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SENATOR BUTLER'S POSITION.

On Tuesday last, Senator Butler stated his position in answer to a telegram from Mr. Bryan's State. The telegrams are as follows.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 14, 1900.
HON. MARION BUTLER,

Nebraska Independent observes press dispatch that you will stump for McKinley. Wire denial for publication Wednesday.

INDEPENDENT.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 14, 1900.
THE INDEPENDENT,
Lincoln, Neb.

Report unqualifiedly false. I am for Bryan and the Peoples Party nominee for Vice-President. I am in favor of the Committee nominating candidate on August 27. I am not a Democrat. I am not a Republican. I am a Populist. I was not for Stevenson in 1892 and am not for him now.

MARION BUTLER, Chairman.

INDIGNATION MEETINGS.

The indignation meeting held on Monday, the 13th of August, in Chatham county, and the one called to be held on Saturday, the 18th, in Sampson county, are healthy signs of moral life and patriotic courage in these communities. They indicate that the people in some communities are determined not to let fraud and rascality and intimidation pass without challenge. The people are beginning to understand that if they allow their liberties to be taken away from them under the excuses recently offered, they will soon be taken away for less and less excuses. The point is, will they allow them to be taken away under any plea, for necessity has been the plea of all time, from Dracho to the present time. It was necessary, the Rulers said, to burn witches in New England, and it was necessary to whip preachers in North Carolina and Virginia a little more than a century ago for free speech. The liberties of the people have never been taken away unless it is alleged that it was necessary to accomplish some good. But luckily the people are the judges of the necessity, and in Chatham and Sampson they have already called meetings to consider it and to determine whether the necessity is sufficient. The fraud and rascality has been as great or greater in other counties as in Sampson and Chatham. Therefore, there is as much reason, if not more for indignation meetings in a majority or three-fourths of the counties of the State. If the people begin to submit to such brazen rascality and fraud, they will soon learn to submit as tamely as have the people of Halifax for a quarter of a century. Unless you want the liberties of the people of your county to go Halifax-ward, you should lose no time in asserting your manhood. If people submit to such outrages long enough, they will soon find themselves wanting in enough moral life and courage to defend their rights or denounce those who steal them.

THE INSULT TO VANCE'S MEMORY

The Vance Monument is to be unveiled in the Capital Square in front of the State House on next Wednesday, August 22nd. Vance was deservingly popular, and ardently admired and loved by a large number of the people of the State, and had the respect of all. It is fitting that a monument should be erected to him at the State Capitol, but is it not rather an unopportune time to do it? While Vance lived, he stood for the rights of the common people. He opposed election frauds, and always denounced and succeeded in defeating any effort to disfranchise the people of the State by educational or property qualification, or otherwise. Now, as soon as he is dead, and even before a monument can be erected to his memory, all of the undemocratic and rascally things that he opposed has been accomplished in the name of democracy, and that too, under the leadership of the one man in North Carolina, (ballot box stuffer—Simmons,) whom Vance denounced in terms more vigorous (as unfit to hold any place of trust and profit,) than probably he ever denounced any other man. But now since all these crimes against democratic principles and against the good name of the State have been committed under the leadership of this man Simmons, would it not be fitting and proper to complete this insult to the memory of Vance by having this man Simmons, whom Vance so loathed and despised, to deliver the speech at the unveiling of the monument?

Of course the final and greatest insult to the memory of Vance would be to send this man Simmons to the United States Senate, and there to occupy Vance's seat, where that great statesman a few years ago, denounced and exposed the trickery of this man Simmons, and declared that he was unfit to even hold the position as chief red legged grass-hopper in North Carolina.

No conscientious Christian will steal an election, and no conscientious Christian will accept an office that he knows has been stolen for him.

AN AMUSING CONTROVERSY.

