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RANSOM THEN AND RANSOM NOW.

On Tuesday the Democratic ballot box stuffers in Winston held an indignation meeting and denounced what they called "Federal interference" with State affairs. The papers say they puffed and blowed and put forward terrible efforts to get themselves indignant and excited.

Ex-Senator Ransom was present and made a blood-thirsty revolutionary speech. He denounced what he called Federal interference in vicious and most unmeasured terms, and is reported to have closed his speech by raising his hand toward Heaven and in a dramatic manner saying: God knows that this is wrong and that it is against the laws of the land.

Where was Senator Ransom in 1870, when the Democratic party of the State appealed to the Federal Court to interfere with State authority? Where was he when the Democratic leaders went before a Federal Judge at Elizabeth City, Judge Brooks, and sued out a writ of habeas corpus to take from the hands of the State officers, Judge John Kerr, Josiah Turner, and other leading citizens who had been arrested by State authority? He thanked God at that time that the Federal Government had the power and right to interfere and see that justice was done and liberty was preserved when State officers abused their authority and denied life, liberty and property to the citizens of the State and to the citizens of the nation. At that time there was the liberty of only a few citizens at stake, and yet Senator Ransom and every other Democrat justified Federal interference for the liberty of a few men. To-day the liberties of over half the voters of North Carolina are at stake and we appeal to the same Federal authority to protect the liberties of these thousands of citizens, not only from the abuse of authority by State officers, but also against a most infamous conspiracy that is deep-laid and far-reaching. To-day we thank God, as Senator Ransom did in 1870, that there is some law, some power and some authority in these United States to stay the hand of these criminal Democratic election thieves and to break up this damnable conspiracy to disfranchise the masses and put the welfare and destiny of the State into the hands of a small political oligarchy headed by such a man as Simmons.

We are informed by some who went out of curiosity to hear the great Charley Aycock speak at the much advertised Fuquay Springs on last Friday, that notwithstanding a good number of women and children had been induced to go out and a number of people had been railroaded on the train, many of them free of charge, that the crowd was still disappointingly small. This was because the good citizens who live around that community did not wish to hear a "fraud and force" speech. At any rate they were not there.

SIMMONS SENDING OUT INSTRUCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE HE SENT OUT IN 1894.

Did not Mr. Simmons and his machine try to disfranchise forty or fifty thousand white men in 1894, by means of his secret circular? Did he not advise his registrars to get every Democratic voter to put his full name on the registration books, leaving all the Populists and Republicans to put only their initials? Did he not have in his pocket an opinion handed down by a Democratic Supreme Court, that had not been published or printed, saying that the judges of election might reject every man whose name was on the books with his initials—as J. N. Brown, instead of his full name, John Newton Brown. Was he after the negro then? He was trying to disfranchise white men? Why? Simply because they would not vote for him and his machine. He did disfranchise a number of white men then, even though his trick was discovered. Is he not now sending out some instructions to his registrars, telling them how to keep white men from registering, and telling them how to get white men to register wrong, that is, white men who will not vote his ticket? With his purpose to disfranchise these white men, will he be more honest after he has carried the State, if unfortunately he should carry it, than he is now? He said in the last campaign that he was not trying to disfranchise anybody with an amendment. He has done it. He is saying now that he will not favo a property qualification if he gets in this time. But he will break this promise as glibly as he broke the others. Can you trust such a man, and such a machine?

This is the first time in the history of the Anglo-Saxon race for nearly a thousand years that any man when threatened with an irrepairable injury, has been denied a remedy by our courts. This has been done by the present legislature in Section 88.

"ALL COONS LOOK ALIKE."

Do you see "our Isaac," the Democratic negro member from Craven county, in the cartoon on our first page?

Do you see his white ally, Frank D. Winston, the man who considered "it a great pleasure to ride the district with the negro Congressman George H. White.

Do you see Frank D. Winston who said the members of the present legislature should "sink their consciences to vote for the proposed amendment."

