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DOES DANIELS SPEAK FOR BRYAN.

"We will not permit Butler to take any part in the Democratic campaign for Bryan," said Josephus Daniels, Democratic National Committeeman for North Carolina. "He cannot speak upon any Democratic stage, and will be repudiated by us." —Washington Star.

Simmons admits receiving campaign money from the Southern Railroad as follows:

"I HAVE NEVER APPEARED FOR THAT (SOUTHERN) RAILROAD IN ANY CAPACITY. IT HAS NEVER PAID ME A CENT OF MONEY IN MY LIFE EXCEPT A CONTRIBUTION MADE TO ME AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE IN 1898, WHICH WAS SPENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PARTY."

Extract from Simmons' letter in the News and Observer, Sept. 18th, 1900.

REDSHIRT RUFFIANISM IN COLORADO.

A few days ago Mr. Roosevelt, the Republican candidate for Vice President, Senator Wolcott and the Republican candidate for Governor of Colorado, were at Victor, Colorado, to fill an appointment to speak. Their meeting, however, was broken up by a gang of rowdies, who seems to have employed about the same methods employed by the Simmons redshirts in North Carolina to prevent free speech and to break up public meetings. The conduct of these redshirt rowdies is not only a disgrace to Colorado, but to the whole country. Mr. Bryan was quick to see that the conduct of the redshirt anarchists in Colorado would be disapproved of and denounced by all fair minded citizens, and that it would do him more harm than good. Therefore, he gave out an official interview the next morning deploring and denouncing the conduct of those who had denied free speech and broken up a public meeting; and as a further effort to atone for this crime against republican institutions, he requested his friends in Lincoln, Nebraska, to take his picture from every show window in the town on the day that Mr. Roosevelt should go there to speak. This action of Mr. Bryan's is very commendable, and is [illegible] man liberty and for government by the consent of the governed. But we regret to have to state that up to date Mr. Bryan has not denounced similar methods employed by the Democratic machine in North Carolina.

IMPERIALISM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND IMPERIALISM IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Mr. Bryan in his speeches out West, is each day quoting from the Declaration of Independence, and quoting the utterances of Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson in support of those great fundamental principles of free speech, liberty and good government. He has grown eloquent each day in denouncing imperialism, and showing that wherever there is government without the consent of the governed, that there, there is imperialism. It would be interesting to see Mr. Bryan come to North Carolina and make one of these speeches. He could not do so without denouncing Simmons and the whole Redshirt Democratic machine. Indeed, he would have to denounce them with greater vigor than he denounces Mr. McKinley's policy in the Philippines. If the inauguration of imperialism over savages thousands of miles away in the Pacific ocean is an attack upon the fundamental principles of good government, is not the inauguration of imperialism in North Carolina over our own people who fought for their liberties in the Revolutionary War a thousand times worse?

Wilmington does not seem to be up to date in the matter of ballot-box stuffing. In New Hanover Co. the machine seems to have been content with preventing any one opposed to the Democratic ticket from voting, that is, those they did not kill in 1898. It seems that they served notice on them that they would kill them this time if they voted. But Halifax and other negro counties were not satisfied with preventing the opposition from voting, but took great pains to see that every negro vote especially was registered in order that it might be counted for the Democratic ticket. In this way Halifax gets a stolen majority of about 6,000, while New Hanover gets less than half that amount. The Wilmington machine is badly behind the times.

Did the negroes in Halifax county vote for the amendment and for the Democratic ticket or were their votes stolen and counted for that ticket? We await the answer of the Simmons machine to this question. We are willing for them to select whichever horn of the dilemma they prefer.

What a glorious boon is liberty—in the Philippines. The Simmons machine tried to crucify it in North Carolina in the recent campaign.

WHAT A HOLLOW MOCKERY!

Mr. Lee S. Overman, in a speech to the Democratic Clubs in this city last week said:

"We are Democrats. We are proud of our party's past history and its traditions. It stands for the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution sacred."

Surely Mr. Overman must be woefully ignorant of the principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence and the guarantees of the Federal Constitution, in making such an assertion; or else he has forgotten the recent "force and fraud" campaign, in which thousands of white men, whose ancestors fought at Alamance, King's Mountain and Moore's Creek, lost their political liberties by having their ballots stolen from them.

