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FORCE, FRAUD, INTIMIDATION

USED TO CARRY AMENDMENT AND ELECT DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

LETTERS FROM EVERY SECTION OF THE STATE

Prove That The Methods Used By The Simmons Machine Defeated the Will of the People.

Below we give only a few of the letters received at this office, sent in by good men, showing how the Democratic machine won their recent victory (?). They will not be able to outlive it and answer it before the people, much less before the bar of justice.

BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Letter from Aurora: They intimidated so many negroes, and made them take their names off the books, and others they could not scare off, they refused to let vote, and some they refused to register. B H Thompson scared them off with the threat that he (Thompson) would have them all in the penitentiary if they voted, but that if they would take their names off the books, he would not bother them. This had the effect of causing them to take their names off the book.

Letter from Latham: "We had 118 voters registered in our precinct and they counted for our State ticket only 78 votes, the balance of the 118 were frightened away from the polls, put in jail, and votes thrown out after being cast, for being in wrong box. We had no judge of election at the polls, 15 or more special election constables were on the outside of the bull pen to intimidate voters all day.

Letter from Washington: The agents and appointers of the Democratic party had stolen everything in sight on the 2nd—election day. They refused to register in the county 400 that were entitled to register; they intimidated 250, who after registering, scratched their names off the books. They made the voters in many places put their names in the boxes, and in other precincts they put the tickets in the wrong box purposely, and in the count threw them out. The vote cast, if counted correctly, would have defeated them in this county. While they have committed the fraud and announced the results, there is a want of enthusiasm."

BURKE COUNTY.

Letter from Morganton: Burke county has been carried by fraud. No doubt of that. Out of 180 negroes in Morganton township only 32 were allowed to vote. Most of them applied for registration and were sworn, and their names placed on a sheet, but not copied on the registration books before the election. The Democrats appointed one Democrat at each of the polling places here. They then removed these men and appointed two other incompetent men over the protest of Populists and Republicans. These men, knowing their inability refused to serve. We urged the board to appoint men who were competent, they refused, and the election was held exclusively by Democratic registrars, judges and clerks.

Another letter from Morganton: The Democrats put up their bull pens in Burke and stole the votes of our people. We would have carried the county four or five hundred majority with a fair election.

BERTIE COUNTY.

Letter from Bertie county: The election has resulted in this county in the entire suppression of the colored and white republican vote, so far as I can learn. The registrar and poll-holders in the Roxob 1 precinct each had separate rooms, and the one who received the tickets kept a double barrel gun by his side during the entire day. Guns were stored in a warehouse on the opposite side of the street. On yesterday a colored man was shot three times, the ball passing through his face, and the man, a democrat, who shot him, was brought before the Mayor and fined one cent and the cost by a democratic mayor. Of the 177 co-operation tickets voted, only forty were counted against the amendment, and the list taken by myself was sent in by Mr. Norfleet, Republican Chairman.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.

Letter from Shelby: Almost every opportunity for corruption and fraud found in the present election law was taken advantage of in this county. The boxes at nearly every precinct in the county were roped off and only one entered at a time, and every man who intended to vote our ticket and could not read was not assisted while those who voted the other ticket were assisted. The result at my own precinct was that out of about sixty who voted our ticket only 15 were accounted for. The same is true of other precincts, at many places the voting was done in dark rooms. At one precinct the voter found one box open when he went to vote, must have been tampering with the ballot. Intimidation and bribery resorted to on a large scale.

Letter from Earl, Cleveland Co.: We held our election yesterday, and they had their police and locked themselves off in the back of a store room and would not let our men in to see if the voting was done right. Our challenger they would not let in. When the voting was over they went into a little place where no one could see except over the top of it, turned their backs and counted the tickets. I asked them to give me the tickets, but they refused to do so. The thing was one of the greatest frauds that was ever done here. There were 77 Democrats and 97 Populists. If God don't save the State we are lost.

CRAVEN COUNTY.

