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ORCE, FRAUD, INTIMIDATION

ED TO CARRY AMENDMENT AND ELECT DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

TTERS FROM EVERY SECTION OF THE STATE

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

(Continued From Last Week.)

DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Letter from Reeds: "Doubtless you heard of this, of the wholesale ff committed in this county. At the election at Tyro, Lexington, Thomville and Abbot's Creek precincts r majority in this county, by honest nt would be at least 800, yet the mocrats, as thieves, claim the county their count. Take Tyro for instance ally democratic, gave our ticket at t 110 votes straight, yet in the nt, they only gave us 54, which is than one-half the votes we know we cast for us. If the vote could be stly counted, we would carry not y Davidson county, but this Senatorial District."

DAVIE COUNTY.

Letter from Mocksville: "We cannot ord to tamely submit to this revolution brought about by force, fraud, and timidation, and the sooner the Simmons crowd are "eliminated" the better. We must be a free people at all ards."

CATAWBA COUNTY.

Letter from Newton: They have mply stolen this county. At Maiden, Newton, South Hickory and livers they transferred over 150 otes. The election is a whole fraud.

BURKE COUNTY.

Letter from Morganton: There re about 160 colored voters in is township, most of whom were ly registered and sworn, and th others saw their names writ n in what they supposed was the gistration book, but were after rds changed to another book, and l the names of these voters were t out except 31. I examined se books on challenge day and nd their names not there. I estioned the registrar, why it as that their names did not appear on the book, and he said he ould answer no questions. They re not allowed to vote, although ey went and tendered their ballots. They were told that their mes were not on the registration ook. The registrar of this precinct as named J. A. Perry, and he ved in ano her township, and his mily lived there at the time, and w reside there, and he registered nd voted here. They appointed a dge that could neither read nor rite, and who refused to serve, nd instead of appointing one of he Republicans that we tendered hey appointed no one in the place f the judge resigned at all, so the lection was held by one Democratic judge, the registrar and a Democratic clerk. The registrar did not ttend to the registration books imself, but received and deposited he tickets, and the clerk checked he registration book. There were many tickets deposited in the wrong box, all of which were Fusion tickets.

At the box on the other side of he court house there were two Democratic judges who would not allow a single Populist or Republican about the polls only while voting. Our tickets were handed to the judges or registrar, and I am informed Democratic tickets were substituted and ours cast aside. No Populist or Republican was present when the counting was begun or finished. I was present at our box part of the time when the counting was done, and was the only one allowed in the room, but was not allowed to take any part. When a ticket was scratched, they would not show it to me. Lots of tickets were in the wrong box, all of which were ours—not a single Democratic ticket in the wrong box.

At Linville township, about 8 or 10 colored voters were allowed to vote out of 50. Some went up and tendered their ballots, which were taken from them, destroyed, cursed and told to get out. Five men registered and voted the Democratic ticket at Upper Creek that lived in another county and did not move in until the Saturday following the election. This is only a small part of the rascality and fraud practiced in this county.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Letter from St. Pauls: The election farce is over and all the devilment done. We had the meanest, most damnable fraudulent affair mortal man could conceive. They refused to register at least 25 of our legal voters on the thin pretext of their not having a bonafide residence. Some of them were born and raised in the township and have never been out of the State. On election day they challenged 32 legal voters who were registered all right. Their reason for challenging was their age did not tally with the old registration book. These men live in the township, own their own homes and are good citizens. One man leaned on their polls and was ordered away, and when he refused to go, they telephoned for help to three or four places; and soon they were coming in on wheels, in hacks and in buggies, and when they arrived everything was as quiet as a funeral. They had winchester rifles stored in a house near the polls. Pistols were seen in nearly all the Democratic polls.

Between ten and eleven o'clock on the night of election they claim that some of them were shot at from ambush on their way home. They raised "cain," sent for the sheriff and telegraphed for blood hounds (so they say), but the whole thing fell flat, and we know it was a put up job among themselves, for after the sheriff came we heard no more about it. Some of their employees voted with us and have been dismissed, consequently are out of work. Do not think any of our people are getting weak. They are stronger than ever.