Neither the Declaration of Independence, that "all men are created equal" nor the constitution was in any sense "sacred" to the Democratic machine.

What a sham and hollow mockery is it for Mr. Overman now to declare that his party here in North Carolina has any regard for the Federal Constitution or the Declaration of Independence!

In this State it stands for "force, fraud," anarchy, redshirtism and government by the mob.

Indeed, with such a "history" and such a RECORD as it has made in North Carolina in the last two campaigns, why should not every Democrat rise to his full height and declare that he is "PROUD" of his party and its RECENT CONDUCT in denying men the right of free speech—thus trampling under foot the sacred guarantees of the Constitution!

FACTS ABOUT THE FRAUDS IN HALIFAX.

In another column, under the heading of "Force, Fraud and Intimidation, will be found a report from Halifax county. If the facts stated in this report are correct it shows that the Simmons machine in that county, not only counted the solid negro vote of that county for the Democratic ticket and for the amendment, but that they actually counted in some precincts more votes than the total registered vote of all parties. In this connection it will be remembered that on the night of the election the red shirt machine of Halifax county telegraphed Mr. Simmons that they had carried the county by six thousand majority, and it is reported that Mr. Simmons replied asking them to reduce that majority. If we remember correctly the papers for two or three days announced the majority at about 1,000, and then it suddenly jumped up to 6,000 and pers. We have been told that the Democratic machine in Halifax Co. submitted for two or three days to Mr. Simmons' order to reduce the majority for decency sake, and then they swore that they were entitled to the Democratic banner, and having stolen the votes they must have the credit for their rascality, and they insisted that the majority be put down at about 6,000. If there is any mistake in the facts reported from Halifax county, THE CAUCASIAN will gladly correct it. We will wait a week or two without comment to see if a correction is asked. But one thing is certain, as the matter now stands: that Halifax county, the biggest negro county in the State, is entitled to the Democratic banner.

No man who left the Democratic party on account of the action of the machine has any reason to return to it. It is safe to say that the Democratic machine, after its recent campaign of abuse, vituperation, mob violence and murder, can not appeal with any success to the law-abiding, conservative element, to join it. The masses have respect for law and order, while the Simmons crowd stand for the opposite.

It would be interesting to know the amount of the contribution that Simmons received from the Southern railroad for campaign purposes in 1898.

Wonder if Simmons will get six thousand majority in Halifax county in the Senatorial primary? If not, why not? Will he make the four thousand and more "niggers" vote for him?

The Democrats of Ohio are charging that the Republicans have the Goebel election law there and that under it they will steal the State We suggest that they might try the Simmons law if they want to steal by wholesale and be sure that there will be no witnesses on hand to testify to the fact.

The cause of truth, justice and liberty cannot be advanced without diligent efforts and personal sacrifices. Our ancestors did not stop to count the cost in their struggle for liberty. Shall it be said that we are degenerate sons of noble sires? Are you willing to work to preserve your liberty?

Does Mr. Bryan endorse the Democratic brand of imperialism in this State? We do not believe that he does, otherwise he could not each day be quoting the fine and lofty sentiments of Jefferson and Lincoln for liberty and advocating the great principles of the declaration of the independence. But would it not be well for him to take a little of his time to denounce the red shirt anarchy in North Carolina along with the milder form of imperialism in the Philippines?

WHERE WAS LIBERTY IN THIS STATE.

The Biblical Recorder of last issue had an excellent editorial on "Christianity and Liberty.'

"Christianity is the mother of Liberty" says the Recorder, and if that be true we rise to ask our contemporary why was the "mother" silent or absent in the last campaign when Liberty was being so ruthlessly stabbed?

If "Christianity" is the "mother of Liberty" she should certainly have asserted herself when bloodshed, riot and anarchy were rife in the State prior to the last election, that precious boon, Liberty, was receiving death wounds in the grand old State that was first to protest against the injustice, wrongs and oppressions of the despised English King who denied the colonists any voice in the government.

The Recorder states a truism in the following:

"Give a man the right to vote and by any means deny him the privilege of thinking or speaking, and you have a slave."

