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GOOD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.

Bruswick County Under Populist Officers Having the Taxpayers Money

IREDELL, N. C., Sept. 28, 1898. EDITOR CAUCASIAN:—Please allow me a little space in your paper to make a short statement in regard to the condition of affairs in Bruswick County under Democratic rule and under Populist rule. In 1896, when the Populists took charge of county affairs we found that the county was about \$5,000 in debt, no money on hand to pay anything, county scrip selling for seventy-cents on the dollar, 25 per cent. below par. Jurors could not get their claims cashed. Court claims went unpaid. There were more negroes drawn on the jury than white Populists. For one or two courts after the election in 1892 there was not a Populist drawn. This is a short sketch under Democratic rule. Now, let us see the conditions with the Populists in power for only two years. County over \$2,000 better off to-day. Money on hand to pay county claims. County scrip bringing par. There has not been a court held and every court claim paid. The jurors are drawn regardless of political affiliation. How was such a change brought about? Well, the answer is simply this: "Good business management."

My books show the following expenditures on account of the County Home for two years under Democratic management and two years under Populist management. Then the people can see the reason for such a change in matters.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Medical aid and Supt., Health, Supplies, etc.

For two years from December 1, 1894, to December 1, 1896: Medical aid and Supt. \$ 218 95, Health 320 00, Supplies 1,016 86, Total \$ 1,555 81.

For two years from December 1, 1896, to December 1, 1898: Medical aid and Supt. \$ 116 16, Health 264 00, Supplies 628 00, Total \$ 908 16.

Amount saved to the taxpayers on this institution is \$647.65. This is the key to the whole machine. In 1892 the present county administration is saving the people money the Democrats are trying to divert their attention from these facts by crying, "negro."

While I don't care to take the Democratic campaign thunder, I wish to call the minds of the Democrats to an instance or two: 1. Hays Monroe, a colored citizen of Bladen county, makes affidavit that L. J. Hall, Democratic Sheriff, had one Robert McDowell, a colored man, as jailor and deputy sheriff, and during his time in that position he had one Mr. Swain, a white prisoner, from Brunswick county. Hays Monroe was also a jailor and deputy sheriff.

2. The Democrats voted for Horace Greely for President, a man who favored colored schools and a man who favored the school committee were elected by the vote of the people in the township, we find that the Democrats voted for and elected a negro as town-mitman in Shallotte township, Brunswick county.

I saw a piece sometime ago that said that the people were to have a new piece of Democratic wrath in 1892 amounting to about 1,100 votes in this county, and the people don't want any more of that kind of wrath.

With the above figures, and the condition of the county management now and here before, I have decided to stay with the Populists, the party that stands for good, honest government, and the only white man's party.

Yours very respectfully, JOHN J. BRUNETT, GREENE COUNTY TAX LEVY.

Has been Reduced by Populist Administration—Exposés Also Cut Down. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, GREENE COUNTY.

Tax levy for general county, poor and boundary fence expenses of Greene county for the years 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898.

Tax levy for general county and poor expenses, 30c. on \$100 value real and personal property, and 73c. on the poll. 10c. on \$100 value of real estate for boundary fence (stock law territory).

Boundary fence expenses... \$ 2,920 46. Boundary fence expense (for last year), \$70,380 to September 1, 1898.

TWO SPECIMENS OF DEMOCRATIC LIES.

One Refuted by Prominent Democrats--In the Other Case the Victim Denounces the Author as a Coward and a Base Slanderer.

IN DEFENSE OF W. E. FOUNTAIN.

A Number of the Citizens of Tarboro Testify That an Imputation Was Done Him in Mr. Fountain's Article Published in the Foundation for His Statements.

To the Editor of The Observer: We, citizens of the town of Tarboro, N. C., who are Democrats in politics, have read the article published in the Charlotte Observer of date of September 20th, '98, and signed by H. E. C. Bryant, in which he states of W. E. Fountain as follows: "The most unprincipled, mean white man in this section of the State. The decent white people here look upon him as they would a midnight house-burr."

The following is the clipping: WHAT FUSION DOES. A Negro Who Had Been in Political Affairs With Populists Skipped. (H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.) Tarboro, N. C., Sept. 18.—(Special.)—The following story is told me by one of the leading Populists of Edgecombe county, had on his place a negro politician by the name of Henry Dancy. Of late Dr. Mayo has been, as it were, bootlicking Dancy. He has treated the negro as though he was his equal. As a result, Dancy became unpopular. He took the little negro house-boy out to one side the other day and told him that he would give him a dollar if he would tell him which room Mrs. Mayo, Dr. Mayo's grown daughter, occupied. The negro boy told him which room Mrs. Mayo, Dr. Mayo's grown daughter, occupied. The negro boy told him which room Mrs. Mayo, Dr. Mayo's grown daughter, occupied.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the statement, with the signatures, held by W. E. Fountain, the same being read and compared with the original. Witness my hand and official seal at office in Tarboro, N. C., this 27th day of Sept., 1898. Ed. FENNINGTON, Clerk Superior Court.

HOW THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE DECIDED BELIEVES IN BALTIMORE.

Ex-Mayor Fountain, of Tarboro, N. C., Likes This City—Prosperity in the Tarheel State.

Baltimore American, Aug. 25.] Ex-Mayor W. E. Fountain, of Tarboro, N. C., and President of the Board of Trade of that city, was a visitor in Baltimore yesterday. Mr. Fountain is one of Tarboro's most substantial business men, and has been largely and actively identified with the many commercial industries that have done so much to develop his city. Through his influence a large amount of Baltimore capital has been invested in Tarboro enterprises, with a little more enterprise on the part of extending other Baltimore interests in the direction of his southern home. Mr. Fountain is an enthusiast over Baltimore's natural position as a distributing point for the South, and predicts that the negro into his hands will be the part of our local manufactures and merchants, our industries here will soon wipe away all opposition that is now encountered in our Southern trade.