Letter from Vanceboro: The poll holders would not allow us nearer than 50 feet from ballot box with our sheet to keep tally. They allowed democrats to pass in and out of the building where they voted all day, and they also issued tickets in the same building where they voted. I saw them put my ticket in the wrong box. One of the poll holders called the other one's attention to it. They also allowed democrats to pass in there while they were counting. They hurriedly read out the results which were as follows: Against the amendment 114, and every man on the enclosed polling book voted against the amendment, except two or three. Every man who voted against the amendment will be willing to swear to it. The remainder of the ticket ran in proportion, except our representative, who only got one.

Letter from Tuscarora: There was wholesale fraud plentifully carried on.

Letter from James City: The poll holders refused to tell which box to put the tickets in or to put them in the box unless the voters designate which box they wanted them put in by laying their tickets on the box as an indication. The poll holders would occasionally change position of boxes which kept those who could not read confused, and resulted in the ticket going in the wrong box. It took from two to twenty minutes to vote a voter. After the voter who was forced to enter one way and depart another inside the bull pen, voted, the judge would not call out "next" and so the farce continued all through the day. Men were in line in the hot broiling sun for two hours at a time.

Some items of interest in the way elections were held in Craven county.

1st, Four negro poll-holders appointed by democrats instead of good white men recommended.

2nd, Registrars in Brian and Thurman precincts were not residents of said precincte.

3rd, Only one poll-holder at Thurman precinct, to wit, Haywood Tucker, from Newberne No 8 township, a clerk from Newberne, and four bailiffs from Newberne.

4th, The management of the A. & N. C. R. R., sent a special train down to Thurman with the Naval Reserves to escort those who pretended to hold the election, to Newberne. These Reserves insulting two ladies on their way to the polls from the train.

5th, Not one-half the votes counted as cast. The whole election was a gross piece of robbery.

CATAWBA COUNTY

Letter from Hickory: In South Hickory precinct, we polled and voted about 300 votes and when the count was made we only received credit for 237. Somehow, the votes were changed before going into the boxes. We were denied a poll-holder and clerk. The general verdict is, that we would have carried the county by 400 majority, had we gotten our votes counted. Men will swear they voted, or handed in enough votes to have carried the county. It will be settled in the courts.

Letter from Newton: At the election in Newton precinct yesterday we were cheated out of seventy-eight votes. They gave the Republicans a man that seldom ever votes at all, and never votes a full Republican ticket. So they had, you may say, the judges and all the clerks. The clerks were all young men. We asked to have a showing, but were refused.

CHATHAM COUNTY.

Letter from Pittsboro: We fear the Democrats have stolen this county. There has been more rascality and actual stealing in this election than has been in every election since the war. We have evidence enough to send some to the penitentiary. The labels on the boxes were written with a pen, some instances with a pencil that could hardly be read by a college bred man. Ex-confederate soldiers were refused to have their ballots deposited. Great outrage! Old and young men wept at the polls when they found out they were being disfranchised. In one precinct we had 237 men to go in and try to vote our ticket, but only 55 were counted for us. I could go on and give instance after instance of rascality, fraud, and corruption. The greatest rascality was done at John W. Atwater's voting place, and with his consent. He was actually run away from his voting place on account of the rascality being committed. We expect to have an indignation meeting. Under a fair count we would have carried the county by five hundred majority.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Letter from Buckhorn: The registration book at Cedar Creek precinct was stolen yesterday morning, August 2nd. I am sure it was a scheme of the registrar, one of the judges and election constable. They were at the precinct at day-break. The books were stolen then. I arrived at the voting place about fifteen minutes before time to open the polls. The judge tried to carry off the boxes, and said he would hold an election, but the flourishing of an S. & W. in his face changed him. An old negro found the registration book about three hundred yards from the polling place torn to pieces. There was 291 registered voters here, 60 balance, (231) Populists and Republicans. We held an election. A large number of voters heard at their homes of the book being stolen and never came out, so it was a light vote.

