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RINGING RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at the Great Democratic Mass Meeting in Goldsboro Last Friday.

"We, a portion of the citizens of Eastern North Carolina, in Mass Meeting assembled, being mindful of the obligations we are assuming and being desirous of informing our fellow citizens of the condition of affairs in our section of the State, do publish to the world the following plain statement of facts:

"First. The population of this section of our State is divided into two distinct races—the Anglo-Saxon and the African."

"Second. That in some counties the whites exceed the blacks and in others the blacks largely exceed the whites, but in all of them the negro is found in large numbers."

"Third. It is not claimed even by his right leaders that the negro is capable of administering a government. On the contrary the man who is the present Republican Governor of the State has declared in the most emphatic language that he is wholly unfit for it."

"Fourth. That in some of the counties, cities and towns of the East the local governments have been turned over wholly, or in part, to the negroes. Among these we mention Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Halifax, New Hanover, Warren, Greenville, New Bern and Wilmington. In these counties, cities and towns, negroes may be found holding the offices of Register of Deeds, Deputy Sheriffs, Constables, Justices of the Peace, School Commissioners, Town Commissioners, Police-men, and the like. In several other counties many of these offices are held by negroes and many of the Post Offices are filled by them."

"Fifth. That counting the offices of Register of Deeds, Deputy Sheriffs, Constables, Justices of Peace, School Commissioners, Town Commissioners, Post Masters, Collectors, Store Keepers, Gingers, and the like there are now in office in counties, cities and towns in Eastern North Carolina nearly one thousand negroes, there being nearly three hundred negro magistrates alone."

"Sixth. That as a consequence of turning these local offices over to the negroes, bad government has followed, homes have been invaded, and the sanctity of women endangered. Business has been paralyzed, and property rendered less valuable. The mastery of law has been disregarded and lawlessness encouraged. In many localities men no longer rely upon the officers of the law for protection, for they are known to be incompetent or corrupt. Conditions have become so intolerable in these communities that they can be no longer tolerated or endured."

"Seventh. That this negro domination was made possible and these deplorable conditions were brought about through a division of the white men at the ballot box. Had the white men remained together as they did for many years these things could not have been."

"Eighth. That knowing these evils came about through a division of the white men, the White Man's Party has been zealously working for months to reunite the white men at the ballot box, where these wrongs can be righted and these evils remedied."

"In view of these things it is resolved:

"1. That the Republican leaders have a second time clearly demonstrated their inability and their unfitness to govern North Carolina."

"2. That the time has come when those who have followed these leaders could no longer do so, and that all men who love their State and their homes could unite in one supreme effort to redeem the State and to place honest, capable, white men in office in State, county, city and town."

"3. That our appeal has been, is now and shall continue to be, to the ballot box and to honest white men. We have contemplated no violence; but we are determined to use all proper means to free ourselves of this negro domination, which hangs like a dark cloud over our homes."

"4. That we declare it is not our purpose to do the negro any harm. It is better for him as well as for us that the white man should govern. That while we propose to protect and encourage him in all his rights and duties of citizenship, we affirm that North Carolina shall not be negroized. It is of all the curses of the Union peculiarly the home of the Anglo-Saxon, and the Anglo-Saxon shall govern it."

"5. That we affirm that no such conditions exist in this State as to justify Senator Pritchard in calling upon the President to send troops to this State, the Governor in issuing his brutal proclamation, and we hereby condemn the most unmeasured terms the conditions of Senator Pritchard and Governor Russell in attempting to make it appear to the outside world that the descendants of the men of Mecklenburg, Halifax, Edgecombe, the Cape Fear, of Alamance, Rowan, Court House and King's Mountain, and the military power of the State which they helped to create, were so feeble as to be compelled to observe the White Men of this State,

above all others, are interested in maintaining law and order, and for them to be charged by Senator Pritchard and Governor Russell with having a purpose to become insurrectionary citizens is a vile slander and we denounce them. They have been leaders in establishing negro domination among us and they are heretofore responsible for the conditions now existing, and in appealing to the President to send troops into this State to aid them in maintaining negro domination they have shown they care less for the honor and reputation of their State than they do for their official positions."

"6. That it is in the power of the Legislature to restore to the white men of the East the management and control of their local affairs. That if the Democratic party shall be placed in control of the Legislature this will be done. If the Republican party is placed in control it will not be done. We, therefore, appeal to our white brethren in every section of the State to go to the ballot box on the day of election and vote for the Democratic candidates for the Legislature."

