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SLANDERING NORTH CAROLINA

The Messenger has never thought highly of Senator Jeter Pritchard. When the gang went off to Tennessee for a senator it was a confession of intellectual barrenness and governmental incapacity. Pritchard is no big man. If so, in what does it consist? Show any thing from his mental grist mill that is pure flour or good corn meal. It is sour politics or bad seconds or poor morals or something else or the threadbare seconds often threshed out. He has more ability, however, we would suppose, than he has a perception of right, an understanding of facts a sense of justice, a ten Her regard for truth, and a willingness to be fair towards the race of which he forms an unimportant part.

Pritchard is doing the state great harm | Centralized Despotism at Washington, | Browning, their only son, and notes conditions. Mr. W. H. Chadbourn, Mr. F. W. Foster, both northern men and republicans, and many democratic correspondents of newspapers who have visited Wilmington and other towns in eastern Carolina, and the business men of this city and the Chamber of Commerce have all set forth the real conditions here, and they are not as Pritchard represents in his speeches or to the president. If he correctly advises McKinley, and puts him in possession of precise facts, he contradicts what he tells upon the stump. We have no doubt that he has grossly and deliberately, and with party purposes, deceived the president by slandering the real White People of

North Carolina. He freely condemns and denounces what he calls the "incendiary and inflammatory speeches which have been made by democratic speakers," but he is silent as the grave as to the infernal harangues of both white and black radical speakers and the detestable, bitter, insulting writings of the negro press, not only offending the men of the White Race, but offering the most base insinuations and making the most sweeping attacks upon the white women of the state. Pritchard has no condemnation for these cruel, malignant debauched assaults-these reckless, incendiary appeals, from his own bad set, but they are it may all be supposed delightful music to his soul and sweet morsels under his slanderous tongue.

No such attempts to fire the wicked nature of the negroes have been made in this state since the dark, damning days of Canby bayonets, and accursed reconstruction. No such wicked; cruel, base, devilish talk has been heard on the stump in North Carolina as has been during the present campaign from the throats and black hearts of barbarians and traitors of the white race. Killing the whites has been the theme of inspiration, hanging or burning negroes who voted with the whites has smitten the air and yet no white radical has opened his lips in censure. You would suppose from Jeter Pritchard's way of putting it that the white men of the state were inciting their fellows to a war, when in fact nothing but the marvellous forbearance and inbred conservatism of the white men have prevented a war of races weeks ago in Wilmington.

The insults that have been offered to white people-white ladies often-by ne groes, in this city, count by the dozens. White men to avoid collision and cause for a race fight have shut their eyes and stopped their mouths. Within a week or so we saw an elderly man of character walk in the street while two haw-buck niggers swept across each occupying a walk of flat stones. There was plenty of room for all. But these things are as common as bad odors in Wilmington.

The game of Pritchard and the slanderers of the whites is to manufalse sentiment growing out of false representations. The truth hurts. The White Race will not Use Elastic Starch, Flat-iron Trade

to the quick. They will assert their manhood and regain their rights, and that means now and forever a White Man's government for North Carolina,

When Pritchard artfully conceals the truth and seeks to shift the blame and cause of the intense feeling in eastern counties upon the whites, he is engaged in a very dirty trick but it is not new. If memory does not fail us it was the wolf that sought to charge upon the fox the muddying of the water. We recall a Latin saying, which in English means, "The wolf changes his coat but not his disposition." This ancient saw may apply better to Butler and Dockery than to Pritchard or Russell, but the idea of the wolf muddying fits the last two precisely.

BLACK RADICALISM WAXING DES-PERATE.

