

LETTER TO SIMMONS.

Don't Read His Literature In Their Homes.

REPRESENTATIVE, Lincoln county, N. C., June 12, 1900. Mr. F. M. Simmons, Raleigh, N. C.

For the past two weeks a slanderous, filthy, black, dirty sheet disgracing this grand old State by bearing the name, "North Carolinian," is being sent out from Raleigh to many of the good people of this community.

My neighbors have asked me to speak for you all and ask you to not send any more of that trash to this community. It is not fit to enter the blackest home in the State.

You, Sir, mistake the character of our people if you think they will tolerate such literature as you are circulating through this county. You have no followers here. We are white people up here. It will do for you to circulate such stuff among your black brethren of the East, but Sir, our people have not forgotten the infamous campaign lies you and your crowd told them two years ago.

Your name is becoming a by-word among our people, and the poor white boys and girls of Western North Carolina are being taught to utter your name with horror. Your name is taking its place along with those of Draco, Brutus and Benedict Arnold.

Mr. You try to slander Marion Butler by cartooning him, and charging to him utterances he never made. Our people know Butler's record and yours. They know Marion Butler all hail to the noble work he is doing! He has ever watched with jealous care the best interests of the great common people of the State.

He has exposed your infamous schemes from first to last; he has kept your black record before the minds of the people; he has challenged you for a joint debate on the great issues of the day; he is the champion of the people's rights. You have ever been a thorn in the side of good government and decency of every kind.

You have raised a false cry of "negro domination," and stirred up race hatred to a dangerous degree; you have chased innocent men and women to be shot down because they opposed your schemes; and now when our great leader proposes to give you a good shaking up and expose your composition to the people, you back down like a coward.

Will do, and cartoon and slander the man you are afraid to meet. You do not want the people to know the truth. If they did know it, North Carolina would be an unhealthy place for you and you know it.

The "North Carolinian" represents Butler as saying, "Let us whip the white men out of the State." The editor of that sheet is a liar and the truth is not in him. Marion Butler is the champion and leader of the "White People's Party" in this State and does not wish to drive them out. But, Sir, the advocates of your schemes are going over the State saying: "We have ruled by force. We can rule by fraud, but we won't rather rule by law."

"Every white man who votes against the amendment should see red blood and smell it hot." "Democrats will carry the State or make a grave-yard of it. They intend to rule it if it takes fire and blood." The white men of Western North Carolina say that such threats should not be allowed, and such hot heads should take warning from the fate of Wm. Goebel. Your negro howlers may use such threats down there among their negro allies; but if they value their hides they must not come this way with their threats against white men. We are white up here.

A POINTED PARALLEL.

The degree of recklessness or ignorance of facts—perhaps both—which some partisan papers show when they want to "illustrate," pass honest human understanding. The high degree of "respectability" claimed by some such papers appears to interpose no bar to such recklessness or ignorance.

On the 24th inst., the people of Virginia voted on the question of ordering a convention for revising the State constitution, which convention it is supposed will undertake to manipulate the franchise something after the manner now being attempted in North Carolina. The Democratic machine favored the convention. The Washington Post of the 25th contained a report of the day sent out from Richmond, and the Charlotte Observer, on the 26th, had an editorial on the event.

It is quite natural to suppose that the information from Richmond, the centre of the State, would be quite as "reliable" as the statement of the Charlotte paper. Let's compare the dispatch and the editorial.

The Dispatches: "In only a few sections do the negroes appear to have been sufficiently aroused by the danger of having their right to vote taken away from them to go to the polls in great numbers."

The Charlotte Observer: "It was stated in yesterday's dispatches that the negroes voted solidly against the calling of the convention."

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PEOPLE'S PARTY PLATFORM.

Adopted Unanimously by the Convention, April 18th, 1900.

The People's Party Convention assembled in Raleigh, April 18th, reaffirms the principles set forth in the People's Party National platform adopted at St. Louis in 1896, and instructs the delegates to the National Convention at Sioux Falls May 9th to vote for the nomination of William J. Bryan for President.

We commend the present State Administration for its high personal and official integrity, and challenge a comparison of its record with any and all of its predecessors.

We condemn the Democratic Legislature of 1898 for its extravagant expenditures of public money, amounting to \$1,597,757.75 in 1898, as opposed to \$1,283,971.11, expended by the preceding Legislature, and a total of \$310,704.65, not including the sum of \$43,290.00 for public education nor the \$43,290.00 for purchase of State farms.

We further condemn the Legislature for the careless and blundering and needless legislation, including more costly blunders and unconstitutional provisions than any other Legislature in the history of this State.

We further denounce the machine leaders of the Democratic party for laying whip on the party, and for the Democratic Legislature and forcing them into enacting and submitting a disfranchising constitutional amendment in violation of the solemn pledges of the party, made not only in their campaign handbooks but by members of the General Assembly for other Democratic candidates for office in their campaigns before the people.

We denounce them not only for doing this in violation of their pledges, but for submitting a measure so odious in form and so injurious in effect. That General Assembly being composed of some of the best lawyers of the party, must have known or at least had a reasonable doubt, not only as to the unconstitutionality of the monstrous provision of Section 5, known as the "grandfather clause" in said amendment, but as to the great danger of that unconstitutional sectional section falling, leaving the remainder of the amendment in force.

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TIME TABLE: To take effect Sunday Mar. 11, 1900, at 7:40 A. M. at Goldsboro.

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