"All coons look alike." If you do not believe it look at them in the cartoon.

From now on, the Democratic papers and speakers will publish and report all kinds of falsehoods, and especially on the day of election. We ask all voters to believe nothing that may be published or said, not withstanding the amount of money the party heelers may propose to bet. It will all be a bluff. Simply go and vote your honest sentiment and see that it is counted as cast and then abide the result like a patriot.

MAJOR JOHN W. GRAHAM'S OPINION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

During the trial of the Democratic Registrars at Winston, Col. Argo, of Raleigh, in a speech for the defence turned to Major John W. Graham, who was an attorney for the prosecution, and said: "Major, you are a Democrat, but I have never yet heard of your saying how you intended to vote on this amendment."

At once, Major Graham spoke up and said: "Do you want to know now?" Col. Argo replied, "Yes I do." Major Graham then answered as follows: "I shall vote against it because I believe it is in contravention of the Constitution of the United States and will therefore not support it." Col. Argo's only reply was, "You have the courage of your convictions, I know, Major."

How many Democratic lawyers are there in the State who are supporting this amendment who have not the courage of their convictions, in whom the desire for office is greater than their regard for the Constitution of the United States and their oath to support it?

GOV. BROGDEN AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

We have an able and interesting article from Gov. C. H. Brogden, which came in too late for publication. This will be a great loss to the readers of THE CAUCASIAN, as he advances some new and strong arguments against it. He says, "I was for it, before I read it." Since reading it, like every unbiased, honest man, Gov. Brogden is opposed to it; because it is in conflict with the national constitution which we all have entered into a solemn contract, under oath, to support and defend. Therefore, he cannot support it.

Clyde Hoey, of Cleveland, is saying, "the White Man is published by a gang of negroes." Clyde is about as far off as he was when he signed the list that the amendment was constitutional. Clyde knew better. But he wanted office, that's all

SIMMONS' CONFIDENT.

The Sunday's Charlotte Observer contained a startling statement. Who can believe it? It is this:

"We have to confess that within the past week, for the first time, have the prospects of victory for the amendment and the Democratic State ticket been perfectly apparent."

Now, if the Observer tells the truth in the above, then it has been handling it very carelessly ever since the campaign has been open. For it certainly tried to make the impression that the Democratic ticket was sure to win.

The Observer may have been trying to deceive its readers. It was mistaken, or saying then what it did not believe, or is doing it now. In either case, the people will be slow to believe it all.

Perhaps Simmons has taken, at last, the Observer into his confidence and let out the secret as to his plans to steal and, by negro incindiary talk and lies, count in the election. This gives the Observer a chance to actually tell what it does believe.

The Observer knew that a majority of the honest voters and tax payers were opposed to the amendment, and knew that it would not settle the negro question, and unless they could be excited out of their senses and moral knowledge of right and justice, the amendment and Democratic State ticket would be defeated.

Mr. Aycock (Governor Aycock so-called) is reported as having said in his speech at Salisbury that "any man who says that this amendment is unconstitutional is a liar." Is it possible that a man who makes any pretense of being fit to be Governor of the great State of North Carolina should become so rattled and desperate when a great constitutional question is being discussed before the voters of the State, as to use such language before his audience? In Mr. Aycock's audience there were several hundred of as patriotic and intelligent citizens as there are in the State, who sincerely believe that the amendment is unconstitutional. Besides, over two-thirds of his Democratic audience would believe the same thing if Mr. Aycock had the courage to meet his opposing candidate for Governor in joint debate and permit the people of all parties to hear both sides discussed face to face. The same causes that forced Mr. Aycock and Mr. Simmons from a joint discussion, have forced Mr. Aycock in his desperation to stoop to such a plane. Further comment is unnecessary.

ITS DYING BREATH.