It is amazing that men who spend their lives in politics and holding office have no sense. A child knows better than some of the so-called leaders of the black radical gang in North Carolina. The leaders feel that the sands are slipping from under their feet, and they have reached the last ditch. They realize fully that their very bad cause is lost, that their last trick game has been played, that their last dodge at deception has completely failed, that "the jig is up," and soon the lights will be out. Vicious Dan and slippery Mary Ann, and senile old Ol. Dockery, and weeping Jeremiah Jeter Pritchard all grown desperate at the outlook have taken to the last resort of tyrants and oppressors-to call for armed

white citizens in time of peace. They do not await the war of the blacks upon the whites, killing and outraging white women and slaying white children, but taking time by the forelock, by misrepresentation and The Messenger does not desire to be slander of what the whites purpose and unjust even to a Tennessee adventurer. desire, they bellow for help from the by misrepresenting actual facts and or tell the president to have his army ready to march upon North Carolina

soldiers to intimidate and overrun

at a moment's notice. But the nigger party is in one way counting without its host. McKinley may hasten his bayonets and seek as General Canby did to carry the election by bayonets and bullets, but 1868 and 1898 are not the same years, and what was done thirty years ago by force will fail in 1898, and it deserves

The state that sent 126,000 white soldiers to the great war to deliver battle for human rights and second independence,-sending 13,500 more soldiers than the highest white vote ever was-is not the state to be terrorized thirty-three years after peace by federal soldiers or the accursed agents of tyranny. Proclamations and secret meetings and telegraphing and sending lying missives to federal head quarters will not put out the fires of patriotism now burning in this greatly outraged but blessed old North Carolina, nor will they deter White Men from voting as they will or from putting the stamp of infamy upon all that city negro toughs nearly beat Potreacherous whites. The black radical gang are indeed in desperate straits and are driven to great extremities. But the hand writing is on the wall of their trembling palace of cards, and they are literally found wanting.

The gang may have the cunning of the arch-enemy, but their machinations will fail and their deviltry will come to naught. They may declare that they are actuated by considerations of justice, but the plea is as false as old satan's plea, and it is ball-faced pretense from beginning to end. There is no justice, no honor, no goodness, no necessity in it at all:

'So spake the Flend, and with Neces-

The Tyrant's plea, excused his devil

It is a sure sign of weakness in the case of black radicalism when the most artful leaders seek to recover lost ground by such foolish acts. A writer of antiquity said that "he who strikes terror in others, is himself in continual fear." When the plotters scheme in such blackness, and with "soaring insolence" seek to intimidate and drive the white man they are themselves about "scared to death."

LITERARY GOSSIP.

It is reported that the clever American novelist, Harold Frederic, was a victim of that stupendous fraud, "Christian Science," and actually died from want of proper medical attendance. Another victim of a senseless, but cruel deception. We never read but one of his novels, and it was good. His "Theron Ware" had a large sale in England and in this country.

Bismarck's "Memoirs" will be published in a few days. They are in three volumes. It is stated that but two volumes will be published now. The third gives Bismarck's views of the present emperor. In England \$75,000 have been offered by one publisher for the "Memoirs."

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Harold Frederic left a novel in the press. It is called "The Deserter and Other Stories." It is "a book of two

Some of the northern newspapers are blowing heavily over "David Harrum," a novel by a new American author. E. N. Westcott. The praise is

high and by good sources. We do not attach great importance to literary opinions of books. Some critics are praising highly "John Splendid." We tried to read it, got

Crawford, the gifted American novelist who has spent nearly all his days abroad and was born in Rome, we think has scored a fresh success in his last book. He calls it "Ave Roma Immortalis," the story of Rome, illustrated and in two volumes. It is warmly indorsed by Dr. Wier Mitchell, author of "Hugh Wynne." He thinks it of "rare interest."

A volume of letters by R. L. Stevenson will be published serially first. Many of them are written to the gifted author by Edmund Gosse, Henley James, William Archer and W. E. Henley. Gosse and Henley are famous English critics.

A great many Americans every year visit Abbottsford and the Waverly district in Scotland. They amount to more than 1,000 yearly. The popularity of Scott is undying.

A new southern writer is Miss Eleanor Talbot Kinkead. She is a Kentuckian probably. She has published three short stories.

The letters of Robert and Elizabeth B. Browning are to be published soon, with prefatory introduction by R. B. by F. G. Kinyon.

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New York Journal gives the probabilities as to the next United States house as follows: Democrats 150 certain; republicans certain 129; populists 13; silver republicans 4, and 61 doubtful. It looks as if there would be change, and the democrats will have a majority. Hope so.

Teddy's music box plays but one "chune." People ask for a change. But buttons will win.

