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The "nigger" organs in this State are now charging again that they have information, which is at this time correct, to the effect that Senator Butler will help the goldbugs to organize the Senate. This is about the tenth time that they have started this lie. They have cried "wolf" so many times already that no one believes them.

Two big trusts have been formed during the last week, one is a coal trust with a capital of \$11,000,000; the other is a sewer pipe trust with a capital of \$5,000,000, yet the Democratic anti-trust law and the Republican anti-trust law are both on the statute books in full force. Railroad and gold bugs have gotten up both of these trusts. Trusts can never be rooted out till the causes that produce trusts—the gold standard and transportation monopoly—are removed. Those who are honestly opposed to trusts must favor these reforms.

We notice that General Hoke in an interview says that he is strongly of the opinion that the government should build an armor plant and make its own armor plate for vessels. Every man who is conversant with the facts and who feels the interests in government and justice to the tax-payers alone, the selfish interests of a fraudulent and greedy trust must be of the same opinion. The Editor of THE CAUCASIAN, ever since he has been in Congress, has been exposing the robbery and frauds perpetrated on the government by the armor trust, not only in excessive price, but also in inferior and defective armor. At the last session of Congress Senator Butler presented a million dollar (\$1,000,000) bill from getting through Congress and put through a resolution directing the Navy Department to investigate the cost etc., of erecting a first class government armor plate factory and report to Congress at the session which met last Monday.

AN ERROR

In the article of Mr. F. M. White which appeared in the last issue of THE CAUCASIAN the word NOT was omitted by the printer in the following sentence: "It might also call attention to the fact that while the tariff has been a leading party issue of the People's Party."

It should read: "I might also call attention to the fact that while the tariff has not been a leading party issue, etc."

THE BASE AND MALICIOUS LIE NAMED WITH MORE AFFIDAVITS. Last week we published seventeen affidavits branding squarely the base and malicious lie started by that goldbug Rocky Mount paper about our speech there. The affidavits were not of the "in substance" kind, but they were pointed, clear, explicit and positive. They not only branded the lie, but they testified to the absolute correctness of the signed editorial in THE CAUCASIAN stating what we did say and did not say. The character of the men making the affidavits, the number of affidavits, the pointed and explicit language of the affidavits made the testimony complete and overwhelming.

All of this was published in THE CAUCASIAN a week ago. Up to that time, the gold organs, the "nigger" organs, the railroad organs, and the silver-plated organs had each day been publishing with great prominence the goldbug lie and commenting on it with delirious ecstasy.

On last Thursday morning when the complete conclusive evidence was published, they suddenly hushed. They hushed, not because, having learned the truth, they did not want to be parties to circulating a base and slanderous lie, but they hushed because they were forced to and they did not have the honesty to tell the truth. Why do we say this? After fair and just men are misled into circulating a lie, but such men are always quick and very zealous in correcting the lie and making amends for the wrong unintentionally done. This they have not done.

There have been six issues of their papers since but not one of them so far as we have seen have had the fairness, the manhood, or the honesty to publish our statements and these affidavits. Is this just? Is this fair? Is it honorable? The great masses of the people, a part of whom are the readers of these papers, are honest and believe in justice and fair play. They are competent to form opinions for themselves if they be given the facts, and they prefer to do so. They have a right to expect and demand that any newspaper that is fit to go into their homes shall fairly and impartially give the facts about anything worthy of mention in a newspaper and there they will form their own conclusions on a basis of facts. Therefore these papers (no matter what environments may be) owe it to their readers to publish our signed statements and the affidavits in verification of the same and let their readers de-

cide for themselves. These papers owe to themselves if they make any pretensions of Christianity, fairness, honesty or decency. Of course they especially owe it to us, but we ask nothing from them, on our own account, either politically or personally. They have never been fair or just toward us, and until the leopard changes his spots we do not expect it. They have misrepresented, abused and vilified us since we were elected to the State Senate contending for a Railroad Commission and other kindred reforms. The more we have denounced the oppressions of the gold standard, the more we have fought the invasions of monopoly, the more we have contended and labored for the principles of true Personal Liberty, the more they have abused us; and the more consistent we have been the more villainous has been their abuse. It has been the braying of the ass who knows his master's (over-seer's) crib.

