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## HAS THE BOERS WHIPPED.

### EDITOR ROBERTS REPORTS THAT DEWET IS ON THE RUN

Editorial: Roberts reports that the Boer leader DeWet has been seen in the Orange River country. He is reported to have crossed the river and is now in the Orange River country.

According to official advices President Steyn is making a desperate effort to get out of the field of military operations and join Kruger at Mafeking. Roberts says that Steyn is reported to have recrossed the Pienars river for that purpose.

Advices indicate that the burghers are in most desperate straits and are here are expecting news of DeWet's surrender at any time. It is also believed that Steyn will be captured before he can join Kruger at Mafeking.

Buller has had some hard fighting during his advance. Roberts reports that he has fifteen miles south of Belfast Tuesday and that his column has had twenty casualties.

There was an engagement Tuesday between Baden Powell and Grobler's rear guard, the latter being driven back. While the fighting was in progress the advance guard rushed into each other and the Boers had a lieutenant, a colonel and four men killed and two officers and six men wounded.

Gen. Roberts' dispatch to the War Office as follows:

"Pretoria, Aug. 22—Buller was at Van Wyk's Vlei, fifteen miles south of Belfast, yesterday. He has had twenty casualties. Baden Powell drove Grobler's rear guard back east of Pienars river in a fight yesterday. During the fight the advance guard galloped into each other, the Rhodesians losing a lieutenant, a colonel and four men killed and two officers and six men wounded.

The correspondence captured by the British at Bloemfontein was published today. It contained a great deal of letters from Cape Colony politicians to president Steyn and Kruger. The members of Parliament whose names are mentioned in the correspondence are Henry Laourere, editor of Truth, Dr. Gavin Clark, formerly colonial general of the Transvaal, Great Britain, and John Edward Mills, Liberal member for Nottinghamsire.

The alleged incriminating letters were all written before the breaking out of the war in South Africa. The sole sinner of the writers, apparently, is to secure a peaceful solution of the difficulty by means of a compromise, and they specially urged concessions by the Boers. Instead of being in any degree reprehensible, the letters will impress impartial readers as being distinctly creditable to the writers.

## Girls Advised to Marry Country Boys.

The Columbia, Mo., Herald advises girls to marry country boys. "The wise girl," says the Herald, "sets her cap for the country boy."

"True, he wears overalls and has brown hands and his feet are in his way when he walks, but he is worth a dozen of the town duds, with their white fingers and high collars and unpaid laundry bills. Take a country boy who will stay in the country. He is a free man; the town boy is a slave. He works all his life at a meagre salary and spends that in ways not always commendable. There are some who do not expect to have their wives support them by keeping borders; there are some who do not loaf on the streets Sundays and stay up late at nights; there are town fellows almost equal to the boys from the backwoods; but beware of the other kind. Stick to the country sweethearts and stay stuck."

## BAILEY AND WHITE RIGHT.

McKinley Men Will Not Be Suppressed—Chafe Against Suppression of Free Speech.

We are not in the confidence of the McKinley people; but they are quite sure to have something to say in the State for their man and will not be found so easy of suppression or composed of the same class of men, who very foolishly resisted the adoption of the amendments.

## HEIR TO \$30,000.

A special to the Times Herald from Asheville, N. C. says a girl baby has been born to Mrs. George Vanderbil in Biltmore House. Mrs. Vanderbilt announces that her name will be Cornelia Struven. The little stranger is heir to a fortune of \$30,000,000.

## LETTER FROM ROBESON.

What a Church Member Did and What a Preacher Said, yet There are Some Good Men.

EDITOR CAUCASIAN.—It seems from reports of all counties heard from that wholesale fraud was committed at every precinct. Plenty of frauds were committed at all precincts heard from in this county. It seems that no machine had plenty of red shirt out-throats to do all the dirty work necessary to carry the election. None but double-dyed hoodlums, hell-doomed skunks would stoop to such sordid schemes as the machine and some of the red shirt out-throats have done. I have been informed that an officer of a Christian church was the cause of the ballot box being roped off in St. Paul's precinct. One of the best and most respected citizens of that precinct, said to this same Christian, "if half a dozen of our best neighbors were to request that the ballot boxes be put where they could see them and have an honest election would he agree to it?" He replied: "No, by golly, you will vote like it is or not vote at all."

