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## COON HUNTER EXPOSED,

### DEMOCRATS ALWAYS HAD NEGRO OFFICERS IN CRAVEN COUNTY.

A Number of Kerr's Stories Proven Untrue—The Republican Administration a Great Success.

New Bern, N. C., Sept. 22, '98.  
Hon. V. S. Lusk,  
Asheville, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—Yours of recent date to hand. I was sick in bed when I received the same. In reply will say that as much of the newspaper article as refers to a big fat man sitting in the hallway of the court house in his shirt sleeves may be correct, as I weigh 220 pounds, and the hot weather affects me very much. As to having four deputies around me, there is no more truth in that than that the Register of Deeds had seven negroes preparing our tax list, I will say that I have now, and have had since in office, two white deputies, except for about four months, when I had only one. This does not include my court crier, who is a white man.

My Democratic predecessor in office as Sheriff of Craven county, had two colored deputies, to-wit: R. R. Davis and David Barham, and Barham, in addition to Deputy Sheriff, was jailor during the whole six years that Lane was Sheriff, excepting about two months, when Barham's wife was jailor, he having died. I have two white deputies, and give my personal attention to serving process, and attend personally to the duties of the office. My predecessor had a farm about 20 miles off, and he spent most of his time there, and ran the office principally by his deputies. I have four colored deputies, who are sober and gentlemanly in their deportment. Much has been said about our colored school committeemen in Craven county. Jas. A. Bryan, now Democratic candidate for the Senate in the 8th district, in joint meeting of Commissioners, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of Court himself nominated E. H. Meadows, Dem., S. W. Laeton, Dem., and C. E. Palmer, col. Rep., for the board of education of Craven county; and with the help of the Democratic Clerk elected them. This board, consisting of two Democrats and one colored Republican, elected every school committeeman in Craven county. The Democrats have had three colored road overseers for years in Craven county.

Abe Jackson, the one they have the cartoon about, has only two white men under him, subject to road duty, and Jackson was appointed with their consent. The white woman that they have in the cartoon being hauled up before a negro Justice of the Peace, is a notorious woman of the town, and is running a house of prostitution, known as the "White Front," and is now bound over to court for keeping a disorderly house.

The Democrats had two colored school committeemen—E. R. Dudley for the 8th township, in which New Bern is, and Jesse Brooks for the 7th township. They have been in for many years, and were elected by the Democrats.

The umbrella punching story and the white girl slapped in the face off the side walk, the Mayor and whole police force can find no foundation for, and I think is a lie out of the whole cloth.

The two boys assaulted by a negro ruffian were, according to their own testimony, in a negro house of prostitution to get some accommodation, and got in a row with a colored man, who was keeping the woman.

Speaking of finances, on the first Monday in August, long after all the taxes for the previous year had been paid in, there was in the County Treasury due to the current funds, over \$3,750, and no outstanding scrip. This has never been the case before. County scrip is at par, and two bridges have been built without increasing the rate of taxation one cent. Each of these bridges is nearly a mile long, and all this has been done during the Republican administration for the past year and a half.

These facts and figures are official, and can be sworn to if necessary.

Yours Respt.,

Joseph L. Hahn,

Sheriff of Craven Co.

## MONEY IN THE TREASURY.

There is Some \$300,000, More Than Enough to Pay All the Over-Due Appropriations.

State Auditor Ayer says there is now about \$300,000 in the State Treasury, against which there stands about \$70,000 of appropriations made in 1895 and 1897 by the Legislature. There was a conference to-day between the Treasurer and Auditor in regard to paying off by warrants dated October 1st all this indebtedness. Of the appropriations the State Treasurer has held within several cases, within the past twelve months or more, that there was not enough money to meet them all, so some were held up. Most of them were for new buildings, improvements, etc., at public institutions. The Auditor says the State Treasury is now "flush," can pay all these appropriations and have plenty of money in reserve to pay the legislative and other extra expenses, even if it does not get another cent before the Legislature meets.—Raleigh Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

Correction of a Statement Made by the News and Observer.

WILMINGTON, N. S., Sept. 27, '98.  
To the Raleigh News and Observer.

I notice in your Sunday morning's edition of the News and Observer an editorial which unintentionally, I am sure, does me gross injustice. It makes the impression that I favor mixed marriages, or inter-marriage between the races. I corrected the impression a week ago in the Charlotte Observer, but the correction must have escaped your notice.

The Conference at Rochester, in its address to the Country positively refused to make any reference to the matter of inter-marriage, and its concomitants, while I in open session took the position that the agitation of such questions could not result in any good to us of the South. I declined the Vice Presidency in favor of Editor H. T. Keeling of Texas, but the press reports did not so state. I have never advocated mixed marriages because I am content always to marry in my own race, since it is made up of every color of every race and I can therefore choose any color in my own race.

Yours etc.,

JNO. C. DANCY.