The Recorder can be of valuable service to the people of the State who love honesty in politics by joining with THE CAUCASIAN in urging the repeal of the infamous Goebel-Simmons law under which such glaring frauds are committed.

The repeal of this law and the enactment of one that is fair to all political parties will remove all danger of making a "slave" of a man who as the law now exists, is denied the privilege of voting and having his vote counted as cast, unless he votes with the Simmons "force and fraud" crowd. The Recorder, no doubt, has many subscribers who had their ballots stolen from them in the last campaign and it should join now in an effort to remove such a disgraceful law from the statute books. Will our esteemed contemporary take up its cudgel against this vicious law and advocate one that is fair and just?

Speaking of Liberty the Recorder says:

"There can be no liberty unless there is liberty of thought and of speech—and we mean absolute opportunity without any hindrance whatever save honorable argument and persuasion. Without such liberty our country would fall very quickly. A free press and a free platform standing for liberty of speech, a free church standing for soul liberty, a free school system standing for freedom to think, a free ballot standing for freedom to act—upon these is our nation founded, and each one of them is an essential part of a whole."

MAYOR JONES ON IMPERIALISM.

Mayor Jones, of Toledo, Ohio, who ran for governor of Ohio last year polled over 100,000 votes, is out making speeches for Bryan.

A few days ago, while he was speaking on imperialism, some one in the audience asked him what he thought of imperialism in North Carolina. Mr. Jones promptly replied that he was against imperialism anywhere, and that if he was in North Carolina that he would fight the Democratic brand of imperialism there just as he was fighting the Republican brand of imperialism in the Philippines.

Mayor Jones might have gone a step further, and shown how much more odious and unjustifiable imperialism is here in North Carolina over our own people, than it could possibly be in the Philippine Islands

The Democratic candidate for governor of Delaware, in opening his campaign in that State the other day, said that honest elections lay at the very foundation of Republican institutions. He said that until every voter could cast one free vote, and have that vote counted as cast, that there could be no other question for free men to consider. What would that Democratic candidate for governor of Delaware say if he should read the Simmons election law and then see the red shirt ballot box stuffing machine at work? The law was drawn to legalize the deepest fraud and the blackest rascality. But the election officers went further in their thievery than even that infamous law provided. There is not an honest man in the State who can endorse the methods of the red shirt machine.

Can you find one honest man in your neighborhood who endorsed the methods of the Simmons machine in breaking up public meetings and denying free speech by red shirt mobs and also in stuffing ballot boxes and stealing votes by the wholesale? If so, please send us his name and post office and let us know how honest you think he is.

If it was right to deny the People's Party and the Republican party representation of their own selection on the election boards at the August election, then why do the candidates for the Senate demand this right at the Senatorial primary? It seems that they were willing for Simmons to steal votes from Republicans and Populists, but they are not willing for him to steal from them their part of the stolen goods.

The receiving of stolen goods is just as great a crime as the stealing of them. Therefore those who have received the stolen offices are no better than the Simmons Redshirt machine that did the stealing.

The great Lincoln who believed in the liberty of man, said: "Stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong."

JARVIS IN THE RACE.

Ex-Governor Jarvis, of "disinterests visiting statesman" fame, has announced through the press, his candidacy for the Senate.

He writes a history of his services to his party in past campaigns and appeals to the voters to reward him on the ground of past services. He "points with pride" to his brief career in the Senate as an earnest of the great things he will do if chosen for the position.

Indeed, the whole State will await in breathless silence the annoucement of the glorious (?) and brilliant (?) achievements in the Senate by the "distinguished visiting statesman."

It is surprising that he should have so long kept his senatorial achievements in the background.

In his letter Senator Jarvis says: "We have a common enemy whose policies tend to undermine and endanger the very foundation of this Republic, and which if not checked will in time convert it into an oligarchy, if not an empire."

Truly the "distinguished visiting statesman," who is now so fearful lest this grand Republic be transformed into an "empire," has lost sight of the fact that he and the Simmons "oligarchy" were engaged in a dastardly struggle in the last election to "convert" this old State into a political "empire," to be dominated solely by an "oligarchy" that has no respect for the rights of others. On the contrary the "consent of the governed" was in no sense a guiding principle with the North Carolina Democracy.