They had the ballot boxes on a revolving table, but the people changed them. At Blue Sand Hill, (Cedar Creek township,) one John Evans, a judge, absolutely defrauded us out of about 115 votes. I saw this man Evans putting one ticket in a box, saw him fold it and put it in. Others saw it several times. He changes position of boxes about every five or ten minutes. I saw him take a negroe's ticket out of his hands and do the voting himself, and send the negro out. These facts are abundant. I have been informed that Flea Hill township has suffered the same fate. Populist majority expected three fifty. The democrats were at Flea Hill armed with shot guns.

Letter from Dial: "We appointed a good, reliable man to examine the registration book at Newton's Precinct on challenge day, who asked the registrar to let him see the registration book, but Mr. Neill Clark, the Registrar, paid no attention to him, and did not show him the book, although he stayed there all day. On election day, I asked Mr. Clark to let me look at the tickets, after he had taken them out of the box, and called the names, but he refused to do it, and continued to call out the tickets and throw them down. It was impossible for me to get where I could see the name on the ticket, before he would throw it down. He was jammed up against the wall and I was standing in front of him, and it was impossible for me to read the names on the tickets in that position. There were 133 colored voters that voted, and 20 white Populists that voted, and one white Republican that voted. Total 154 that voted the Fusion ticket, and there were only two tickets in the wrong boxes. There were about 20 white voters that did not go to the election, which left only 127 to vote the democratic ticket. Our majority should be at least 25, but the democrats claim a majority of 26 on an average."

Letter from Cedar Creek: The election is over, and reports say we are defeated overwhelmingly, but is there no way to remedy some of the wholesale ballot-box stuffing and intimidation carried on by the enemy? Never in all my life saw anything to compare with it. It is all that is damnable to a republican form of government.

At this precinct, (Cedar Creek,) the registration seemed perfectly fair until election day, but when the polls opened that morning, the registrar cried out that the registration book had been stolen from him. It was subsequently found torn up, about three hundred yards from the voting place. There were only four men present when he claimed to have missed the book, and all of them were democrats. They were all white men and their names are well known. The evidence against two of them is pretty strong. They claim it was taken by the Populists, but as the precinct gives a Populist majority of over 100, it is plain to see who stole the book.

CHOWAN COUNTY.

Letter from Clum: We requested our board of election to give us a good white man to represent us at the polls, but they gave us ignorant negroes instead, who immediately resigned, then they put on one mere Democrat. The people did not know who the man was until on the morning of election, so you can easily see how they claim 400 majority.

On Monday, Mr. W. J. Leary, our county chairman, had an appointment to speak in the county. He was met there by a crowd of unprincipled Democrats (all armed) who would not allow him to speak. At another place in the county the voting place of my precinct, the owner of the place left home and left a note telling Mr. Leary that he could not speak on his place, and that the Democrats had given him $5 to do this.

DUPLIN COUNTY.

Letter from Joford: "We find that there has been more or less intimidation, etc., in every precinct in the county. Negroes were denied registration in the start upon this ground, when they would take the oath, the registrar would ask the voter his age, and he would say, 'I am 48 years old;' then the registrar would take up the old registration book and tell him that he had given in his age wrong and that if he insisted on registering then, he, the registrar, would be obliged to report it to the solicitor and that he would be indicted at the next term of the court, etc. Thus hundreds were driven away by this means. On August 1st, our chairman sent tickets by express from Rosehill, N. C., to Warsaw, and the express agent at Warsaw did not deliver the tickets until 12 o'clock on the day of the election after most of the voting was over. By this means our people were deprived of the opportunity to vote.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Letter From Thomasville: The Democrats have stolen the entire ballot at this precinct. We have kept a record and have at least 400 voters who are willing to swear that they voted against the amendment, and they have only given us 253.