This same church member makes no prayers, and no doubt says to himself, "G. D., I thank Thee that I am not an other man and I know that I am not honest, truthful etc., and some of my neighbors know that I am not, but I pray every night before retiring, give lots of money to help the preachers raise 'caus' in China, and for other missionary purposes, Luke 18, 11-12. Also I know that I and all like character are the antitype of the class spoken of in Matthew, sixth chapter and eleventh word in the fifth verse and pray accordingly."

I am proud to say that there are a few Christians who are working for the glory and honor of their Redeemer. Church members who took any part, or in any way, endorse the devilish perpetrated upon the good people of this State are not Christians or now have an achin' void. A preacher in this county was heard to say that he "would rather a drunkard be elected by the Democratic party than have a Christian elected by the Populist party."

## NECRO HOWLERS OUT OF A JOB.

The Pied Negro State speaks of a defunct—The Nigger Howling Speaker Goes With the Lenorant Nigger.

We have been made tired of tirades against negro domination. For a general rule are more, it had been a burden of Democratic speech-making. The same old speech did not serve from campaign to campaign. That great election on last Thursday disfranchised both the negro and many a thimble of old speech. Some familiar speakers hitherto will now disappear. It is hard for old age to learn new tricks. Those who have with their one speech kept themselves prominent for thirty years will scarcely find themselves equal to the exigencies of the era of new speech making. A full and free discussion of public issues on their merits by many new men may be expected hereafter. The debates may be cleaner and on a higher plane. More thought will be called for in argument and a wider range of information will be necessary in order to meet the demands of the people. Last Thursday was epochal. We have entered upon an era when he who would win popular favor must work. The old negro in the woodpile speech has been disfranchised.—Lumber Bridge News (Dem)

## Prayed For a Bolt of Lightning and Got It.

Hartford, Conn., Dispatch, 17th.

A large barn on Windsor avenue owned by George Demings was struck by lightning on Wednesday and burned. Mr. Deming employed a farm hand early in the season who left him some time ago after a disagreement. This workman has been to his acquaintance many times recently that he never laid his head on his pillow at night that he did not pray that Deming's barn might be struck by lightning. Deming had heard of his former employee's emity and laughed at it, but he said today that he seemed as peculiar and clear a case of answer to prayer as he had ever heard of.

## Cousins Drown at the Same Time at Different Places.

[New York Dispatch, 18th.] Stephen Peacock, son of George Peacock, of Yonkers, N. Y., and George Peacock, son of Stephen Peacock, of Peckskill, were drowned at different points in the Hudson river. They were cousins and went swimming at the same hour. Stephen at Yonkers and George at Peckskill. Each boy became exhausted, got beyond his depth and was drowned before aid could reach him. Each father sent a telegram to his brother telling him of the loss, and each father received it at the same hour while aiding in the efforts to save the body of his own son.

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## AMENDMENT AND NEGRO.

What Effect Will it Have on Him—Nothing is Settled Until Settled Justly and by Honest Means.

Will the disfranchisement of the negro make him a better citizen or a more fearful beast? Is he a human or is he a brute. I shall assume that he is human. I find nothing in the Book contrary to this assumption. Then, if he is human he is entitled to citizenship. If a man is disfranchised he is deprived of his citizenship and placed on a level with the felon and the beast. Now what right has any State or government to ask of a man to subject himself and property to taxation and to perform the functions of government without guaranteeing to him the right of free citizenship and independent suffrage?

The Morning Post commenting on the situation, tried to console the disfranchised element by saying that it would "take no part in the McKinley nigger issue," that the negro should be allowed to rest, and that we should try to make of him a good citizen, etc. What new duties in the adoption of the amendment does the Post see for the negro and poor white man? Can it show any color of a rainbow that has been left on the retiring storm? No, the rejection of the Howard amendment and the adoption of the 14th and 15th amendments to the United States Constitution has given him a taste of free suffrage and American liberty; and never will he be content or happy. His country's flag has been folded, as to him, and he can no longer rally around it or sing his songs of liberty beneath its shadow.

Make better citizens out of such conditions? No, instead of making better citizenry of them you have either driven eighty thousand good laborers from the State, or else you have turned loose eighty thousand negroes who will degenerate into some many Boxers or archists.

And what will you do with the sixty thousand white men who will be disfranchised under the grand father clause? Any man who can read or spell, and put two words together, can see that this clause crosses the 14th and 15th amendments; and any one can understand what Webster meant when he said that "six men can sit on one long bench," can read a second time and know what is embodied in the 14th and 15th amendments.