Let the "disinterested visiting statesman" and all others who denounce imperialism abroad sweep their own doors first; let them "practice what they preach."

While craving justice and self-government for the Filipinos let these North Carolina Democrats first manifest some degree of consistency and honesty in the principle at home. We believe in free, popular government everywhere, and that the Filipinos should be given the right to govern themselves; but we likewise ask justice first for our own country.

THIS IS IMPERIALISM.

Gov. Roosevelt, in a speech at Canyon City, Col., the next day after he was assaulted by a mob and his meeting broken up at Victor, referred to the matter, while imperialism, as follows:

"The only danger of imperialism is if it is invited as a reaction against anarchy. Anarchy is the handmaiden of tyrranny. If ever we grow to substitute lawless mob violence for the orderly liberty that we enjoy under the law; if ever we grow to substitute the rule of brutal force for the rule of the ballot, where the ballot is cast freely and counted as cast; if ever we grow to exchange for government by debate in the legislatures of the country and on the stump; if ever we grow to exchange for those the violence that finds expression in either word or deed, then we will indeed be within a measurable distance of losing our liberty. Then, and not till then, the worst thing this country can have is the man sitting in ease at home exciting other men who are ignorant to deeds of violence, and whether the exciting to violence be by a politician or the editor of a newspaper, the effect is the same."

In the above Gov. Roosevelt has described the real and most dangerous kind of imperialism. It is the kind that will crucify liberty and destroy the Republic, if it is ever destroyed.

The above is the kind of imperialism we have in North Carolina, and we feel sure that Mr. Bryan does not endorse it any more than does Gov. Roosevelt. But when he condemns it, he must condemn the Simmons machine in this State,

Col. Kenan has been re-elected clerk of the Supreme court, and the News and Observer says that distinguished tribune "has done well." If you want to win praise from the average Democratic machine paper, do something that will enable a Democrat to get an office and immediately you become a nice fellow, and are lauded for a "graceful" act. Everybody will remember how abrasive the News and Observer was when certain decisions of that court caused some Democrats to lose their offices on account of being elected by unconstitutional methods.

There are only 2,369 white voters in Edgcombe county, yet that county went Democratic (?) in August by 3,500 majority, Now, the question arises, will the Carr and Simmons vote combined in Edgcombe be 2,369, or will they still have that 3,500 majority? Will they have all the "niggers" down there to go Democratic (?) again? If the combined vote is only 2,369, will they not show to what extent fraud and vote stealing were practiced?

Can there be any compromise with "fraud, force" and dishonesty in politics, any more than in business affairs? Let every honest man deliberately ask himself these questions: "Do I want my boy brought up in an atmosphere of fraud, dishonesty and corruption? Do I want him taught to disregard law and order?"

BRYAN'S VIEW OF ASSAULT.

He Says It Was Not the Work of a Political Organization.

Nebraska City, Nebr., Sept. 26.—Being shown a telegram to the effect that Theodore Roosevelt was assaulted at Victor, Colo., by a band of hired ruffians to-night, Mr. Bryan wrote the following statement:

"From what I know of the people of Colorado, I am not willing to believe without further evidence that they denied to Mr. Roosevelt or to any one else a fair hearing. If it proves true that he was mobbed or in any way interfered with, I am sure that it was not the work of any political organization. There can be no justification for a resort to violence in this country, and those who resort to it injure the cause which they represent."

Before leaving for Nebraska City this evening, Mr. Bryan, in a note to the press, requested that his political friends remove his pictures from the windows on October 2 as a matter of courtesy to the Republican candidate for Vice President, Col. Roosevelt, who visits the city on that day.

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

A Business Man Forced to Leave Kinston on Account of Mistreatment by the Democrats.

EDITOR CAUCASIAN—DEAR SIR:—As I have never written anything to the CAUCASIAN, I thought I would like to have space in it to say a word or two about the way I was treated in the August election. The night of the election I was met by a mob of one hundred men whose purpose it was to rotten egg me, because I did not vote the Democratic ticket, and they would have succeeded in their purpose had I not entered a store near by and been protected by the store keeper.

