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AN OPEN BID FOR FRAUD AT THE POLLS.

Buckner's Arnica Salve.

The black radical election laws are a menace to the liberties of the whites. They open up the way for wholesale frauds in elections. They provide that every scoundrel may register whether he is a qualified, legal elector or no. Any negro may register who may claim the right. It is an open sesame to fraudulent ballots, ballot stuffing and negro supremacy, and Russell and company aided and abetted by popular members in the legislature, did it, and are to be held responsible for the wicked, corrupt deed. The election laws now in force, thanks to the veiled rancor, are a disgrace to the very name of a fair ballot and civilization, and ought to be a stench in the nostrils of every decent white man who is not ashamed of being white. A careful comparison between the laws governing elections passed by a democratic legislature and in operation prior to the year 1895, will show how greatly superior the democratic laws are to the black radicals, and that they are really essentially impartial and fair to both races. The combine legislatures have enacted and enforced laws favorable, and of deliberate design, to the perpetration of fraud in any number, even in the gross. And this is done, remember, by bodies brawling for "reforms" and pleading for a pure, honest ballot in North Carolina. A combination professedly based on honesty and justice and pleading for purity and freedom in elections were guilty of fabricating and giving life to the monster. The purity and honesty were lost sight of and left out of the count, but the "freedom" was guaranteed so that bad men might vote who were not entitled to vote. Frauds in great number have been practiced upon the ballot under the bad laws passed by the fusion Solons at Raleigh. This is true. To see this procure a copy of the democratic Hand Book and read for yourself. Referring to the democratic election law operating before 1895, it says:

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The Winston Sentinel in this brief sentence "edged up" the late so-called trial at Durham:

"The speech of Judge Clark will tend to strengthen the popular verdict that the trial was a collusional farce from beginning to end."

The last cartoon of The Raleigh News-and-Sentinel is a true picture it represents two white girls standing in a freight car before a negro deputy clerk of the court proving witness tickets. This is what occurred at the state capital in July of this year. Sambo is immensely consequential in the picture and the girls stand in great awe of the "monarch" of the court.

Mr. John H. Small is the democratic nominee in the First congressional district. He enjoys a good reputation among his fellow-countrymen in the First. He is a native of Beaufort county, and has mounted the ladder of success, starting at the lowest rung. The Washington Messenger says of him:

"He is a lawyer by profession and enjoys a large and lucrative practice as a popular practitioner, a learned advocate and a man of great personal manner, fitted to any position within the gift of his state and nation. We believe Mr. Small will be elected if the negroes will put their shoulders to the wheel."

We would rejoice to know of his election and that supple-jack Skinner has been retired to the shades of a very private-life. The state does not stand in need of Skinner's misrepresentation longer.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has E. B. Q. on each tablet.

The negro has been blinded to the effect upon his country of his adherence to the republican party, by the dazzling splendor of the provisions of the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution of the United States and the fear of the loss of his privileges. He is a dupe and don't know it. An enemy to good government, and unconsciously so; a despoiler of the white man's property, and don't intend to be an incitement upon the body politic and a factor which must be suppressed—Morehead Pilot.

It was simply imperative that safeguards should be thrown around registration to prevent the unscrupulous and often repeated assaults upon the sanctity of the ballot by professional wire-pullers and their pernicious repeaters. Of course such guards and restraints stood in the way of heelers and henchmen, and a mighty jury went out from the designing ballot stuffers. When an unfortunate wave rushed over North Carolina, and the legislative halls were filled with political mountebanks and ignoramuses, reading some well meaning members blindly by the nose, the election laws that guarded the ballot and shut out superservile repeaters, then a law was enacted that would open wide the doors of fraud and that door was through the present ville registration law. The Hand Book thus tells the story of the dangerous changes wrought by demagogic in the virtuous name of a pure and honest ballot;

The fusion legislature of 1895 revised these democratic laws and re-pealed every part of them which interposed the slightest obstacle to the registration of any one who desired to register, whether entitled to do so or not. It literally threw down the bars and allowed every voter to register, unless he took the oath. Under this law no question were permitted to be asked and no objection allowed to be made to the free registration of every one whose conscience would permit him to take the oath! If the fusion legislature had stopped here, it would have been bad enough, but it did not stop here. Having removed every effective barrier to double registration, and illegal registration, it adopted new and unheard of measures to deter and defeat all attempts to purge the registration books of illegal voters.

The change made struck at the right to challenge. But we reserve this for some future day, in a free country—in a land of liberty and law, and not of brutal and unchallenged license, the people are the masters. They govern and are served. The great fulcrum of government is the ballot. If it is

then all is lost and with it the liberties of the people. Destroy the purity of the ballot by any process by force or corrupt law, and you at once open the flood gates to ignorance and corruption. Upon a principle stated by the Roman Horace very long ago, unless the ballot is kept pure free government is an impossibility. The Latin said, that "unless your cause is perfectly clean, whatever you pour into it turns sour." This is true. Allow a stuffed ballot, allow illegal registrations and prevent challenge on election day and you make the whole "cast" and contents thoroughly "sour." If you would preserve your liberties you must keep repeaters and fraudulent electors from out-voting you. You cannot have intelligent public opinion if the process of choosing teachers and exponents and law makers and rulers is through an open registration law free to all comers without restraint or guard, and a ballot so free that every rascal can vote without proper challenge.

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