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ELECTION FRAUDS, INTIMIDATION AND MURDER

THE MOST PAINFUL VOTE I 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 VERILY 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 FAITHFULNESS. I VOTED FOR IT TO PUT AN END TO ELECTION FRAUDS, TO INTIMIDATIONS AND MURDER. I GAVE THAT VOTE FOR THE GOOD OF MY POPULAR 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.

The Associated Press each day announces that we have been trying to shoot the principles of the Declaration of Independence into a lot of Filipinos and have murdered those that have objected to the process.

Several subscribers have written suggesting colonization as the only sure and permanent settlement of the negro question; but if this were done it would deprive a large class of politicians who live by howling "nigger in the woodpile" during campaigns of an occupation.

No legislature has ever met in this State that was as hungry for office as the last legislature has proven itself. They not only did not abolish any of the many fusion offices they had so much to say about in the campaign, but they went to work and created many new offices for hungry pie eaters.

There were many things that Col. Andrews, overseer of the Southern Railway, was determined that the legislature should not do; and it did not do any of them. There was one thing that this overseer was determined it should do, and that was to whitewash the two Wilsons and re-instate them as Railroad Commissioners, and that thing it did do.

There are a number of men in the State whom overseer Andrews and the other railroad bosses would have been willing to trust as Railroad Commissioners, but there is no one they can trust as well as one whom they have tried and found acceptable to them. This probably explains why Beddingfield was elected. We can think of no other possible explanation.

The Supreme Court of the United States has just rendered a decision upholding the decision of our State Supreme Court, declaring the Wilkes county railroad bonds fraudulent and invalid. The Supreme Court of the United States, in their decision, say they express no opinion themselves, but that they follow their custom in upholding the decision of the States' Courts in such matters. Thus the people have another object lesson of the importance of having a non-partisan Supreme Court like the one we now have.

The News and Observer says that if the proposed constitutional amendment results in disfranchising a large number of white men that after it is adopted that then the Democratic machine can be trusted to change it by substituting another constitutional amendment that will not disfranchise these white men. But how can the fifty thousand white men who will be disfranchised have any voice to vote to change the wrong after it has been committed. Let every voter think about this before putting a hat on his neck or the neck of his neighbors and then giving the end of the halter to the heartless politicians after his own hands are tied.

Recently certain Democratic and Republican newspapers have been loud in denouncing trusts, but it is noticeable that not a single one of these old party newspapers have offered a remedy for trusts. Not a single one of them have said that they were in favor of removing the causes that produce trusts. There is not a fifteen year old boy in America but what knows that the only proper and common sense way to kill trusts is to remove the causes that produce them. The cheese-paring process, however vigorous it may be carried on, will never up-root or stop the formation of trusts. But the miserable make-shift of anti-trust laws passed by the last Legislature is not even a decent cheese-paring process. Every sentence in the bill as intro-

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doed by Mr. Stevens that was at least objectionable to the trust; was stricken from the bill before it was passed, at the detestation of the trust.

The gold-bugs and monopolists in the Democratic party, with the help of the silver hypocrites in the party are already boasting that they will be able to control or at least to block the Democratic national convention. For more than a year THE CAUCASIAN has been pointing out this danger, and it has especially warned the silver Democrats of North Carolina that the scheme was on foot, and that that class of Democrats in the State who opposed co-operation in the last campaign as advised by Bryan and Jones, were the leaders in the movement. It will take only 300 votes in the next Democratic national convention to block it and prevent the nomination of Bryan. The gold bugs have already published a list of 314 votes that they are certain of controlling. The last Democratic campaign in this State and the action of the last Democratic Legislature is the strongest kind of encouragement to this gold and monopoly conspiracy.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION. The Supreme Court has just rendered an important decision in the case of Troxler vs. Southern Railway Co. This was a case where Troxler was injured in attempting to couple cars on the Southern Railroad, on which there were no automatic car couplers. The railroad claimed that Mr. Troxler should not recover damages because he was guilty of negligence himself, not being careful to protect himself from injury. The court holds in favor of Troxler, and the railroad is ordered to pay him the damages sustained by an employee even though the employee might himself have been negligent also.

The Court, in the opinion, cites the fact that Congress has passed a law as far back as 1893, requiring all railroads to equip their cars with automatic couplers, which the Southern railroad, in this case, had failed to do. The court holds further, that even if Congress had not passed this law that it is the duty of a public carrier to provide itself with all the new inventions and improvements, the advantages of which have been proven by general use, and especially any reasonable improvement that will protect life or limb; and that the failure of the railroad or any common carrier to do so renders it liable for damages to those injured thereby. The opinion of the Court further sets out the fact that in 1897 there were 1,693 men killed and 27,667 injured in the railway service, while in the recent Spanish war there were only 298 persons killed and 1,645 wounded all told, showing that there were nearly six times as many railway employees killed and nearly twenty times as many employees wounded as there were soldiers killed or wounded in a great and glorious war against one of the oldest kingdoms of Europe. The Court further points out the fact that since the law was passed by Congress in 1893 requiring automatic couplers to be put on all cars that while only part of the roads have complied so far with the law, yet there were last year 219 fewer employees killed and 4,904 fewer wounded from coupling and uncoupling cars alone, than in 1893, showing that there were nearly three times as many more trains and many more miles of railway, and therefore many more persons employed in railway service, than there were in 1893.