This occurred in Kinston where I was in business, and the mistreatment I received there caused me to leave the town and leave my business in the hands of a friend. The day of election I was giving out tickets and some of the Democrats around me began smoking in my face, but I did not resist, as I knew that was what they wanted. They found that would not do, and they pushed one of their number against my table, turning the table over and scattering the tickets over the floor. When it came time to count they would not allow any one of our party to see them counted, neither did they allow us any poll holder. When the votes were counted out they gave us only 45 votes against the amendment, while I think the votes cast against it were between three and four hundred. There has never been a time in the history of the State when so much fraud was carried on.

J. T. BARKER

Gum Branch, N. C., Sept. 28, 1900.

Congressional Convention 3d District.

The Populist Congressional Convention of the Third District assembled in the court house, in the town of Clinton, on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1900, and was called to order by Mr. V. J. McArthur, Chairman of [illegible] called Mr. J. McK Byrd, of Harnett as temporary chairman, and Mr. W. G. McCullen, local editor of THE CAUCASIAN, as temporary Secretary and W. F. Sessoms as Assistant Secretary.

Temporary organization was made permanent.

The following were appointed a committee on Platform and Resolutions:

W. C. Wilcox, of Moore county.
S. M. Jackson, of Harnett county.
L. J. Tew, of Cumberland county.
J. W. Smith, of Bladen county.
R. G. Maxwell, of Duplin county.
S. T. Johnson and Maj. George E. Butler, of Sampson county.

While the committee was out preparing its report the Convention was highly entertained by addresses from Messrs. J. C. McMillan and R. G. Maxwell, of Duplin, and T. E. Owen, of Sampson.

The Committee on Platforms and Resolutions returned and submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted by the Convention.

RESOLUTIONS.

1, That we are citizens of North Carolina, freemen, and are entitled by virtue of the State Constitution to free and fair elections, and therefore demand same.

2, That we are entitled to freedom from interference and any attempt at intimidation, and to this end we demand the abolition of red shirts.

3, That we demand that the violation of all law and order in interfering with public speakers, entitled to free speech, be established and that men be guaranteed their free liberty in this respect.

4, That we most heartily endorse our State and national platforms, and pledge ourselves to their furtherance in every particular.

5, That we heartily endorse and approve the course of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

W. C. Wilcox, Moore Co.
S. M. Jackson, Harnett Co.
L. J. Tew, Cumberland Co.
J. W. Smith, Bladen Co.
S. T. Johnson, Sampson Co.
R. G. Maxwell, Duplin Co.
G. E. Butler, Sampson Co.
J. E. Garrett, Cumberland Co.

Nominations then being in order, Mr. J. E. Garrett, Chairman of the Populist Executive Committee, of Cumberland county, arose, and in a well worded speech presented to the Convention the name of Hon. John E. Fowler, of Sampson county, no other name being presented to the Convention, the nomination of Mr. Fowler was made unanimous.

On motion of Mr. W. F. Sessoms, Chairman of the Populist Executive Committee of Sampson county, a committee consisting of Mr. J. E. Garrett, of Cumberland county and Mr. R. A. Wilkins, of Duplin county; were appointed to notify Mr. Fowler of his nomination.

The Committee reported with the person of Mr. Fowler, who took the stand, and in a short, but well-directed speech accepted the nomination.

Mr. C C. Vann, of Duplin county, was elected a member of the State Executive committee in place of Mr. E. M. Cole, of Moore county.

Mr. V. J. McArthur was re-elected Chairman of the Congressional Committee of the 3d District.

On motion of Mr. W. C. Wilcox, of Moore, the Convention then adjourned.

J. Mc. K. BYRD, Chairman.
W. G. MCCULLEN, Sec.

INDIGNATION MEETING.

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ger, nigger" again. Our county Democratic organ had very early in the campaign pronounced the election law a good thing, as one "endorsed by all good men, and approved by ministers of the gospel even," and it really looked as if it were so. Men whom we had been taught to look upon as sans peur et sans reproche, as set apart as an example for their fellow-men, godly and godfearing, wise in their day and generation, laying up a sure foundation for the time to come, exhorters in the churches, some ministers even, were engaged in the cry that we have listened to for 35 years and that has no reason in fact, "nigger, nigger, nigger." Try to argue the question with one of them, if you pleased, and the logic that had stood him in good stead in bringing sinners to repentance, utterly failed him, but with a vacant stare, totally at variance with an honest desire, he would reply: "The time has come for all white men to stand together." This course may be subject to explanation, but until that explanation is made one must be impressed with the truth of the couplet:

"Making good the saying odd,
Near the church and far from God."