Speaking of trade conditions in Baltimore and various points in North Carolina, Mr. Fountain said yesterday, "Tarboro has developed into one of the greatest commercial centers of the eastern part of our State, and we naturally look to Baltimore for much of our trade support. Baltimore and New York are of considerable importance, and, with the impetus given our commercial standing by the influence from Baltimore, we have fast become an outlet for the volume of trade that is sent South from the manufacturing City. Philadelphia and New York cannot compete with Baltimore in supplying our wants, on account of their cheap traffic facilities, and the little opposition that is set up by Norfolk could soon be eradicated if Baltimore merchants could show a little more enterprise in extending their lines. Affairs in North Carolina are in a most prosperous condition, and already a number of our leading merchants are in your city, placing large orders for the fall trade. Baltimore and New York are fast being linked together by a bond of commercial prosperity." Mr. Fountain is one of the most prominent bankers in Tarboro, and is also the county treasurer. He is also agent for the Southern Express Company and general agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company for Eastern North Carolina. He has been quite a promoter of Southern investments, and has placed on a paying basis cotton mills and other paying industries. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that Mr. Fountain has done quite a lot of newspaper work as a correspondent.

Pay for Writers. A weekly paper at Wilmington offers to pay for news from all parts of the State, and for articles on all kinds of subjects when written by local newspaper writers. It seeks to be home paper for all North Carolinians. It wishes to find news correspondents and contributors. People who can write or think they can, or would like to try, are invited to send in their attempts. For particulars address New Weekly, Wilmington, N. C.

Occupation of Cuba to Begin. It is reported that the last Cabinet meeting was devoted largely to matters of detail concerning the formation of the army which is to be sent to Cuba. Reports were read to the effect that by October 15th danger from yellow fever will have passed and it is understood that the movement of the troops will be begun about that time.

Col. John Hay Secretary of State. Colonel John Hay was sworn into office as Secretary of State last week. The ceremony took place in the President's room at the White House and the oath was administered by Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court.

Separate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Cascarets, cure constipation forever. No. 25, 11 C. C. C. Hall, druggists, refund money.

RIDICULOUS DEMOCRATIC TALK.

The Machine Speeches Attempt to Fear the People With the Negro--But Intelligent Men Will Not Believe Such Rot. WILKINSON, N. C., Sept. 27, '98.

The 8th Democratic Congressional caucus which was postponed in August for the purpose of trying to make a deal with the "insurgent" Republicans after condemning us censured here to day and after fifty-named ballot nominated Mr. Frank Lottall, of Watauga county.

I do not know the man and cannot say anything of his record, but I did really feel his name was not so reported in, amid very little enthusiasm, and attempted to thank and espouse the "nigger" "blind." Every delegate looked to see if he had been named.

But last, and not least ridiculous Mr. James Fou, of Raleigh, who claimed to be a Democrat, but had on hand to vomit up "nigger" in the east, where he lived in misery (?). Here is a sample of the lies and false accusations made by this fellow. Several little "narrow heads" to gap open their mouths and swallow it for truth, but while numbers left the room at the same time, the eloquent speakers down "there" no woman could walk or would pretend any public road without a guard; neither could they work in the fields, or stay at their homes without a guard.

The gentleman is either a very big liar and thinks we people are all fools, or is a very ignorant one himself and has allowed his tongue to be blindfolded him. He never "thought" of the black and hellish crime committed in Mecklenburg county just a few days ago, which occurred in a guard house under Democratic rule, when he boasted of the cleanliness of Democratic counties.

Some may think I have exaggerated the entire Western North Carolina Railroad with its hundreds of miles was bought for \$600,000, and immediately it was bonded and stocked for \$75,557 per mile (see R. R. Commission report, 1896, at page 246) and the "human live stock" on each side of that railroad is taxed, by freight and passenger fares, high enough to pay the interest on that sum.

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Q.—What are these great economic questions that this overseer and his backers in Lombard and Wall Street want side-tracked in the next campaign? Answer—The 99 year midnight railroad lease; the reduction of freight and passenger rates; the fight against free pass iniquity; the stopping of gold notes and mortgages in North Carolina; and above all the proposition to prevent foreign corporations from the Southern Railroad, Western Union Telegraph Co., and Express Co., from removing their cases to Federal courts where they own the judges.

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THE KIND OF WHITE MAN'S PARTY NEEDED.

ONE YEAR AGO THE CAUCASIAN DETECTED AND EXPOSED THE CONSPIRACY NOW BEING WORKED.

We Showed Then That it Had Been Determined and by the Ransom Machine to Betray the State into the Hands of the Railway Lobby and Knife Dyan in 1900 Behind the cry of "Nigger"—Some Pertinent Editorials Reproduced.

FROM THE CAUCASIAN, AUG. 26, '97.] Before the war the large slave owners had overseers to manage their human live stock. They were far more oppressive and tyrannical than the owners, who in truth were usually kind and humane. And of all irresponsible and tyrannical beings, the overseer of a non-resident proprietor was the worst. He cared little for the real interests of the owner.

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Of late years, by methods which will not bear describing, the railroads of this State built by taxes and subscriptions of the people, have passed at the expense of a small part of their cost into the hands of bankers living at great centers, Rothschilds, Pierpont Morgan and the like. They know nothing of the property and never visit it. They derive from it an income, by their reports, of 15 per cent. a year on the real value, and which is from 30 to 200 per cent. on what they bought it for.

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