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Electron Franchise, Intimidation and Murder.

THE MOST PAINFUL VOTE

EVER GAVE IN MY LIFE WAS

FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL

AMENDMENT. I DID NOT GIVE

THAT VOTE AS A DEMOCRAT,

NOR FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY; BECAUSE

I VEBLY BELIEVE THAT IT

WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR THE

NEGRO TO CONTINUE AN ISSUE

IN POLITICS. BUT I GAVE THE

VOTE BECAUSE I FELT IT

WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE

POOR NEGRO WE HAVE LEARNED

TO LOVE FOR HIS FAITHFUL-

NESS. I VOTED FOR IT TO PUT

AN END TO ELECTION FRAUDS,

TO INTIMIDATIONS AND MURDER.

I GAVE THAT VOTE FOR

THE GOOD OF MY POPULIST AND

WHITE REPUBLICAN FRIENDS

WHO COULD, IF THE NEGRO WAS

ELIMINATED FROM POLITICS,

DISCUSS THE GREAT STATE AND

NATIONAL ISSUES WITHOUT BEING

CALLED "BLACK-HEARTED."

SENATOR OSBORNE, IN THE

LEGISLATURE OF 1899.

Where is that "honest election law"

you declared for and promised?

It did hurt the Dems to give the

printing to Barnes Bros. They

couldn't hardly stand it.

The question with the law-makers

is where are you to get the money to

run our business?

How much have you increased the

taxes of the people in the State. We

know this is hard, but you must answer.

By separating national and State

elections, it gives an opportunity to

those agreed on the issues to make a

common and aggressive fight.

Make out your list of names, get

names, and let us know how much

money you have saved the State and

the tax-payers. You promised to do so.

We have received several letters

from different sections from Popu-

lists, and the sentiment seems to be

for an early conference to outline a

policy.

You promised to abolish the various

wrong offices created by the Fusionists. Where are they? Instead of that how many hundreds did you create?

The majority of those who compose

the General Assembly, or those who

run it, are goldbugs. That's why

they wanted to separate the State

and national elections.

Read Simmons' address. Also read

what the Democratic Chairman of

Chatham county had to say. These

are characteristic of the campaign

speeches throughout the State.

One thing this Legislature failed

to do and that was to amend the law

so they could remain as long as they

please and come back as often as

they please, and collect their pay.

We have given much of our space

this week to letters, and clippings

from Democratic papers. This we

decided would better show the drift

of things and the feelings of the people,

than what we might say.

The solons refused to honor the

resolution passed by the ex-Confederate

soldiers to give the Old Soldiers' Home

\$10,000. They only let them have

5,000. They gave the State Guard

though, \$16,000. How is that?

That constitutional amendment is

not complete. It's to be completed

after it is ratified, at the polls. What

that will be, no man, not even a

Democrat, can say. So in voting

for it, you vote for something that

does not now exist.

Sunday's Charlotte Observer sets

down heavily on Chairman Jones,

Bryan and others who recommended

fusion on silver lines. The Observer

is a Cleveland-gold-bug leader of the

North Carolina Democrats, and it

leads and laughs in its sleeves at

those who bluster and can't lead, not

even to keep the present gold-bug

legislature from "white-washing" the

Wilson's to please the railroads.

This General Assembly has shown

more spleen and vindictiveness than

any that ever met in the State. Most

of the political bills that have passed

were bull-whipped through by the

political bosses who appealed to the

passions and prejudices of the people.

Some of them have no other

stock to barter off to the people. No-

tably for this are ex-Republican Win-

ston in the House and Glenn in the

Senate.

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

admits that according to the United States

constitution the South, because of

cutting off the negro vote, may have

its representation in congress and in

the Electoral College cut down. But

adds that North Carolinians who are

fair will not kick at this. Now we

want to ask some of these little

know alls, what they think of this?

Cut your patching.

Charlotte and Wilmington and

other towns are having a hard time

to decide between the candidates for

major and other city officers. They

are numerous. These cities have

doubleless zone Populistic from the

number of office-seekers in them; for

Democrats never (?) want office. If

the Populist party had two thirds of

the office-seekers in the State, they

could carry any and every election,

amendment or no amendment, elec-

tion law or no election law. We

hardly know which is the most dan-

gerous element, the negroes or white

office-seekers.