Did you notice that long, frantic wail in Sunday's News and Observer? It contained more misrepresentations, lies, and incendiarism to the square inch, than that paper ever contained, and that is putting its enormity in a double superlative degree. It shows weakness on the Democratic side. It was simply calling for the "calf rope." It slanders the State and the religion of the State. It would make people abroad think that the Populists and the Republicans of the State were scoundrels and cut throats. The truth is, nine-tenths of them are church members in good standing in our various churches. They are such citizens as the churches prepare and seek after. The truth is, the Observer has exhausted its last card, and has to resort to its old savior, and hence yells: "Save us, nigger, or we perish!" No one in the State need believe a word of it. It is all a concocked lie to deceive and to scare the people.

Twenty copies till after the August election for $1. Send in the amount and get the papers.

WHO SHOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT?

During the trial of the Democratic registrar at Winston, Judge John Gray Bynum, who was for many years a Democratic Judge of the Superior court of the State, in his argument, said: "I am going to vote for your constitutional amendment. I do not know whether it is constitutional or not. The benefit of the doubt that is in my mind is to be given to my party." What a terrible confession for any man to make, much less a lawyer and an ex-Judge. What! Will Judge Bynum give the benefit of the doubt to his party before he will give it to the Constitution of the United States and his oath to support it? We must believe that Judge Bynum did not measure his words. From his own confession it is evident that he is in doubt, and being in doubt, it is his sworn duty, as he must see upon reflection, to give to the Constitution and to his oath to support the Constitution, the benefit of all doubt, instead of giving it to his party. And besides this, should not Judge Bynum and every other voter who can read and write, and who would not therefore be personally affected by the amendment if it is unconstitutional, have the patriotism and the sense of justice to give to the illiterate white voter of North Carolina the benefit of all doubt, instead of to his party? If Judge Bynum's conscience will not bring him to do this, then surely every illiterate white voter in North Carolina must give himself the benefit of the doubt in self protection, for if it is unconstitutional, these illiterate white voters, if they vote for it, will be voting to disfranchise themselves.

The Caucasian will be red hot from now until after the August election. Every body should read it. Send one dollar and get twenty copies from now until the August election.

FEDERAL INTERFERENCE.

When was the first federal interference in North Carolina? It was during the Ku-Klux days of 1879, when Governor Holden had suspended the writ of habeas corpus and Chief Justice Pearson had announced that "the State Judiciary was exhausted," and Judge John Kerr, Josiah Turner, and many other prominent citizens, who had been arrested by General Kirk under the order of Governor Holden, applied to Judge Brooks, a United States District Judge at Elizabeth City for a writ of habeas corpus and were released from imprisonment by the United States Judge under the authority conferred upon him by the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

To-day the Democratic press and politicians all over North Carolina are howling: Federal Interference with State Elections, after these same politicians have through Section 88 of the Election Law, withdrawn the writ of mandamus, closed the doors of justice, and paralyzed the arm of the state judiciary to protect the liberties of citizens when they are threatened and attacked by one of Mr. Simmons registrars under his instructions. If this is "Federal Interference," then who made federal interference necessary? Was it Federal interference in 1870 when the United States Court, under the 14th amendment, released from prison men improperly and illegally imprisoned by the State's action? Yes, that was Federal interference in the interest of justice and liberty, and this is the same kind of "Federal Interference" we have to-day.

In the trial of Registrar Thompson at Winston the other day, who was arrested under the Federal statutes for violating the law, Mr. Manley, one of Thompson's lawyers, in his speech, said that this proceeding was outrageous, that it was "Federal Interference with State Affairs," and referred to the arrest of William A. Graham, the father of Major J. W. Graham, whom, he charged, with others, had been arrested and imprisoned by the Republicans. At this point Major J. W. Graham arose and denied that his father had been arrested as charged, but admitted that Judge John Kerr, Mr. Josiah Turner, and other prominent citizens of the State were arrested and imprisoned, but that they were released under a writ of habeas corpus, sued out before a Federal Judge under the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Major Graham proceeding, said: "This was the first case of Federal Interference in North Carolina, but Federal Interference then saved the liberties of a number of our leading citizens and prevented a great wrong from being done. When justice was denied in the State courts this was the only remedy left.