Just now there seems to be much division and hair-pulling among the Democratic organs on the negro question. Before the election they all joined in one long continual monotonous shriek, that unless the Democratic party was put in power, one negro would dominate two white men. Since the election and adoption of the amendment, some of these Democratic organs declare that they are tired of the negro question, that they had promised the people that they would hush this senseless and disgusting cry of negro domination, as soon as the amendment was adopted. While another part of the Democratic organs have begun to denounce their brethren for not continuing the negro howl, saying it is foolish to stop as it is the only issue on which they can win.

THE CAUCASIAN has little interest in this dog fight. Indeed it is difficult to decide which faction of these negro howlers is the more inconsistent. While it is a fact that they all promised that the amendment would settle the negro question, and that if it were adopted they would not keep this cry as a political foot-ball any longer, yet no one with a memory an inch long, and a thimble full of brains, ever supposed that they meant what they said. The very fact that they promised to give the negro issue a long rest, was one good reason to believe that they did not intend to do it.

In the campaign of 1898 did they not promise the people from every stump? Did they not pledge the people through their handbook? Did they not pledge the people through the columns of every Democratic paper, that if they were put in power they would submit no disfranchising amendment? Did not their base and brazen betrayal of their pledge disgust an overwhelming majority of the people of the State, and is not this the reason it is necessary for them to pass a thieving election law to steal sixty thousand majority that the indignant people did really pile up against them on August 2d?

Now, since the election is over and the amendment is adopted it seems that some of them for some reason want to keep their promise and stop howling negro, while it seems that some of the others, for some other reasons, want to keep up the cry. We have little interest or concern as to which course any or all of them take. It may be well, that they have fallen out, at least, the present situation is suggestive of that old adage: "When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues." To this end it may be well that the hair-pulling has begun, and to this end may it long continue. However, the people will probably have no sympathy with either side, not even for the under dog in this fight. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

INDCTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS IN SAMPSON.

On the front page of this issue will be found one of the strongest and most remarkable indictments ever made by anybody against anybody for any office in North Carolina. The statements of facts setting forth some of the infamous rascalities resorted to by the agents and tools of Simmons and his State machine are terribly shocking. We forbear further comment. Let every one read and consider this indictment for himself.

No doubt similar if not greater frauds and rascalities were committed in a majority of the counties of the State. In every county the facts should be written up as they have been in Sampson and published to the world. Where the evidence can be secured and justice can be gotten the election thieves should be prosecuted in the courts. But whether this is done or not, if one-tenth of the rascality and crime committed by the Democratic machine in the last election is made public, there is enough honesty, courage and manhood in North Carolina to buy this infamous and corrupt political machine at the next election under a majority so big and so deep that it cannot be stolen. Turn on the light in every county.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

We clip from the Washington Post, some short paragraphs, showing what that paper thinks of North Carolina and the methods the Democrats resorted to in the late campaign. In no paper out of the State have we seen where the Populists have been criticised for any uncivil acts perpetrated in the recent campaign. The Post says:

"The Hon. Stump Ashby will return to Texas with a very poor opinion of Mr. Bryan's North Carolina friends.

The North Carolina Democrats should hasten to turn their red shirts into golf coats and simmer down. They are embarrassing Mr. Bryan's campaign against "government without the consent," &c.

The Vance Democratic banner goes to Halifax county, a county that has two thousand more negro voters than white voters. This fact causes the Charlotte Observer to remark that "Mecklenburg yields the Vance banner to Halifax with a blush.

North Carolina can stand the heat, she has just had a coat of whitewash.—Times-Visitor.

Well, it does seem so, since all the negro, black counties gave such large Democratic majorities, and Halifax gets the Vance banner. But like everything else whitewashed, it was done without its aid and consent and even by force.

IS IT WORTH WHILE TO CONTEST?

