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RANSOM TIEN 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.

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.

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?

It was Senator Ransom himself, who went in person to Judge Brooks and got the writ. 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.

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, notwithstanding the amount of money the party leaders may propose to bet. It will all be a bluff. Simply go and vote your honest sentiments and see that it is counted as cast, and then abide the result like a patriot.

THE MASSES OF THE PEOPLE

ABOUTED.

The growth of sentiment in this State, from mountains to sea, during the past week in favor of rebuking fraud and rascality, and in rallying to the defence of human liberty has been marvellous.

A year ago the Simmons machine attempted to start a campaign in defence of their action in violating every solemn pledge made to the people and in submitting this dangerous disfranchising amendment and putting on the statute books one of the most thieving and infamous election laws ever known.

Their campaign fell still-born. They were forced to call in their speakers, cancel appointments, and discontinue after an effort of two or three weeks.

Early last Spring the Simmons machine began a new tack. They proceeded to get names of people, especially Populists and white Republicans and country Democrats who were fair and honest and disposed to be against the amendment and election law, and to send to them free literature, week after week, and day after day. This has been kept up steadily ever since the first of the year. During all this time, however, the masses of the people were exceedingly quiet and in a thoughtful mood. They wanted to know the truth.

About the first of March, Mr. Simmons, mistaking the sentiment of the people, gave out an interview in which he said it was time for argument to stop and for red-shirtism and ruffianism to begin in order to carry the election by "fraud and force."

He soon discovered his mistake and was rebuked by the masses of his own party who declared they had not made up their minds and that they wanted to hear both sides. Mr. Simmons, realizing that he had made a mistake, again took a new tack and began to flood the State again with literature and speakers.

This was when the people first began to take an active interest in the campaign. Many of those who were in doubt, after hearing Mr. Aycock and the Democratic speakers were more strongly against the amendment and the Democratic machine than ever before, for they declared their doubt had not been removed after hearing the Democratic side. Since that time a great campaign of education has been going on in North Carolina each day, the masses have become more thoroughly informed as to the danger behind the amendment and the full extent of the scheme of the Simmons oligarchy. Each day the tide against them and for human liberty has grown stronger.

To-day there is more determination among the masses, the liberty-loving citizens of North Carolina to rebuke the men who fooled them in the last campaign and the men and the party who are now trying to fasten the yoke of disfranchisement upon them and their children under false pretenses than ever before known in any campaign in the State. There is to-day over fifty thousand clear majority against these men and their methods and measures. This majority is increasing each day and will reach seven or five thousand before the second day of August.

The majority will be so big that after all of Mr. Simmons' registrars have disfranchised every white voter that they can by violating the law, and after all of his ballot box stuffers have stolen all the ballots they can that there will still be a big majority left for good government and freedom of thought and for human liberty.

SIMMONS WAIT OF DEFEAT.

Mr. Simmons has addressed an open letter to the President of the United States under date of July 16, which is a peculiar document, to say the least.

He makes a walling appeal to the Chief Executive of the nation to interfere in North Carolina politics in the interest of his fraudulent schemes to disfranchise the people by organized red-shirtism and ruffianism.

Mr. Simmons has failed in his appeal to the people and he now appeals to a Republican President. But we do not care to devote any time or attention to this remarkable document, except to call attention to the misstatement of facts which it contains. He charges that there is unwarranted and illegal Federal interference in a purely State election. The fact is, as everybody knows, the electors who are now registered, are registered for the November election, as well as for the State election.

In regard to the arrest of the registrar at Winston, affidavits were sworn out by parties who alleged that they had been denied the right to register, which is essential to voting in North Carolina, on account of their race and color, and that the registrar had acted in violation of Section 2004 and 5510 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and under color of a state law had subjected them and caused them to be subjected to a deprivation of the rights secured to them by the 15th amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the statutes above referred to. After a full hearing and argument of counsel on both sides, the United States Commissioner held

WHAT NEXT?

It is reported, and not denied, that the Democratic machine assesses every business man in some towns for campaign purposes, whether he is a Democrat, Populist, or Republican. They do it under threat, that if they do not pay the assessment they will ostracize them and injure their business. Will not let them run their business.

Now, if this be true, and we know the machine is desperate enough to do such things, this goes to show the business of the country what may be expected if the machine gets entrenched in power.

The business interest of the State will be at the mercy of a heartless gang of pie hunters. They will demand money to pay the politicians to run around over the country to count out white farmers and call them and their children negroes, because they do not willingly swallow everything these city dudes—too frequently so—may want to say.

We have heard of men having their business ruined because they claimed the right to vote as they pleased. If this is so now, what will it be when Simmons gets full control.

THEY CANT FOOL HONEST PEOPLE.

They are trying hard to manufacture some excuse for their treatment of H. F. Seawell. But every body can see that it is all a strained effort to justify such acts. The truth is, public sentiment is against them. Seawell does not endorse the crimes of negroes nor does he encourage them. But anarchy always hatches up some kind of excuse and there are always fools ready to believe them.

No no kind of hatched up reasons for such acts will lead the honest, independent voters in the country and towns to believe such. For too many of these have also been ostracized, abused and called "nigger," simply because they do not want to vote with the machine. For a gang that will thus abuse a quiet voter, will rotten egg and red shirt a speaker. It is because Seawell tells too much about Democratic lies and broken promises. That is all of it.

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?

ITS DYING GREETING.

