

# The Messenger.

## WHAT BLACK RADICALISM HAS COST TAX-PAYERS.

The Messenger last week had something to say of heavy, oppressive taxes and the needless high expenditures in municipal, state, and federal governments. The rigid economy and high sense of responsibility of the fathers prior to the war have taken wings. The public expenses are like the hotel charges. Before the great war the finest hotels in the great cities charged \$2 a day. The war got the prices up and they have never come down. The charges are from \$3 to perhaps \$10 a day. The expenditures of governments of all kinds have increased at a much more rapid rate than the population has increased. The war sent up the cost of government, and for thirty-odd years it has rapidly multiplied and against all reason, all justice, all necessity. While the population of our country has increased 2 1/2 times, the public expenditures of the federal government have increased about seven times, and with a steady upward tendency. The republicans are mainly responsible for the robbery and oppression of the people. It is very strange that the tax-payers give so little attention to expenditures of officials and the great sums taken from them each year unnecessarily, unwisely unjustly and even unconstitutionally.

Let us come to North Carolina. The public expenses of the penitentiary, in which so many of Russell's "savages" are entertained at the public expense, have been higher latterly, under the Russell misrule than under the democrats. The statement is this as published in the Raleigh News-Observer of last Saturday:

### UNDER DEMOCRATS.

Wages and Salaries..... \$48,704.58  
Mileage and per diem..... 2,435.69

Total..... \$51,140.27

### UNDER FUSION.

Wages and salaries..... \$57,619.95  
Mileage and per diem..... 3,165.00

Total..... \$60,784.95

Difference in favor of democrats in two items of expense \$9,644.68 or 482 bales of cotton at McKinley gold standard prices.

This reveals to the public why the fellows in charge did not wish to show the books and let the tax payers and honest people know what was going on under the ruinous rule of rabid Russell and his gang.

The expenditures in the legislature show how black radicalism burden and rob the patient, oppressed toilers and tax-payers. Remember that the populist tax-payer or the republican tax-payer, of what ever race or color, must bear his part of the unnecessary, ravenous increase. Here are the figures: The following figures will show the cost between the state administration under democratic rule and the extravagance that prevails when the republicans are in control.

### COST OF LEGISLATURE.

1891 Democratic rule..... \$63,018.01  
1893 Democratic rule..... 65,976.78

Two dem legislatures..... \$128,994.79  
1895 Fusion rule..... 72,226.74  
1897 Fusion rule..... 70,760.75

Two Fusion legislatures... \$153,027.48

The two session of the fusion legislature cost \$4,032.70 more than the two preceding democratic sessions.

As with the penitentiary and the legislative branch of the state government so with other departments, there is needless increase of expenditures and a consequent addition to the tax-payer's burdens. The more money squandered and wrested from the submissive tax-payer, the less money he has for himself and family, the fewer luxuries or necessities of life, and the less for indulgence in pleasure, holidays, jaunts, etc.

### COST OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

1891 Democratic rule..... \$1,179,794.88  
1893 Democratic rule..... 1,319,648.10

Two years dem rule..... \$2,499,444.98  
1895 Fusion rule..... 1,349,335.65  
1897 Fusion rule..... 1,364,048.29

Two years Fusion rule... \$ 2,713,383.94

The two years of republican rule cost the tax payers \$213,938.96 more than the last two years of democratic rule.

Tax-payers ought to look at these figures for they mean much to him. In ten years, if by the curse of heaven black radicalism should reign in sin and madness and folly and abuse for ten years instead of two years, then the increase at the ratio of the above two years would aggregate \$1,000,026.00 and this huge sum would come out of the hard earnings of the bread winners in the race for life. Ten sessions of fusion legislatures would heap up burdens amounting to more than \$140,000 above what democratic sessions cost. Think on these things. It is not a hard question to answer which of these parties it is safer to en-

trust with the public affairs of North Carolina. Can you hesitate to choose as to which has proved by actions to be safer, better, more trustworthy? Will you hesitate for a moment as between the White Man's party and flagrant ruinous black radicalism? If you make your bed hard so you must lie.

