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THE NEWSPAPER MEN.

No doubt many of the people of Wilmington will remember the incident referred to in the article below, taken from the Waxhaw Enterprise, recounting the short, but earnest prayer of the late Dr. Pritchard for the newspaper men. Now that your attention is called to the matter do any of our readers remember another instance in which a minister of the gospel had offered up a prayer in behalf of that much abused and over-worked class, the newspaper men? Why should they always come in for abuse, criticism and fault-finding, but never a word of thanks or commendation, to say nothing of never a thought of a prayer for their help and guidance, no matter how diligently and faithfully they labor for the entertainment and enlightenment of the people and for the welfare and advancement of the community? Newspaper men get fewer thanks and more abuse than any other class of men who labor in behalf of the public. There are few if any other callings to which men devote their mental or physical energies that are a greater strain on mind and body. The men who work on a morning paper have to reverse the laws of nature as to rest and what little recreation there is to be had. The readers of the morning paper who leisurely glance over the paper at breakfast time, after a refreshing night's rest, and abuse the editors and the printers for every mistake they find and pettishly declare that it is a shame such mistakes should be made, do not stop for a moment to think how much labor and worry it has cost the weary editors and printers through the long dreary hours of the night, while the grumblers were sleeping and gaining strength and fresh vigor for the next day's work, to prepare the matter and get the paper to press in time for them to have the latest news from all parts of the world in the early morning. Could they see the newspaper men going to their homes in the early morning hours, weary in body and fagged in mind by the strain of work night after night from sun set to almost sun rise they would realize the meaning of "night work" on a morning paper and would be more charitable towards those poor fellows' mistakes and, perhaps, once in a while a silent prayer might be offered up in their behalf, for heaven knows they deserve it and need it, too.

In reference to Dr. Pritchard's prayer for the newspaper men The Enterprise says:

Although the editor devotes his life largely to other people, he himself is frequently a very much neglected man. He may devote columns of space to favorable mention of other people, but if he comes in for any sort of mention at all it is mighty apt to be in connection with some unfriendly criticism because of the fact that he has failed to glorify someone in the columns of his paper just as some other person thought it ought to have been done. Did you ever hear an editor prayed for in public? Prayers are frequently offered in churches and other places of public assembly for our rulers, officers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, and almost everybody else. But did you ever hear editors included in the list of mentionables at the throne of grace? We have heard it, just one time in a span of thirty-seven years. It was in the First Baptist church at Wilmington one Sunday morning, now several years ago, during the pastorate of the late and lamented Rev. Dr. Pritchard. And that prayer, in so far as it related to editors, consisted of only four very short words. But nevertheless it was a prayer for editors, and was the first and, strange to say, the only time we ever heard editors remembered at the throne of grace and mercy, and we must confess that somehow from that very moment we thought more of the man who made the prayer. In the course of his morning petition from the pulpit the venerable pastor said, "God bless our editors."

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REPUBLICANS DRAW THE COLOR LINE.

Every time a democrat says anything about the record of the republican party in reconstruction days or its conduct in fusion times when Butler and Russell headed the mongrel forces the republicans yell out "don't hark back to those old days; don't try to revive the dead negro question; that was settled by the franchise amendment to the state constitution". We wish this were so, but is it? The republicans do not wish the democrats, in order to solidify the democratic vote, to refer to the disgraceful records the former made in regard to negro domination during the two periods in the history of our state when they were in power. We are not surprised that they wince every time a democrat makes allusion to those days of disgraceful conduct on their part. They do all they can to draw the attention of the white people of this state and of the entire south from that epoch in the south's history because they know that every such thought and recollection strengthens the cause of democracy and the fear among the white people of the return to power of their party. Nevertheless when it comes to stirring up the negroes to greater dependence on the republican party and stronger allegiance thereto its leaders do not hesitate to draw the color line and to attempt to work on the fears and prejudices of the negro voters. The latest illustration of this is the recent address to the negro voters issued by the republican congressional campaign committee in which we find the following appeal to the racial prejudices of the negroes:

The grand old party, the colored man's friend.
 Rally to the cause of your race.
 Millions of souls in the southern land with the armor of citizenship and the northern, eastern and western states to vote for the republican candidates for congress.
 It was the party that gave him the freedom of the ballot, which clothed him with the armor of citizenship and gave him a powerful and unrestricted voice in the affairs of the nation; it was the republican party that appointed colored citizens to offices of honor and trust, and promoted colored privates in the United States army to be commissioned officers; it was by legislation enacted by republican congresses and approved by republican presidents, that the laws which have been beneficial to us have been recorded in the statutes, over the persistent opposition of the democratic party.
 Rally to Roosevelt and the republican candidate of your district! Rally to the cause of your race with the vigor and determination that Crispus Attucks displayed in revolutionary days; that your grandfathers and fathers exhibited with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the sea; with Sheridan through the bloody valley of the Shenandoah; with McKinley at Antietam; with the Union forces at Fort Pillow, Fort Wagner, Milliken's Bend, Petersburg, Seven Pines, Olustee, and many other engagements for the freedom of the colored man and the preservation of the union, and with Roosevelt the hero of the Spanish-American war, in a foreign clime against a foreign foe, for the glory of the flag, the integrity of the nation, and the alleviation of the condition of oppressed humanity.