Letter from Lexington: There is much evidence, and it is accumulating every hour, that we were defrauded out of about 600 votes in Lexington, and Thomasville townships. The fraud was committed, it is believed, in depositing the ballots, dropping the Republican ticket, and putting the Democratic ticket in its place. They had 47 armed officers—armed with clubs on election day. The poll holders they gave us here and at Thomasville were awful characters. The people in the county are in a statement of excitement, and feel outraged beyond expression. If they could steal here, where the people are all white, what could they not do in other parts of the State?"

ORANGE COUNTY.

Letter from Hillsboro: The fraud in Orange is so plain and palpable that a jury will give us a verdict upon the evidence.

Another letter from Hillsboro: The largest box in the county, 82 Democratic, two-thirds of the ballots in the box were torn and badly defaced and they counted every one of them and sent in returns, 82 for Democrats. One other box where we lead by 27, 25 were thrown out and sent returns in three majority for us.

One man, as reliable as the county affords, saw the Democratic poll holder putting votes in box by wholesale and says he will swear it before any court. We have 112 men who will swear they voted for Brown for Commissioner, yet he only got 93. At the same box they were seen to stuff.

At Hillsboro precinct amendment 218, anti 16 majority, yet we have 112 men who swear they voted our ticket.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

Telegram from Rocky Mount: Negro George Merritt did not appear this morning. Registrar called a democrat to take his place. A lawyer carried a lot of democratic tickets in room at opening of polls.

Letter from Rocky Mount: It is with much regret that I inform you that the election in Nash county has proven to be a farce and roguery. I have never seen anything so bold as this stuffing the ballot boxes and stealing the people's votes and counting them for the Democrats. They claim a majority where we are entitled to a majority of from eight hundred to one thousand.

WARREN COUNTY.

Telegram from Warren county: Fraudulent democratic majority was about 800.

Letter from Warrenton: We are so indignant at the course pursued by the democrats in stealing our votes that we are at a loss to know how to express ourselves. Our ticket was certainly carried in Warren by a big majority, but the democrats would not allow these ballots to be placed in the boxes, and we were counted out. Everybody admits that this was a big fraud, and really there has been no election held. It was a complete robbery and every honest man knows it. It is the opinion of many that our tickets were substituted at the ballot boxes by democratic tickets, and that our tickets never entered the boxes at all except only a few. This was, of course, done by the party at the ballot box who disgraced themselves, their position, our county and her good people.

RANDOLPH COUNTY.

Letter from Randleman: The greatest frauds ever witnessed in this township at an election, were enacted here yesterday. Besides other inexcusable deeds, the judges purposely allowed the sun to go down with nine or ten men, colored, standing at the rope insisting on their ballots being received—men against whom no charges could be made.

PAMLICO COUNTY.

A prominent man, writing from Pamlico county, gives the situation there as follows:

Saturday night about 9,30, I was in front of the Hotel C, with Dr Abbot and M. H. A. D. Ward and Lewis Daniels came running across to the telegraph office, the first, (Simmons' law partner,) bareheaded. They sent off a dispatch, and when they came back, Dr. Abbot said to Lewis, "What news have you?" Lewis replied, "The Returning Board are shut up in the court house, surrounded by a mob of 120 to 200 hundred negroes, led by Sheriff Wallace Hooker and a dozen white men, and they have telephoned for Naval Reserves to go to their assistance." Dr Abbot said, "Lewis, you know that is a lie, for there was not a negro on the ground when we left there." Daniels said, "That is the telephone message I got, they needed help."

The Naval Reserves were called out by the Governor. Bell struck 33, and they assembled at their armory, teams were provided that would convey 38 but the captain said, "My men must all go together. They searched around and got a slow tug, (five miles an hour) It is 60 miles around, 17 by dirt road, and at 1,30 a m, they got off. The alarm struck at 11 p. m. This morning (6th,) we learn that they got down about 20 miles below Newberne and ran aground hard, and got off and went to Oriental, thence they marched 12 miles to Bayboro, which they reached late Sunday afternoon. They have been straggling back this morning, some in buggies, some walking. We got news Sunday morning from Ed. Wise, a democrat, "I was there all the time; everybody went in and out the court house as they pleased. No one interfered with the Returning Board. When they threw out three precincts and declared their ticket elected, the boys cursed some down stairs, and said they were a d--d set of highway robbers. John Barrington slipped off and telephoned from Alliance, 2 1-2 miles off. He had had a pretty stiff argument with one of the boys down stairs. There were no negroes there. We sent other parties as far as Grantsboro, who met the people coming home in buggies. They all said that there was no trouble at all, and they counted out, and shut up the court house and left at 12 o'clock."