We have received, and this week publish in another column more affidavits branding the goldbug lie. Their case has already been proven this is simply surplus testimony. All honest men in all parties will not watch to see whether or not the "nigger" and "monopoly" organs will advertise their own malicious unfairness and infamous degradation by refusing to publish the truth with the same prominence that they published the goldbug lie.

A BASE AND MALICIOUS LIE NAMED.

Last week we published a signed statement headed, "What Senator Butler said at Rocky Mount," giving the lie to the malicious misrepresentation of our speech, and stating what we did say. We reproduce below the same statement this week and publish a number of affidavits from gentlemen who heard the speech testifying to the falseness of the Argonaut's report, and testifying to the correctness of our statement. These nail the lie and prove the truth.

WHAT SENATOR BUTLER SAID AT ROCKY MOUNT.

Last week, in Rocky Mount, in Raleigh, a reporter of the News and Observer showed him what a certain Rocky Mount paper reported him as saying in his speech there on October 15th and asked whether or not it was correct. Senator Butler promptly branded the report as false, not only in the words quoted, but also in the impression which that paper tried to convey as to the tenor of the speech. The News and Observer reporter then asked him to state what he said. He promptly dictated a report of that part of his speech on the color question, which was the same that he had made in every speech. In another column of this paper we publish the interview from the News and Observer.

We republish here the garbled and doctored quotation which is as follows: "I colored men commit outrages against the Democrats and be terribly shocked in public, but when they get behind a wall they laugh and they grow fat, and if the outrages are frequent enough they hire worthless negroes to commit them."

Now turn and read the interview on the first page and see what he did say. Thus any one can see how the speaker's meaning might be misrepresented by quoting even correctly, one sentence, when the connection in which it was used is not given; but when the sentence is ingeniously doctored and put into language different from that used by the speaker, and besides comments made on it to try to create an impression that it was used in an entirely different connection (concerning rape cases), then the editor is guilty of the basest slander. He seeks to make it appear that the speaker said just the opposite of what he did say.

Now the editor of the Rocky Mount paper attempts to justify his doctored and grossly misleading quotation with the following affidavit: "We, the undersigned, do hereby make affidavit that we heard the speech of Senator Butler, and that the above extract in quotation marks is in substance what he said."

(REV.) B. S. MCKENZIE, F. J. THORP, M. D., J. J. DAUGHTRY. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of November, 1897. JOHN L. ARKINGTON, Notary Public.

It will be noticed that the men making this affidavit are careful not to say that Senator Butler used the words which the Rocky Mount paper puts into his mouth, for they could not do so without perjuring themselves. They are also careful not to endorse the claim of that paper that the language was used in connection with rape cases, which claim is a base and malicious falsehood. In the above quotation put the words "agents of shylock and the monopolies" in the place of the word "Democrats" and remove the charge that this language was used in connection with rape cases and give the connection in which it was used and then we might let the remainder of the language stand (though they do not the words he used) and no one could object to the language but the hired agents of the gold syndicate and the corporations.

It is an old saying that the Devil can quote scripture to prove his contention. That is he can quote separate paragraphs, and quote them correctly, and prove his case if the connection in which the quotation is used is omitted. But if the Devil is allowed to change the wording and give "in substance" in his own language any selected paragraph from the Scriptures, he can do worse than make his lie look more like the truth. He can prove that white is black; that there is no God and that the Devil reigns over the true Heaven. This is exactly what has been done by the Rocky Mount editor in this case, and we will not put his own witness, the very men who signed the affidavits, on the stand to prove it. Every lawyer and every other person who has watched court proceedings here has seen two good men, both of whom are honest and true, swear to contradictory statements about the facts. If the jury should believe one of the verdict would be opposite. But when the lawyers come to cross examine the witnesses it is often found that one or both modify their statements so that they practically agree. Therefore testimony brought out on cross examination is, as a rule, the truth. We will now cross examine the three men who made this affidavit.