It was right and proper and necessary to resort to that remedy then. Just so now, when you have denied justice in the State courts to these citizens who are legally qualified to register, we are appealing to the Federal Courts on the same ground, because there is no other remedy to protect the rights of these citizens except in the Federal Court, unless the Court declares Section 88 of the election law unconstitutional and restores the writ of mandamus.

Among the many incidents which are characterising the campaign conducted by the organization calling itself the Democratic Party, confining itself to wearing red shirt campaign buttons, with the words "white supremacy" printed thereon; which buttons are found on individuals of all sizes, ages and colors, and at the same time squalling nigger; there are some which are ridiculous, absurd, and even disgusting. In addition to such episodes as the election of negro delegates to its State Convention, and congratulating a negro member of the Legislature on his eloquent "speechifying" when said negro impudently and insolently assails respectful white men, and the appointment of numerous negro judges of election who are to sit in judgment on the right of white men to vote in many sections of the State There are others which tend to disgust, in the most emphatic manner, honesty and decency. One incident is reported from Jones county. In Tuckahoe township, in that county, is a so-called "white supremacy" club. The President of that club is Noah Hill, a negro, who was appointed by the county organizer of the Democratic machine, and this negro is actively at work as agent of "white supremacy."

We want to say again, that every voter who wants to get in his vote and have it counted must go the polls by fun up or soon after and cast his vote. Now this means more than you may think. The committees must see to it that the voters do this.

There is nothing to prevent the legislature of 1901 and the legislature of 1903, and the legislature of 1905, and the legislature of 1907, if unfortunately they should be Democratic, from proposing additional constitutional amendments and carrying them by infamous election laws. They may very easily by this means take away every safe-guard of the illiterate white voter which they are now claiming exists in their present amendment.

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A WORD TO POPULISTS.

We want to say to Populists everywhere, in town and country, that it is very important that you go to the polls very early on the day of election and vote the first thing, and then if possible, remain all day, or until all our boys have voted, and then leave some trustworthy persons to see that the votes are counted as cast and the returns properly made out and signed Now do this. More depends upon it than you may suppose. Be determined, but sober and quiet. If any one is to act the fool let it be the Democrats.

MR. LACY RESPONSIBLE.

Who is responsible for the twenty lives lost and the score or more of widows and orphans made by the late explosion in the Cumnock mine?

Chapter 251. Laws of 1897 make it the duty of the Commissioner of Labor to inspect mines, prescribes how it shall be done, and gives him power to instruct managers of mines as to requirements of the law, and puts the Governor, with all his executive power together with the State Treasury at his command to enforce his orders, and protect the lives of the miners, as the mine inspector shall order, in conformitory to the provisions of the act. It provides that he shall take note of all irregularities or failures to comply, or any attempt to comply, note the actual conditions etc., and keep that information on file in his office. It is made his duty to provide suitable blanks for monthly reports of the superintendent of the mine, which reports shall also be kept on file in his office. The fact is, there is no duty required of the Commissioner which is more directly expressed or more minutely and with more emphasis specified. With all this, when the serious explosion at the Cumnock mine occurred, about the first of June, not one effort or attempt had been made by the Commissioner of Labor to inspect or to get regular monthly reports of the mines, and he had not the proper, and by the law required, reports in either of his personal official inspection, nor from the Superintendent.

After the serious disaster, being asked about it he said: "No special appropriation was made for it and I have paid no attention to it," or words to that effect.

This is a serious matter. Here is an officer of the State, sworn to execute the duties of his office, saying that he did not execute the most important duty laid upon him, and giving as his excuse, "No appropriation for that duty especially."