With a fair election we could have carried the State by a large majority. Is there no protection from these devils who curse honest men for voting what they call the "nigger ticket" and then they steal the ticket?

At one of the precincts in our county they ran off the men who had our tickets: at other places they were so badly treated that they walked off without voting. They had winchesters in the postoffice and loaded them in the presence of some of our citizens.

FORSYTH COUNTY.

Letter from Winston-Salem: We had no election here. We should have had between 7,500 and 7,800 votes cast here, when in fact we had little over 5,300. On the day election nearly every negro voter in Salem, Winston, Middle Fork and Old Town were challenged, and most of them were forced to stand aside and a large number of the challenges were never tried or counted. In Winston as a Republican voted the boxes were immediately changed so that no Republican who could read and write could show or tell another how to vote.

In Vienna township, every ticket was handed to the judges and some were put in the wrong box and thrown out.

PERSON COUNTY.

Letter from Roxboro: "There were gross frauds perpetrated at four precincts in this county. There was by far the most dishonest and unfair election held in this county last Thursday that has ever been known here. The four precincts were east and west Roxboro, Chub Lake and Woodsdale. In east Roxboro, we had no representative at all, but the registrar and judges were all bitter democrats and we lost on that side between 50 and 100 votes. In west Roxboro, they gave us a negro judge, and they ran it rough shod over him. At this precinct, they only gave Coleman for the Senate four votes, when he received, or should have received, 150, as the balance of the ticket received about that number. At Woodsdale, they made a man a judge of election who lived in the State of Virginia, who could not register and vote here himself, and the precinct went about forty democratic. This precinct was stolen outright. The same was done at Chub Lake. Long's majority over Coleman in the county was 825, and Bradsher's over Reade, 545. Mr Long, himself, is not satisfied with the count in several of these precincts, and many other democrats are disgusted at such rascality. Our Register of Deeds was only defeated by nine votes, and this was due solely to an outrageous unfairness, when he should have been elected by at least 200 majority, and a democratic judge told me this himself."

WARREN COUNTY.

"It seems that they have stolen more than they can conceal. Fraud in every township in Warren county. Day by day it is leaking out."

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

"The election in our county is a fraud. The democrats in Hill township threw out enough votes to count their majority more than the number of votes given in the township. This seems to be the case everywhere."

MOORE COUNTY.

Letter from Sanford: "We carried Moore county, but they threw out till they got the democrats in. I never saw anything like it in my life. The democrats were shooting cannons and guns all night before the election. In west Sanford the registrar and democratic judge had a pistol lying on the desk near the boxes, and in east Sanford they had as door-keeper one of the worst fellows in town, with a red-shirt on."

GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Letter from Knapp of Reeds: "I wish to inform you what a dishonest election we had here in Granville county. In Wilkins, we had from 125 to 200 voters who voted against the amendment. There were only 105 votes counted against the amendment. It was the same way with the balance of our ticket. All the judges of the election at Wilkins were democrats. We asked the board of election to appoint a Populist, but instead of that they appointed a negro, and he was not at the voting place in time, so they appointed a democrat, which was not according to law. It was the same way in other precincts. One of the judges at Wilkins was seen taking some tickets out of the ballot boxes. We should have the majority in this county, but we were counted out."

HERTFORD COUNTY.

Letter from Winton: "The democratic registrar refused to register four or five hundred opposition voters. They circulated the report that they had one hundred Winchester rifles in every town in the county, and they did have a few shipped to some of the towns to confirm their rumors. At Harrellsville a few days before the election, a crowd of democrats jumped on Evans, the most active Populist in Harrellsville, and gave him a beating as he was passing through the town.

