to the outrage, and it was repeated again in 1894. August last he was again elected, and again has the will of the people been defied and nullified. Will he submit again? The only alternative is revolution. There is no peaceful solution immediately at hand. There is no appeal from the declaration of the result by the Alabama Legislature. The false returns control. That they are false nobody doubts. That Kolb was fairly elected both in 1892 and 1894 is beyond dispute. That the same conditions will exist in 1896 is reasonably certain. Is revolution the remedy? Will not the people right this wrong in a peaceful way? Will not the moral sentiment of the country effect a speedy correction of it?

POPULAR INDIGNATION.

The people have not always moved as quickly as seemed desirable, but when once aroused the punishment meted out to those who have attempted to overthrow the popular will as expressed at the ballot box has been only the more crushing from the delay. An illustration of this has been given in New York recently. The victory of Senator Hill and his tool Maynard seemed complete when they had stolen the Legislature of that State in 1891, and the people apparently indorsed the crime in the following election by giving a democratic majority, but when the right time arrived for punishing the perpetrators of the crime, both the tool and his chief were overwhelmed by the wave of popular indignation.

But if the defrauded and indignant Alabamians may heed any moral suasion why not look to the result in North Carolina. The situation looks as though the limit of machine endurance had been reached. The temptation to rash and violent means is strong. The

EVIDENCE OF FRAUD

collected since the election shows the most glaring frauds on the ballot by democratic election officials. In 1892 the total vote as declared stood 115,524 votes for Kolb, as against 126,959 for his opponent, or a majority against Kolb of 11,437. But the vote in detail showed that in the fifteen counties known as the "black belt," where there are more than three colored persons to one white person, Kolb was credited with only 19,367 votes, while his democratic opponent was given 47,557 votes. Every one of these counties was returned as having given a majority against Kolb, although a large majority of the colored voters supported him and at least one-third of the voters.

REPEATED IN 1894.

Frauds as glaring as those of 1892 were perpetrated by the democrats in the August election of this year. In Dallas county, for instance, responsible men who watched the voting at every precinct or "beat," as it is called in Alabama, have made affidavits that only 1582 votes were cast, but the official returns show 6,684 votes credited to that county, of which only 167 are given to Kolb, and 6,517 to his democratic opponent. And yet this county has 41,334 colored population to 8,016 white population, according to the census of 1890. Montgomery has about 3,000 white to 8,000 colored voters, but the official returns of the county credit Kolb with only 280 votes and his democratic opponent with 4,930. This year in the black belt counties Kolb is credited in the official returns with about 6,500 votes, while his democratic opponent is given about 42,500, a majority in these counties of 36,000, or 9,000 more than the total democratic majority in the whole State.

SITUATION CRITICAL.

These facts—undisputed—present a critical situation. Submission will tax to the utmost the self-control of the daringly prevoked and justly indignant people. It is easy to advise a disgusted protest, and counsel the leader to leave the vindication of the purity of the ballot box to time. What would the conservative, law-loving, god-fearing people in North Carolina do under the same provocations? It looked, not many moons since, that they might have a similar experience. No Southern Southern State fought so vigorously against the disruption of the Union as North Carolina. No State fought more ferociously, at the expense of human havoc, that, at this distant day, chills the blood than North Carolina. Her death roll is the longest and her monuments should be the tallest. What would her brave, honest, patriotic people do if subjected to the Alabama ordeal? Happily the peril has been averted. It should be the subject of profound thanksgiving.

ALL EYES ON THE SOUTH.

Northern Sentiment is slowly realizing that the revolution in North Carolina means a permanent rupture in the South. The significance of the result was lost in the early impression of the victory. Fusion in the South and the West has a radically different meaning. In the South it is the only peaceful solution of the purity of the ballot. In the West it means simply the substitution of one partizan organization for another. In the South it is sustained and inspired by a vital principle—the maintenance of popular government. The Alabama episode is an incident in the revolution that swept North Carolina two weeks ago. It emphasizes its peaceful and splendid achievement. It must impress profoundly the coming Legislature with the great importance of harmonious and patriotic action in all matters concerning the weal of the whole people

LINE OF BATTLE FOR 96.