Prince Daniels or Lord Simmons might say that Webster did not know what he was talking about; that six men were too many on one bench. This might be so if it were a short bench, but this State is long enough and broad enough for every man in it who behaves himself, to vote, and Simmons and Daniels are as poorly equipped to test the qualification of a voter as "six men" in it. But they have cast the die without the count, and without the test. The State has been ravished of its splendor and civil liberty, has been robbed of its glory, free and independent suffrage is a thing of the past century.

Oceasion has been repeated, our compact with the Union severed; how an oath has been disregarded to accomplish this end. Power has been taken out of the hands of many and concentrated into the hands of a few. We are virtually out of the Union, and are regarded by other states as a lot of perjured fools.

The distant imperial that we have been hearing so much of, has been established in North Carolina. The empire is complete, and the Emperor is A. C. Cok, and he will be combed when the ravishers meet at Raleigh next winter. May God save the poor inconsistent m-b.

This is a nice spot for North Carolina to take. It looks a little better for South Carolina, the home of secession, rebellion, Tildenism and riot. But they say every man votes in South Carolina that wants to. This is not the case. Every man who accepts the empire can vote for the Emperor if he chooses, if not he is elected all the same. I believe to they have some kind of a row up there now, as to whom shall be Emperor, but it is all in the family.

But how does the adoption of the amendment look from a christian standpoint, and where was the religious press during this conflict for humanity? Looking at it even from a moral standpoint, we see sixty thousand white men and eighty thousand negroes whose chances for heaven have been reversed. The religious press, with a few exceptions, was silent. The leading Methodist paper said but little, what it did say was for the machine, or at least that is our construction upon it. Since the election the same paper says editorially:

"For some reason many colored men did not register, or go to the polls."

It is possible, that the editor of that paper does not know why the negroes and many white men did not register or vote? He does not

## ON THE HIGH SEAS.

If We Revive the Negro Issue Now, We Revive It Forever—North Carolina Can Never Win Another Victory on the Race Issue.

Lumberton Argus, (Dem.)

Is it possible that there is any end to the cry of nigger in North Carolina politics? Was not the chief argument of the late campaign that we should not have to listen to that old stump speech any more. And did not all the newspapers burst into rejoicing after the election because we must begin to study politics with a wider view than the race issue, and predict that statesmen would now grow up in the place of harranguers and ranters? And is it not almost incredible that some of our chief papers should begin so early on the old howl? They must have grown old in the belief that politics is nigger and had it impossible at this late day to readjust their minds to the new state of things. If we revive the race question now, we revive it forever; it is just as nearly settled now as it will ever be. If a man asks you to vote against McKriley on account of the negro, tell him that he is an enemy to the peace of the State; and that if you vote against McKriley it is for other reasons. The North Carolina Democracy has won a great victory that slogan, but it can never win another that way. If it is so unwise as to fall back into the old rut, it falls to its own hurt. Are the editors fogies, or do they take the people to be?

An insult it is to put such an argument to a good citizen, and the party that does so commits a great folly. It is high time to awake out of sleep, and see that we have put our feet on the edge of a new era. The weak man is he who cannot change with the changing times.

Condition of Cotton. There is slight improvement in the condition of cotton in portions of Mississippi and Louisiana where, however, complaints of its sowing and slow growth continue. Over eastern portions of the cotton belt the reports are generally unfavorable, indicating premature opening, shedding and prevalence of rust. In Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri the reports are also unfavorable, rust and premature opening being general. In Texas, the crop as a whole, has improved, but is saddling and has sustained damage from rust and insects in many localities.

Another Simmons Trick. The tally sheet shows that in the Ashboro precinct Dr. S. A. Henley, Democratic candidate for coroner, received 102 votes and that Dr. E. W. Caddell, Republican candidate, received 126 votes. On the abstract of the total vote returned to the clerk, the six, where written, is erased and the figure six is converted into a na-gat, making Caddell's vote 120. This Democratic trick elected Henley by two votes. The abstract is on file in the clerk's office and every citizen in the county is invited to call and see it.—Randolph Argus.

## A MATTER OF HISTORY.

Did the Democrats Ask the Consent of the Governed?

Iowa Sentinel, Aug. 10. How many of the Democrats of this vicinity are aware that in 1853 the United States ministers to Great Britain, France, Spain and the Netherlands, Russia and Prussia, all Democrats, met in Ostend, Belgia, and issued a manifesto declaring it was the purpose of the Democratic party to annex the island of Cuba, to purchase it peacefully if possible, but to acquire it forcibly if necessary. How many are aware that the Democratic platform of 1860 (every faction) declared for the annexation of Cuba? This plank received every vote in every convention held by the Democratic party that year and not a word was said about asking the consent of the Cubans to the arrangement. When the Democrats under Jefferson in 1852 annexed Louisiana they did not ask the consent of the inhabitants. When under the Democratic administration of Polk and Pierce about half of Mexico was wrested from her and annexed to the United States the consent of the inhabitants was not asked. The sudden interest in the doctrine of consent now enunciated by the Democrat is in opposition to Democratic history and precedent as well as to their practices in North Carolina and other Southern States.

