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The Great Contest.

Mr. C B Aycock Confronts the Wiley Dr. Cyrus Thompson.

MR. AYCOCK OPENS THE DEBATE WITH VIGOR AND ELOQUENCE.

Thompson Comes Forward With Sarcasm and Innuendoes as if to Sweep the Field But Tames Under Aycock's Rejoinder and Neutralizes His Strongest Points.

(Continued from yesterday).

Like Mr. Butler, Mr. Caldwell and others of a feather, he claimed that the Democrats showed themselves insincere when they did not accept fusion. He thought that if Democrats had been sincere they would not have nominated Klutz but would all have voted for Morrison Caldwell. They had forgotten the pepper on Mr. Butler at Monroe and would have co-operated with the Democrats but were rejected. He said the Populists don't like to co-operate with the Republicans. No body likes to co-operate, but, said he, we have to fuse with the Democrats or the Republicans. He claimed the Democrats were gold bugs and the Populists had no body to co-operate with but gold-buys, admitting that it just had to co-operate with some party.

He charged that the Democrats were directed and bossed by A B Andrews [yet it was mean of us not to fuse with them.] He said "We offered to fuse on Democratic professions, we fight them now on their actions, which show their insincerity."

The doctor made an effort at a reply about legislative expenditures but we could not catch it. We do not know whether he bemuddled it on purpose or not. He showed how expenditures increased in the years of Democratic rule but he failed completely to show where economy or reduction of salaries were made to conform to 5 cent cotton and 40 cent wheat as he was asked to do. He tried to excuse the expenditures of the legislature on the ground that the appropriations were made on the recommendations of Democratic heads of the institutions. He said Jim Young did make a kind of general inspection, he for the colored and Prof. Meserve for the white, and that Supt. Ray did not complain. Democratic Montague appointed Jim as inspector, he said.

The outrageous negro domination in the east was all justified or atoned for by Mr. Thompson, with some instances where Democrats had appointed some negroes to certain positions. Lee S Overman, he said, appointed a negro member of the legislature to inspect asylums. He said that a negro has been Register of Deeds in Warren county for 20 years bonded by Democrats. Here again he asked the hypocritical gold bug Democrats to fuse with the Populists if they were afraid of negro domination.

He answered Mr. Aycock that Lloyd would not be taken down and if the Democrats put up a

man it would be the same as voting for the negro White. He took special pleasure in taunting T J Jarvis.

He touched on the school law and declared there was no politics in it but steered clear of the committees that had to be formed on political lines.

The negro Councilmen in Greenville, he said, offered to help to elect a white policeman [took good care not to say he was worthy] and being refused elected a negro.

He declared that the present administration is the most decent and sober that the State has had for years. He referred to several predecessor Democrats who went out of office to the Keely institute. His own office as he found it was like a bar room.

He charged that the Democratic Secretaries of State did not keep books and he gave a string of figures that made it appear that his predecessors had failed to account for money's coming into their hands and said he believed the Democratic campaign funds had been taken out of the Secretary of State's office. The impressions Dr. Thompson here tried to make were terrible in their nature, and if not disproven would make every honest Democrat hang his head in shame and seek some decent party.

He claimed much for the sobriety of the present administration and much against the intemperance of preceding ones.

He defended the penitentiary affairs and said it never had been self-sustaining. Democratic papers don't publish the report, said he, which is as good as any report from the penitentiary.

Mr. Aycock took up the affairs of Capt. Coke and Capt. Cooke, the doctor's predecessors, and showed that settlements had been made in good faith and in integrity, showing a check endorsed by Dr. Thompson that accounted for amounts that Dr. Thompson insinuated were unaccounted for. This was a stunner for Thompson.

He replied on the subject of temperance, citing instances like Judas Iscariot, Benedict Arnold and many others, including Butler, of whom too it could be said that they were sober men. He here poured into the doctor return measure of sarcasm, saying it was necessary for the doctor to keep sober to hobnob with the gold-bug Republicans, while professing to be more anxious for free coinage than Democrats are.

The doctor in a sarcastic way that delighted the men of his side taunted Mr. Aycock with holding on to a public office under McKinley worth about \$6,000 per year. This Mr. Aycock said was absolutely false. He resigned the office under President Cleveland to take an active part in politics, advocating free coinage, and that the office was made a salaried office instead of a fee office, and that he consented to a \$4,000 salary, assuring the government that \$4,000 was ample pay. He asked Mr. Thompson what he had done or said favoring less than \$6,000 for the Secretary of State.

Mr. Aycock closed with an eloquent appeal to the patriotism and the dignity of the race to restore the State again to its better days.

Dr. Thompson came on the stage

again immensely modified. He had to admit that Mr. Batchelor, the chief clerk in his predecessor's office whom he retained for some months, showed and vouched for all the proceeds of the office and that he believed Mr. Batchelor to be truthful and honest. He said he had not charged that money was misappropriated, but that the records did not show it. He said that he had only charged that there was a lagging in making reports and settlements.

He was completely turned from the offensive to the defensive, and declared that he was a Caucasian too and that the cry of negro supremacy is only an old Democratic trick. He brought cheers from his side by saying there are more disturbances in other Southern States than in North Carolina, but he made no allowance for greater numbers of the negroes, and failed in his whole effort to refute the testimony now common in all the newspapers of the insolent, oppressive and unbearable attitude of the negroes in our eastern counties.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. J G Hellig, of Salisbury, is spending today here.

—Capt. A Thies arrived here last night from Haile Gold Mine, S. C.

—Editor Dan Bivins, of the Stanly Enterprise, is in our city today on business.

—Attorney W G Means returned home from a northern trip last night.

—Mrs. S E White came in from Fort Mills, S. C., last night to visit her father, Esq. R W Allison who is in bad health.

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JUDGE DICK DEAD.

A Noted Jurist Succumbs to Bright's Disease at His Home in Greensboro.

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The Judge, it will be remembered, was led to resign his office last spring on account of that fatal malady, Bright's disease, against which his powers fought to be overcome, as above stated. The end came peacefully amid the circle of loved ones.

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