North Carolina will form the line of battle for 1896 with "a free ballot and a fair count" for its shibboleth it will achieve another and final victory. Open the ballot box to all the people, and secure to them honest results. Said a prominent Republican to-day:

"Kolb will emphasize the situation in Alabama, and the congressional contests coming up from the other Southern States for adjustment by the next House will complete the chain of evidence going to prove the supreme necessity of genuine ballot reform."

Unquestionably the Alabama situation has deeply aroused the whole country to the peril of dishonest elections. Revolution may be averted, a peaceful solution may be reached, but whatever the eventuation dishonest Democracy in the South is doomed and damned.

JONATHAN EDWARDS.

A GREAT ADMISSION FROM A GOLD-BUG PAPER.

We take from the Baltimore Sun, about the best Democratic paper published in the United States, the following:

"Here is another melancholy result of Tuesday's election. The South, or at least a portion of it, has shown a disposition to accept Populism and all its wild vagaries. North Carolina has adopted fusion, a combination of Republicans and Populist, Republicans first because it is a national organization, and Populist second. South Carolina, under the mask of Democracy, has elected a Legislature which will elect Governor Tillman Senator as a Democrat, while he espouses all of the delusive doctrines of the Populists. Alabama has had its fight. The result was a reduced Democratic majority, not due to Democratic defection as much as to Populists encroachments. And, so, too, in Georgia. A month ago Mr. Atkinson for Governor received only half a majority which he should have received. In Florida the Democratic disaffection has been swallowed up by the Populists. In Mississippi, where the prevailing discontent has apparently been less felt than in any other Southern State, the malcontents cast their votes for Populists rather than for Republicans. In Louisiana extraordinary efforts were made for Republican candidates, but evidently without success. In Texas the Democrats have won, but by what a narrow margin as compared with former years. It was not the Republicans who made gains. It was the Populists. And, so, too, in Tennessee and Kentucky there were Populistic gains. In Virginia the Populist made no headway. A year ago the Third party made its stand in this State and was most ignominiously defeated. It was not an experiment in this State this year, as it was in other Southern States. It had been tried and proved wanting.

The tendency of the South to accept Populism, as shown by Tuesday's returns, will prove a serious blow to the land of Dixie. That section of the country. It has coal and iron mines, marble quarries, timber lands and other industries which only need the touch of capital to be developed.

Yes in 1896 the south and west will go almost solid into the People's party and if capital runs from good government then it is bad and dangerous capital and we are better off without it.

A POPULIST CONGRESSMAN FROM ALABAMA.

(Charlotte Observer.)

The Herald, of Saturday tells of M. W. Howard, of Alabama, being in New York. He is the man who wrote the book, "If Christ Came to Congress." He is a Populist and was elected to that body on the 6th inst. by 4,000 majority over W. H. Denson, the Democratic nominee, who tried to make the people believe that he was as good a Populist as Howard, but failed. Howard will be the youngest member of the next House. The Herald says he carries in his pocket a resolution calling for an investigation into the methods by which President Cleveland has, as he alleges, made $4,000,000 within the past five years. Moreover, he is going to have an investigation of the means by which the Sherman silver act was repealed. Howard confided to the reporter, among other things, the information that the Populist will name the next President.

For Door Keeper.

[Advertisement.]

The undersigned announces himself a candidate for the position of Door Keeper of the House in the coming session of the Legislature.

E. W. FLAKE,
Wadesboro, N. C.

DAZED DEMOCRACY.

THE BREAK IN THE SOUTH ALARMING

IT IS THE HAND-WRITING ON THE WALL.

The People's Party the Young Giant in Politics—In Two Years it has More Than Doubled its Vote—The Short Term of the 53rd Congress not Likely to be an Important Session—Democracy Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea.