We have received many letters asking this question after detailing the theft and rascality committed by the Democratic election officials in the various counties. Every person who was a candidate for any office in the recent election, and believes that he was fairly elected, owes it to himself, to his party, and to his country, to make a contest and show the fraud and villiany by which the will of the people was defeated. Every good citizen, without regard to party, who believes in fair and honest elections, ought to take a hand in such contest, and should by pecuniary aid help to defray the expenses which the candidate necessarily incurs in conducting legal proceedings. Although this may involve trouble and expense, it is now a fight for the liberty of every citizen to vote as he pleases and to have his vote fairly counted and recorded as he cast it. Elections are designed to ascertain what persons are desired by the people as their officers. In the recent election a great many qualified voters have been denied the right to register and vote; in many cases other votes have been substitute in the place of those actually cast, and in this way false returns have been made of the votes which were handed in and if truly counted would have shown a very different result. In some instances, on the merest quibble and pretext, the returns from a precinct have been rejected on account of "irregularities." In some cases no returns were sent up at all, and our voters at those precincts denied the right of suffrage. Where will this thing end? To submit to it is to simply allow the pollholders and registrars to select officers in each county, and to thwart and nullify the will of the will of the people in their choice of officers. The exposure of these frauds, and the ventilation of them in the court houses will do much to prevent their recurrence in the future. This kind of investigation, when the excitement of an election has cooled down and honesty must come to the front, will show that the people are far more honest than the men who often attempt to lead them; and that a machine which is unscrupulous cannot long maintain itself in open defiance and disregard of all rules of decency and honesty.

The editor of the News and Observer has been out west with Mr. Bryan and the National Committee. Some think he is after campaign funds; some that he wants to get a pledge from Mr. Bryan for a cabinet position. This reminds us that he got a position under Mr. Cleveland and could not hold it down, and he then had more sense and more influence in North Carolina politics than he has now, if the leading Democratic and religious papers of the State, are to be believed.

IS THE MACHINE NOW DEPENDENT ON SENATOR BUTLER'S HELP?

One day the Democratic national committeemen in this state declare in interviews and through his personal organ that the help of Senator Butler is not wanted to carry the state for Bryan and that he would not be permitted to speak from any Democratic stump for Bryan. The next day this political chameleon through his organ abuses Senator Butler and charges that he is not going to help carry the state for Bryan.

To all of which the CAUCASIAN simply wishes to make two observations: first, that Senator Butler will pursue his own course and do his duty as he has always done, without regard to what any Democratic politician says or does not say. Second, that if Simmons, Daniels & Company want this state to go for Bryan they have the machinery with which to steal it for him, no matter how the people vote, by as big a majority as they stole the state offices for themselves.

The News and Observer, the "nigger" organ of the State, calls us "John Fake Click, the assistant editor of the Cow-casian." Well, with all the "fakes" and "cows," one thing is certain, no one can, with any degree of truth, call us a "Buffalo calf."

THE NEGRO ALL RIGHT.

The negro is all right to vote when he votes the Democratic ticket. He is then a good fellow and a sweet smelling savor.

"The colored people of Fayetteville took no interest whatever in the election Thursday, and having no Republican ticket, the bulk of them voted the Democratic ticket straight, a great number of them openly voting for the amendment. —Fayetteville Observer.

"Here the negroes took no interest whatever in the election, and papers from other cities and towns show that while they took comparatively little interest in it, many of them did as the negroes in Fayetteville did, voted for the amendment and the Democratic State ticket.—Wilmington Star.

Then, if they are that way, why make such ado about the race issue this fall?

The general and wholesale steal by the Simmons machine, together with the organization of the drunken red shirts to abuse and threaten good men's lives, will arouse every honest white man, but it will unite and build up the Peoples Party in the State more determined than ever, and in two years they will number one hundred thousand. Let the motto be "organization."

IS THE NEWS AND OBSERVER FOR BRYAN?