A prominent man from the Eastern part of the State, dated August 5th, writing to Hon. Marion Butler in part says:

"I am glad to see there is one North Carolinian that has the grit to call his soul his own. I glory in your spunk! No man will ever dare say Marion Butler is a coward after this.

It is a shame to think of the condition of our dear old Mother, the land of the free? 'Tis free, if you vote with me."

LENOIR COUNTY.

Letter from Lagrange: I was at Bizzell Mill precinct, New Hope township, and saw Messrs Benj. Mozingo and L. A. Ivey (known as Tank Ivey) poll holders, and saw them steal votes out of the ballot boxes and destroy them. This I saw and will swear to.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Letter from Weldon: I learn from good authority that the Halifax poll holders counted 350 more votes than they had registered.

Letter from Halifax: The registration book here shows the number of white votes to be 180, and number of colored 359; total vote 539. The vote counted here was 940, the vote cast for us was 345. They counted out of this, for our side 40 votes, and the 361 came by the way of Simmons' machine.

BARNETT COUNTY.

Letter from Godwin: There never has been such fraud, and even open handed stealing at every precinct in the history of the county. They destroyed and threw away the registration book in Cedar Creek township, where we would have had a large majority."

NASH COUNTY.

Letter from Stanhope: The form of election which was held in Jackson township, Nash county, is as follows: Only one poll-holder, and he a Democrat. There were three constables who were armed with sticks and clubs. After the polls closed, I went in the bull pen and before the count started I was ordered out. The registrar said, "We will have this to ourselves." Under the rule in Jackson township the State has gone Democratic, as it is by count and not by ballot.

Letter from Nashville gives more evidence of fraud, and in conclusion, says: "It is just like you said it would be. The Democrats are always abusing you because you let the people know what they are doing. I and thousands of others are stronger for you than we ever were before."

WILSON COUNTY

Letter from Lucama: There was a red shirt gang organized here in order to scare the people from the polls. There are fifty in the township they refused to register.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Letter from Wilksville: "I went to the polls in my precinct, no Populists met me there at all. I found the tickets in the post office, and I took charge of them until about two o'clock. Up to this hour 44 voted, 40 colored and 4 whites. About this time a mob, of seven in number, came to me and ordered me to leave town. I stood to them and backed them off, and they returned the second time, this time sixteen in number, and I backed them off, they reunited and returned again with 20 or more, and then the town Marshall came to me and asked me would I go with him, (during this time they had poured water on me, and wet the tickets so they could not be used.) I told the Marshall I would, thinking he was going to the Mayor to get warrants for them, and I went with him down towards the depot. Then the mob surrounded me and told me to get on the first train and leave. I told them my horse was near the place of voting and I was going after him. The officer and I went through the crowd after my horse, the officer telling them that he would see that I left town. After I got on my horse, and started to leave, the mob followed and the officer called me back and told me he would have to put me in the guard house for safety. I asked him if I had done any crime. He said no. I told him I would not go in the guard house. I saw it was a mob of low characters who had no regard for the law, as the town authorities did not attempt to keep order or arrest any of them, and I had no one to help me, and I left. There were a few of the intelligent men of the town who advised them to let me alone, but they paid no attention to them."

NEILL MCRAE.