[Special to THE CAUCASIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Near the eve of the assembling of the short session of the 53rd Congress there is a dearth of news of any importance. Very few members of Congress have yet arrived, and those few are unwilling to discuss the situation. The overwhelming rebuke to democratic assininity and incompetence is treated as a joke, on the supposition that it is better to laugh than to cry. Beneath the smiling exterior, however, there is a feeling of intense pain. Many a breaking heart is hidden by a smiling face. In a conversation a day or two ago with one of the leaders of the House, he admitted that the present status of the democratic party, was a thing that could never again be a realization. That the break in the South, and especially in North Carolina, was alarming. While he was an ardent supporter of Mr. Cleveland in his tariff reform ideas, those ideas were at least experimental, and calculated to engender a spirit of unrest. As to his financial policy it was dominated by Wall street, and did not suit the genius of American institutions. The proposed bond issue, he said was a throwing down of the gauntlet of defiance to the majority of the democracy in Congress, and would be taken into strict accountability by the anti-Cleveland democrats.

The dazed condition of the democracy is very similar to the well-known query "who struck Billy Patterson," and they are much in the condition of that embarrassed individual, and while they see the effect of the blow, they are fearful in admitting the cause. The anomalous conditions of affairs which has existed for sometime bore in itself its own elements of weakness, and it only needed a pull and a pull altogether to snap it asunder. The leaders knew this and were always fearful of the awakening of the people, and when at last it did come, as all good things are bound to do in the long run, they, in fear and trembling, read the hand writing on the wall.

The political upheaval in North Carolina is most pleasing to the friends of the old North State, who have her best interest at heart, in one particular at least, and that is the retirement of the Ransom claw. For twenty-four years Matt W. Ransom has pretended to, in part, represent the State in the nation's highest legislative body. While hoodwinking and hand-shaking in North Carolina, in Washington he has been considered as a humbug. During the whole of his service, he has addressed the Senate but once, and that effort brought on "heart disease." Last summer during the tariff debate, he was anxious to take mica off the free list and place 25 per cent. advalorem duty on it. He acquitted himself in the manner of a poor debater in a country cross roads debating society, and the laughter which greeted his effort was such as would have caused a blush of shame to mantle the cheek of anyone who was a friend of his State. His usual day's work in a session of the Senate was to come into the Chamber, glance around the galleries, pull his cuff down, pose as an Apollo Belvidere, strut like a turkey gobbler, and retire after such stupendous work done. How it is possible for such Statesmen to exist is traceable, not to the survival of the fittest, but to the falling away of the purer elements of politics, and, in their place, substituting corporation influence, and the liberal use by those corporations of "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." Such fossils have caused the South inestimable danger, and the sun ray of penetrative thought is a harbinger of good to North Carolina.

Mr. Taubeneck, Chairman of the Populist National Committee does not regard the defeat of the Populist candidates for Congress in the northwest as a backset. There must be several isms which must be eliminated; but that as the party was the only one which has stood up solidly for a reform in the monetary system of the country, it appeals strongly to that great common sense which dominates the American people. Within four years it has increased its total vote by nearly two millions, and shows that the movement has taken solid hold on the minds of the thinking people. The people demand a revision of the currency system, and an overhauling of finance. President Cleveland will antagonize any free coinage bill, or, indeed, any bill looking to the greater use of silver, and Cocked as he is by monometalist Republicans and Democrats, the country will perforce be compelled to grin and bear it.

W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, is in Washington, and as he always is, is lively and congratulating the North Carolinians in waking up from their Rip Van Winkleism sleep, and entering upon a course of progression, instead of retrogression. Joe Daniels Chief Clerk of the Interior Department is not as jovial, and declares his intention of devoting himself to journalistic enterprises exclusively in a short time. The future is gloomy to some; but to the real men of the State the rainbow of hope is leaving the hiding of the sombre clouds which have so long hidden it, and when it shall have left them entirely behind, an era of unprecedented prosperity will supervene.

LANE.

DECLINE OF STUMP SPEAKING.

(Wilmington Messenger.)

The Baltimore Herald thinks stump speaking has declined, and that the recent campaign proves it. It thinks the press has supplanted the speaker. It points to Senator Hill's canvass to prove it, and to other canvasses. We do not think that the speakers are less useful and efficient. They reach a large class who never read, cannot read, and all the political information they get must be from the hustings speakers. The trouble with the last election, which was a surprise and a huge tidal wave, was that the tom-tom performance on the part of Democrats was not equal to the through discipline and systematic organization of the enemy. In North Carolina there was scarcely any semblance of organization. But Pops were under the most perfect organization owing to Mr. Butler's shrewdness and practical management.