Preachers were the red-shirt members of the churches engaged in practices that will forever damage their influence for good—for what purpose? Was it to disfranchise the negro? No. For 30 years he has been disfranchised and, not only so, but his vote has been counted for the Democrats, and will be until the end of time. Then what was it? Was it because the opposition was of that character, morally or otherwise, calculated to bring reproach upon the county? We might ask for a comparison of nominees and accept a Democratic jury were it not a marked characteristic of that party that

"—— After much debate,
The man prevails above the magistrate."

Then what was it? It was for the purpose of disrupting the Populist party. Did they do it? Go to Sampson county and see, go to Harnett county to-morrow. The principles for which they fought is as important today as yesterday, and the party as strong as when first organized. What was the cry immediately after the election? Was it not that Marion Butler would have to leave the State? Has he done it? They would like to see him go.

To all outward appearances it was not as violent a campaign as its predecessors of two years before. The midnight robber gives no notice of his approach to his intended victim The slogan of their Governor, as reported through the newspapers, was that the last campaign was one of force, this was to be one of fraud. The election board in Cumberland had secured the services of their agents. The discussion in this county was but a "blind". A campaign that has no equal in the State with such limited means, personally conducted by Senator Butler, was waged by the Populists with every appearance of 50 000 majority in the State. We had every prospect of carrying this county. The morning of election [illegible] polling places roped off and bailiffs and partisan judges in place, but Populists had no representation. The first news received in the morning was that the registration books at Cedar Creek, a strong Populist stronghold had been stolen. After this we were prepared for intimidation and fraud from every quarter, and it came from Black River, Flea Hill No. 1 and 2, Hale's School House, Newton's, Ray's, Gray's Creek, Carver's Creek, etc., and in Cross Creek, not content with counting the entire negro vote, for the constitutional Amendment and their ticket the few personal votes cast by friends for Populist candidates were counted for the opposition. This may be right in the eyes of some. It may even be "endorsed by good men and approved by ministers of the gospel even," but let us hope that it is not endorsed by all good men and all ministers of the gospel, for certain it is that, if such were the case, the devil has a clear title to the human family, or that portion of it represented by the so-called Democracy. There is one consolation. The fusionists came out of the contest with hands untarnished with fraud, and with consciences clear. They knew that they had been vilely defrauded and as put by a Democratic paper were "simply infuriated," and it is an infuriation that will last. Their confidence is destroyed in their fellowman and in some cases can never be restored. Their respect even for some claiming to be embassadors of the lowly Nazarene is gone. They know that never again in the history of North Carolina can there be a fair, free expression of opinion at the ballot box so long as the Democratic party holds the reins of government. But they are asking no quarters. They are not "bending the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning." They are not protesting against a Democratic victory, but are protesting against the means of its accomplishment They are not seeking by this means to alter that verdict; such an effort may be resorted to in other ways and by other means. They have been insulted; their speakers have been denied free speech in the State; violence has in many instances been used to prevent them from assembling themselves together, and this in violation of the constitution of North Carolina. In a sister county seventeen of her sons have been dragged from their homes into another county, to be tried for having the manhood to give expression to their contempt and utter abhorrence of the methods adopted by partisans, both dishonest and fraudulent. They were entitled to trial in their own county, and the only reason that can be ascribed is that the prosecution feared the issue where they are best known.

In this county of Cumberland we have been refused the use of the the court house for a public speaking, something unheard of before, and when it is remembered that we have an equal interest in that building as citizens and tax payers of the county, and as much right to its use as have other citizens and other political parties, it becomes a matter of the utmost importance to us to know how long before every right and privilege will be abridged Men have been discharged from employment for voting the Populist ticket, and it is a mooted question with many as to how long we will be allowed to serve God according to the dictates of our own consciences. Talk about imperialism as a national issue, forsooth, when imperialism in its darkest and most aggravated form exists in North Carolina. Talk about Filipino imperialism when we have North Carolina imperialism administered to us at the hands of Bryan Democrats, with the cry of imperialism on their tongues.