The population of the city of Philadelphia, according to the official count of the returns of the 13th census announced is 1,293,697, in 1900, against 1,046,594 in 1890. These figures show for the city as a whole an increase in population of 246,733, or 23.57 per cent from 1890 to 1900.

## A Cause For Regret.

A country paper has this personal item: "Those who know old Mr. Wilson of this place, personally, will regret to hear that he was assaulted in a brutal manner last week, but was not killed."

## THE NORTH CAROLINA ELECTION.

The Means Used and Results Stated in a Brief and Concise Sailed to Future Reference.

Senator Butler in New York Independent, Aug. 16.

In the election which was held on Thursday the prominent question was the proposed amendment to the Constitution of North Carolina, which, stripped of its subtleties and disguises, and put in plain English, according to the purposes expected to be accomplished, may be condensed as follows:

After July 1st, 1902, no negro not able to read and write (except those of their descendants who voted in the State prior to 1835, or in some other State on January 1st, 1867, or prior thereto), shall register in any election thereafter to be held; but all white persons who now vote or become entitled to vote prior to December 1st, 1905, the descendants of those who voted on January 1st, 1867, or prior thereto, shall continue to register at all elections which are held during their lives, although unable to read and write; but after December 1st, 1905, no male person coming of age shall be allowed to register unless able to read and write. After July 1st, 1902, no person shall be eligible to register unless he shall have paid by the first of March preceding the election the poll tax for which he may be liable.

Although a plain violation of Article XV of Amendments of the Constitution of the United States, this Amendment was proposed, and the white people aroused to a frenzy and urged to declare whether they favored "negro rule" or "white supremacy," when not a single candidate for the Legislature was a negro, and when the Legislature of 1898 was overwhelmingly Democratic and had declared through the campaign of 1898 that a restoration of the old legislative system of county government for the negro county of the east was amply sufficient to lift "the ruthless heel of the negro off the necks of the white men" in such counties.

In addition to this, we had an election law, in comparison with which the Goebel law would be considered just and fair, and under which no provision was made that registrars should be sworn, and no punishment was provided for the most arbitrary and despotic conduct of the registrar. He might exclude such persons as he chose from the right to register. The two judges of election, appointed to act in conjunction with the registrar, were required to be of opposite political parties; but if one did not appear on the day of election, some "discreet person" should be appointed by the registrar in his stead. Those recommended by the Fusion party were in most cases rejected, and men who would not appear were appointed, so that in many precincts only Democrats had charge of the election.

## CHARLOTTE OBSERVER INDICTED.

The Political Farce Comedy in the "Silence" \$3,500 Salary.

The News and Observer in its issue of Aug. 23rd says: (By Charlotte Observer.) "Loyalty to the platform of the National Democratic Convention is the supreme test of the party fealty. If this test is not recognized, what is the use of party organization? How can a party hope to accomplish results? A man who declares the validity of this supreme test is a political Quaker, a mugwump, an Utlander, He cannot wear a party uniform and drill in the ranks. And a boiler is worse still—a traitor.—Charlotte Observer.

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Act 2. After the Democratic Convention in Kansas City: "The Observer will not support the platform nor the candidates."—Charlotte Observer.

Act 3. Chief owner and boss of the Charlotte Observer appointed to a \$3,500 a year job by McKinley, for President.

## It For Tat.

Mark Hanna puts two negroes on his advisory committee. He is welcome to them. He might add someone and we would interpose no objections.—Washington Progress.

Mr. Bryan put himself into the advisory committee of the negro league in Chicago. They are welcome to him. They might add Joy Daniels and Chairman Simmons, and I would interpose no objection. They ought to get F. D. Winston to organize negro leagues. His friend George H. White, of color, might aid him. He can "read and write" and hence is an intelligent voter and has the right to hold office according to the Amendment. D. F. S.

Greenboro's aldermen have enacted an ordinance prescribing a fine of \$2 for spitting on the sidewalks of the city. Loading or loitering around the passenger station and the federal building is also prohibited by the same ordinance.

Ex Gov. James E. Boyd, the only Democrat ever elected as governor of Nebraska, has announced his opposition to Bryan on account of his five silver votes.