WANT A COUNTY PAPER.

EL PASO, N. C., Nov. 18, '94.

MR. EDITOR:—Will you allow me space in your paper to say a few lines to the Populists of Brunswick county.

We have achieved a signal victory by hard and persevering work, and now in order to secure the fruits it is absolutely necessary for us to continue our work of education and organization; we are not nearly so well organized as we ought to be or might be. One of our most insiduous enemies, and the one which has, and is calculated to do us the most harm is our local paper, the Southport Leader. Professing to be independent and fair in politics it has not failed to misrepresent and covertly attack our principles and party from its inception, and I suggest that we owe it to ourselves and to our cause to have a paper of our own, one that will do us justice and work for our interest.

Let us not fail to take our State reform papers, THE CAUCASIAN and Progressive Farmer, for they merit our support and patronage. But let us not be satisfied until we have a county Populist paper, and to this end we invite correspondence from young, active vigorous workers in the newspaper line, believing that we can and will have such a paper published in our county

W. W. DREW.

McDUFFIE ENDORSED FOR READING CLERK.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 17, '94.

EDITOR CAUCASIAN:—To-day a meeting of the People's party Ex. Com. of Cumberland county and all the candidates elected unanimously endorsed Mr. John McDuffie for Reading Clerk of the next General Assembly. He did valiant work in this county to crush the machine.

T. H. MCLEAN,
County Chairman.

Out of Reasons Why.

John Allen, the witty Mississippi Congressman, said in the House recently: "I'm a Democrat yet, but I'm out of the reasons why."—Weekly Dawn.

NOTICE.

[Advertisement.]

The undersigned desires to announce himself a candidate for the position of Chief Clerk of the Senate in the approaching session of the General Assembly.

H. E. KING.

HOW NORTH CAROLINA VOTED.

The Official Vote For State Treasurer And Chief Justice

COUNTIES.	S. McD. Tate, dem.	W. H. Worth, Co-operative.	Jas. E. Shepherd, dem.	W. T. Faircloth, Co-operative.
Alamance	1762	1417	1790	2006
Alexander	418	867	633	865
Alleghany	518	390	640	460
Anson	1418	1145	1434	1092
Ashe	1397	1685	1412	1677
Beaufort	1766	1687	1841	1855
Bertie	1424	1308	1486	1317
Bladen	1095	1600	1094	1596
Brunswick	632	1169	632	1169
Buncombe	3544	3560	3589	3542
Burke	1471	1479	1426	1518
Cabarrus	1319	1479	1307	1495
Caldwell	1085	1040	1121	1038
Camden	—	—	—	—
Carteret	854	1058	854	1058
Caswell	811	1790	849	1789
Catawba	1627	1932	1628	1932
Chatham	1488	2670	1520	2665
Cherokee	719	721	723	831
Chowan	657	866	657	866
Clay	363	353	366	341
Cleveland	1658	1741	1676	1721
Columbus	1168	1417	1224	1404
Craven	1967	1864	1980	1948
Cumberland	1977	2443	2139	2268
Currituck	633	207	681	180
Dare	331	295	331	295
Davidson	1774	2353	—	—
Davie	675	1273	701	1294
Duplin	1444	1902	1457	1909
Durham	1599	2079	1637	2107
Edgecombe	1844	1878	1976	1666
Forsyth	2451	2859	2465	2880
Franklin	2031	2148	2091	2158
Gaston	1322	1419	1334	1419
Gates	819	891	833	892
Graham	356	252	384	270
Granville	1530	1896	1616	2229
Greene	—	—	—	—
Guilford	2523	2766	2720	3093
Halifax	3532	1249	3574	1105
Harnett	1112	1285	1112	1285
Haywood	1611	1058	1608	1077
Henderson	783	1370	832	1277
Hertford	924	1213	982	1212
Hyde	799	877	829	879
Iredell	2065	2227	2068	2287
Jackson	1011	855	1025	874
Johnston	2496	2006	2594	1979
Jones	600	757	635	721
Lenoir	1289	1555	1323	1373
Lincoln	954	1079	961	1127
Macon	893	915	944	930
Madison	1295	2036	1267	2028
Martin	1300	1295	1457	1191
McDowell	959	934	962	930
Mecklenburg	3127	1643	3186	1729
Mitchell	659	1615	659	1615
Montgomery	756	1228	782	1229
Moore	1509	2934	1547	2285
Nash	—	—	—	—
New Hanover	1670	2165	1919	2126
Northampton	1119	1181	—	—
Onslow	1050	744	1034	734
Orange	1002	1678	1041	1692
Pamlico	540	668	471	744
Pasquotank	725	1473	746	1490
Pender	910	1175	973	1163
Perquimans	—	—	—	—
Person	—	—	—	—
Pitt	2038	2580	2052	2687
Polk	541	642	—	—
Randolph	2104	2770	2115	2839
Richmond	1618	1956	1759	1885
Robeson	1760	1611	1813	1780
Rockingham	1828	2714	1855	2594
Rowan	2255	—	2284	1422
Rutherford	1822	2009	1836	2057
Sampson	1272	2622	1241	2842
Stanly	896	754	907	756
Stokes	1161	1841	1179	1829
Surry	1861	2096	1890	2079
Swain	778	469	768	522
Transylvania	488	578	—	—
Tyrrell	212	487	219	538
Union	1572	1495	1569	1428
Vance	938	1916	984	1973
Wake	3655	4990	3682	5006
Warren	785	2419	764	2394
Washington	445	1117	503	1140
Watauga	871	1140	892	1120
Wayne	2231	2102	2466	2323
Wilkes	1451	1991	1540	2279
Wilson	1733	1703	1654	1718
Yadkin	917	1504	917	1504
Yancey	1006	857	1111	862
Total.	120560	138287	106750	139076