### CAMPAIGN HAPPENINGS

At Princeton, Johnston county, the populist remnant held a "convention" and counted exactly three noses. Mr. Nigger presided "in course."

Mr. C. V. Byrd, of Smithfield, declines the republican nomination for register of deeds, announcing in the excellent Smithfield Weekly and saying "I am a white man in favor of white supremacy—opposed to negro rule—and intend to vote accordingly."

Cy Thompson is "petering out" fast. At Kinston his harangue fell dull and flat, and he seemed only to arouse negroid. Fine work that for a fellow of gifts.

Babb, the populist nominee of free bibulous proclivities, speaks very freely of the gang in the Raleigh capitol. He is reported in the News-Observer as saying off-hand and with exceeding freedom of speech:

"When the man in the moon passes over North Carolina, he has to hold his nose, and if the Blue Ridge Mountains were converted into ipecac, and poured into the mouth of hell, it could not possibly vomit forth such a lot of low-down damnable scoundrels as are now in the capitol."

Dan Russell is cooking over a slow fire because of his unpardonable offence in setting free the rascally seducer Reuben Davis. Dan deserves it all, but he has a very tough hide and can stand a good deal of torturing.

The "Hal Liar" black radical "Hand Book" states that the democrats on the board of education in Warren county voted last year for a nigger in preference to Rev. T. J. Taylor and is only another lie freshly told. The Warrenton Record denies the charge.

Cy Thompson will become more discreet as the days go by, especially if Charles Aycock is to meet him often on the stump. He is now in an apologetic vein, and learning to be wise. The News Observer reports this:

"When Mr. Aycock drew the record and proved that in Dr. Thompson's published speech he had falsely charged Colonel I. F. Dortch with having voted for negro magistrates in 1877, the doctor apologized in his speech to Colonel Dortch for having said it, and also for having charged the late F. M. Aycock with having voted for them."

In Cy Thompson's campaigning in 1898, Concord and Hood's Swamp proved to be his First and Second Massas. One or two more such defeats and there will not be enough of Cy left to furnish solemnity at a funeral.

Down in old historic Halifax the white folks are greatly aroused and great unity of purpose prevails. They are resolved to their part as white men to save North Carolina from further vandalism and negro bossing. Our dear old friend Captain Edward A. Thorne, (he got his title in the war) who was a populist candidate for congress and a Methodist steward of more than forty years, an University of North Carolina man, of the best families of Halifax, came back to the old party and made a patriotic speech worthy of himself. The News-Observer's report says:

"Captain E. A. Thorne who has acted with the populists, made a speech in which he declared that he had held no position which he did not think was for the best interest of the people; but now he sees no hope for North Carolina, except in and through the democratic party. He called upon all men with one drop of Anglo-Saxon blood in them to rally around the democratic standard."

The declaration was made in the convention that most of the populist in the western part of the county are coming back."

Holton, black republican chairman state executive committee gives out now that white rads have now all the niggers we want in office. He hears the awful mutterings of an outraged people.

In Wake the white-skins of the black radical gang dropped every negro and nominated only white skins for office. It is an anti-nigger ticket clean through. Significant.

Claud Bernard, a white skin fellow who runs with the black radical machine tells the niggers that they "must fuse with the populists until they get an election law" suited to the peculiar wants of the conspiring gang, and "then the populist be d-d." This is the account of the News-Observer that gives a cartoon of this amalgamation and plot.

Rev. Dr. R. F. Sample in the Presbyterian (Northern Journal) pays a distinguished divine of our city a fine compliment in the following short paragraph:

"The Rev. Peyton H. Hoge occupied the pulpit of the Fifth Avenue church last Sabbath, preaching with great ability and genuine eloquence, suggesting the remark that America can furnish as great preachers as the capital cities of the old world."

### POLITICAL SNAP SHOTS.

It is but thirty-seven days to the election. Bestir yourselves ye white men of North Carolina and redeem and disenthrall your race from the bondage of Africa.