No duty is prescribed for him with clearer force and emphasis. And it is clearly evident that if any appropriation was made for any act he was required to perform, that a special emphasis was laid upon the mine inspection and regulation, then the appropriation was as much at least for that as it was for any other duty prescribed, and that the mine inspection should have at least its proportionate part of his attention.

Yet, Mr. Lacy, the kid glove cashier of a bank in Raleigh, at a salary of eighteen hundred dollars, and Commissioner of Labor and at the same time at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars, and insurance agent, requiring his attention, his hands are so full that he does not find time from these to attend to the duties of his insignificant State office. Serving two or three masters, he serves best the one that pays most, and neglects the one that pays least. Finding the great disaster has come, and that he is not prepared to show that he has performed his sworn duty, he tries to let himself out by saying, "There was no appropriation for it and I have not done it." Mr. Lacy has made a tour of the State. He has seen about every railroad employee that has a vote, nearly every cotton factory employee that has a vote, and the employees of all the manufacturing enterprises, wherever he could find a few voters, and he has told them no doubt how anxious he is that they should be represented by him in the State Treasury. But his tenderness and gentility revolted at the idea of descending into a cold damp, dark coal mine, and performing the duties prescribed by law, which duties he took oath to execute. And when calamity came to the poor fellows in the mine and hurled 20 of them into eternity and left their wives widows and their children orphans he quickly exhonorated(?) himself to the expressed satisfaction of himself, and the pleasure of his running mates for State offices, and the daily papers herald it abroad. "He didn't have any special appropriation."

What does the law prescribe?

"Said Commissioner shall receive a salary of $1,500 per year. He shall have an assistant appointed by himself, whose salary shall be $900 per year. They shall receive their actual travelling expenses etc. They shall annually publish a report of statistics, etc., embodying what he deems best, which shall be printed and paid for by the State as reports of other departments. The number of these reports to be printed, the Commissioner may decide. The expense of distributing these to whom he wishes by mail, or otherwise, to be paid out of the Treasury. Their salaries and traveling expenses, printing and distributing reports to be provided for as above. Then follows,—to carry out the provisions of the act $3 500 is annually appropriated to be paid by the State Treasurer, as the Commissioner may need and call for.

Then the statement that there was no appropriation for it is not true. There was nothing included in the appropriation more completely. Attending to his bank and insurance business which paid him better, and visiting other enterprises which seemed more agreeable, and more likely to be of personal, or party, benefit to him, he failed to inspect the mines. and didn't know how else to excuse himself when caught up with by the sadest of all disasters. Still this is all quieted because he is the nominee for State Treasurer on the white tagged ticket. He keeps his bank alive yet, but won't she flourish when he gets the State funds in it? Will his bank continue to be his first care? You may just bet it will. He cannot plead ignorance of the law, because he has claimed that he is the father of it. Then he is more guilty of criminal neglect of a sacred duty which had it been properly performed, might and probably would have averted this sad, sad calamity.

Men can be cured privately and positively at home of all weakness and disease. Write for new free book. DR. J. N. HATHAWAY, 209 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Tex.

A letter from an ex-Democratic Sheriff in the State of Mississippi, in which there are similar restrictions on the suffrage as are now being proposed in this State, it is said that the election law which is in force and in operation in that State disfranchises all voters, white and colored, who can not read and write, and who have not paid their tax for two years previous. The figures have been given before, but for the sake of emphatic information they may be repeated here. In 1898 there were in the State of Mississippi 134 000 white men of voting age, but the returns from the Congressional election for that year show that there were 22,365 votes cast in the State for the Democratic candidates, and only 4 322 cast against the Democratic candidates. It is thus seen that the total vote cast in all the districts of the State for Congressional candidates was 27 187, and if it be assumed that all these were white voters, it is seen that only this number out of a total of 134 000 white votes were counted. leaving 87 436 white voters who, for some cause or another did not vote. or whose names were not counted.

AN OPEN LETTER TO JONES.

The Issues Discussed in a Pointed, Telling Manner—White Supremacy a Farce—Done to Deceive—Read It.

