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CAPT. MASON'S SPEECH.

NOVEL IN PRESENTATION.

Negro in the Saddle When Democracy is Forsaken—What Negro Rule Means—He's the Bull in the China Shop—Do Your Duty, Ye Brave Men of Cabarrus.

There was much in the speech of Capt. Mason on Monday that was not altogether novel but was very patent truth in somewhat novel form.

Placing the ballot in the hands of the negro in the days of reconstruction even without the negro's claiming it or asking for it while the men who proved themselves worthy of confidence and held civil offices before the war were disfranchised he compared to putting the white man on all fours, strapping a saddle on him and letting the negro mount. In fact down east he said there were two negroes to ride on the back of every white man. The figure he showed to be not overdrawn.

In 1870 he said the white men rose and demanded of the negro to get out of the saddle and he himself rode till 1894. Then the negro got into the saddle again. How? Well, we had some Democrats of the rear-back kind. They were so straightly Democratic that they reared back. Democracy was too slow for them. They went out from us. Said he, we told them to mind they'd lead with the Republicans, but they would not listen.

They did land with them, and that's how "cuffy" got into the saddle again. The starter of this, he said, was Richmond Pearson, who went down to Sampson county and fixed it for Butler and Pritchard to go to the United States senate, himself and a few others including Gov. White to congress and the good Old State to go to the d—l, and it worked out to order.

In his township every magistrate was a negro but one and when a negro was involved he would not let the case be tried before him. The coroner would dig up almost every corps and hold an inquest till the county commissioners checked him by refusing to pay the bills.

The conditions led the Populists to reconsider and they came straight back as they had gone straight out. The people demanded that the legislature give them relief and emancipate the white man from negro rule in the east. The 15th amendment stood in the way. Using the metaphor of ploughing in a rooty stumpy new ground he

said the legislature just ploughed round this 15th amendment stump without hanging fast against it.

It is framed so that if you are a white man you can vote without knowing how to read and write but if you are a negro you must be able to read and write.

All persons becoming 21 years old after 1908 must be able to read and write. This is not hard for our boys can easily learn that and we had to make it thus to insure its constitutionality.

As the matter stands we legislate not against the negro but against his characteristics.

Our plan is better than those of Mississippi, South Carolina or Louisiana. That of Mississippi has stood for ten years without a riot in the state and has stood the test of the supreme court, and that of Louisiana is giving such satisfaction as to be pleasing to all parties.

He said there need be no concern for the voter but to do his duty in voting for it. The United States says the illiterate colored men of Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines are not fit to vote and there is little danger that the Supreme court will say that only in the south is he allowed by the constitution to vote.

All the powers of the United States had never reconstructed a community in the south any how.

He called attention to the negro convention in Buffalo where it was the declared purpose that they would never stop till there were mixed schools and no hindrances in the south to intermarriages of the races. This, said he, is what negro rule means for the south.

You may curse Democracy all you will, curse it as long as you like, curse it with all your might but it is here to protect your homes, your wives and daughters. Strike it down and you have Butler, Pritchard and George White and all that the history of your state records when Democracy's hands were weakened.

We do not hate the negro nor shall we wrong him but with a ballot in his hand he is like the bull in a china shop.

His closing appeals to the people of Cabarrus were pathetic but lofty.

Be true, said he, ye brave men of Cabarrus. Do your duty now on the 2nd day of August leaving the future to be met as it comes. Build factories, build your homes and all that prosperity brings but build white rule, white civilization, white manhood and white womanhood in North Carolina.

EX-GOVERNOR CARR DEAD.

Succumbs to Kidney Trouble on Sunday the 22nd—Leaves a Wife, Three Sons and Two Daughters—A Successful Administration of Office.

Ex-Governor Elias Carr died at his home in Edgecombe county on Sunday the 22nd and was buried on the 22nd.

Disease of the kidneys had warned him and his family of wife, three sons and two daughters that the end was coming.

The deceased was held in high esteem in public and private life. His administration of the office of governor was a success. His message to the fusion legislature of '94 was itself a monument to his work towering far above the reach of shafts of marble or brass.

The Governor and council have caused the flags on the public buildings in the Capitol to float at half mast for 30 days.

CLUB OF NO. 6.

Organized for White Supremacy—Ninety-eight Members Will Come in a Solid Column August 1st.

On the night of the 31st of June a White Supremacy Club was organized at the Cruse School house in No. 6 township. Mr. H S Puryear spoke to the club of the benefit of White Supremacy which consisted of 27 members. Mr. A E Furr was elected president, John A Suther vice-president and John A Watts secretary. The club has had three meetings lately and now enrolls 98 members. It will meet on the morning of August 1st at Safriet's shop and proceed to the barbecue in ore solid column. SEC.

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