What a howl there would go up from the republican leaders if the democrats would make any such fierce racial appeal to the white voters of this state or the south. They say the negro question is dead; still they make an outrageous appeal to the negro to come to the support of their candidates. Does not this show that the negro question will not long remain dead if the republican party should return to power? The negro question is dead so long as the democrats retain control of the state and municipal governments; but let the republicans once get in power again and we will see a repetition of the conditions in reconstruction and fusion days. If this is not so why are the republican leaders boasting to the negroes as to the large number of the latter race who were given office over the white people when they were in power? What does that mean but a promise that if the negroes will help them get back in power the latter will again place the negroes in office? It is that and nothing more. The whites should take warning.

While the republican leaders in New York claim to believe that Hearst will be "snowed under," the democrats say it will be a landslide for him. State Senator Raines says that in the upstate wherever he has been or has heard from most all the old-time democrats are going to vote the republican ticket. The democrats say Hughes will come down to The Bronx with only 35,000 majority, which of course would mean his defeat unless a radical political change has taken place in the city of Greater New York. So you see no body knows how matters stand. Those who are interested in the result will have to wait until the morning of November 7th. Then they will know all about it. Nobody can tell now how it is going to turn out.

At the funeral in Edgefield county, South Carolina, a few days ago, of Mrs. Margaret J. Tillman, widow of a brother of Senator Tillman, the pallbearers were negroes on the plantation—ex-slaves who had never left the service of their former mistress. Wonder what some of our northern friends think of that?

THE STRAUS APPOINTMENT.

The more talk there is of the appointment by the president of Mr. Straus as secretary of commerce and labor the more excitement there is over it in political circles, especially in the state of New York. It is said to have been a scheme to capture the Hebrew vote for the republican ticket of that state. It is also claimed that it would secure for that ticket the support of a number of democrats who are not of the Jewish faith. Mr. Straus, we believe, was a life long democrat up to the time the Palmer and Buckner ticket was put in the field. He is now what we suppose might be called an anti-Bryan and anti-Hearst democrat. Of course the Bryanites and the Hearst followers will not admit that there is any such kind of a democrat; still there are a good many men in New York who always affiliated with the democratic party and voted for its nominees until that party became pledged to Bryanism and Hearstism and who would like now to affiliate with that party if they could reconcile such conduct with their ideas of the true principles of the party. As we understand it Mr. Straus belongs to that class. Coupled with this is the fact that he is the first Hebrew who has ever been appointed to a position in the cabinet. He is a man of prominence in his circle and is qualified for the position.

Taking all these facts into consideration it is natural to suppose that his appointment will have considerable influence on the two classes of voters above mentioned and that no matter what were Mr. Roosevelt's motives in making the appointment it will work for the good of the republican state ticket, and those who guess that Mr. Roosevelt had an eye to this political result in making the appointment would hardly go far wrong. The president has probably done the Hughes ticket a far greater benefit than if he had taken an active part in the campaign, as he was anxious to do, but was persuaded, against his wishes, to forego.

It is of great importance to the democracy of New Hanover county that it cast a big vote at the approaching election. Its position in the party conventions depends on this being done. We want the county party to hold its own in the state and district conventions. It cannot do this unless it polls its full strength in the November election. Let the democrats remember this and register and vote to the last man.

This is the last day the registration books will be open. Those whose names are not on the proper books when the sun sets today will not be allowed to vote. Remember that. Today is your last chance to qualify yourselves for voting. Let today go by and you have barred yourselves as a voter for this election.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
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 In the Superior Court.
 Before the Clerk.

R. K. Bryan and wife Gertrude F. Bryan et als. vs. James Sinclair et als. By virtue of and in pursuance of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in a cause pending in said Court before the Clerk wherein R. K. Bryan and wife Gertrude F. Bryan, Joseph C. Shepard, Jr., and wife Winnifred Shepard, Alfred Shepard, B. O. Stone and wife Mary F. Stone and Henrietta Shepard are plaintiffs and James Sinclair and James Sinclair Guardian of Henrietta Shepard Sinclair, and Henrietta Shepard Sinclair, a minor, are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner, duly appointed by said decree will expose for sale at Public Auction, for cash, to highest bidder, at the Court House Door of New Hanover County, on Monday, the 19th day of November A. D. 1906 at 12 o'clock M. the following described tract, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in New Hanover County, Harnett township, North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the beginning corner of tract No. 4 as shown in the allotment of the lands to the heirs of the late D. K. Futch and running thence with said line South 51 1/2 degrees, East 113 poles to a stake at the corner of another line, thence with said line North 40 degrees, East 32 poles to a corner formerly between D. M. Futch and Samuel Shepard, now the dividing line between W. B. Canady and the heirs of the late J. C. Shepard, thence with the dividing line between the said Canady and said heirs South 53 1/2 degrees, East 139 poles to an arm of the Marsh, thence with said arm of Marsh to Foy's Creek, thence with Foy's Creek to its Mouth thence up Futch's Creek and Canal to the beginning. The same being known as the J. C. Shepard place, and is being sold for division among his heirs, Possession given January 1st, 1907.

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