REGISTER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

Mr I. M. Deaton,

Dear Sir: If you intend to vote for White Supremacy you must register. The registration books close at sunset on July 21st. This is the most important election ever held in North Carolina. Your loved ones look to you for their protection. Go and register while you have the opportunity. The registration book can be found at the residence of the registrar during the week—on Saturdays it will be at the voting place.

Your registrar is Thomas Badger, his residence is 218 Halifax street. The voting place for your precinct is E. Hugh Lee's store. Register and vote against negro rule.

Yours truly,

ARMISTEAD JONES,
Chm'n Dem. Ex Com. Wake Co.
Raleigh, N. C., July 10, 1900.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 15, 1900.
Armistead Jones, Esq., Chm'n Dem. Ex Com., Raleigh, N. C.

SIR: Your very considerate letter recognizes me as a voter only on the condition that I intend to vote for what you call White Supremacy. This is entirely gratuitous, for I am too familiar with democratic ring performances not to know that no one opposed to the machine of which you are a part, has any rights that your ring feel called upon to respect, and your letter is an insult to my intelligence, in that you presume that any dose of poison prescribed by your ring will be swallowed by me because it is labeled White Supremacy. It is scarcely worth while to remind you, an old offender—an incorrigible ringster—but the people you attempt to deceive must and shall be reminded that the most atrocious crimes recorded in history have been committed in the name of religion and patriotism, and the Chinese Boxers who, since your present campaign of deception began, have slaughtered nearly two thousand defenceless missionaries, and ministers would probably claim it was done to protect THEIR homes and LOVED ONES. I am fully in sympathy with true white supremacy; but am not fool enough to be deceived by your piteous wail for help to entrench your office hungry horde behind an amendment to our constitution that will forever silence the ballotorial voice in North Carolina. No party ever existed or will exist upon earth that would not abuse such powers as your amendment confers, and it would require a marvelous exercise of blind faith to bring me, in the face of your record of broken promises, reckless expenditures, lusty pretensions and misstatement of facts to suddenly conclude that the democratic party is made up exclusively of saints. I fully agree with you that this is the most important election ever held in North Carolina, and I firmly believe that if you are successful, it is the last opportunity the laboring classes will ever have to make their power felt at the ballot box. So believing, it is passing strange to me that the masses of even the democratic party should think your scheme could benefit them. For its effect will be to place all power in the hands of the chairman of the party. He will be grand mogul, high priest dictator and despot. He will have nothing to fear from the people, and they nothing to hope for. This may be very nice, while you are chairman, but when the sceptre passes from you to another—possibly a life-long antagonist—then, "O, what a difference in the morning!"

That my loved ones look to me for their protection, is a solemn truth that no vain repetition by demagogues can emphasize, and this solemn truth intensifies my desire to do my humble part in upholding the truth and supporting the constitution and preserving the liberties our fathers established and attempted to guarantee thereunder. Surely no one will blame me for feeling that if I were gone my loved ones could not look for protection to a crowd who ruthlessly trample under foot, despise and nullify the organic law of the land, in order to appease the morbid craving of a few chronic place hunters.

"Your loved ones look to you for their protection." Very pretty expression that, were it not that I know it is but the velvet which conceals the demon's claw. Very nice to those who do not know it is but a hypocritical plea intended to stir the passions of men, and dethrone their reason, by appealing to and using the most sacred earthly ties to accomplish the destruction of liberty in North Carolina.

An expression too sweet and too sacred to be polluted thus. It is like "stealing the livery of heaven to serve the devil in." It was never intended as the rallying cry for red shirt ballot-box stuffers and bullies.