So many men are publishing letters of withdrawal from fusion and independent populism and identifying themselves openly and squarely with the White Man's party, that to publish all would indeed be a burden upon the columns of a daily. It is very evident that many a white man in other parties are coming up to the salvation of the good old state from negro rule, the disgrace of the age.

A negro in office in an enlightened state ought to be as infrequent as negro capacity for such office. The crime of the age is the infamous attempt of trading white republicans and a small populist contingent to put the 700,000 blacks over 1,100,000 whites.

The black "dying swan" is making a last effort and it is as doleful and false. The note squeaks mightily. It is that the white man's party will take away the vote from the niggers, and after thirty-odd years voting, the latter continue so ignorant that they believe the lie and do not know that the constitution gives them the right to vote and it must be changed by regular process to cause any change.

An inspection of exchanges daily in this state leads to the conclusion that the democrats are putting up this year good and true men for the legislature. That gives great satisfaction and promises well for results in November. The great end to be sought in the campaign of 1898, is to lift the yoke of bondage from the necks of the white people and rid the state of negro rule, an unmixed curse and disgrace. The way out of the wilderness of sin, ruin, oppression is by and through a White Man's legislature. Let your best licks be made to elect a legislature favorable to honest government by white men, and to turn out Sambo and Pomp and Jim forever. Let there be no pie spread at the White Man's party table when the black gang are expelled.

### ALIE OUT OF THE WHOLE CLOTH.

An editor should indeed have many Fabers and be indeed a "ready writer" who should undertake to keep up with the lies of the black radicals and their helps among the lingering populists and give them fitting exposure. The silliest of all the falsehoods started up-to-date is the one that democrats will disfranchise niggers and poor folks if they get into power. As to negroes we wish the constitution of the United States were changed and negroes were disfranchised in ninety-five per cent richly deserve to be. As to North Carolina democrats disfranchising any one if they secure the legislature it is all a lie, out of the whole cloth. They had control for fifteen or twenty years of the legislature and did not abridge them in their rights, but fostered their interest, laid heavy burdens on the whites to educate negro children, sent negroes to asylums, etc., and showed a magnanimous, friendly, most marvelous spirit of kindness, sympathy and good will. The only possible way in North Carolina to ever abridge the rights of negroes or any one is by a change in the organic law—the constitution of the state. Whenever this is done it must be by a popular vote. You can not call a convention to change the constitution in any particular except by an act of the legislature to have a vote of all the electors as to whether they desire it to be called or not. So do not heed the liars. They know they are lying. After a convention is called by a popular vote, then the convention's work must be ratified by the people at a second election. So there can not be possibly any snap judgment taken or any wrong wrought in darkness. It must all be open, fair, square. Stop lying.

Seeing lately mention of the sending of the sabre of the late gallant Lieutenant W. E. Shipp to his wife, we recalled a pathetic incident of the great war. Among the many gallant soldiers North Carolina gave to the war was Captain George T. Baskerville, a native of Virginia, who was graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1848, married Miss Goode, daughter of Hon. William O. Goode, the able representative of Petersburg district for many years in the federal house, and settled in northern Granville. He was a very pure man and a most devout, pious Presbyterian. He went into the war and was killed in the second year, we think. When his sword and pistols were handed to his sorrowing widow, by a furloughed soldier, it literally

broke the wounded heart and she lay down to die with nothing but grief killing her. The doctors could find no disease save the great and consuming sorrow, but she died. We never knew of but one other instance of death from grief alone. It was that of a most devoted wife, who died from grief over the debauched life of a gifted but most unfortunate husband. He survived her but thirty days, dying in a debauch. He broke the rich casket of the heart and she died.

### It Shows the Lie on Its Face.

It having been called to the attention of Chairman Simmons, that some of the democrats carry the legislature, they will disfranchise the poor and uneducated voters of the state. Chairman Simmons said: "I have heard the republicans were again circulating this thread-bare and ridiculous old story. Seeing that they are beaten on the issues which they have raised by negroizing the east, and by their corrupt and incompetent government of the last two years, they have become desperate."