The News and Observer, on the 11th says:

"The Charlotte Observer thanks God it has said nothing harsh of Butler since the August election, and deprecates and deplores the storm of denunciation that has rained upon his head." Then the News and Observer concludes by saying: "As we understand it, neither Butler nor the Observer is supporting Mr. Bryan just now."

Now, if we are rightly informed, the News and Observer is supporting Mr. Bryan because it has to. For in the National Convention on July the 5th the editor of the News and Observer voted against Mr. Bryan's nomination, while Senator Butler, in the Populist Convention labored and worked for his nomination. So take the case and see who is who and what is what.

Democrats have been arguing that a candidate for office could not boast of any excellence above the voters who elected him. We suppose that is why our Democratic friends are not boasting of their recent so-called victory, since they carried every negro county and owe their big majorities to the negro counties, while all the white counties increased their vote against them. Then when men get a thing by the "slight of hand" they never boast of it, until years afterwards.

BELLAMY AND HIS MULATTO PROXIES.

The Wilmington Messenger says that one J. C. Stanly who had forty mulatto tenants, has tendered to Mr. Bellamy the use of these mulattos to help him in a personal encounter with Senator Butler. We suppose that Mr. Stanly made this tender of his negro tenants with the permission of Mr. Bellamy. Now, since Mr. Bellamy has shown the white feather and proved that he too cowardly to meet Senator Butler single handed, we suggest that he might get two of Mr. Stanly's negro tenants, if he can't get any one else as his proxy. Bellamy and the other negro calamity howlers, claim that two Democrats are afraid of one negro, but there is not a single Populist in the State who is afraid of two negroes or two Bellamys either.

From Democratic sources we learn that the National Democratic and Populist Committees are trying to "fuse" on Mr. Stevenson as Vice President. It has been charged by his enemies and some few of his pretended friends, that Chairman Butler was trying to carry the Populists into the Democratic party. When the carrying time comes, it seems they have changed their words and claim that he may want a straight Populist for Vice President. Senator Butler would have to be a thousand men working in a thousand ways, to fulfill the prophesies of the modern, satan-called prophets.

IT IS WORSE THAN "A BLUSH" OF SHAME.

The Charlotte Observer, in its issue of Aug. 10th, says:

"The Lumberton Robesonian gives over the discussion as to whether Robeson or Mecklenburg is entitled to the Democratic banner on account of the election of last week, in view of its information that "the Democratic majority in Halifax county is about 6,000." It observes that Robeson and Mecklenburg "ain't in it, even a little bit." They don't seem to be. Speaking for Mecklenourg she dips her flag to Robeson, and yields the cestus to Halifax with a blush."

And this blush of shame will soon turn to the black mortification of political death.

Democratic papers, we are glad to see, seem to be very much interested in the public school work. They advise the people to spare no time and expense to have a school in every neighborhood to educate the children. It is quite a change from the interest they took in 1897 to increase the term and otherwise better the public schools. It will take more money to better the schools and to insure them to do what the Democrats promised, yet so far, they have made no effort to increase that fund. We hope their zeal will not die out before something is done along this line.

NOT SO FAST.

The Washington Post, in a recent editorial, says:

"In future campaigns in North Carolina there will be general acquiescence when Chairman Simmons appoints the size of the Democratic majority."

The Post is too fast. A majority of 60,000 against the democratic machine has been stolen, it is true, but the indignation of the brave, honest people of the State is so great, that the outlook now is that the majority at the next election will be too big for even Simmons to steal.

Do you believe in the Ten Commandments? Do you believe in all of them? Do you believe in the 8th Commandment which says thou shalt not steal? If so, what have you to say of the Democratic election officials who stole the birthright of thousands of American citizens last week under the dictatation of Simmons and his machine.

Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance is very long but a very able and readable document. Even his political opponents confess that it is the ablest presentation of the issue of imperialism and other kindred issues in this campaign that has ever been made.

ON WHICH SIDE DO YOU STAND?