The counties whose vote is not given above give the co-operative ticket a majority between 3000 and 4000, which will put the total majority very near 30,000 for the Judicial ticket and 20,000 for State Treasurer.

New Solicitors.

1st Dist. W. J. Leary, pop.
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3d " C. M. Bernard, rep.
4th " E. W. Pou, dem.
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7th " H. F. Seawell, pop.
8th " J. Q. Holton, rep.
9th " Marshall Mott, rep.
10th " J. E. Spainhour, pop.
11th " J. L. Webb, dem.
12th " R. S. McCall, rep.

The solicitors hold for four years.

The New Judges.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, William T. Faircloth, of Wayne county.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Walter Clarke, of Wake county; David M. Furches, of Iredell, Walter A Montgomery, of Wake county.

Judges Superior Court, Third district, Edward W. Timberlake, of Franklin county; Fourth district, William S. O'B. Robison, of Wayne county; Eight district, Albert L. Coble, of Iredell county; Ninth district, Henry R. Starbuck, of Forsyth county; Tenth district, Leander L. Green, of Watauga county; Twelfth district, William L. Norwood, of Haywood county.

THE MACHINE AT MORE DEVILTRY.

CONCORD, N. C., Nov. 14, '94.

ED. CAUCASIAN:—Our Democratic Board of Commissioners requires our Populist Treasurer to give over 13,000 more bond than they required the Democratic Treasurer to give. They require our Populist Sheriff to give over $26,000 more bond than they required the Democratic Sheriff to give. This is hard to raise. They could not beat us at the boxes and they are using tne machine to defeat the will of the people. This machine must be crushed.

G.

THE MACHINE AT WORK.

FOUR MORE COUNTIES AS SAMPLES WHERE FRAUD WAS ATTEMPTED BY THE WHOLESALE.

They Had Prepared to Steal the State But Set Their Figures too Low—Read the Reports From Anson, Onslow, Robeson and Wilson Counties.

FRAUD IN ANSON.

MCFARLAN, N. C., Nov. 15, '94.

