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A CARD. For some time past I have been forced to devote practically my whole time to my Congressional duties...

Therefore, I have not been able to give THE CAUCASIAN the attention that I desired. We are now entering one of the most important campaigns ever seen in the State.

The News and Observer has two objects in view in all this. First to try to shift responsibility for the present defeat of the local school tax; yes, shift responsibility for wrong, the same old road started by Satan in the garden of Eden.

It that paper continues to try to sidetrack the great economic issues now before the people to be settled by the next Legislature by trying to renew the "nigger racket," it will succeed in making some good people believe that it has succeeded in the Southern Railroad.

There is but one chance for Col. Andrews and his Rothschild railroad to capture the next Legislature and prevent the reduction of freight and passenger rates, legislation on the lease question and other great and important reforms, and that is, for the next campaign to be fought on the "nigger racket."

Col. Andrews would have it to whom up "tariff and nigger" as the great issues, and try to shift the fight from the great economic questions which so vitally concern the prosperity of the people.

The next light will be made on these great economic questions. The politicians and the agents of monopoly can not prevent it.

Read our article on the first page on the Railroad Commission. You will find it interesting, and there is more information still to be published.

A "FACT" THAT IS NOT A FACT. In a recent issue of the Wilmington Messenger it was stated, in substance, in connection with rape and lynch law that death by mob violence of negroes guilty of rape was reasonably to be expected, because convictions for that crime could not be had against negroes on account of the presence of the members of that race on the jury.

And it was declared in the same article of that paper that heretofore in North Carolina negro jurors had usually obstructed the course of justice by their refusal to convict members of their own race on that ground alone, and that the judges and solicitors of the different circuit courts testify to the truthfulness of that statement.

The editorial has been copied in other papers published in the State. The object of such publications, just now, is, apparent to all. It is to re-sow race prejudice and to cultivate the seed diligently until the next election; to call attention from great economic questions which have frightened the monopolies and their tools, the machine politicians.

That school of politicians whose month-piece the Messenger has already determined to go into the next political campaign on the old cry of "nigger" and "tariff."

The Messenger is a railroad organ. It is opposed to transportation reform. It fought the efforts of this writer to establish a Railroad Commission. It fought the efforts of THE CAUCASIAN to force the Atlantic Coast Line to pay its back taxes and place its property upon the tax list. It is now opposed to the reduction of freight and passenger rates to the gold standard level. It is opposed to the passage of a law to prevent foreign corporations now doing business in the State from removing their cases to federal courts and tying the hands of our State administration by injunctions issued by federal corporation judges. It is opposed to testing the 99 year lease in the State courts.

The Messenger knows that the people are aroused on these great economic questions. It fears that the people will elect a legislature next year that will right these wrongs and give the people relief and protection. The monopolies are also frightened about the same thing. Therefore the Messenger is moving heaven and earth to call the attention of the people to these vital economic issues.

The only trick that it, the monopolies and the machine politicians could think of for this purpose, was to try to arouse race prejudice—to get the people to look at the "nigger racket," while the monopolies rob them. This is the scheme, and from now till the next election they will strive to keep the "nigger issue" well to the front. We predict now that they will not fool the people this time.

But is the statement, which the Messenger asserts to be a fact, that negro jurors in North Carolina, have, as the Messenger alleges, refused to convict crime persons of their own race simply on the ground of color or race? It is not true as far as our observation and information goes. We have before us now a letter from one of the most intelligent, well-informed and influential men in Warren county, who has written us a letter commenting upon the Messenger's editorial. As is well known the majority of the voters in Warren county are negroes. We publish the following extract from the letter. The writer, after referring to the Messenger's charge about negro jurors, says:

"It is absolutely untrue so far as it relates to negro jurors in Warren county, and I believe it to be untrue as to the other eastern counties. I have no acquaintance with the jury system in the western counties."

"For fifteen years after the right of jury service had been conferred by the State upon the negroes it is safe to say that as a rule in every case tried in criminal cases in Warren county at least one half were negroes,

and I have often seen a majority of the jury composed of negroes; and since that time negro jurors have been selected on a jury. In the whole course of more than a quarter of a century during which negroes have served on juries it cannot be said truthfully that they have divided from the whites on the race issue and because of race prejudice or race favoritism. On the contrary, it is true that on inspection of the criminal dockets of Warren county it will be found that there have been few mistrials, and I have never heard the charges made that negro jurors have obstructed the due course of the law by a refusal to convict persons of their own race simply because the accused was a negro. I have never heard the complaint that race prejudices or race favoritisms in Warren county prevented jury convictions.