The action of the Democratic Machine under Simmons direction in conducting the recent election has raised one of the greatest moral and political issues that a free people were ever called upon to face and solve. That question is: Are you in favor of free speech, honest elections and no taxation without representation, or are you on the side of rascality, ballot box stuffing and the rule of Redshirt oligarchy? This is a square issue presented to the people of the State. Until this issue is settled, there is and can be no other issue. There is no middle ground. On which side do you stand?

The News and Observer, of the 11th inst., takes up, in a garbled way, what the Hickory Mercury had to say about Bryan and red shirts, and then says it is Senator Butler talking through Click. There is not a word of truth in all the Observer said. If the Observer had an idea above that of "nigger," it would have known better. The Observer is so constituted that if it should stumble upon a single truth, it would fall over it and then get up and swear she had been assaulted by a "nigger."

AS NEAR AS THEY EVER GET TO THE TRUTH.

The Charlotte Observer contains the following:

"The Greensboro Telegram has reliable information to the effect that Marion Butler has announced his intention of leaving North Carolina forever. Butler also made the statement to a Republican a few days before the election that if the Democrats carried the amendment and the Legislature, he would use his influence to give the State to McKinley in the November election."

There is not a word of truth in the above, but it is about as near the truth as these machine papers ever get. We now challenge them to give their authority, or to admit that they have wilfully and maliciously lied.

CHAIRMAN SIMMONS KINDERMIXED.

It seems they have Chairman Simmons kinder mixed. Some time ago they reported him as saying that the race issue would not be discussed in the election this fall. But the Raleigh correspondent to the Charlotte Observer on the 12th inst., reports him as saying:

"If the Republicans attempt to organize and vote the 80,000 ignorant negroes whom the constitutional amendment disfranchises, but who will be entitled to vote in the November election because the amendment will not go into effect until 1902, this course of conduct will inject the race issue in its worst form into politics."

Now the above is clear. It means that if the Republicans will quietly stand aside and let the Democrats vote and count the negro vote for their party, the race issue will not be discussed. But if the Republicans ask or try to vote the negroes for McKinley, the 80,000 who still have the right to vote, then some of them will get killed, as that is what we intrepret "its worst form in politics" to mean. Simmons ought to be willing for the negroes to cast their last vote as they desire. No one but a heartless wretch would be so mean and cruel.

Democratic office seekers are popping up like house flies, since the stolen victory. Every State candidate will have more applications than he can say grace over, and every one will claim that his untiring work alone elected him. Then there are at least a dozen men now who think they should be elected to the U. S. Senate. If these boys fall out over this stolen property, perhaps they will tell on the gentlemen who planned the game.

CAN'T FOOL YOUR MAKER.

We have never been able to see why men should place a higher standard on his neighbor's political life than his social and moral life. We can't understand how a man, in social, religious and business life can be a gentleman and a christian, and at the same time simply because he disagrees with you politically, he is a scoundrel and a dangerous citizen, and should be rotten-egged, beaten and even killed by a red shirt, drunken gang, urged on by men who claim to have the spirit of Christ in them. We can't see how a man can be a fit subject for Christ's church a good neighbor, worthy to eat at your table, sleep on your beds, nurse your sick, bury your dead, help you build churches, pay the preacher, teach in the Sunday school, pray in public, lead in the prayer meetings, yet the minute some drunken politician gets on the stump and squalls "nigger" and this good man refuses to chime in and say "me too," just that moment he becomes a scoundrel, must be ostracised and rotten-egged by these same neighbors and church brethren. No one but a fool will think he can fool God with such hypocrisy.

We looked all over the News and Observer Friday for a report, under big display headlines of a bastardy trial that occurred in this county, but failed to find it. We concluded that the Observer only reports such news when it reflects on some Populist or Republican.

The Vance Democratic Banner goes to the negro county of Halifax.

THE PEOPLE OF SAMPSON COUNTY INDIGNANT.

(Continued from 1st page.)