MR. MASON BUTLER, Dear Sir.—There were gross frauds in Anson. I am satisfied that if the Democratic party in this county (Anson) would have acted right with us we would have carried the county by 500 majority or more. I have looked closely into the matter and I find that the Democratic party of this county have defrauded every one of the Populist candidates in this county. They (the Democrats) claim the county from 300 to 400 majority, but this is not true. If we have got eight townships in our county we have carried four of the eight townships 2 to 1 with all the challenging &c. But in four townships they (the Dem.) take nearly everything as follows: In Wadesboro township they voted men from South Carolina that had not been here but a few months and did not ask them any questions or swear them, but only wanted to know if they would vote the Democratic ticket, if so they could pass through. They threw rotten eggs at our voters and poured chemicals of some kind on our voters and cursed and abused the voters, and in some cases run them off from the polls—all this can be proved. At other voting precincts they used 1 gallon coffee pots as ticket boxes and did not table same and would tell the Democrats the right coffee pots to put their tickets in, but when a Populist would go to vote they would refuse to tell anything, and had their voting in closed rooms and would not let but one voter go in at a time. At another precinct they 1 gallon tin buckets and labeled the lids of the buckets in a very fine hand with a pen, and but few could tell how they were voting unless the judges told them which to vote in, and they would not tell a Populist. They would change the buckets and some times they would have five buckets and again six, and we can prove further that some of the buckets were stuffed with tickets before the voting commenced &c. It was a most damnable thing to behold. All of this can be proved by good men.

Now will you advise me the best way to proceed.

Your friend,

W. H.

FRAUD IN ONSLOW.

PEANUT, N. C., Nov. 12, '84.

ED. CAUCASIAN, Dear Sir.—Fraud is rife here. I've been confined to the bed from Tuesday evening to Friday night most of the time. At Summersville Precinct the Registrar living 22 miles from county site, carried the books to Jacksonville Monday evening and resigned. We got on and had another appointed by the Clerk. The Sheriff sent Deputy and the late appointee could not be found (out of the way on purpose) then we had to go back and get another appointed and notice served on him and before the polls could be opened it was half past twelve o'clock Tuesday 6th. Then we polled 56 Populist and 5 Democratic votes before sunset. This place was thrown out because we could not open polls at 7 a. m. Two other places (Democratic) one opened at 8 a. m. and the other 9 a. m., but they would not throw them out—that was a horse of another color. At Swansboro they took the election boxes up stairs in a store, the store belonged to one of the men that had not spoken to one of our pollholders for years. One man would not go up there and they appointed a ignorant negro. We got a count there of only 2 to 4 votes. At Jacksonville one of our pollholders name was stricken from the registration books and the other was a few minutes behind on October 27th and we lost both. We kept a tally at this place until we polled 51 votes. Our man laid his poll-book down to step to the door and his poll book was stolen. We only got a count of 27 votes there. So you see how things went.

H. E. KING,
Chairman.

ROBESON COUNTY.

The Election in This County was Rotten. All of the Candidates Will Contest and Show up the Frauds.

In Blue Springs the Populist suspected that fraud would be committed and their votes counted for the Democrats consequently they decided not to cast their votes, but keep a list of the names of all those who voted. According to their count only 102 persons voted at that place. The official returns gives a Democratic majority of 250 votes. At Smiths, a Populist stronghold, where the Populist counted on getting some 200 majority, the Democrats built a Bull-pen evening before election, and caused the Booth to be torn down before day next morning, in consequence of which no election was held, the Registrar appearing on the grounds and finding that the Booth had been demolished dismissed the judges and refused to hold an election. In Thompsons heretofore a Democratic stronghold, the Populist reversed the majority by about 150 votes, and because they insisted on seeing the count the Registrar and pollholders (all Democrats) deliberately walked off and absolutely refused to count the ballots and make an official return of the votes cast, hence no returns was sent in at all. At Lumberton, Alfordsville, Maxton and Red Springs the Populist kept a list of the names of all those who voted the Populist ticket and according to their count only about 33 per cent. of the votes cast by them were counted by the judges of election at those places, the tickets appearing in the wrong boxes. At Alfordsville the State Treasurer ticket was thrown out upon the grounds that the word STATE was on the ticket (a device.) The legislative ticket was thrown out at this place also upon the grounds that the ticket was not printed on white paper, yet the tickets voted all over the county were exactly alike. When the county Board of Commissioners met the Chairman of Populist Ex. Com. filed an affidavit alleging irregularities and fraud at several places and asked that the Board make investigations &c., but the Board decided that its duties was only ministerial and not Judicial and rejected the motion, and proceded to count the returns as sent in.