I am quite sure that the Clerk of the Superior Court, of Warren County, who has held office without a break since the war—and who is always elected by the people—and who probably never has had attendance upon a single term of the court during his term would verify my statement."

Here is posted a reliable proof that Messinger's "facts" are not facts. One further observation and we are done.

As a rule Southerners who owned slaves and were accustomed to the society of the polite and cultured have a feeling of kindness and charity for the negro race, and they are generally kind and just in their treatment of him. The editor of the Messenger, though born a gentleman, and though he has had the advantages all his days which the best social life of the State could confer, is an exception to the rule. He lacketh charity. If he ever had charity, the monopolies and the machine politicians, in whose service he is, have dried it out of his soul. True 'tis pity, 'tis 'tis true.

P. S. Since the above was written the news comes that on Tuesday the negro rapist Brodie, who was tried in Henderson by a jury of 12 men, three of whom were negroes, had convicted the brute of the awful crime. The jury was out but seven minutes. Every negro voted for conviction. The brute will hang September 1st. These facts speak for themselves.

Those were three great meetings which Senator Butler had at Wadesboro, Newton and Concord. Read the reports from them on the front page. No part of Senator Butler's speeches brought forth greater applause and more unanimous approval than when he exposed and branded the bolters and traitors. He showed that the Peoples Party was the only party that has ever had enough virtue to expel such men.

YOUNG MEN COMING TO THE RESCUE. Mr. A. H. Eller, a young lawyer of the Winston bar, one of the brainiest young men in the State, has spoken out clearly and boldly against one of the most insidious and dangerous evils that to-day threatens our institutions. It is the subtle and stealthy effort of the gold ring and the trust to capture and muzzle our churches and colleges.

From the report of the Masonic picnic held at Mooreville on last Thursday, we clip the following:

Mr. A. H. Eller, of Winston, was the orator of the day. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, failed to show up. Mr. Eller spoke of the great clarity of work being done in this State by the Masonic order and told of the grand things being accomplished at the Orford orphanage, for the benefit of which the picnic was given. He severely denounced the gifts coming from large trusts and corporations for charitable and educational institutions. He maintained that in giving to educational institutions the corporations dictated the policy to be pursued and the course of study to be taught, and cited in proof of his statement the recent call for the resignation of the president of Brown University, on account of his financial views. Mr. Eller commended the Quakers for their recent opposition to the gift of the Messrs. Duke, of Durham, to Guilford College, and spoke of that gift as blood money.

THE CAUCASIAN wishes to commend Mr. Eller's wisdom and courage. This writer was at College with Mr. Eller— we graduated in the same class. We regard him as one of the ablest young lawyers in the State. The State and the country needs the courage and ability of such men at this time. The gold ring and the trusts are not only making gifts to churches and colleges in the north with a view to controlling them, but they are doing the same thing in this State.

Harper's Weekly a gold and monopoly organ, no doubt had this scheme to capture and pervert our schools in view, when it published an editorial in last week's issue lamenting that it would be some time before the south could be brought around to "sound money."

It is through the influence of schools and colleges that the best character of the southern men who are now assailing the standard of value will be succeeded by a new generation who will stand up for the honor of the country and for the rights of capital, etc.

If our people sit still and submit to the capturing of our schools and colleges by the gold trust and the monopolies, then they will poison the sources of truth and pervert the minds of the young men of the rising generation.

The hope that has always inspired us to keep up the gigantic struggle to throw down the crushing yoke of bank and monopoly domination, has been that sooner or later the moral influences of society would line up with the people. This the monopolies and gold trust have feared. Hence the gold ring and the trusts are trying to induce the church officers and preachers and the heads of the colleges to accept a part of their ill gotten gains as hush money.

Christ found the money changers carrying on their oppressive and infamous business in the temple. Why did the officers of the church allow them to carry on their robbery under the protection of the church? Because the money changers were dividing profits with the priests. Christ drove the money changers from the temple. Why do not the disciples of the present day thunder from their pulpits against the polluting touch of the modern money changers? Why?

To care cultivation forever. Take care of the people. If U. S. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

SHAME ON THEM.