3d, The names on the tickets were not read aloud as required by law, in fact, the names on the tickets were not read at all, but counted "Populist" or "Democrat," as the said judge chose to count them.

4th, That the counting was so illegal and fraudulent as to change a Populist majority of three to a Democratic majority of from 90 to 111 votes. Upon these charges the counsel for the Populist began to introduce evidence, offering as many as six men of good character to prove each charge. The evidence began to pile up against these Democratic election officials and it was black and sickening to behold. We demanded the tally sheets, to prove our charges of fraud in the count and show that they had been tampered with since they were signed up on the night of the count. We offered the Populist judge to prove this against them, who would swear that two rows of the tally sheet had been eraced as well as the figures which showed a Populist majority in the township box; whereas, it was made to count forty Democratic majority. The Democratic registrar admitted having these talley sheets but refused to produce them to verify our charge. The evidence was growing so large for these dirty fellows that they adjourned the board to meet again on Monday morning to continue the hearing. They met again on Monday, and upon coming together to the dismay and disgust of all decent, fair-minded people, they passed a resolution to admit no more evidence against their crowd, for it was evident to every one that a fair and full investigation of the Democratic registrars and judges in North and South Clinton townships would not only warrant throwing out both these townships, fraudulently counted Democratic, but would also forever destroy the character and reputation of every mothers son of them that participated in the steal.

Counsel for the Populists demanded the roll call of the Board when they passed this disgraceful resolution, and demanded the same when the vote was taken to throw out the four Populist townships above, but to the disgust of all the spectators they scringed and sqirmed, and crouched behind each other and cast sheep-killing glances on the floor and voted "no," thereby showing to the world that they were ashamed to go on record before the withering scorn of an outraged and indignant people. These are grave charges we have preferred against the Sampson county canvasing board, and in order that the people may know upon whom to fasten their contempt, we give their names in full below:

Chief Advisor and Ring Master, J. D. O. Kerr.
North Clinton, H. B. Chesnutt.
South Clinton, J. A. Beaman.
Lisbon, John Johnson.
Franklin, Bulie Moore.
Taylor's Bridge, Amos Smith.
Turkey, Luke Kennedy.
Piney Grove, Henry L. Clifton.
Halls, Tom Hobbs.
Newton Grove, J. W. Bryan.
Westbrooks, George Warren.
Mingo, Eli Wilson.
Herrings, Blake Warren.
Honeycutts, W. A. Baggett.
Dismal, Lewis Spell.
Little Coharie, A. R. Harris.
McDaniels, Owen Owens.

SOUTH CLINTON TOWNSHIP.

The Populist demanded an investigation in this township as well as in North Clinton, but on investigation was promptly refused by that immortal canvassing board whose names we have given above.

This township was also safely Populist, but was counted in for the Democrats by some 75 majority by the same fraudulent methods that were adopted in North Clinton township with the additional advantage, that all the election judges were Democrats. There was no Populist representation at all, and the votes were counted by one man who counted the tickets "Populist" or "Democrat" according to his own wicked proclivities.

I have enumerated above some of the crime and wickedness of the Democrats during this campaign, which has forever disgraced and damned them in this county. Our people, regardless of party, color or previous conditions are thoroughly indignant. They could not steal enough to capture the county or this senatorial district, and they never will. This county, whatever may be the allignment of parties in the future, is lost to the Democrats forever. Hundreds of men who voted the Democratic ticket in this election have denounced them and left them since the election.

As we have said above, the fight in this county was strictly between white men and why our county should have been invaded by a foreign invasion of red shirts and cutthroats, who walked our streets with Winchesters and pistols, unmolested by police authorities, is a blistering shame, and when this lawless mob of red shirts, with guns on their shoulders and pistols in their belts, and murder in their hearts, should be countenanced by civilized people, and encouraged by professed Christians is a scene not witnessed since the reformation, when Martin Luther thundered at the Diet at Worms, and people were persecuted and burnt at the stake for their honest convictions.