Question. Did not Senator Butler in his speech at Rocky Mount draw a sharp distinction between the two classes of men who are crying out against "negro domination"? Did he not show that the great masses of the people were not only for white supremacy, but were also against the gold standard and monopoly rule. That the Peoples Party occupied the same position and they were ready to join hands with all others who favored the same reforms and elect an anti-monopoly Legislature and that this would give to the State the best white man's government the State had ever seen? Did he not say that there were certain gold and monopoly agents who were trying to keep divided the people who thought alike on the most vital questions; that they were trying to divide and conquer and elect a monopoly Legislature and that they were using the "nigger" question and appeals to race prejudices to carry out their scheme? A. To this they must answer, yes. Q. Was it not against these hirings of Shylock and monopoly and no one else that Senator Butler used the strictures concerning which you were called upon to make an affidavit? A. To this they must answer, yes. Q. Did he not these strictures against the gold and monopoly agents in connection with rape cases? A. To this they must answer, no.

Q. And did he not in this connection use an illustration to the effect that when machine politicians and agents of monopoly have an unusually bad record to defend, as when they have put up a specially bad ticket and are planning greater robberies than usual that there was only one way for them to force the best element of the white people to again submit to their machine domination and robbery and that was for a negro to throw a brickbat into a political procession or to do something else of the kind to arouse race prejudice; and that, under these circumstances, the scoundrels who had been helping the monopolies to rob the people, by giving us high freight and charging us high rates at the same time and by dozens of other means would doubt hire some worthless negro to commit such an act if necessary to win a monopoly victory? And was this not the only connection in which such a statement was made? A. To this they must answer, yes.

Q. Did he not, in another part of his speech, also deplore the number of rapes, also deplore the efforts of certain monopoly organs to try to make political capital of such horrible crimes, by charging that the Peoples Party was in some way responsible for them? Did he not refer to a number of rapes committed in other States where there were Democratic administrations and show that none had ever attempted to charge the Democrats with those States with being responsible in any way for such shocking crimes, and was this not all that he said either directly or indirectly about rapes? A. To this they must answer, yes. Q. Did he not tell the colored people in the audience that this was an Anglo-Saxon government and that they would always rule, and that it was best both for the blacks as well as the whites that it should be so? A. To this they must answer, yes. Q. Was not his whole speech an appeal for a co-operation of the large majority of voters, now divided, who oppose the gold standard and monopoly domination and robbery, to join forces in a great fight for these vital economic reforms in addition to white supremacy; and were not all of his strictures directed at these few agents of the enemy who are using the "nigger" cry to prevent such a co-operation, to sidetrack the money and monopoly question and force a fusion of silver men and goldbugs, and who therefore were using the white supremacy cry for an insincere and dishonest purpose? A. To this they must answer, yes.

To every one of the above questions these men will answer as we have indicated. They cannot answer otherwise. This cross examination shows how the speech was misrepresented and proves that the sentence quoted is a base and slanderous perversion. The next is that the editorials we have been writing since Congress adjourned and the speeches we have been making since the 10th day of last August have hit in a tender spot certain "nigger" organs who are working the race prejudice racket in the interest of the gold and monopoly syndicate. They have wined under our exposure of their scheme. We have tested their sincerity in crying out for white supremacy by proposing a co-operation of all those who oppose the gold standard and the domination of our State by monopolies to elect an anti-monopoly legislature. We have shown that such a fight would not only elect an anti-monopoly legislature, but also give the best white man's government the State has ever seen. We have shown that this was the only way to make such a victory certain. This has exposed the insincerity of those who were raising the "nigger" cry in the interest of monopoly. They could not answer our arguments. They saw that the people were catching on to their conspiracy to sidetrack the money and monopoly questions and get a fusion of the silver men and gold bugs behind the "nigger" cry and to turn over the next Legislature to the railroads. They saw that the people were favoring each day more and more our proposition for white supremacy and an anti-monopoly Legislature. They were getting desperate, so they deliberately decided to misrepresent one of our speeches in a way to help them revive new life in their goldbug-nigger campaign. They could have just as well misrepresented our speech which was made at Aulander on the next day, or any of the other speeches which we had made before, for we made the same speech at every place. If we had made the statements at Rocky Mount which were charged we made, the fact would have been flashed out by the news before night and been in all the daily papers next morning.