"7. That a learned and pure judiciary is necessary to the preservation of the rights of the weak as well as the strong. The Democratic candidates for this high position are men earned in the law and of eminent fitness for this great office. We, therefore, appeal to all men who desire learned and pure men to sit upon the bench, to work and to vote for the Democratic candidates."

"8. That the President and Secretary of this meeting are hereby directed to cause this statement of facts and these resolutions to be published in all the papers of the State and that the Democratic Executive Committee be requested to give them the widest possible circulation among the people."

The following additional resolution introduced by Rev. N. M. Jurney, was adopted:

Resolved. That the present peril of the State is such as to demand that every true-hearted white man shall on election day, suspend all business and give that entire day to the service of white supremacy and good economical government in North Carolina.

Let all white men keep perfectly cool, but determined. Watch out for fraudulent voters. See that every good white man is at the polls early. Let each true North Carolinian do his duty, then all is well.—Raleigh Post.

WHY DEMOCRATS FAVOR HIM.

The Chatham Record tells why the Democrats favor Senator Atwater and will support him for Congress. The Record says:

"The endorsement of Mr. Atwater's candidacy for Congress by the Democrats of this district proves the sincerity of their efforts in behalf of white supremacy. Mr. Atwater has been as bitter against the Democrats as any Populist in the State, and yet Democrats are now ready to vote for him. Why? Because as a Senator in the last Legislature he voted against every bill that was intended to place any town under negro rule, and has revolted against his party selling out to the Republicans and giving them the power to place more towns under negro rule. 'Blood is thicker than water' and it is high time that the white men of North Carolina should lay aside in this great campaign their party prejudices and unite together for white supremacy and good Government!"

HOW FUSION LITERATURE IS DISTRIBUTED.

A citizen, who says he is neither a Democrat nor a Fusionist, sends us a copy of the *Agricultural Bulletin*, sent out by the Secretary of Agriculture, and a copy of the *Caucasian*. The labels on the two papers are the same, even the numbers being identical. Another copy of the *Bulletin* and another copy of the *Caucasian* shows the same remarkable coincidence. The case is too plain to need further explanation. The mailing list of the *Agricultural Bulletin*, State property, is being used to distribute Fusion literature. Is the State also paying the postage on these papers that are being mailed by State machinery? Are they not also being mailed by clerks paid by the State to work for the State? What do the honest tax-payer of the State think of being compelled to pay for the distribution of Fusion literature? This is more Fusion "purity in politics."—News and Observer.

Pursue the fight from now until the polls close next Tuesday evening. The victory is won for White Supremacy and good Government if we do.—Raleigh Post.

EVERY MAN OWES HIS STATE A DUTY NOW.

The brunt of this campaign, as of all campaigns, is being borne by a few—by the speakers, the workers at State headquarters and in the counties, and the newspapers. It is not right. The property of the State as well as the safety of its citizens is in peril, and people who have property to be protected should give of their means, if they do no work, for the success of the Democratic ticket. It is a reproach that the Democratic State Executive Committee, which is conducting an aggressive and exceedingly expensive campaign, should be hard put to it, as it is, for the money to meet its bills, when just a dollar or two from all those who could give it and never feel it would put the committee in easy circumstances and make its work effective. It is a time when men can afford to make financial and other sacrifices, for North Carolina will not be an agreeable State for residence if the vicious horde which is now ravaging it is given a new lease of power. But in addition to the duty of personal work and of giving, there is another duty which a certain class should perform: The speakers and the newspapers are pleading the voters with every argument they can command, but it is not possible that all of them combined have covered or can cover the whole field of discussion. There are in the State very many men of high ability who cannot but be thinking very seriously of the situation, but who have not uttered a word nor lifted a finger to forward the interests of the party which they are depending upon to safeguard their interests and those of their children. What we are driving at is that every such man, who has an idea which has not yet been suggested or developed, should advance it through a communication to the press. The papers will be glad of all the help they can get, and the people are reading the papers this year.

It is a time for every North Carolinian to do his duty. We believe we are going to carry the State, but no citizen should be willing, in this extremity, to fold his hands and thus leave himself in such position that he will not be able to say afterwards that he had any part in victory beyond the mere casting of his vote.—Charlotte Observer.