A 15 year old boy was found drunk on the streets of Wilmington a few days ago. Why not get the redshirts after the men who voted for the liquor.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Clipped and Condensed From Exchanges for Busy People. Chinese cut the telegraph line from Tien Tsin.

A large body of Chinese troops have taken the field.

Chinese mobs continue the work of devastation at Amoy.

American troops in China will probably remain there the whole winter.

Rebels in Great Britain are burning the government buildings.

The Emperor and Empress Dowager left Peking and went westward.

Allies reported to have entered the Sacred City of Peking Aug. 17th.

J. W. McAllister, of Raleigh, was killed in a saloon in Newport News.

Senator Hanna ridicules the idea that Carnegie had announced himself for Bryan.

Fire at Norfolk, Va., destroyed a large hardware establishment; loss about \$50,000.

The treasure carried off by the Empress Dowager is said to have amounted to fifty million taels.

Chairman Jones denies reports that Senator John P. Jones has followed Senator Stewart into the Republican camp.

The United States government has sent a reply to Li Hung Chang, rejecting his appeal for a cessation of hostilities in China.

New England mill men are charged with attempting to create dissatisfaction among operators in southern cotton mills.

Russia, it is reported, is negotiating with the insurance companies in the United States for a loan of three hundred million rubles.

Rufus Kenrick, of Wakefield, Mass., has the record, so far, as a sparrow exterminator. He has accouped 6,999 sparrows and 6,999 eggs.

Henry D. Stringer, of New York, went into bankruptcy recently with liabilities amounting to \$25,210. He managed to save \$15 for his creditors.

The Weather Bureau reports slight improvement in condition of crops in parts of Mississippi and Louisiana; in Texas the crop has improved; over the eastern portion of the belt the conditions are unfavorable.

The Seaboard Air Line railway's first mortgage to the Continental Trust Company, of Baltimore, to secure an issue of \$7,500,000 four per cent. gold bonds, has been filed in the clerk's office of the Superior Court at Atlanta Ga.

## Man's Soul Lives in a Dog.

A cablegram from Paris says: One of the most wonderful stories of transmigration of souls ever told comes from L'Orient, an Eastern seaport, where seven persons of intelligence and reputation for truth swear upon their honor that a dog spoke to them intelligently. The year would accord with their testimony, a man by the name of Kerbee, who had always been a firm believer in the transmigration of the human soul to the body of an inferior being, told these words: "Adam, wife and children; a wife that after he died he would return to her in the disguise of some domestic pet."

Four years ago a strange dog wandered into the house and remained, being well taken care of by the family. Three days ago widow Kerbee, her three grown children and her neighbor, including a skeptical schoolmaster, were spending the evening together at the house, chatting pleasantly, when suddenly the dog, crouching away in a dark corner, began to speak intelligently.

Every voter in North Carolina is sworn before he can register, to support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith." How little regard is paid to this oath! Little supremacy is the slogan, but it has degenerated into the Redshirt, the symbol of anarchy. Imperialism is the "paramount issue," but it is the despotic sway of the Boss and his henchmen. We first endure, then pity, then embrace; and the judges of election, under the orders given them, select our rulers, and all who do not tamely submit, are denounced as traitors to the white race and told that they ought to be expelled from the State. The Declaration of Independence was read on July 4th at the Convention in Kansas City, and made a part of the Democratic platform; but by North Carolina Democracy it is not considered to apply to negroes nor to white men who do not vote the machine ticket.

The claim is made that "the Constitution follows the Flag." Perhaps it has gone to the Philippines or to China—it has certainly departed from North Carolina during this election; and many of the provisions of the Constitution of North Carolina are placed in jeopardy until the fraudulent returns of this election are made. Thus voters are deprived of their right to elect their representatives and officers, as no law was left by which they could get the aid of a judge to protect them in their right to vote and have true returns made. Unconstitutional regulations have taken the place of the guaranteed right of suffrage and representation; and those in a little brief authority are the masters who select the rulers and servants of the people. At first it was cheating negroes, but now it is depriving the right to an honest ballot and fair count those who were born free.

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## Ought to Stop the Negro Howl.

[Reform Church Corinthian.]

"How to use the victor" is the question which is attracting the attention of the more thoughtful men in the successful political party in North Carolina. It is gratifying that these men are saying that the promises made during the campaign shall be carried out; the negro shall be protected in all his rights and that no political campaign shall be made upon the issue of "nigger." Less than this can hardly be done and maintain party integrity.

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