Martin's majority for Congress was 778, but threw out enough votes to reduce his majority to 41.

Yours truly,

S. A. EDMUND.

FRAUDS IN WILSON COUNTY.

[Progressive Farmer.]

In the township of Wilson, Wilson county, there lives about 3,000 people. According to the general average about 500 of them may be legal voters. At the recent election Tomlinson, the Democratic candidate for the House, according to the Democratic returns, received 1,219 votes. Person, the People's party candidate, 248, making, in all, 1,467 votes out of a population of barely 3,000. About one person in one voted in this state this year. Wilson claims to have voted one of EVERY two. Fraud is so apparent that comment is not necessary.

This is the way the South has been kept solidly Democratic. Only the strong sentiment created against such rascality prevented it in many other localities in the State. We doubt whether the Democrats carried a single county or district legally. This must be broken up.

THE BULL PEN AND RASCALITY IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

GARYSBURG, N. C., Nov. 18th, 1894. ED. THE CAUCASIAN, DEAR SIR.—Allow me to congratulate you on redeeming the State. THE CAUCASIAN had a tremendous influence. I want to give you some of the rascality that was performed in this county. At my precinct "Occoneechee," the commissioners appointed two respectable white men as poll holders, they couldn't accept (understood of course,) the registrar then appointed one a foreigner and another that was caught stealing fish on Sunday just before the election and had to pay $15 to compromise. We voted four hundred and one, as you will see by our book, they allowed us only one hundred and twenty-eight. Negroes were hired all over the county the night before the election to build bull pens, the one that built ours was drunk and left a crack about three inches wide at the top through which we watched and we have about fifteen as reliable men as there is in the township who will swear that they saw the poll holders destroy our tickets and insert others in the box. When they found that we were watching them they stopped the election and enrolled our names for indictment for watching and said they wouldn't vote another man until we quit watching. When the county canvassing board met they threw out three precincts where our nominee for the Legislature (Parker) had a large majority. We have consulted good counsel and are satisfied that we can prove that our man was elected and will contest for his seat, the board also cheated Worth out of 92 votes in adding up the official returns. I was informed that Ransom cried like a baby when he heard the news; it made T. W. Mason so sick he had to take his bed. We fellows want to have a big jollification meeting, to bury the bull pen and the Democratic party and we want you or Capt. Kitchen to come down and preach the funeral.

Truly yours,

J. J. S.

DEMOCRATS WORKING FOR REPUBLICANS.

Just on the eve of the election the following special appeared in a gold-bug daily:

"COLORADO SPRINGS, Col.—This place has witnessed many strange scenes lately, but perhaps none stranger than that of the gathering at the opera house last night. It was a meeting conducted by Democrats in the interest of the Republican State ticket. The meeting was presided over by a life-long Democrat, the mayor of this city, and the principal speaker was a Southern Democrat. They spoke from the same platform with the Republican candidate for Governor, and while declaring adherence to principles and traditions of the party of their choice, pronounced themselves ready to vote for the men who will give to the State the standing before the people of the world that it once had. Among the orators was Albert W. McIntire, the Republican candidate for Governor."

So it took the Republicans and Democrats combined in Colorado to beat the People's party. The same is true in Minnesota. Ten days before the election it was conceded that the People's party would carry that State, electing our Governor and the whole State ticket, a conference of Democrats was called and it was decided to throw enough votes to the Republicans to defeat the People's party. It was done. 30,000 Democrats voted the Republican ticket.

Where are Those Senatorial Primaries?

A Wilkesboro Democrat indignantly denies a rumor that he is a candidate for the U. S. Senate. By the way, what about the Senatorial primaries the Democrats were going to hold in December? Has the scheme slipped a cog?—Progressive Farmer.

Mr. V. R. Richards has been appointed Land and Immigration Agent of the Southern Railway Company, with office at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C. He has been with the B. & O. system for a number of years and has done fine work in his line. His work will help to advertise and develop the South.

THEY DIE HARD, THEY DO INDEED.

SIMMONS ARRANGING A SCHEME TO BEAT BUTLER.