A letter from Grady, Robeson Co.: We held our election on the 2nd of August. It was one of the most unfair things I ever saw. They had a lawyer from Lumberton, one Chas McNeill, and deputy sheriff, who challenged seventy-three of our negro voters, who would have voted the Fusion ticket. He (McNeill) would ask each one, if he could explain the laws of the last legislature, or if he could repeat the Constitution of the United States, or if he knew the laws of North Carolina. Of course he would answer "no," and was told to pass on out, and if one of our men would start to go in to see anything about it, he would be met by one of these very impertinent marshalls and told to get back.

Well, there is one thing more I wish to call your attention to, it is in regard to their registrar. He told one negro that if he registered him he would have the deputy take him up then and there. The negro said he was afraid to register, for he did not want to go to jail. He treated others in the same manner."

A letter from Pike, Robeson Co, The registrar, like all other registrars in this section absolutely refused to register a large number of qualified voters. The election was held in a two story house, and the negro who represented us could not place his own tickets in the boxes. The whole thing was a farce.

The registrar, as he went in to open the polls had a gun in his hand.

MARTIN COUNTY.

Letter from Williamston: The Democrats carry this county by from seven to eight hundred—not by votes, but by their infamous election law, executed by their rascality and disreputable heelers as poll holders. We have been accustomed to frauds in our elections here all the time, but this is the first time they made no attempt to conceal it, and frankly admit it.

SCOTLAND COUNTY.

"I staved at the polls all day at upper Williamson precinct, Scotland county, and until the constitutional amendment box was counted. There were about fifty votes cast against it, as near as I can tell. I have a recorded vote of 26 against it, but when they counted out, there were none at all for us, or against the amendment. I saw amendment box counter pass an Aycock State ticket over to State box counter, and he called it out for Aycock. This I can testify to. If there were no fraud and stealing done here, I don't know what to call it. They voted four that had come from South Carolina and had not been in the State long enough.

They voted one old negro and his vote was counted, and ours were not. One negro was all that voted of that color."

LENOIR COUNTY.

Letter from LaGrange: The election in this county last Thursday, I believe, was the most gigantic barefaced steal ever known to the political world. It was the most perfect farce that ever disgraced North Carolina. The boxes were placed in the center of a brick store, ropes were extended out in front to make them fifty feet. Several came to me and said that they had been refused on account of the word challenge being marked after their names. There were numbers turned off in this way, not one had been notified of the challenge. I asked the constable's permission to see the poll holders—that the Democrats were going in and out as they saw fit. He finally gave me permission. I went in, found the two men handling our tickets. I remarked, "Prentiss Wooten and Lee are no poll holders." The only response was "next." A voter came to me and stated that he saw Lee putting the tickets in his hip pocket; another came a few minutes later and told me that he saw Wooten take a fellow's ticket and put one or all in one box and dropped his hand behind him. I went back to the polls, got behind Lee, his pockets were full of something, I could not see what. Wooten had left, no one was voting then. I told the Populist poll holder the reports confidently. He said he could not help it, that he had objected. Lee remarked that he must go and get a drink, and never came back. Afterwards I went and stated the reports to the poll holders and demanded a fair, honest election. They stated that they did not do it, but you allowed others to come here and do it, I said. When the counting took place our tickets were in the wrong box and in somebody's pockets. Instead of getting about one hundred majority, as we should, they were ahead.

I heard them insulting our speakers, it hurt me when they were not allowed to speak at their appointments. It made me mad when they rotten-egged them, but when they stole our votes as they did on last Thursday, I swore within myself that I would not vote with any party that would uphold such contemptible rascality.

If the Democrats resort to red shirts, shot guns and Winchester rifles etc. Now what will they not attempt to do when they have control of everything. I don't believe any man would be safe advocating the principle of a different party in North Carolina. In short, free speech in the State will be dead.

The kissing bug has invaded the City of Mexico.

Canadian vessel men predict a revival of steel ship building.

All the Santa Fe railroads operated in California are to burn oil instead of coal.

The Mexican Government has inaugurated an active campaign against the Maya Indians.

PEOPLE'S PARTY CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

HON. CHARLES A. TOWNE.

POWERS' THIRD DAY.