"At Ahoskie, the day Aycock spoke there, his mob undertook to destroy one Percey Raynor, who knocked a democrat down for insulting him. * * The judges would take the tickets of every democrat and put them in the right box, but refused to take the opposition tickets at all, and when they would refuse to vote because the judges would not deposit their tickets, they would then take them, but at night they were nearly all found in the wrong box, and thrown out. The truth is we had NO ELECTION in this county. The democrats voted their own way, but refused to let the other side vote, and put their tickets in the wrong box. Great many men, seeing how the election was being conducted did not attempt to vote at all, and others, when the judges refused to take their tickets, walked out of the house and carried their tickets with them.

"If our government is going to permit such things to go on in the future, there is no use to hold elections at all. There is no use to upset the people every two years just to go through a farce."

PERSON COUNTY.

Letter from Marqus: The election in this county was a farce. The Democratic poll holders met at some of the precincts before sunrise, and threw out such men as they wanted, before the Republican pollholders got there, so you see they carried the election just as they wanted it. They were seen to substitute Democratic tickets for Fusion tickets after the latter were handed them. They had a man in Woodsdale township who was not a citizen of this State. He registered and voted in Virginia.

Neither of the poll holders were sworn in, so you see they just carried things as they as they wanted to.

MOORE COUNTY.

Letter from Carthage: The red shirts at Aberdeen intimidated very many voters the day before election. In Bensalem township, our candidate for the legislature, one report says 59 majority, another 68 majority. The canvasser reports that five red shirters came Friday night and took away his retnrns by force. He brought the tally sheet with him and left it in the hands of the Democratic Register of Deeds office. He was directed to fetch the tally sheet before the board, and lo it proved to have been stolen also, while the board was in session up stairs."

PENDER COUNTY.

Letter from Grit: "In my township there were about 50 refused registration, on the ground that their age did not tally with the old registration book. I learn that they have disfranchised about 1200 legal voters in our county."

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Letter from Reidsville: At several places in this county the registrar and both judges were Democrats, and nearly all of our votes were found in the wrong box. At three precincts in this town, both judges were Democrats and nearly all our votes were found in the wrong box. The boxes were shifted not only at these precincts, but at nearly all the precincts in the county. At Iron Works precinct our candidate for sheriff was credited with receiving 64 votes in the first box; 88 was voted for him in the wrong box and thrown out. I just offer this as a sample.

WILKES COUNTY.

Letter from Wilkesboro: I desire to call your attention to some of the most dastardly frauds ever committed by the Democrats in this county. All the evidence points directly to the premeditation of each and every point. Some are as follows, to wit:

At one of the precincts, the Democrats put up little ball-thread ropes which they themselves cut, or had done. At the same box, after much persuading and begging by the Republican judge, they (Democrats) assured him that no harm would come out of it. In this case they agreed to finish counting before night, which they did, and on account of cutting of ropes, the County Board threw out this box. In another case, it has been asserted, and duly credited that a Democrat stuffed a box with thirty tickets; that box was largely Republican. This box was thrown out. Another precinct was thrown out on account of having all the votes counted before sundown; this box 100 Republican. After this was done, H. L. Green, Democrat had a majority of 58 declared and was duly elected. The entire matter is the besest of frauds.

WILKES COUNTY.

Letter from Wilkesboro: "We have been shamefully outraged in this county by the work of the Election Board, who disfranchised about 750 voters of as good citizens as the county has, for no cause whatever. The democrats selected their men; drilled them in every particular to do just what was done in every instant which furnishes the pretext for their crimes. It was the work of their own machine; it was their own dogs that killed the sheep, and their hounds that are to eat the mutton. They can be traced by the wool in their teeth in every instance."

JACKSON COUNTY.

Letter from Speedwell: "The candidates in Jackson county are defeated in a shameful and most disgraceful manner. The democrats disfranchised 100 Indian voters to begin with. There were 56 republicans disfranchised because they had not listed their poll tax. There were over 30 illegal votes cast in the county, making over 175. It is simply an outrage."

BERTIE COUNTY.

