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Craven Negroized.

Sixty-Five in Office—White Ladies Must Marry With Negro—Signed Licenses—Facts That Can't Be Disputed.

Mr. F. B. Arendell in the News and Observer says:

"There are sixty-five negroes holding responsible positions in Craven county, to say nothing of special deputies, road overseers, etc.

Now, if this is a Democratic lie, it is a whopper. If it's a lie at all it is a great big kinky-headed lie that ought to have the life stamped out of it. But let's see if it is not the truth, and nothing but the truth.

I have just spent two days in and around the city of Newbern, and I am going to draw a picture for the white men and white women of North Carolina to look upon. I am not going to color the picture, but I am going to paint it as it is. The duty is not a pleasing one. I wish the picture looked a little less hideous to me, I wish it had a bright side or even a gilt edge, but it has neither.

A prominent citizen of Newbern said to me: "Wont you please tell the people of North Carolina the condition of public affairs in Craven county."

"What shall I tell them," I asked this gentleman, and now I am going to let him draw the outlines of the horrible picture. "Tell them" said he, "that we have twenty-seven ignorant incompetent and in most instances unprincipled negro magistrates in Craven county."

"Tell them," he continued, "that we have not a single white deputy sheriff in Craven county, and that we have a sheriff now in office, a candidate for reselection who boldly and publicly asserts that no white man need apply."

"Tell them that the next representation in the Legislature from Craven county will be a negro man, who has been twice tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary before Republican judges."

"Tell them that the next treasurer of Craven county will be a negro bar-room keeper."

"Tell them that the white women of Craven county cannot teach the white children in the public schools until a negro school committeeman has had his say in the matter."

"Tell them that a white girl—and God has given them to us as sweet, as pure and as beautiful as ever stood in the twinkle of a star—cannot even for sweet sentiment sake obtain a license to marry and have it signed or delivered by one of her race."

"Tell them that white men in Craven county have to work the public roads under negro overseers."

"Tell them that white men and white women in Craven county are summoned before negro magistrates by negro constables and deputies and frequently prosecuted by negro lawyers."

"Tell them that the city attorney, for the city of Newbern, is a negro."

"Tell them that five of the guardians of the homes and liberties of the people of Newbern are incompetent, ignorant, and in most cases insolent and corrupt negroes."

"And tell them, for humanity's sake and for the sake of peace, that the white people of Eastern North Carolina cannot and will not always tolerate those conditions—that endurance will cease to be a virtue,

and a reign of terror take the place of a reign of ruin.

"Tell the white men of North Carolina to come to our relief with their ballot, and head off this horrible tendency to completely negroize one of the best sections of the grand old State."

"But some of these fusion leaders will declare that these are Democratic lies," I suggested. "Can we back them up with official statements and affidavits taken from the records and certified to by those who keep those records."

"Yes, sir, go into any department of the county or city government, and let the records tell their own tales."

I went into the office of the clerk of the Superior court and asked him to give me a list of the negro magistrates in Craven county. He gave them to me from the records in his office, and here is the list of negro magistrates:

[We here omit 26 names for want of space.]

I asked for an official certificate as to the correctness of this list, and here it is:

State of North Carolina,
Craven County.

I, W. M. Watson, clerk Superior court of Craven county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true list of the colored magistrates of this county as appearing on the records in this office.

W. M. WATSON,
Clerk Superior Court.

Newbern, N. C., August 16, 1898.

I asked a Republican how many white deputy sheriffs there were in Craven county.

"Not one," he replied, "we give these positions to the colored men."

I asked for a list of the regular negro deputies, and here it is: Nathan Cobb, J. H. Fisher, Willis Pettipher, J. C. Payne and E. C. Physis.

I was told that the white man who was re-nominated for sheriff of Craven county by the Republican county convention, boldly stated in his speech of acceptance that he was going to give all the positions under him to the negroes, and that no white man need apply.

I asked another prominent white Republican to give the names, color and politics of the men nominated by the last Craven county Republican convention. He readily complied, and here is the list. For sheriff, J. L. Hahn, white; for clerk, E. W. Carpenter, white; for register of deeds, J. B. Willis, negro; for treasurer, Chris. Roach, negro; for the House of Representatives, Isaac H. Smith, negro; coroner, W. L. Lassiter, negro; county commissioner, R. G. Mosely, negro; county commissioner, R. P. Williams, white; township constable, J. P. Stanly, negro; county standard keeper, Jas. Dudley negro.

"I see you have no Populists on the ticket," I remarked.

"No, we don't need them in Craven county," was the reply.

I asked the clerk of the Superior court to give me a list of the negro school committeemen in Craven county, and here is the list: H. E. Dawson, John A. Dixon, Jr., W. D. Pettipher, Thos. L. Moore, Jonas Hargett, W. F. Morgan, Nero Croon, John R. Holland, Jesse Brooks, Robt. R. Davis, W. W. Lawrence and R. W. Williamson.

I obtained a list of the negro po-

licemen in the city of Newbern, and here it is:

Isaac Richardson, R. C. Baker, Henry Pasteur, A. A. Bryant and Bob Mosely.

The following negroes are on the Board of town commissioners: W. H. Johnson, J. E. Shepherd and Elias Hays. In the Register of Deed's office are two negro clerks, A. W. Weatherington and George Willis. Then there are special negro deputies, negro constables and negro road overseers, all over the county. Of these negro road overseers under whom white men have to work the public roads I shall have something to say in a subsequent letter. I shall also have something to say in detail as to the character of and records of some of those who are entrusted with the affairs of this city and county.

I could tell here of the harvest that is being reaped as a result of negro domination in Craven county, but what is the use? Doesn't every thinking white man in North Carolina know that the fruits of ignorant and incompetent control are bad, very bad, I could tell of indignities heaped upon as brave and as loyal white people as live within our borders, but what's the use. Doesn't every intelligent man in the State know that insolence and arrogance are the natural results of negro domination wherever you find it?

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. W. J. Swink, of China Grove, is here today.

—Mr. Jno. Yorke returned to Charlotte this morning after spending several days at home.

—Mrs. Jno. Allison returned home this morning from Salisbury where she has been at the bedside of Miss Craig, who is quite sick.

—Mr. A. P. Connelly, one of the clever insurance agents, came to Concord this morning.

—Miss Ora Hoover went to Zeb, in Rowan county, this morning to attend a missionary convention near there today and tomorrow.

—Mrs. Robt. Doyal and her visiting friend, Miss Pritchard, are spending today at the home of Mr. W. J. Swink at China Grove.

—Photographer W. J. Moose and family returned to Salisbury yesterday evening, after spending Sunday with relatives here.

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Mr. Dan Krimminger, one of the watermelon raisers has the business down fine. He brought us a melon Monday evening that was exactly 60 days from planting, it having been that length of time since the seed was put in the ground. This, he says, is an exceptionally short maturity for them.

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