We do not know personally any of the men who signed that "in substance" affidavit; we prefer to believe that they are honorable men who are honestly mistaken, and who, when they signed the statement, did not realize the extent of the misrepresentation it carried, and who had no conception of the interpretations which the gold and negro organs would desperately strive to put on it. We do not wish to believe that they could be moved by either prejudice or malice or any other motive to make an affidavit so misleading and outrageously false. We notice that one of them is a minister and we have great respect for the cloth, therefore we would prefer to rest the matter here for the present. But in view of the enormity of the injustice done us, and in view of the political capital which the gold and negro organs are attempting to manufacture to enable them to carry out their deep-laid conspiracy in the interests of monopoly, we are constrained to say that if they meant by their affidavit to say that the strictures which we did use were directed against any and all agents and hirings of Shylock and monopoly, or that we used language, when taken in connection with the remainder of the speech, could in any way be construed as a charge that even the scoundrels who help monopolies to rob the people, could stop so low as to hire negroes to commit rape, then we brand such a statement as a base, malicious and perjured falsehood. The undersigned is personally responsible for this statement.

MARION BUTLER. Since the above was written for last issue we notice that the editor of that Rocky Mount paper has gotten the following additional affidavit: "We, the undersigned, do hereby make affidavit that we heard the speech of Senator Butler, and that the above extract is in substance what he said."

ROCKY MOUNT, NASH CO., N. C. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of November, 1897. JOHN L. ARKINGTON, Notary Public. We do not know these three men, and all we have to say in reply is that if they mean by this affidavit to say that the strictures which we did use were directed against all Democrats or against any save the agents and hirings of Shylock and monopoly, or that we used language, when taken in connection with the remainder of the speech, could in any way be construed as a charge that even the scoundrels who help monopolies rob the people, could stop so low as to hire negroes to commit rape, then we brand such a statement as a base, malicious and perjured falsehood. The undersigned is personally responsible for this statement.

MARION BUTLER. THE LIE NAMED WITH AFFIDAVITS. The following affidavits speak for themselves: "I hereby make affidavit that I was in Rocky Mount on the 15th day of October, 1897, and heard Senator Butler speak there, and that I heard his speech as published in the News and Observer, and that the above extract in quotation marks is in substance what he said."

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read the editorial in THE CAUCASIAN headed "What Senator Butler said at Rocky Mount" and the same is a correct version as I understood the same. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of November, 1897. GEO. R. DIXON, J. P.

I was at Rocky Mount on October 15th, 1897, and heard Senator Butler's speech from beginning to end, and I do solemnly swear that he made no such remark as charged by the Rocky Mount Argonaut that Democrats hired negroes to commit outrages; nor did he say anything that could be so construed. His reference to Democrats hiring negroes was, in substance, as follows: "In times of great political activity and indifference on the part of the voters in that party, and when the Democrats had no record to go before the people with, some of the leaders would hire a negro to throw a rock into a Democratic procession in order to create race prejudice to enable them to get the people to the polls." His reference to the outrages committed by negroes was, in substance, as follows: "That he was very sorry that the Democratic railroad organs and the agents of monopoly and the gold standard in that party were endeavoring to create race prejudice by referring to these horrible outrages for the purpose of making political capital out of them." The Argonaut's report as referred to above is absolutely untrue and without a shadow of foundation in fact.

W. G. LEIGH, Member of the Board of Commissioners of Edgecombe County. Sworn to and subscribed before me this November 29, 1897. ED. PENNINGTON, Clerk Superior Court. We, the undersigned, were at Rocky Mount on Oct. 15, 1897, and heard Senator Butler's speech from beginning to end, and do solemnly swear that he made no such remark as charged by the Rocky Mount Argonaut that Democrats hired negroes to commit outrages; nor did he say anything that could be so construed. His reference to Democrats hiring negroes was, in substance, as follows: "In times of great political activity and indifference on the part of the voters in that party, and when the Democrats had no record to go before the people with, some of the leaders would hire a negro to throw a rock into a Democratic procession in order to create race prejudice to enable them to get the people to the polls." His reference to the outrages committed by negroes was, in substance, as follows: "That he was very sorry that the Democratic railroad organs and the agents of monopoly and the gold standard in that party were endeavoring to create race prejudice by referring to these horrible outrages for the purpose of making political capital out of them." The Argonaut's report as referred to above is absolutely untrue and without a shadow of foundation in fact.

JAMES B. LLOYD, W. E. FOUNTAIN, J. T. WATSON, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of Nov. 1897. ED. PENNINGTON, Clerk Superior Court. I hereby certify that I was present when Marion Butler spoke in Rocky Mount on the 15th day of October and that I heard his speech as published in the News and Observer, and that the above extract in quotation marks is in substance what he said."

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