It is charged that Bryan talks about imperialism in the West and that he is not only an apologist and advocate of Goebelism in Kentucky, but Simmonsism in North Carolina. Let us hope for the sake of humanity that this is not true. Can it be possible, as reported, that he has instructed his special organs in this State to advocate Simmons for Senator, and that they have dipped their flags and are obeying? If so, truly the memory of Vance is dead and we have fallen upon troublesome times!

The present election law, in the hands of corrupt agents, can be so manipulated as to forever prevent a majority from controlling.

All that we ask is that men be allowed to vote as they please, and that their votes be counted

Upon this showing, your committee would respectfully submit for your consideration the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

RESOLVED 1. That we deplore and abhor the methods adopted by the Democratic machine in this State and regret that they find it necessary to resort to such methods in order to maintain their control of affairs.

2. That we are freemen, North Carolinians, entitled to every consideration guaranteed to us by the constitution—the right to assemble ourselves together; endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, such as life and liberty; that we are entitled to free elections; that we are entitled to free speech; that no human authority should in any way interfere with the rights of conscience. We are entitled to protection by the constitution of North Carolina. That failing, we are also entitled to protection by the United States government, and we are justified now in asking for that protection.

3. That North Carolina was never so disgraced as she was when, during the August campaign, the gallant Confederate soldier, Capt R. B. Davis, and others were assaulted and prevented from filling their appointments by armed bands of red-shirts and scoundrels; and we denounce them as violating the laws of North Carolina, but we recognize their immunity from punishment by the obstacles that will be thrown in the way of any appeal to justice at the hands of a partisan magistracy and judiciary.

4. That we and each of us hold ourselves in readiness to prosecute to the end in the Federal Court any such attempt on the part of ballot box stuffers and red-shirts to hold other than a fair election and to give other than a fair count in the pending campaign.

5. That we denounce the present election law as violative not only of the highest moral law given to man, but as destructive of liberty and subversive of the very genius of our institutions; as alike dangerous to the creator and manipulator as well as to the coerced and defrauded; as destroying honesty and integrity and heaping up distrust and hatred; as defecting the will of the people and crushing the result of the ballot; as giving to men offices to which they are not entitled and defrauding men to whom the honors and emoluments of same justly belong; as suborning the courts and defiling the springs of justice; as furnishing to a partisan judiciary the necessary stamina to do the behests of its party and placing law and order at a discount.

6. That we still have an abiding faith in the courage, honesty, wisdom and patriotism of the Hon. Marion Butler, whose life, public and private, pure, as it is, is a sufficient answer to his traducers, and we wish thus publically to give expression to our confidence and esteem.

J. E. GARRETT, Cross Creek.
D. C. DOWNING, Cedar Creek.
G. F. BULLARD, Beaver Dam.
H. M. FILLYAW, 71st Township.
JOHN C. CURRIE, Quewhiffle.
JAMES PATE, Grays Creek.
D. G. MCLELLAN, Black River.
M. N. BULLARD, Pearce's Mill.
CYRUS MURPHY, Flea Hill.
H. M. PATE, Rockfish.

The Simmons and Carr forces may make the Senatorial campaign quite lively.


STRICTURE

When neglected, almost invariably results in a score of serious complications, frequently causing uremic poisoning resulting in death. Stricture, even when slight, weakens the whole urinary and genital organism and the whole nervous system. The ordinary methods resorted to for a cure are not only excruciatingly painful, but frequently cause disorders as serious as the stricture itself.

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WHEREAS, official information has been received at this department that Jonathan Bennett, on the first day of November, 1897, in Yancey county, N. C., did kill and murder one Lenora Ray, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the said Jonathan Bennett has fled the State, or so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him:

Now, therefore, I, D. L. Russell Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority in me vested by law, do issue this my proclamation, offering a reward of Two Hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Jonathan Bennett to the Sheriff of Yancey county at the Court-house in Burnsville, N. C., and I do enjoin all officers of the State and all good citizens to assist in bringing said criminal to justice.

Done at our City of Raleigh, the 23th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and in the one hundred and twenty-fifth year of our American Independence.

DANIEL L. RUSSELL.

By the Governor:
BAYLUS CADE,
Private Secretary.