These are very significant, not to say startling facts; yet in the face of these facts it will be remembered that the recent Democratic legislature tried to pass a bill extending the railroad companies from furnishing their cars with automatic couplers, or rather extending the time, in the face of the fact that hundreds and thousands are each year being killed by this criminal negligence of the railroads. This one fact alone is an index of how far removed the last legislature was from the people and their real interests and how corrupt it was under the influence of the corporations, monopolies and trusts.

It is of much more importance to the corporations and especially the railroads, to control the courts than it is to control the legislature. As a rule the railroads succeed in nearly every state and in practically every Federal court in getting men for judges who they either control absolutely or who are so biased in favor of railroads as to be unable to see fairly both sides. The present Supreme Court of North Carolina, however, is a shining example of a fair, bold, and impartial tribunal which has risen above the poisoning influence of corporations and deals out absolute justice without regard to fear or favor from either rich or poor. It is to be hoped that North Carolina will be so fortunate as to always

have such a Supreme Court. The difference between the last legislature and the present Supreme Court is almost as wide as the difference between day and night. It is said that members of the last legislature seriously discussed whether or not there was any possible way by which the legislature could abolish the court or reorganize it. There is nothing that the corporations and monopolists that contribute large sums of money to the Democratic campaign fund so much desire as to get rid of the present Supreme Court and if there had been any way under high heaven by which that legislature could have legalized the court out of existence there is to doubt it would have done so. How fortunate it was there was not a Supreme Court to elect last fall. If there had been, behind the cry of negro monopolists would have succeeded in packing the court just as they packed the legislature.

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"AT LEAST BE FAIR." The Times-Mercury Gives Some Facts in Reply to a False Charge Made by the Charlotte Times-Mercury.

During the closing days of Congress we marked an editorial in the Charlotte Observer which most unfairly criticized Senator Butler, and laid it aside to comment on it. We have unfortunately misplaced the paper, but the substance, if not the exact language of the part of the editorial referred to is as follows: "Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, consumes a great deal of the time of the Senate, but nothing he says amounts to a row of pins. He has never gotten a measure through the Senate and he only talks to occupy time and obstruct the public business at the cost of the people's money, etc."

It is true that the Charlotte Observer and certain other North Carolina papers have tried to make the State think that the above was a true statement about Senator Butler, not only by making such editorial utterances, but by refusing to publish the facts and giving him the credit for what he has done. We can always find out more about what Senator Butler and the other Populists are doing in papers published outside of the State than we can from the Democratic State papers. But it happens that in the very issue of the Charlotte Observer in which the above editorial appeared, there was published in it an associated press dispatch, announcing the fact that Senator Butler had succeeded in defeating the scheme for a subsidy to a Pacific cable company and had succeeded in getting the appropriation committee to accept and adopt his amendment providing for a government cable to be built by the Navy Department and then to be turned over to the Post Office Department to be operated as a part of the Postal system. It was noticeable, however, that the Charlotte Observer put this dispatch on its fourth page in an insignificant corner next to advertising and put no headlines over it, while such papers as the New York World and the New York Journal of the same day published the same news item on their front pages with prominent headlines.

This is simply one illustration of the splendid work that Senator Butler and the other Populist Congressmen and Senators are constantly doing in Washington, and is an illustration of the unfairness of many Democratic newspapers in North Carolina in suppressing the news and in editorially misrepresenting them.

Who was it that exposed the Armour Plate frauds and stopped the steal and offered an amendment providing for the establishment of a government armor plate factory and passed it through the Senate at this last session of Congress? It was this same "Mr. Butler of North Carolina" who, the Charlotte Observer says, amounts to nothing and who talks against time and has never gotten a measure through the Senate.

Who was it that got an increased appropriation in every item of the River and Harbor appropriation bill for North Carolina above the amount passed by the House in this last Congress and in the Congress before; and besides, got new items added in the Senate that were not in the House bill? It was this same "Mr. Butler, of North Carolina."

Who was it that got a forty thousand dollar increase for Geological Survey work, the most of which will be used in North Carolina under the direction of Professor Holmes, as an amendment to the Sundry Civil bill? It was this same "Mr. Butler of North Carolina."

Who was it that introduced a bill

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In less than three weeks after he first became a member of the Senate prohibiting the further issuing of interest-bearing bonds without the consent of Congress, and in less than three months, after a most bitter fight, succeeded in passing it through the Senate by a good majority! It was this same "Mr. Butler of North Carolina."