Here in the year of Our Lord 1900, ministers of the Gospel who are chosen to teach religious toleration and lead people to Christ, were actually seen riding on horseback at the head of this lawless and irresponsible mob of red shirt anarchists and murderers.

"When the fountains are destroyed what shall the righteous do?"

"THOU SHALT NOT."

Every Christian in the State knows where the above quotation is from. He knows that it is one of the Ten Commandments. He believes in this Commandment and lives up to it. He knows that it does not mean that thou shalt not steal, not only thy neighbors sheep, but that it also means that thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's vote or anything else that is his. Since the above is one of the Ten Commandments, and since every Christian believes in and lives up to that Commandment, therefore it follows that among the registrars, judges, county board of election and other officers of election, who, under Simmons instructions, stole the state last week, that there is not a single Christian. If among this gang of election thieves there is a single man who claims to be a Christian, we will be glad to hear his defence if there was thievery and rascality at his election precinct and in his county, and we will be glad to publish the same so that all good men may decide whether such a man is on the side of the Lord or on the side of the devil.

She Is Not Built That Way.

A Canadian editor being asked if he had ever seen a bald-headed woman, replied: "No, we never did. Nor have we ever seen a woman waltzing around town in her shirt sleeves a cigar between her teeth. We have never seen a woman go fishing with a bottle in her hip pocket, sit on the damp ground all day and then go home drunk at night. Nor have we ever seen a woman yank off her coat and swear she could lick any man in town. God bless her! She ain't built that way.—Mountain State Odd Fellow

Is It Not the Adlai Stevenson Pops?

[Washington Post.

The Bryan Populists are trying to convince the Hon. Marion Butler that his defeat is due to the treachery of the North Carolina Republicans. It is really too bad that Pop politicians undertake to deceive each other in this manner.

GOVERNOR M'CORD

Recommends Pe-ru-na For Catarrh.

Hon. M. H. McCord.

Hon. Myron H. McCord, Ex-Governor of New Mexico, in a letter to Dr. Hartman, from Washington, D. C., says:

Dear Sir—At the suggestion of a friend I was advised to use Pe-ru-na for catarrh, and after using one bottle I began to feel better in every way. It helped me in many respects. I was troubled with colds, coughs, sore throat, etc., but as soon as I had taken your medicine I began to improve and soon got well. I take pleasure in recommending your great remedy to all who are afflicted with catarrh.—M. H. McCord.

The spring presents a much more favorable opportunity for the permanent cure of chronic catarrh, especially old, stubborn cases. Now is the time to begin treatment. Insist upon having Pe-ru-na. There are no successful substitutes for this remedy. Send to Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, for a free catarrh book.

THE TIMES-MERCURY'S POLICY

[Editorial in Hickory Times-Mercury.

Several have asked, what will be the Mercury's policy in the county campaign.

The Mercury has nothing to conceal. She has always had views of her own and had the courage to express them. The Mercury has never run around to find the popular side or to try to find how this or that man or faction was before she expressed what she believed it was her duty to say, or do, and she is the same today that she has always been.

The Mercury has been for Bryan and Towne. If Towne comes off the ticket, then the Mercury is for Bryan and any good, loyal Populist that may be put on in Towne's place, and the Mercury thinks it is due us that they accept our nomination.

The Mercury is not for Mr. Stevenson or any part of him, if it has to ally itself with Joe Daniels and Simmons and their organized red shirt gang, and has to run around with them and squall "nigger" and the false cry of "white supremacy." And, if the Mercury believed Mr. Bryan would even wink at, much less endorse the revolutionary outrages practiced by his worthless Democratic friends in our recent State campaign, it would work and vote for the devil instead of him. But we do not believe he or any one else, with any sense of civilization or christianity, would.