The new election law, as we under-

stand it, provides that the State

Board of Elections get \$4 a day and

expenses, and they are empowered

with the right to issue orders and

change the same just to count in the

Democratic party and to count out

other parties. It is bad enough to

be counted out, but to be taxed to

pay the men for their time to do it, is

inhuman and not characteristic of a

free Republic, and is "taxation with-

out representation." Will the Anglo-

Saxon blood of our fore fathers who

declared that such was UNJUST

submit to it? We will see.

Mr. J. J. Jenkins, of Pittsboro, was

in the city last week. In talking

about the constitutional amendment,

he seemed rather opposed to it. He

thinks many of the fairest minded

men in the State, of all parties, will

be opposed to it. It is, he said, in

direct conflict with the Democratic

campaign promises and pledges. He

thinks a conference of representa-

tive Populists should be called at

once. Like every man who looks at

the situation in a reasonable way,

Mr. Jenkins sees no reason why Popu-

lists should become alarmed and

stop work; but just to the reverse. He

does not see in it any just and com-

plete solution of the negro problem;

and like everything else, it will not

be settled until settled right.

THE ANTI-TRUST BILL.

We have alluded to this bill several

times, saying that he had ruined it

by an amendment which we believed

was done by the trusts through some

hired lobbyist, or agency. We had

intended to notice it in detail. In

fact, we had been asked to do so.

But instead of this, we publish the

editorial found in Webster's Week-

ly, a Democratic paper, which sizes

it up about right and with which we

agree in the main.

The Weekly does not only con-

demn the law, but puts some of the

solons in their true light before the

people, and that is anything but flat-

tering.

And what the Weekly says hurts

some of the boys, too. Some are hurt

too badly to holler. But Mr. Glenn

can yet make a fuss. He seems to

have a monopoly on noise. He rose

in the Senate Monday to a question

of personal privileges, saying that

Webster's Weekly had misrepresented

him by saying he was opposed to the

anti-trust bill and had the com-

mittee to adopt certain amendments,

saying he, (Glenn) was ready now to

vote for any substitute which would

be a "better and stronger bill."

Webster's Weekly doubtless got

its information from the News and

Observer's reports. This was ten

days or two weeks ago. Mr. Glenn

doubtless saw it. If the Observer

misquoted him, he should have cor-

rected it next day. If Mr. Glenn is

opposed to trusts, or even much in

favor of a "better and stronger bill,"

he has had a right poor way of show-

ing it. It is an easy matter now for

him to manifest so much interest in

a "better and stronger bill," when

he knows, or ought to know they

have not the time to enact a better

one. We suggest that if they can't

get a "better and stronger bill" through

now, that Mr. Glenn prepare one

and bring it along and introduce it

on his return in June, 1900. Surely

it will not take them all the time

they can give here then to repeal or

amend that amendment to the con-

stitution they have, through great

travail given birth to at this session.

We have said this much in order to

give Mr. Glenn the advantage of any

and all doubts that might, through

weakness or some other cause, arise

in the minds of any person to the

effect that he really does favor a

"better and stronger bill." We say

to the reader to carefully examine

what the Weekly says, and compare

it with the reported proceedings and

the bill itself.

Why Don't They Talk.

FOR THE CAUCASIAN.

MR. EDITOR:—I took up a dozen

or more Democratic papers today, and

they were almost silent on the acts

of the Legislature, I mean in their

comments. What's the matter?

Something wrong. Only the Smith-

field Herald seems scared out of its

slips for fear the negroes will not go

to the polls and vote for the amend-

ment. Then its afraid some white

men will vote against it. It intimates

that of course negroes will not vote

to disfranchise themselves. They

want to do. There is trouble in the

camp. No preacher will endorse

such action. They will not sanc-

tion anything to disfranchise a poor

white man who has to pay taxes.

They will never do it. No wonder

they don't talk.

JUSTICE.

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DISFRANCHISING THE NEGRO.

A Resolution and Abund Proposition.

Legislature Can't do It—Will Take a

Two-Thirds Vote of the People.

The following is a part of a cam-

aign circular issued last fall to the

people of Chatham county by the

Chairman of the Democratic party of

that county and will be read with

interest by all who are interested in

the rights of the people. Read it and

ask yourself if you can trust that

gauge any more?