Under the pretext of protecting loved ones, your machine orators and papers have been busily engaged for three months trying to kindle race hatred and malevolence. Vituperation and calumny have been your stock in trade, while you try by every art known to the ruffian and bully to provoke hostility between the parties, feeling that in this course lay your only hope of ramming down the people's throats the nauseating dose prescribed, and then you talk about guns to defend "our homes and loved ones," when no trouble exists, save in the distempered brains of your demonized hoodlums, and the few good citizens who are too honest to suspect any set of office hunters capable of inventing such unblushing falsehoods, and perpetrating such base deception. Your leaders combine, conspire and confederate to foment strife and bring about a reign of chaos to cover your stealthy attack upon the citadel of liberty. You bully the weak and defenseless, while you make life miserable for those having manhood enough to express opinions differing with the dominant party, and try to force your preachers to approve your methods, and in some instances, be it said to their shame, you succeed. Not that they are essentially corrupt, but because they are unprepared to look for such corruption in you, and are in a sense, dependent.

You boast of good government administered by your crowd when it is mathematically true, that your white supremacy Legislature spent of the people's money during the first 18 months of their wicked rule more than SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, above the expenditures by the much maligned fusion legislature, during a corresponding period of time.

When forced to admit that more than fifty thousand white people would be disfranchised under the amendment without remedy unless educated before 1908, you still claim that no white man will lose his vote all the same, and spring the familiar old gag about the Democratic party being the champion of education, when you hastened to repeal the best school law the State has ever seen, some of your leaders admitting that the only serious objection to it was the fact that it was a child of fusion. You talk flippantly about educating all the white people before 1908, while the record—your record—of twenty consecutive years of Democratic rule stares you in the face and tells you the per cent of illiteracy has increased as increased as steadily as water flows down stream, and is to-day lower than that of any state save New Mexico.

You talk about eliminating the negro from politics (after telling him you would not in order to get his vote and thus induce him to assist in his own destruction) but you admit that if the amendment is passed more than fifty thousand negroes will continue to vote, under the educational qualification, while at least 50 000 white people will be disfranchised unless before 1908 such a revival in education as the world has never seen should seize the people and continue without interruption. If Massachusetts, with an average school term of ten months a year is enabled to reduce the per cent of illiteracy only one-fourth of one per cent annually, how is it possible for North Carolina with an average school term of 7 to 9 weeks a year, to reduce the per cent of illiteracy from 23 per cent to nothing in eight years? Such a proposition baffles finite comprehension. Such a performance would transcend the greatest miracle ever performed. It would take Massachusetts ninety-two years with ten month schools to banish illiteracy among the white people of North Carolina, and with our present length of school terms it would take North Carolina five hundred years if the percentage diminished in proportion to the length of term as it Massachusetts which it does not, but increases as before stated, and what length of term would begin to diminish illiteracy is left to conjecture.

Thus it is easy to see that your plea for education as a prerequisite to voting is a fraud and a humbug, intended to still the commotion and quiet the fears of those you are attempting to deceive, and like your many other schemes cannot endure the light of intelligent discussion. Hence the necessity of a blood and thunder campaign to inflame the public mind and obscure the issues.

No one not willfully blind can fail to see that your cry of white supremacy is a fraud when you carry every negro county in the State, when you have already eliminated the negro vote, except what you can use with your present election law which enables unscrupulous, unsworn and dishonest registrars to absolutely and arbitrarily control the vote of every man by ruling him out or counting his vote as desired. You blow about superiority of blood and social purity in the face of the fact that your vaunted white supremacy legislature of 1899, by almost unanimous consent, voted down a bill making cohabitation between persons of different color a felony. You affect great horror at the presence and prominence of the negro as a menace to peace and safety, and yet your party objects to every proposition for the separation of the races. Your leaders feast and fatten on negro labor; your demagogues hold offices by virtue of negro votes, either received or counted, while your banner Democratic county, has two negro voters to one white, yet you have the unadulterated gall to claim that a vote for the Simmons machine is a vote for white supremacy and protection to loved ones.

Respectfully,

I. M. DEATON.

THE CHINESE WAR.

Is Becoming Very Serious—Americans Suffer Great Loss And Are Forced to Retreat.

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