While the Mercury is Populistic and believes in certain distinctive principles nationally, yet above everything else it prizes personal liberty and is opposed to hypocrisy, lying, stealing and the suppression of free speech in politics.

The Mercury believes government should begin at home, around the fireside, where every man and woman is the guardian of their own conscience, as to what is right and just. This is the foundation stone upon which to build local self-government, and the burning altar from which every man should catch the everlasting fire of American independence.

The Mercury believes that North Carolina Democracy, as now practiced, is a misnomer, and is without a spark of Jeffersonianism in it. It is treasonable, and is not only getting back to where it was when it supported Grover Cleveland, but going further and denying free speech, and building up an oligarchy to disfranchise the masses. Simmons' red shirts are worse than British and Tory Red Coats.

The Democratic machine has submitted one of two things for every white man to do, viz: Join the Democratic party and do things politically that no good man will dare say is right, just and honest, or be abused and he and his family ostracised by the very scum of creation. The Mercury will not accept the first, and will die before it will take the latter.

The editor of the Mercury believes in a Republican form of government run on pure, honest Democratic principles. He also believes in the Bible and the teachings of Christ. But if what he has seen in the recent campaign, and the endorsement it has received from the church—and that is what we must boast of as civilization and christianity—he has been taught wrong and the Bible is false and he wants no more of them; and if there is a statesman or preacher who can show that one or both of these are right, our columns are open to him, and it is his duty to show it.

The Mercury is opposed to political and religious slavery. It is for free speech, the highest source of education. It is for personal liberty regulated by just laws granting "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." It plants itself upon the fundamental principles upon which this government was founded, viz.: "taxation without representation is unjust." And the man or party that will tax men without their consent is guilty of highway robbery and is a stench in the nostrils of God himself and is only the servant of the devil. Upon these and similar views the Mercury proposes to act. If you like it, all well and good. If not, just let it alone. That's all.

IN ORDER TO BE CURED.

What Must You Do? You Cannot Cure Yourself, and Nature Will Not Cure You.

Are You the Man to Whom this is Written? If so You Will Know What to Do.

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In order for you to be cured, it is not only necessary that the doctor who treats you should know absolutely the disease which affects you, but just how far that disease and all its complications have undermined what is called your general health.

Can you tell, from your feelings, what vital organs of your body your disease is now attacking? You feel at times that your nerves are unstrung, that your brain does not grasp things as it should, that your kidneys are out of order, that your heart does not beat regularly, you know that a little cut or scratch on your skin does not heal readily, that your appetite is fickle, that your bowels are irregular, that there is lameness and stiffness about your muscles and joints, that there are shooting pains in different parts of your body, that your feet and joints swell, that your nights are disturbed by unnatural dreams, that you are startled by common sounds, that you get dizzy and see spots floating before your eyes.

Every one of these symptoms mean the serious progress of your disease. You don't want to experiment, you want to be cured. You want to be rid of every distressing symptom; you want to feel that vigor and enthusiasm which goes with true healthy manhood; you want to be able to work and to enjoy.

I have treated cases like yours for 20 years; I know what your symptoms mean and I know that if you have not delayed too long, I can make you a sound, well vigorous man, fitted for the place in the world which nature intended for you. Other doctors send me their "hopeless cases, knowing that I never fail in any case which I undertake. I make a specialty of cases like yours—chronic diseases which baffle the skill of other physicians.

Let me know about your case in fullest detail, come to my office if you can; if you cannot, write to me. Unless you take a course of treatment, it will cost you nothing for my services—consultation and advice are free. Possibly you need no medicine; if not, I will tell you so and tell you what to do and you need pay me nothing; possibly also, I cannot help you—if not, I will tell you so frankly and without fee.

At most, my charge will be merely a nominal one, which will be no financial burden to you.

I have just published a new edition of my new 64-page book, "Manliness, Vigor, Health," a copy of which I will be glad to send you free postpaid if you will send me your name and address.

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