Did you notice that long, frantic wall in Sunday's News and Observer? It contained more misrepresentations, lies, and incendiaries 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 an seek after. The truth is, the Observer has exhausted its last card, and has to resort to its old savior, and hence yells: "Rascals, niggers, or we perish!" No one in the State need believe a word of it. It is all a concocted lie to deceive and to scare the people.

GOV. BROGDEN AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

We have an able and interesting article from Gov. C. H. Brogden, which came in 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.

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 in 1870 when the United States Court, under the 14th amendment, released from prison men improperly and illegally imprisoned by the State, but acted by 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 declared that his father had been arrested as charged, but acted by 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 proceeded, 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 those 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 characterized the campaign conducted by the organization calling itself the Democratic Party, calling itself wearing red shirt and carrying 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 scolding niggers; here 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 assailed 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 get 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.

Remember we will send twenty copies of The Caucasian till after the August election for one dollar. Send it in at once.

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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 Cumcock mine? Chapter 251, Laws of 1897, make it the duty of the Commissioner of Labor to inspect mines, prescribe how it shall be done, and give 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 conformity 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 these superintendents 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 Cumcock mine occurred, about the first of June, not one effort or attempt had been made by the Commissioner of Labor to inspect or get regular monthly reports of the mines, and he had not the proper, and by the law required, reports in either 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 its 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 not 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 left 20 of them into eternity and buried 200 others, he was not there to comfort the widows and their children orphans he quickly exonerated 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 traveling 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: \$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 saddest of all disasters. Still this is all quoted because he is the nominee for State Treasurer on the white ticket. He keeps his bank alive yet, but won't be flush 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 been properly performed, might and probably would have averted this sad, and calamity.

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

When forced to admit that more

AN OPEN LETTER TO JONES.

The Issues Discussed in a Pamphlet, Titled "Masses—White Supremacy a Parasite—Dues to Destroy—Read It."

REGISTER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

Mr. J. M. Deaton.

Dear Sir: If you intend to vote for White Supremacy you must register. The registration books close at sunset on July 31st. 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 weekdays will be at the voting place. Your registrar is Thomas Bradford, his residence is 215 Halifax Street. The voting place for your precinct is E. Hugh Low's store. Register and vote against negro rule.

Yours truly,

Chas. M. Dem. Ex. Com. W. & Co. Raleigh, N. C., July 10, 1900.

RALEIGH, N. C. July 15, 1900.

Armedist Jones, Esq. Chas. M. 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 untrue. I am not at all 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, and shall be treated as a 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 ringer—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 Boxer who, since your present campaign of deception began, have slaughtered and made a mockery of your 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 pitiful trail of help to entice your fine hungry horde behind an amendment to our constitution that will forever silence the balloting voice in North Carolina. No party ever existed or will exist upon earth that would not abuse such powers as yours. You will be grand moral, 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 seepers pass from you to another—possibly a life-long antagonist—then O, what a fine one 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 best 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 feel 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 plebe hunters.

"You 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 ploy intended to stir the passions of men, and deprive 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 heavy cross of religion 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 malice. With insatiation 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 they have the best chance of running down the people's throats the nauseating dose prescribed, and our homes and loved ones" when no trouble exists, and in the distempered brain of your demagogue, you are stealthily attack upon the citizen of liberty. You bully the weak and defenseless, while you make life miserable for those having manhood born to exercise opinions different with the dominant party and try to force your preachers to approve your methods, and in some instances, he 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, dupes.

You boast of good government administered by your crowd, and you 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 of the L. B. H. maligned fusion legislators, during a corresponding period of time.

When forced to admit that more

THE CHINESE WAR.

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

On last Friday, the Allies stormed the native city of Tien Tsin, but were hurled back by the Chinese. The Americans suffered heavily. Col. Liscum, of the Ninth Infantry, was killed, and Capt. Lemly, of Winston, was wounded. The Allies lost, killed 100, Americans lost over 30 of them. Their shores were deserted, and their ships were sunk and destroyed. The Allies had 7,000, the Chinese 20,000 troops. No steps taken by England. John Bull is bewildered. Situation grows darker. Chinese are massing immense forces at Pekin. It is said 3,000 Chinese officials were killed by Tuan for urging him to spare foreigners. It is said 80,000 more troops are needed in China. America is expected to furnish 12,000 of them. The end is not yet. No picture the horrors being committed in that low, dark region.

THOMPSON AT ANCIER.

Had a Large Crowd of Determined Voters—A Great Speech—Much Good Done.

Dr. Thompson, the people's champion, had a big crowd at Ancier Harnett county, on Monday. They were about one thousand present and they were determined voters. Many Democrats who heard the Doctor said they could not get the consent of their sense of right and justice, to support the constitution, to vote for the amendment. The Doctor speaks with power, and his inspiration comes from the pure foundation of truth, right and justice. The Democratic machine will have to use Aycock's "RAVING AND FORCE" if it wins this fight.

Kelly in Kingston.

Special to Caucasian.

Kingston, N. C., July 16.—Congressman Kelly, of South Dakota, spoke here to-day to a large and enthusiastic audience, which listened to him patiently and attentively. His speech made a splendid impression on all who heard him. His arguments were unanswerable. The people are becoming determined to protect their freedom and not to surrender their freedom won by their forefathers.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway of the Federal schedule for the Conference of Epworth Leaguers at Atlantic City July 26th to 29th.