Letter from Powellsville: "The boxes were placed in such a position that we could not deposit our tickets, but had to pass them through a small window to the judges. Two of the boxes were placed high up in the window and two of them were placed low down behind ths above named two, so we could not even see the other two so as to tell one from the other, and as the other two were off from the window we could not distinguish one from the other as they were not labeled, as the law requires. In Township No. 1, the boxes could not be seen at all, and the tickets were handed to the judges through the window. There were about 125 of us who voted the straight ticket, but the machine only gave us credit for 65."

PASQUOTANK COUNTY.

Letter from Elizabeth City: The Democrats committed frauds in this county as elsewhere in the State. In several precincts of the county they had only Democratic judges of election. Having appointed such Republicans as they knew could not serve, the vacancies created by their resignation were filled on the day of election by Democrats, thus giving the latter entire control of the ballots and the boxes. The bull pen system was inaugurated here and carried out in the most partisan and unscrupulous manner. At these precincts where there were no Republican judges, the friends of the illiterate voters being excluded by the bull pen, the poor fellows deposited their ballots on the boxes or in the wrong box, and they were thrown out and not counted. The mammoth fraud of the county was committed at the 6th ward precinct where about 400 Republicans registered and only 67 Democrats. Two hundred of the former were prevented from voting by delays in challenging and other fraudulent methods. Even after disfranchising 200 legally qualified and registered voters of our party, we ought to have had a majority in said precinct of at least 130, yet the Democrats counted themselves in by 75 majority.

The mayor and entire police force of Elizabeth City, together with a lot of loafers and clerks from the stores were concentrated at this place for the sole purpose of intimidating, bulldozing and disfranchising the Republicans who were as much entitled to vote as any citizen in the world.

SELLING AND BUYING.

In Politics - Both Dangerous—The Worlds Curse—Should be Condemned.

The Labor Advocate.

The man who sells his vote for a drink of bug juice or a ten dollar bill, ceases to be a man, he is simply a commodity on the market and does not deserve to be permitted the society of human being, he simply ought to be locked up in a cage and marked "for sale to the highest bidder." He doesn't deserve the respect of his family, for he is jeopardizing their interests, he is supposed to take care of them and vote for their betterment and fail to do so he is working them an injury. He is no good to the world for he does not set an example good for his fellow citizens to follow, and he works injury to the community by sustaining some scheme injurious to the community, for the person or persons who buy votes do not do it to further honest principles and wise laws for the good of all. Consequently such a man is better out of the world than in it. These reflections also apply to the fellow that sells out for a thousand, or more or less.

The man that buys a vote, well he's about as fit a candidate for a warmer climate as it is possible to get. He entices as it is possible to get. He entices a brother human being into committing a crime against civilization of the world. In selling his vote a man lowers the standard of morality and debases himself and by his act setting a bad example for his fellow being. But in buying a vote, the person that does it, seeks to degrade, and lays the foundation for the overthrow of all that is good and noble, making the world not a desirable habitation to live in, or life worth living.

Danger in Over-Confidence.

The only danger that confronts the Democrats to-day in North Carolina is the danger of over-confidence.

The Democracy knows that the registration books show a majority of 30,000 to 50,000 for the amendment. Is there not danger that this gratifying knowledge will lull the party into such a sense of security as will make men feel that hard and incessant work is unnecessary.

A registered majority will not elect Mr. Aycock and the State ticket, and a registered majority will not make the constitutional amendment a part of the fundamental law. It is only a voted majority that makes results.

To work, Democrats, to get out the vote!—Raleigh News and Observer.

You see the Negro Organ admits they did not have the registered voters, and that their only chance was to steal votes, and so they did.

To Change the Goebel Law.

FRANKFORT, Aug. 10.—Beckham will call an extra session of the legislature to meet the last week in August to amend the Goebel election law to conform to the Democratic State platform, providing for equal party representation on boards of election and in election of officers.

An exploration of the Hon. Adlai E Stevenson's political past discloses the fact that in 1892 he was a sound money man. But the platform was for sound money that year and Adlai is a great party man.—Washington Post.

THE PEOPLE OF SAMPSON COUNTY INDIGNANT.

The Simmons Democratic Machine Forever Doomed in That County.