Who was it that succeeded in the Congress before the last in passing a bill through Congress providing for the establishment in North Carolina of one of the largest fish hatcheries in the United States, and who in the last Congress secured the annual appropriation for the operating expenses of this hatchery, though the hatchery had not been commenced on account of the failure of the State Legislature of North Carolina, to pass a bill granting sovereignty over site for said hatchery to the government? It was this same "Mr. Butler of North Carolina."

Who was it that commenced and led the fight—who checked, exposed and prevented the conspiracy of the Navy Department to rob Admiral Schley of his glory and just deserts as the hero of Santiago, and to promote Capt. Sampson as an Admiral over his head, and who not only commenced this fight but who refused to surrender even when Senators Gorman and Wellington of Schley's own State surrendered, and announced publicly that they were willing for Sampson to be advanced above Schley; and who continued the fight until Schley was promoted two numbers above Sampson? It was this same "Mr. Butler of North Carolina."

Who was it that held up and defeated the nominations of a number of negro postmasters in Eastern North Carolina? It was this same "Mr. Butler of North Carolina."

Who was it that held up in the Senate the bill dividing cases of contempt of court into two classes and offered and secured the adoption of an amendment providing that in case of contempt committed out of the presence of the court that the person charged with the offense should be guaranteed the right of trial, which right was denied by the bill as passed by the Judiciary Committee and reported to the Senate; and which amendment was endorsed by the Democratic national convention in the Chicago platform of 1896? It was this same "Mr. Butler, of North Carolina."

Who was it that succeeded in passing three times a bill for a public building at Durham and a bill to erect monuments to Generals Nash and Davidson, and numbers of other bills of equal importance, which would have become laws if they had passed the House? It was this same "Mr. Butler of North Carolina."

By referring to the Congressional Record to refresh our memory we could continue this list, but these that he is doing, but wish facts certain papers in North Carolina try to keep from the public, while editorially they abuse him. The Record will show that no member of the Senate is more alert and active and a more tireless worker wherever the interests of his State are concerned or the general public welfare than is this same "Mr. Butler, of North Carolina."

Considering the fact that the majority of the Senate is hostile to nearly all of his views that he holds, it is perfectly wonderful that he has succeeded so well. A man of his ability and less energy would have accomplished absolutely nothing and made no impression whatever. Senator Ransom was in the Senate over twenty years, yet we challenge the Charlotte Observer to show that he did during the whole time that he was in the Senate, with the benefit of long experience and services, as much as this "Mr. Butler, of North Carolina" has accomplished.

"A MONSTROUS ABSURDITY."

Many Good Democrats Opposed to the "Grandson of His Grandfather" Constitutional Amendment Class.

The correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, writing to that paper from Fayetteville, under date of March 4th, says: The Observer correctly gauges public sentiment in throwing out a word of warning against taking for granted the carrying of the ballot box of the suffrage constitutional amendment. It will require hard work from the rank and file and lead us to the party. There is certainly no cloud on the title of the Cape Fear Democracy to orthodoxy, but the writer is surprised at the number of leading Democrats whom he meets opposed to the amendment. The clause about the "grandson of his grandfather" is especially derided as a monstrous absurdity.

The suffrage amendment referred to above, which was adopted by the last Legislature, is as follows: SECTION 1. That Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby amended, and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following Article of Said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI. Suffrage and Eligibility to Office—Qualifications of an Elector. SECTION 1. Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifications set out in this Article shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

SECTION 2. He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months and in the precinct, ward or other election district, in which he offers to vote four months next preceding the election: Provided, That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in a precinct, ward or other election district from which he has removed until after such removal. No person who has been convicted, or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which is, or may thereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

SECTION 3. Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereinafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language; and, in addition thereto, shall have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax, as prescribed by law, for the previous year, and he shall exhibit his receipt therefor when he offers to vote. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property.

SECTION 5. No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person; shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualifications prescribed in section 4 of this Article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with this Article prior to December 1, 1908, and no person shall be entitled to register under this section after that date.

The General Assembly shall, at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, provide the manner in which the classes of persons provided for in this section shall register viva voce.

SECTION 6. All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

SECTION 7. Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this Article qualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, . . . do

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Deputy U. S. Marshal William T. Harness of Ohio, writes to Dr. Hartman.

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Yours truly, WILLIAM T. HARNESS.

I solemnly swear or affirm, that I will support and maintain the constitution of the United States and the constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as . . . So help me God."

SECTION 8. The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted or confessed their guilt or indictment pending, and who are sentenced, or not; or under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony, or any other crime for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, of corruption and malpractice in office, unless such person shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

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The Prayer of a Devout Parrot. A resident of Pittsburg who spent a part of last summer in England, tells in an exchange an incident which sadly disturbed the religious peace of a parish in Penzance. A maiden lady of that town owned a parrot which somehow acquired the disagreeable habit of observing at frequent intervals: "I wish the old lady would die." This annoyed the birds owner, who spoke to her ornate about it.

"I think we can rectify the matter," replied the good man. "I also have a parrot, and he is a righteous bird, having been brought up in the way he should go. I will lend you my parrot, and I trust his influence will reform that depraved bird of yours."

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