HE WOULD ELECT TWO STRAIGHTOUT REPUBLICANS.

Publicity may Defeat the Scheme. It Should be Talked to Whispers. Rumored That Simmons and Glenn are Threatened With Removal for Neglect of Duty. "Just" Bob Weeps over "Old Rips" Domestic Infelicities. And Simmons "November" Face Recalls Tom Hood's Familiar Lines.

(Special to THE CAUCASIAN.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Little ex-boss Simmons is the longest-faced cuckoo of the lot. "November of Democracy" is painted in sombre colors on his dark hued visage—recalling Tom Hood's familiar lines:

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member—
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,
November!

It happens that "Just" Bob Glenn is also here and Aycock is expected. Rumor says the visitation is in obedience to a Department order charging them with neglect of official duty, and "pernicious partizanship" in the campaign. The department rule and the civil service law were flagrantly violated by Simmons and Glenn. They defied both, plain instructions from the department to the contrary. They deny any trouble in that direction, but there was no sadder-faced man in the great audience in the National theatre Thursday evening than Glenn's. Great tears filled his eyes when "Old Rips" domestic troubles culminated in being driven from home in the raging storm. His preliative, clean-shaved face showed more of anxiety than pity for the old vagabond of "Fallin Waters." He refuses to surrender it. When the department inhibition against "pernicious partizanship" was called to his attention during the campaign he said sooner than surrender his rights as an American citizen to abuse Populist and Republicans that he would surrender his commission as District Attorney. It was rash in Glenn to say it, but at the time he was one of the half-hundred senatorial candidates. "Now boys stand up to me" said he, on returning to Winston, Monday night before the election, "and I will be your next United States Senator." Has little did he know what tomorrow would bring forth. "What a difference in the morning?" Glenn is now "strictly business," not a word can be pumped out of him about the election. He suggests no theory for the crushing defeat. His one aim now is to develop the maximum salary of the District Attorneys office until 1896.

BUT SIMMONS' TALKS.

He is "loaded." He talks for publication and talks otherwise. He has "a deep laid scheme to beat Butler," said a Ransom man with some show of jubilation. "If it works, why, Butler is not in it. He is as good as defeated now. The scheme is for the Democrats to combine with the Republicans and elect two straightout Republicans. But say it in whispers, for if it leaks out "the gigg is up." From another and disinterested source the statement is made as coming confidentially from Simmons, that by this or some other scheme the Democrats hope to defeat Butler's election to the Senate. Nobody can be found to question the absolute certainty of his election when it is openly mentioned, but in private there are "ifs" and "buts" and "possibilities" and "doubts." Simmons sees a chance to defeat Butler, he says, but impresses the utmost secrecy. Publicity will defeat the scheme, is what he said, substantially, to a disinterested party of accepted veracity. The trouble with Simmons and his scheme is that he measures the fidelity and good faith of the people by his own perfidy. "The sting of defeat would be infinitly less sharp if some way could be discovered to prevent Butler's election" expresses the feeling of the average machine Democrat. That it is feasible is the belief of those who would lower the Republican standard of common honesty to a level with their own unscrupulous methods. They die hard.

SOL WEILL'S SORROW.

He does not look it, but Ransom's defeat causes Sol Weill unfeigned sorrow and great anguish. He said that he felt very sorry about it. "You know," he pathetically observed, "I am very, very fond of Ransom. And what a loss to the State. Really, I am awfully sorry." He refused to be comforted even by the appointment of his law partner receiver of the New Hanover bank. Weill, no doubt, is honest and sincere in his lamentations, and is almost alone in his affecting bereavement. At least no prominent visiting Democrats here are overcome with gloom on account of the result. Ransom's retirement, they say, means new blood and life in the Democratic party in the State. The loss of both Senators will not hurt the party in 1896. The effect will be to hold the State government. The election of a western Senator will not embarrass or complicate the campaign. Stripped of its barnacles the party will pull itself together and make a desperate effort to recover its losses. Faith in its accomplishment is inspired by the optimistic conviction that there will be no fusion movement in 1896. The very name is a bete noir to Democrats, and the mention of it as a possible memory causes extravagant felicitations.

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