One Thousand White Men Deprived of Their Votes by The Democratic Canvassing Board---Five Hundred Qualified Voters Refused Registration---A Graphic Story of Democratic Outrages---The County Still Populist, After the Gigantic Steal, by 650 Majority.

NAMES OF THE MACHINE GIVEN.

The Fight Was Strictly Between White Men The Invasion of Armed Red Shirts Revolutionary and Will be Condemned.

The Populist majority in Sampson county by Democratic count was fourteen hundred, a gain of nearly one thousand in the past two years. The fight in Sampson was between white men with the ratio more than two to one in favor of the Populists, and the increased majority this year was caused by the shameful conduct of the Democrats by wearing red shirts and importing all the red shirt cut-throats and tramps in adjoining counties to invade our county for the purpose of terrorizing our people and driving them from their honest convictions.

The leaders of the Democratic party in Sampson county and especially in Clinton, encouraged and protected this howling mob to the disgust of all decent people in the county and to their utter rout and repudiation at the polls.

With a fair registration and honest count Sampson would have gone Populist by not less than 2500 majority. After all the stealing they could possibly do on the day and night of election, we then carried the county by 1400 majority according to their own count.

This majority was appalling to them. They did not expect it. They hoped by their stealing on the day and night of election, together with their fraudulent registration, to carry the county. They decided that this big majority must be reduced by the Canvassing Board on Saturday, and here in the court house of the county, a venerable temple of justice, and in the broad open day time in the presence of several hundred good people of the county, there was perpetrated the blackest and most damnable outrage ever witnessed in a civilized country before. The highway robber who sits by the road-side for his unsuspecting victim, or the chicken thief who crouches in the hen house in the night time, or meaner still, the sheep thief who walks off with an innocent crying lamb on his back, any of these, in the estimation of good people in a Christian community, would be regarded as honorable men and gentlemen compared to the measly gang that called themselves the Canvassing Board of Sampson county and polluted the county's court house on Saturday, August 5th. After taking a solemn oath to do their duty before God and man and to administer justice to all parties, they proceeded, while their breath was still hot on the Book, to throw out Lisbon township with 247 qualified voters; Turkey township with 228 qualified voters; Herring's township with 213 qualified voters; Honeycutts township with 400 qualified voters, making a grand total of one thousand and eighty-eight qualified votes stolen by a sampson county Democratic canvassing board in one day.

The Populist party includes more than twice as many white men as the Democratic party in this county and own more than twice the real and personal property of the county, and poll more than twice as many votes as the Democratic party, yet the Populists were denied representation on the canvassing board and in several of the townships were refused a judge of election, but appointed Democrats in their stead. The registrars were all Democrats and every scheme and subterfuge was resorted to by the registrars to prevent Populists and Republicans from registering. Voters applying for registration were asked all kinds of foolish and absurd questions and required to answer upon their oath. Hundreds were denied registration because they could not give their exact age in days and months, though they swore to their exact age in years and had been voting regularly more than a quarter of a century. Others were denied registration who swore to their exact age but could not tell what year they were born. Others who swore to the day and year in which they were born and gave their exact age, but reference to the old registration books did not correspond either in the day or the year given, were denied registration. Nearly all were asked if they had listed and paid their poll tax and if not, they were disqualified, when the constitutional requirements to vote in the election law makes no such requirements. In many townships men were solemnly asked upon their oath about their private family affairs. How he and his wife got along together and other foolish and absurd questions and in many instances if he was not living with his wife, or had not been divorced, or domestic troubles of any kind, he was promptly disfranchised. In Hall's township, a white man was disfranchised because he plowed half a day without a plowpoint. After they had denied several hundred in the county of registration in the way I have stated above, they drove many from the polls by intimidation and threats, and by requiring them to take solemn oaths about trivial and irrelevant matters and threatening them with criminal prosecution for perjury if they made an incorrect statement in any particular. Hundreds were registered on strips of paper and these strips were afterwards destroyed by the registrar and their names never carried to the registration books at all.