Down in Mississippi a race war broke out on 23rd at Forest, and nine blacks and one white officer were killed. A negro, resisted arrest and fifty negroes took it up and fired at a constable's posse. That is the way Pritchard's friends keep the peace in Mississippi. Lawless everywhere.

Washington Post reports that in liceman Lynch to death, beating him into insensibility. He was trying to make an arrest. Another example of the good behavior of Jeter Pritchard's black gang.

In Kentucky and Alabama two ne groes were lynched for raping, and in one case attempting to murder afterwards, and served them right.

CAMPAIGN MUSTARD.

Whenever a tyrant gets into trouble and he realizes that the people he has so grossly and dastardly outraged are fighting mad and ready for a bout his first thought is to keep out all sympathisers with those in bondage and affliction, and to call hastily for help from the enemies of the people. "Help, me Cassius McKinley, or I sink." The people understand well the movements of the three or four enemies who are plotting against their liberties, their rights, and even, it may be, their lives. Thrice is he armed who hath his quar rel just." "The people know their rights and knowing dare maintain.

The Messenger can respect a man who is a republican or populist from principle and not for office. In thirtythree years we cannot recall a lawyer or business man in North Carolina who has deserted the White Race and its principles and gone into the black radical thing or united with the populists that did not become an office-seaker and hundreds of them became officeholders. There was no palitical principle in their movement, but it was all for personal gain. We have known one farmer who held an \$800 office, but uniting with the republicans he resigned at once his office.

When a man quits the white man's party and "jines de publicins," he is sure to abuse the party he deserts and in a litle while he out Herod's Herod in his slime and vituperation. Falling in to bad company like the chameleon a takes on the hue of the new set.

What does swift Jeter Pritchard think of the Ashpole riot and shooting of three white citizens and burning of a store and contents? They are his party friends who did it. Has he It never fails, always good-Elastic

he written a letter to the president to tell him of the unmitigated deviltry of Jeter's gang in Robeson county? Does Jeter rejoice when he reads of such an outrage and the war with guns upon white men

The very biggest job that bad men ever undertook is to keep the gyves and handcuffs upon the White Men of Eastern Carolina. It will prove a boomerang and will break the pates of the malicious, mean throwers. The quartette are Russell, Dockery, Pritchard and Butler. It would be a task for a guessing school to decide which is the relative rank of the four in diablery and low-down malignity. Down this way the whites would be unanimous in naming Russell. They would put Butler! a contemptible slanderer and ingrate, second; then old Oliver about half way, broke down and gave Dockery would stand third. Jeter is probably a better fellow than the others if he did drift from Tennessee. But it is a very hard crowd. We wonder if Jeter ever heard the other three slanderers when campaigning. They gan 'out venon," the Old Boy himself.

If the conspirators really think they are throwing a winning card in their hope of help in Federal troops, then they are not only marplots but egregious asses, G. Z. French knows more than the gang and Lockey could give them a hiht if he would.

The people of North Carolina have been well dosed in the past with Force Bills to keep away from the polls and buildoze white men. McKinley was hot for Force Bills and voted for every one ever introduced into the congress. He is a western bulldozer as Pritchard is a Tennessee bulldozer, and Russell and Butler and Dockery are disgraced North Carolina bulldozers. The White Men will not be scared from the folls if 10,000 assistant marshals are appointed to help ballot-stuffing and to try to intimidate white voters. Every marshal appointed to help black radicalism will make a vote for the Walte Man's party. Bring on your bayouers and marshals and see if you can carry the state against the mighty uprising of the great White, Man's party

Eager black radical liars swear it is a democratic lie when it is affirmed that eastery counties are negroized And yet in New Hanover county, the smallest in the state, there are 38 negro magistrates and recently there could be seen in the finest court house in this state, that of this county, one solitary, lonesome white man sitting on a jury with eleven charcoal niggers of African de-scept. Parade your smelling bottle or good apothecary, an ounce

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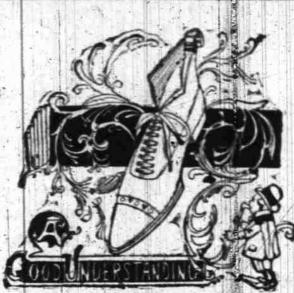
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