COL. WADDELL TALKS BUSINESS.

Hon. Alfred M. Waddell addressed an opera house full of people at Wilmington Monday night, and his speech, which bears evidence of careful preparation, is printed in full in the *Messenger*. It is in the best style of this accomplished gentleman and orator, and according to the testimony of all the Wilmington papers, it moved the audience mightily. "If," said he, "I thought the people of North Carolina would sag an (I do not say consent) longer to the present condition of things, much less to the worse condition which would inevitably follow, I would be ashamed to acknowledge myself a citizen of the State, and would wish to shake her dust from my feet forever. It is precisely because I believe that they will not submit and ought not to submit to it that I am here to-night."

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But here follows the gem of the speech: "I do not hesitate to say this publicly that if a race conflict occurs in North Carolina the very first men that ought to be held to account are the white leaders of the negroes who will be chiefly responsible for it, and the work ought to begin at the top of the list. I scorn to leave any doubt as to whom I mean by this phrase. I mean the Governor of this State, who is the engineer of all the deviltry and meanness. I trust that no such duty will be thrust upon us, but if it is, I trust that it will be rigidly and fearlessly performed."

That's the stuff! That is the kind of talk that has been needed in North Carolina for a long time. Our quarrel is not so much with the negroes as with their pale-faced allies and leaders. And Russell, vile and venomous as he is, is not the only one—there are others, and they do not all acknowledge allegiance to Russell's party, either.—Charlotte Observer.

JARVIS PREDICTS VICTORY.

Declares Many Populists Will Vote With the Democrats and Thinks Success is Assured.

After speaking in Hendersonville Hon. T. J. Jarvis furnished a correspondent of the *Atlanta Journal* the following statement predicting victory for the Democrats at the polls next Tuesday:

"I confidently believe the Democrats will carry the State. Our greatest contest is to secure the Legislature and to elect our candidates for Judges of the Superior Court. In this State the Governor has no veto power, and the power of the Legislature is only limited by the Constitution. Hence much depends on the Legislature, both parties are therefore putting forth its best efforts to control that body."

"It now looks like the Democrats will not only elect a majority of both Houses of the Legislature, but that they will elect the Democratic candidates for Judges and a number of the Congressional candidates."

"I have been in the campaign since the 4th of July and have been in nearly all sections of the State. I find the Democrats everywhere active and enthusiastic. There were in the State in 1896 32,000 Populists, and I think 2,000 of this number will vote the Democratic ticket this year. Many old-time Republicans will also vote with us, while thousands of others will not vote at all. With all these elements favorably to Democracy, it seems to me victory is certain and that the fusion majority of 40,000 will be wiped out. The results of fusion in this State have been so disastrous that thousands of good men who voted for it two years ago, repudiate it now and will vote to put the State back into the hands of the Democratic party. Each day, in my opinion, but adds to our certainty of victory. The tide sets all the time one way in the great campaign for white supremacy in this State."

Do not forget that six judges are to be elected. It is full time that a change was made in some instances. Put men on the bench who have good common sense, know law, have the sense of right, of decency, of propriety, and who will not make stump speeches from the bench or talk flippancy of Star Chambers and High Commission procedure just as if they lived in the Dark Ages and had power to use the thumb-screw and the boot-jack the manner of Thomas de Torquemada or Charles I. of England.—Wilmington Messenger.

C. M. BERNARD.

Here is an object lesson that we want the white people to look upon. In the last few years no man has done more to place Greenville under negro rule than C. M. Bernard. He is the reputed author of the infamous gerrymander bill that divided the town up into zigzag wards so as give two-thirds of the Councilmen of the negroes. He has been foremost in arousing the passions of the negroes and keeping them banded together. And no man has been more active than he in spreading falsehoods over the State and telling the people that the reports of negro domination that that went out from this town were exaggerated, that Greenville was well governed, and so forth. But what is he doing now? He is the first man to show that under the conditions that exist here, and as the town is now governed, Greenville is not a good town to live in. As this article is being written, he is in Raleigh looking for a house and preparing to change his residence to that city. He helps to fasten an outrageous condition upon the white people of his hometown, and then is the first to flee from the infamy wrought by himself. Base ingrate! Yet Greenville loses nothing in his departure, and no town is to be envied that has him for a citizen. Give any excuse he may for his change in residence, the people see and know the cause of his departure from Greenville.—Greenville Reporter.

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