All of this fraud and deviltry was of no avail. The county grew stronger Populist every day. Some other plan must be resorted to. Their next scheme was larceny and it began in this way:

HONEYCUTT'S TOWNSHIP.

This township, the old home of Senator Butler, is a large and strongly Populist township. On the last day of registration it could be easily seen by the Democrats that the Populists would have a tremendous majority in the township. W. A. Baggett, the Democratic registrar, on returning home in the evening of the last day of registration, claims that he was assaulted about dark in a few hundred yards of his home by a mob of men and made to surrender the registration books. He made no alarm and had no search made for the parties, but came to Clinton and reported the fact and had it wired to the State papers that the Populists had stolen the book, claiming his book showed a registered majority of 27 votes for the Democrats, while both Baggett, the registrar, and John D. Kerr, who sent out the libellous report, knew that it was untrue.

There was a legal election held in this township. Each man taking an oath that he was registered, and the registrar, in the absence of the book, certifying to the same fact,, and passed all that were properly registered to the polls, who voted. The actual count after the polls closed showed 29 Democrats and 241 Populists, and yet in the face of this, John Kerr wired to the State papers the vile slander upon the Populists of Honeycutt's township that they had stolen the registration books as the Democrats had 27 majority in the township. The canvassing board, at Mr. Kerr's request, threw out the entire vote of Honeycutt's because they alleged that not all the men in the township voted on the day of election. The Populists then agreed to give them every man in the towhship whose name was on the registration books and count all not voting as Democrats. This they refused, and after having stolen the registration book from their own registrar, committed the double crime by throwing out the entire vote of the township, thereby stealing 241 Populist votes in one precinct.

Their next crime was in

LISBON TOWNSHIP.

This is another Populist stronghold. The first registrar the Democrats appointed was given his instruction how to proceed with the dirty work of cheating the Populist out of votes, and he was either afraid to do it or he was too honest to do it and after registering about fifty voters resigned.

The County Board of Elections then appointed another registrar. He registered a few and then he resigned, and instead of sending the book and his resignation direct to H. E. Faison, the chairman of the board, he expressed them to J. D. Kerr to Clinton via Wilmington in order to cause delay, and consequently for about 10 days there was no registrar or registration book in the township. The county board then appointed another and after considerable delay, he resigned, and then another was appointed who was a practicing physician with many sick fever patients; and of course it was understood he was to resign. The Democrats and Populists of the township then recommended another who was a democrat and who, promised to serve as registrar, and he came to Clinton to receive his appointment, but the board refused to appoint him, but appointed another man who they knew before hand, would resign. Finally the last day of registration came and no registrar and less than one third of the qualified voters in the township registered. Every intelligent man in the township and Sampson county thoroughly understands the trouble in Lisbon township. It was a contemptible conspiracy between the election board and the chairman of the Democratic party of this county and these registrars. And to complete their dirty work, they took advantage of their own wrong and not only refused the 148 voters they had denied the privilege of voting, but threw out and refused to count the 99 votes properly registered and properly voted, thereby throwing out the entire vote of this township, consisting of 247 votes.

The cause of their cowardly and niggardly conduct is explained by the fact that the Populists had about 215 majority in the township.

Their next steal was at

TURKEY TOWNSHIP.

This was also a Populist township and the election passed off orderly and quietly and the registrar and judges declared that it was a fair election. When the canvassing board met Saturday the word was given and passed around by J. D. Kerr, the chief mogul and advisor for the sheepish-looking outlay and Turkey township, with its entire vote of 228, was dumped on the litter heap. Luke Kennedy, the Democratic registrar, and brother of the Populist candidate for the Senate, J. T. Kennedy, in order to throw out the township and defeat his own brother, took the Holy Book and swore that there was intimidation at the polls, but said he was not intimidated, and when asked who was, could not name a single man or produce a single witness; yet, upon this hearsay evidence which is inadmissable in any court, and evidence which would be incompetent and insufficient, even if it were admissable, this board threw out Turkey township. It was done at the instance of the registrar of that township, the ungrateful brother of the Populist candidate for the Senate. It was an exparte hearing and their conduct is without precedent in North Carolina and was without authority of law or shadow of evidence.