The Defendant Gives More Testimony Concerning the Mountain Men's Visit to Frankfort.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 1.—Former Secretary of State Caleb Powers, on trial for alleged complicity in the shooting of Goebel, began his third day in the witness box this morning. He was subjected to a rigid cross examination regarding the organization of the mountaineer army. He said that Taylor and himself were the primary spirits in getting it up. The military companies were brought along, he said, because they had some discipline and could be more easily controlled. Moreover, he said, they were already armed.

The witness said he had urged Governor Taylor while the contest board was sitting to call out the military companies and to send the bulk of the mountain people home, and had secured a partial promise from the Governor to do it. This was to be done in order that they might hold possession of the State offices until the Supreme Court of the United States had passed on the merits of the case. The witness contradicted the statement of Banker John A. Black, who swore that Powers, in discussing the mountaineer excursion to Frankfort, referred to it as a mob. Powers says Black so referred to it, but that he told Black he would do all he could to keep it from degenerating into an organization of that character.

George F. Weaver, the witness who, in testifying against former Secretary of State Powers, claimed to hail from Colorado and who asserted that he saw a gun protruding from the window of the office of the Secretary of State at the time Goebel was assassinated, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with perjury, sworn out by the attorneys for the defense, who declare they have learned that Weaver was not in Frankfort the day of the assassination, and that he visited Frankfort last Saturday night for the first time.

POLITICS IN CHARLESTON, S. C.

Business Men Taking an Active Interest —Money Will Be Spent.

Columbia, S. C., August 4.—There is exceptional interest being taken in politics in Charleston this year. For the first time in years business men are taking an active part. Besides local matters that attract attention, it is understood that Charleston will give her vote to Governor McSweeney; in fact, it is believed he will be stronger there than in any other county, and money is playing an important part in this campaign. Money talks in all campaigns, but it begins to look as if more money will be used in the present campaign than for many years past. The candidate who thinks he will make the campaign on the assessment fixed by the executive committee is laboring under a false idea. The regular assessment will sink into insignificance compare to the amount that each and every candidate will spend on the outside. The advisory board, it is said, has assessed the candidates they indorsed at the meeting recently held, and will shortly call on the candidates for the long green.

That Letter.

ED. CAUCASIAN: Did you read the Raleigh letter in the Charlotte Observer of Aug. 2nd? Well, it was full of deception. Either the writer was deceived or he hoped to deceive his readers.

The little fellow contributed his might in the abuse of Senator Butler. He said he was the most hated man in the State. That's true so far as Democrats are concerned. They hate him because they fear him. They fear him because they have no equal for him.

The writer said many things that he gave as news which originated in his own strained imagination. He will find that Butler still lives. His defeat is only equal to the theft and political trickery perpetrated by the Democratic machine. You can't kill a man when you have to resort to rotten eggs, red shirtism, "fraud and force" to defeat him. For he will rise again the third day. C.

STOLEN IN BURKE.

Democrats Admit That They Used Fraud in That County.

[Asheville Gazette.]

T. N. Halyburton, of Morganton, was in the city yesterday. He said the democrats established the "bull pen" system of voting in Burke county for the first time, and they openly admit that they had to use fraud to carry the election. They found the "bull pen" system unpopular and say themselves they will not use it again. Part of Burke went solidly for Mr. Halyburton, who was the Fusion candidate for the legislature, but in the rest of the county the election machinery was used more flagrantly and they counted the votes as they pleased and defeated him, while they admit using fraud to do it.

An Issue of Veracity.

The head of the household was late getting home. He was very late. It was long past midnight. Indeed, the little clock on the hall mantle had just struck 3 o'clock when he came walking in. He had been out with the boys, and his wife reproached him.

"Why, it's early yet. It's not late."

Just then the bed room clock sounded three.

The wife looked at him with a grim rebuke.

He caught her eye and jerked out this reply:

"Well, now, if you want to believe that blamed dollar-and-a-half clock before your dear husband, I have nothing to say."