We are pleased to notice that the colored people in all of their church meetings, conferences, associations, etc., are passing resolutions condemning rape and urging their race to prevent such crimes and to join in punishing the brutes. They are doing much more to check such crimes and their conduct is much more commendable than that of those machine politicians who are magnifying these horrible crimes in the hope of raising race prejudice in the interest of the railroads and trusts. The railroads can not capture the next legislature unless they can shift the issues. These politicians and newspapers who are the tools and hirelings of the railroads and monopolies are made happy every time a rape occurs, for it gives them another opportunity to make the "nigger" an issue. Shame on them! Such politicians are almost as black at heart as the negro rapist.

These are the same class of politicians who were willing to defeat the school tax and deprive the boys and girls of the State of an education, if thereby they could gain some partisan political advantage. The people can not afford to elect to any office or any position of trust any such unprincipled and unworthy men, for they will betray their constituents whenever it is to their advantage to do so, just as they betrayed the boys and girls in this local school tax election matter. Again we say shame on such a miserable gang of monopoly agents and hirelings.

OUR THANKS. We wish to express our thanks to the many who have written expressing their approval of the last issue of THE CAUCASIAN. One subscriber writes that if the last issue of the paper could be read by every voter in the State that it would add thousands of votes to the Peoples party. We have tried to make the paper as weak better than it was last. Now let our friends hustle and give us each week new subscribers.

MORE INJUNCTION BUSINESS. The Federal courts have come to the rescue of their masters and owners again. This time the court lends the power of its great respectability and majesty to so great and powerful a monopoly as the Western Union Telegraph Company.

On July 23rd the State Railroad Commission passed an order that "from and after the first day of September, 1897, the Western Union Telegraph Company shall not charge or collect more than fifteen cents for transmitting any message of ten body words or under, exclusive of date, address and signature, between any two points within the limits of this State on its lines, nor more than one cent for each additional word."

As has recently become the custom and practice in such cases, this monopoly flew to the Federal court and demanded an injunction restraining the Commission from carrying into effect the above order. The application was made to Judge Simonton who has become noted as an injunction maker and according to his custom, he promptly granted the injunction. A hearing in the case is set for the term of the United States circuit court at Wilmington which meets September 6th. The Commission has designated Commissioner S. Otho Wilson to represent the Commission at that time.

And so the "outsiders" in the persons of the Federal courts, under the applications and orders of great corporations continue to try to interfere with the affairs and economical government of this State. If these attempts are permitted to become successful, what will be the use of the necessity for a State Government? Why not turn everything over to the federal judiciary?

The one thing about this business is that these continual injunctions are serving to open the eyes of the good people of the State to a great and dangerous evil which has been silently and stealthily fastening its greedy grip upon the throats of the people, and at the same time corrupting the people's courts and legislatures so that the serpent would not be exposed or checked.

The people have it in their power to correct this evil. Let them elect next year a legislature that the railroads and other corporations do not own, and we pledge them that such disgraceful scenes will not again occur in North Carolina. The legislature has the power to force every corporation doing business in the State to submit such matters to our State courts for adjudication.

The Peoples Party will fight for this reform till monopoly domination is checked and crushed.

SEND US LIST OF YOUR NEIGHBORS. Send us list of the names of your neighbors who do not take THE CAUCASIAN. We will send each one a sample copy. It will do him good to read it. After he has read it, see him and ask him to give you his subscription. Try to get each one to subscribe for a year. The campaign of 1898 has now begun.

GOOD FOR BERTIE COUNTY. The Bertie county Populist Executive committee passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That as Populists, we condemn the action of County Chairman, J. M. Early, in voting for a gold standard man for United States Senator, in preference to Dr. Cyrus Thompson, a free silver man and a Populist, and ask the township chairman to endeavor to elect a county chairman in accordance with the State and National chairmen."

Let every other county where there is a traitor on the Executive Committee take the same action.

See in another column the resolutions passed by the Populists of Cabarrus county to the same effect. The Peoples Party is a party of political integrity, and will not harbor the unfaithful in its ranks.

The meeting of the State Committee of the Peoples Party held in Raleigh last week was the fullest and most enthusiastic ever held. The party is united and aggressive. See a report of the meeting on the first page of this issue.

PRESIDENT GRAHAM'S ADDRESS.

In another column we publish the proceedings of the annual session of the State Alliance at Hillsboro last week. We also publish President Graham's address in full. It is full of thoughtful suggestions. After reviewing the great work already done by the Alliance he maps out some work that is ahead.

He declares that the great issue in North Carolina is whether the people or the monopolies shall own the State. The same is true in every State and in the nation. President Graham boldly declares in favor of a national constitutional convention in order to check the rule of the monopoly, check the encroachments of the federal courts, to provide for an income tax, the election of Senators by the people and other needed reforms. The speech is well reading and studying.