"It is just like the republican party to try to run from the issues their misdeeds have raised, and it is natural they should attempt to divert attention from their rascalities by hollowing thief at honest men. But it is astonishing that even in their desperation and panic, republican leaders should have no better sense than to suppose they can frighten the white people of North Carolina with an old bugaboo that has long since ceased to scare even the ignorant and credulous negro."

"For the past twenty years or more, just before every election, the republican speakers, at their midnight meetings have been in the habit of telling the negroes if the democrats came into power their right to vote would be taken away from them. After the democrats came into power in this state they always had some reason to give these credulous beings why the democrats had not disfranchised them as they had before predicted."

"First, they told them if the democrats got the state government, they would disfranchise them. The democrats got the state government and did not disfranchise them. Then they told them if the democrats elected a president, they would disfranchise them. The democrats elected a president and did not disfranchise them. Then they told them if the democrats got control of congress, they would disfranchise them. The democrats got control of congress and did not disfranchise them. All along the honest white men of the state laughed at these lies, and marveled that the negro did not have sense enough to see 'that he was being duped.'"

"Finally, the negro himself began to see through the trick. He had seen the democrats in full power in the state for twenty-odd years, and had learned through experience that that party did not propose to disfranchise him, and he, too, began to laugh at their flimsy and finally rejected bugaboo. He was frightened by their rot any longer. So the old republican scare-crow had to be pulled down and put away."

"Now these same old demagogues, aided by a few pie-eating and pie-bunting populists who used to laugh at their flimsy and finally rejected bugaboo, again brought out the old republican scare-crow of disfranchisement; but, strange to say, they are now using it in an attempt to try and frighten, not the ignorant negro, but the poor and uneducated white men of the state. But these will be finally put to the point. They will find that the uneducated white men of this state are not so easily fooled. They will find that while they may not have any book learning, they have the quick intelligence and hard sense of the white race, and they will find that they are not to be fooled, as the negro was, by a bugaboo. There is not a white man in North Carolina who will be frightened by this old republican negro bugaboo, and they will by their presuming ignorance that their intelligence is not to be trifled with and insulted with impunity. They know the democratic party was the party that removed the property and educational disqualifications to suffrage in North Carolina. They know that the democratic party has always stood for manhood suffrage, and they know the democratic party will never under any circumstances under the sun, consent to the passage of any law which will take from them, however poor and ignorant they may be, the right to vote, or which will in any way diminish or lessen that great privilege. They know that the democratic party is composed largely of poor and uneducated men, and that it looks to this honorable class of our citizenship for its support, and that it will in turn respect them in all their rights to citizenship, and guard them, their wives and children in their homes, their reputation and their virtue."

"It must be remembered it is the republicans who are circulating this silly story about the democrats. Even the populist wing of that party denounced the story as absurd. As barren of truth as most things as in the Hand Book recently issued by Dr. Thompson and Hal Ayer it is frank enough to admit that there is no truth in the republican clamor about the democrat disfranchising the negro, much less any white man, and that the history of the past twenty-odd years of demagogues in North Carolina proves the utter falsity and absurdity of the republican rant on this subject. Nor do responsible republicans openly and publicly make this charge. As reckless as they are, they have too much respect to visit upon themselves the scorn and contempt which an open avowal of such an absurd and ridiculous charge would invite. But while these republican leaders are silent themselves upon this subject, they send out secret circulars, and put out sneak speakers and bushwhackers to try and frighten and deceive the people by clandestinely circulating this falsehood concerning the purpose of the democratic party."

"These leaders and their claqueurs know, as every intelligent man in the state knows, that the democratic plan to protect the white men of the east from the horrible negro rule under which that fair section of the state now suffers and languishes is to take advantage of the recent decision of the supreme court to the effect that one section or county may have one system of county government and another section or county may have an entirely different system of county government and while according to the white counties the right to elect all their local officers, to restore the old democratic system of county government in the county having negro majorities, thus lifting the awful heel of the negro from the neck of the white men who live in the negro-ridden counties of the east."

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