ELECTION ANALYSIS.

DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES IN MANY BLACK COUNTIES EXCEED THEIR TOTAL WHITE VOTING POPULATION.

Negroes Either Voted The Democratic Ticket or Were Counted as Doing So.

The Fusionists Made Great Gains In White Counties, Notwithstanding the Furious Campaign of Their Opponents and Outrageous Proceedings.

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An analysis of the majorities as returned (official and estimated) in the counties of this State in the election just passed proves some interesting facts. Unless the majority in the State on the final count amounts to more than 40,000 and unless the returns from the eastern counties published from Democratic sources gives greatly exaggerated majorities in those counties, the election Thursday, though a victory for the Democratic organization, was not by any means a white man's victory. This is proved from the figures in the counties in which the negro voting population exceeds the white voting population or in which the negro vote is very large.

Northampton county has 1,800 white voters and 2,300 colored voters, yet Northampton is credited with a majority of 1,263 for the Democratic ticket. Craven county, with 1,800 whites and 3,000 negro voters gives 1,500 Democratic majority. But still more surprising is the vote of Halifax, of Robeson and of New Hanover. Halifax has 2,200 white voters and 4,100 negroes. Here the Democratic majority is said to be 3,000. Robeson, with nearly twice as many negroes as whites, sends in a report of 3,500 Democratic majority, which is much in excess of her white voting population. New Hanover with 2,200 white and 3,200 negro voters sends in a report of 3,000 Democratic majority, yet New Hanover had only 36 of her negro voters registered for this election. The big negro county of Edgecombe returns an estimated Democratic majority of more than 3,000. From other counties, which if the Republican party in North Carolina possesses the negro vote should yield large Republican majorities, the returns of Thursday's election shows the following Democratic majorities:

Anson 1625, Beaufort 1200, Bertie 1545, Craven 1500, Cleveland 1513, Duplin 727, Rockingham 867, Scotland 1100, Hertford 950, Richmond 1400, Cumberland 1400, Wilson 1300, Washington 400, Granville 750, Vance 500, Nash 800.

While thus the Democrats made these immense gains (according to their returns) in the negro counties in some of them having majorities that far exceed their total white voting population, the disclosure is quite as significant and interesting when a study is made of the returns from the white counties. Madison county in 1898 gave 882 fusion majority. The fusion ticket wins there this year by 1544. In Haywood county, which was more than 800 Democratic two years ago, the amendment was defeated by 260, and some of the fusion and anti-ring ticket were elected. The amendment was defeated by 400 votes in Cherokee, which was a Democratic county two years ago. McDowell county shows fusion gains. Swain county, Democratic two years ago, is now fusion, and the same is now true of Clay, Alexander and Caldwell, which makes a gain of 500 votes. Graham and Polk show fusion gains. Yadkin made a fusion gain of 400 votes and Wilkes sustains her 1,000 Republican majority and Alamance, which gave the Democrats 375 in 1898, is now fusion by nearly that amount. Sampson county doubles her 1898 fusion majority, and it is now 1,200.

There is evidence in this, and in the returns from other western and northern counties, that the Fusionists, in spite of the furious campaign of their opponents and the fraud and the unjust discrimination practiced against them under the Simmons election law, waged a successful campaign in the counties where violence did not prevent free speech as well as a free ballot. We believe that the full returns will show that many hundreds of of Democratic white voters went over to the opposition in the campaign just closed, and this is a cause for encouragement as to the result of the national campaign in North Carolina.

The red shirt campaign in the negro counties of this State was an outrageous proceeding, that should nullify the election in every one of those counties. An honest count in the remaining counties, we believe, would show a Democratic defeat in this election. The strongly negro counties have yielded, according to Democratic returns made public, an alleged majority of nearly 40,000, a majority that proves that all the negroes registered in these counties voted the Democratic ticket or were counted to have so voted. Whichever happened, the Democratic party in North Carolina is now forever debarred from shouting negro at its political opponents.

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