WE'RE MAKING AND SUBSCRIBERS. This writer is receiving a number of invitations to speak. We regret that we cannot accept them all. We will refer these letters to Hon. W. K. Fountain, State Chairman of the Peoples Party committee. We feel sure that Dr. Thompson and the Populist Commission and other prominent Populists will agree to make some speeches when requested to do so. After a few weeks we expect to make some more trips to the State to give most of our time to THE CAUCASIAN. If every Populist will go to work and send us new subscribers each week, we can talk to more people each week and do more good than we can by making speeches. The people must be kept informed on the various movements of the machine politicians and the monopolies each week. Give us the subscribers and we will try to do both.

WE CONGRATULATE MR. AIRY. Mr. Airy township, in Surry county, claims to be the banner township for the local school tax. They claim that they are entitled to the \$600 reward offered by Col. Carr. If that township gets that premium, in addition to the present school fund, and in addition to the \$500 to be given by the State, it will have enough money to run a first-class free school for eight or ten months. We congratulate the people of that township upon their luck or rather upon their wisdom.

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS. If you are not a regular subscriber, then this copy of THE CAUCASIAN goes to you this week with our compliments. If you like this issue, then we will be glad to visit you regularly each week. But before you decide, let us make one request, that you read every line in this paper. After you have done this, if you like it, then we want you for a subscriber, if not, no harm done. Address, THE CAUCASIAN, Raleigh, N. C.

IT IS A BAD RULE THAT WILL NOT WORK NOW. The Peoples Party that pushed to the front the live issues of transportation and monopoly reforms—the railroads want to call attention from these reforms and to try to discredit the Peoples party, the only party that has united and earnestly fought for these reforms. Hence the effort of the politicians and the newspapers who are controlled by the railroads to try to charge up to the Peoples party the rapes that have occurred in the State. Their effort is absurd and contemptible. But if the Peoples party is responsible for the rapes that have occurred in North Carolina, then the Democratic party must be responsible for the rapes that have occurred recently in Florida, Alabama, and other southern States where the Democratic party is in power—it is a bad rule that will not work both ways.

FOR FREE CHILDREN. We desire to renew the Children's Column in THE CAUCASIAN. In order to make it more interesting we invite all our young people to write us letters for publication upon subjects that they may select. In addition we shall endeavor each week to print a short story especially adapted for the little folks.

Now, children, commence at once. To the one sending the first letter we will send a small present. Now who will get it? We will publish his or her name and the present sent in our next issue.

When Senator Butler exposed the hypocrisy of the Charlotte Observer in claiming that it is opposed to trusts, while it supports the gold standard, which is the "daddy" of trusts; when he again exposed the treachery of that paper to Bryan in the last campaign and its efforts now to side track Bryan and the economic reforms demanded by the people, that paper set up a mighty howl. It was hit in a tender spot.

SEND FOR A BUNDLE OF SAMPLE COPIES. We want each one of our readers and party workers to send for bundles of sample copies of THE CAUCASIAN, when you can use them to advantage. We will also send you a subscription blank and return envelope to send us a club.

THE CAUCASIAN is determined to have 20,000 subscribers before the polls close on election day in November of next year.

Give us this many readers, and the people will then know how to get the reforms they need.

Give us that many readers and we promise you that the people will elect and control the next Legislature. Let us commence now.

The great coal miner's strike continues to grow daily. The Coal Trust has run to the Federal courts (the haven of trusts) and gotten injunctions to prevent the miners from marching and holding meetings. This is shocking. The courts seem to have lost all decency for even appearance sake. Next week we may expect an injunction to prohibit a miner from criticizing the trust. Where will it end? A day of reckoning is coming.

When the scalp is atrophied, or shiny bald, no preparation will restore the hair in all other cases, except the Hair Restorer will start a growth.

THE CAUCASIAN HAS BEEN FORCED

to say some plain and unpleasant things in this issue. We would be delighted to be able to always say kind and pleasant things about everybody, even those who are not our close personal friends, but THE CAUCASIAN owes its first duty to truth and to the public. The Railroad Commission is not doing its duty, and we are forced to say so.

THE CAUCASIAN will not try to cloak or whitewash anything that it cannot conscientiously endorse. If we have said anything that is not fully warranted by the facts, then we have the manhood to say so, if we should be so convinced.