[The CAUCASIAN is informed from another source that five or six witnesses were put on the stand to corroborate the Democratic registrar and every one of them swore that there was no intimidation so far as they could see.]

They began their rascality again when they reached

HERRING'S TOWNSHIP.

This was another strong Populist township and must be disposed of. The election passed off quietly and satisfactory to everybody until the count began. The election was held in an old shop and the registrar had himself roped off and crouched in one corner of the shop. When he began the count all alone, denying the right of any qualified voter seeing the count as provided for in the election law, his reason for not allowing any one to come near him was that it was "too hot." One of the boys on the outside, in order to give this "hot" registrar more air and ventilation took off two planks on the side of the shop. This registrar, when his deviltry could no longer be hidden, refused to continue the count, but it was promptly taken up and completed by other Democrats who signed the returns and swore to their correctness. The judges and registrar who refused to make this count are indictable under the election law and the code for failure to perform their duties, but their refusing to do so did not invalidate the returns, as substitutes were appointed who promptly did the work and signed the returns. Yet this stultified gang of county canvassers proceeded to throw out the entire township with 213 votes simply because the Populists had a majority of 53 votes.

This brings us to

NORTH CLINTON TOWNSHIP.

This township by actual count was Populist by three majority, and the Populist poll book in which was recorded the name of each Populist voter as he voted defied this statement by showing a majority of three votes for the Populists, yet the Democratic count in this township was from 90 to 111 majority for the Democrats. It was done in this way: The boxes were roped off and the count was made by the Democratic judge of election, who not only refused the presence of any spectators to verify the count which was demanded, and which is required by the election law, but failed to read aloud the names on the tickets, and many of the tickets were counted for the Democrats without even being unfolded. This was done in the presence of a large number of Populist voters and Populist candidates for office, who by this arbitrary ruling of the Democratic registrar and judge of election, enforced by Democratic bailiffs, were compelled to stand off and see the votes they cast counted for men they did not vote for, and counted for men they would have died before they would vote for. The Democratic judge counted all the boxes but the township box, and the Populist judge counted this box, which showed a majority of three votes for the Populists in North Clinton township, and it was so recorded on the tally sheet when the count was made.

In the absence of the Populist judge, the registrar and Democratic judge changed this tally sheet after it was signed, to show a Democratic majority of about forty votes. This was done to prevent too great a variance between the township box and the other boxes, and to prevent their rascality from being too noticeable.

SOUTH CLINTON TOWNSHIP.

When this township was reached by the canvassing board they passed it over without investigation, as it was one of the two Democratic townships in the county. The Populists thereupon demanded an investigation; it was at first refused, but through the appeals of the counsel for the Populists they finally agreed to admit evidence. The Populists preferred charcharges of fraud and irregularities in North Clinton township as follows:

1st The registrar and Democratic judge of election were not sworn on the day of election as required by law. (The Populist judge was sworn.)

2nd, The counting was done by the Democratic judge of election, secretly and fraudulently, not permitting any one to see the face of the tickets as they were being counted, as is required by law.

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NO MORE NEGRO HOWL.

Simmons, Aycock and All Democrats Promised it--Its Got to Stop

"Chairman Simmons, of the Democratic State Executive Committee, was asked yesterday if the negro question is to be an issue in the presidential campaign in this State, and replied that the campaign would be upon the issues formulated at Kansas City. His position is sensible, and his reply is in accordance with the pledge of the Democratic party in the recent State campaign that if the amendment were adopted the negro question would disappear from North Carolina politics. If we are to continue to hear about 'nigger domination' and 'white supremacy,' people will wonder why last week's election was held, and a good many of them will get very tired, not to say disgusted. The promise of Mr. Simmons, Mr. Aycock and all the other Democratic leaders was that with the successful close of the late campaign this could come to an end.—Editorial in Charlotte Observer, Aug. 10th, 1900.