If the News and Observer means what it says, if it is honest when it says that there is such great danger of a man being put in the penitentiary if he does not pay his taxes promptly, why is it that the News and Observer has not paid the special corporation tax which it owes and which has been due since the first of last May?

The last week's issue of THE CAUCASIAN has been in great demand. This week's issue is still better. It will grow better each week. Those who want to know the inside of things must read it or get behind the procession.

The people of the State will be much interested in the important facts presented by the State Auditor, a part of which we publish this week. The matter will be continued in next issue.

CANOVAS' ASSASSIN ARRIVED.

Will Not Chase Othello and Refuses the Mission of a Friar. MADRID, Aug. 14.—The Imperialist correspondent at Vergara reports that when Michel Gollé, the assassin of Premier Canovas del Castillo, was arraigned for examination to-day before the Military Judge he refused to choose counsel, as the Judge appointed Lieut. Corria, of the artillery, to defend him. Lieut. Corria accepted the duty, and will make the defense of insanity. The Judge read the charges on which Gollé was arraigned. During the reading he was frequently interrupted by the prisoner with the remark: "Only the generalissimo arrested me. The civilians all fled, except the old man."

A Dominican friar named Austin has held several conversations with Gollé in an endeavor to effect his conversion. The prisoner, however, parries all the ministrations of the friar, and persistently demands proofs of the existence of a God.

It is reported that he will be garroted as a common criminal, instead of being shot.

A large force of soldiers has assembled at Vergara to protect the courts. The Imperialist publishes an interview with Gollé, in which the latter asserts that the assassination of President Faure, of France, had not been suggested. The only persons whose deaths had been decreed were Premier Canovas, for torturing anarchists in the Montjuich prison, and Gen. Estay, for ordering the execution of Dr. Rizal, leader of the insurgents in the Philippine Islands.

Gollé appears to be deeply interested in the newspaper comments upon his crime and makes frequent complaints that the journalists do not visit him.

MADRID, Aug. 17.—The supreme council of war has confirmed the sentence of death passed on court martial at Vergara on Michel Angiolillo, alias Gollé, the assassin of Premier Canovas del Castillo. The murderer will be executed on Thursday or Friday.

SHOWS A LITTLE COURAGE.

The Railroad Commission Orders a Change in the Schedule of One Train on The Southern. The Railroad Commission met Monday morning and disposed of its docket. Most of the cases were for over charges and complaints of discrimination.

The only order made of general public interest was in regard to the schedule of the train that leaves here for Greensboro at 2 o'clock every night. Much complaint has been made of the failure of the Southern train leaving here at 2 o'clock at night, and the Southern, looking here at 2:16, to make connection.

The Commission makes an order requiring the 2 o'clock on the Southern to wait till 2:20 so as to make connection with the Seaboard. The Commission has done much to add to the convenience of the public in such small matters, but seems to be wanting in courage to inaugurate great reforms which so vitally affect the public welfare. We are thankful for small favors, but the Commission is not doing what it was created to do and what the people expect of it.

SILVER REPUBLICANS.

Chairman Brown Names His National Executive Committee. DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 16.—Chairman Towne this afternoon announced the executive committee of the National Silver Republican party. The members are: Fred T. Dubois, Idaho; Judge J. J. Harper, Washington; Court House, Ohio; Ben S. Dean, Jamestown, N. Y.; A. M. Stevenson, Denver, Col.; Nathan Cole, Jr., Los Angeles, Cal.; J. H. Temer, Chicago, and Charles S. Hartman, Bozeman, Montana.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

UNHEALTHY URINE. Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for the purpose, and if not destroyed for such is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in kidneys, is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty hours; a sediment or string indicates kidney trouble.

The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. May have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE CAUCASIAN and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

The Railroad Commission.

But instead of this he filed the following statement: [From The Record of July 13.] The Commission having passed upon the question of freight and passenger rates for the present year, Hon. S. Otho Wilson, dissenting, says: "Referring to the matter of rate etc and the decision of the majority of the Commission, I concur in the statement of facts of statistics of comparative rates from 1881 to 1896, also as to 1897 etc."

As to the conclusion, I dissent, as any comparative statement of population per square mile is not the proper comparison, but rather a comparison of population per mile of road is the correct standard of comparison. I have not had proper time to consider and digest the arguments pro and con before the Commission, nor to examine the reports of the railroad property for taxation, the terms of the assessment to about fifty million dollars on the ground that the railroads were already making six per cent, net on that amount. A majority of the Commission, however, decided that an increase of three million dollars was sufficient, and this increase was made as already reported.

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