## What Scrofula Is.

Tercifala is a disease as old as antiquity. It has been handed down for generations and is the same today as in early times. It is emphatically a disease of the blood, and the only way to cure it is by purifying the blood. That is just what Hood's Sarsaparilla does in every case where it is given a faithful trial. It eradicates all impurities from the blood, and cures the sores, boils, pimples and all forms of skin disease due to scrofula taints in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla has won the grateful praise of vast numbers of people by its grand and complete cures. Don't allow scrofula to develop in your blood. Cure it at once by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## Col. Cowles Sues For Damages.

Lieut. Col. Andrew D. Cowles has brought suit against the street railway company of Raleigh for \$20,000 damages.

It will be recalled that last June, while Col. Cowles was riding from Camp Russel, where his regiment was encamped, into the city of Raleigh, his horse took fright at an electric car and fell on him, fracturing his leg. This is the occasion for the suit. It is charged that the motor-man was negligent and that he allowed the car to run on the horse. Judge MacRae and Capt. W. H. Day are Col. Cowles' counsel.—Statesville Landmark.

## There is Nothing So Good.

There is nothing just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, so demand it and do not permit the dealer to sell you some substitute. He will not claim there is anything better, but in order to make more profit he may claim something else to be just as good. You want Dr. King's New Discovery because you know it to be safe and reliable, and guaranteed to do good or money refunded. For Coughs, Colds, Consumption and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs there is nothing so good as Dr. King's New Discovery. Trial bottle free at Shuford Drug Co.'s Store.

## LEAVES THE DEMOCRATS.

### "Negro Domination" Cry Not an Honest Issue.

DEMOCRATS GUILTY OF THE NEGRO APPOINTMENT.

An Argument That Will Cause Many to go and do Likewise—The Simmons-Jarvis Combination Atraid to Meet the Populists Upon Matters of Administration, Economy and Reform.

LAURENBURG, Sept. 15th, 1898.

At every election since I attained my majority I have felt constrained to vote the straight Democratic ticket and I have believed it right but at the coming election I expect to cast my ballot in opposition to that party for the reasons herein given:

After a severe struggle against the old election method of the Democrats the opposition succeeded, in carrying the State in 1894, and setting up for us a new order in North Carolina. I shared in a general belief at the time that our State was severely damaged by that result and looked for extravagance and incompetency in high places. In this I was agreeably disappointed and instead of extravagance, incompetency and corruption as prophesied by my party, at that time, I discovered a general cleaning up of the State departments and a fair degree of sobriety and intelligence in charge. I know the failure of any individual was greatly magnified and published abroad. When the next election came on I abided in the ship and should feel at home there now, but for the recent hypocrisy of the leaders of the Democratic party. When all appeared to be peace in our midst and between the races (who from the order of things must continue to reside in the same land), and when there was fair argument enough and sufficient issues on the honesty, competency and economy of the administration of State affairs, I find the decree suddenly going forth that these things shall hereafter be side issues and we are to be expected to make a false cry of negro! negro!! The good name of my State too is to be traduced and my party to blazon it to the world that we are a set of corruptionists and that our kinsfolk and neighbors who hold the reins of good government are the enemies of mankind. In order to get in office my party has decided to take petty matters not worthy of note and publish them to the world as great mountains of corruption, and play alone upon the passions and prejudices of our people. I know the Democrats don't mean what they say. I know it was their law that taxed labor agents out of the business of transporting negroes from the State. The first negro Justice of the Peace appointed in the State was under a Democratic legislature and by the recommendation of a Democrat. The negro road overseers for Richmond county which seems such a scare-crow for the Democratic press of the State were every one in the same position under the Democratic party. The first negro Constable appointed in Richmond county was under the Democrats. That other counties—Chatham for instance, have had negro deputy sheriffs appointed by Democrats to serve process upon white people. That the Democrats of Richmond county were the first to run a negro for commissioner of the county. It also comes to light that the present head of "White People's Union of the State" is the same person that wrote so affectionately to George White, the negro ex-Solicitor and present Congressman from the second district, asking his support and saying he would like to be associated with him, etc., etc. I am reliably informed it was a Democratic Governor that appointed a negro Notary Public, who took the private examination of the wife of a white Democratic member of the legislature to a deed. In short I am informed that my party cast aside all its once boasted high principles and descends into mud slinging, the abuse of good citizens, and the false cry of negro in order that office may be obtained by such false pretense and slander. I feel disgusted that my party should have no argument but negro pictures with which to win a cause, and this makes me feel it is not

honest and so feeling I will sever my connection with it and cast my lot with those at least who do not practice the hypocrit. I am further constrained to oppose another feature of the Democratic programme which at present seems to be paramount to all others. I am opposed to their proposition to disfranchise every citizen who has not been blessed with such amount of this world's goods as will secure for him a liberal education and guarantee sufficient competency unto him. If we are to deprive a citizen of his rights we should also remove his responsibilities, if he is not allowed to vote he should not be required to pay taxes, fight for his country in time of war or perform other duties required of all citizens of a government. I believe in an enlightened suffrage. In it is the safety of the nation.

That enlightenment must be secured, however, by the education of all the people, not disfranchising the illiterate, as the Democratic party proposes to do. I am opposed to the disfranchising of any man because of his poverty. The ballot is the only weapon the poor man has with which he can fight for his political rights, take that from him as the Democratic party proposes to do if they go into power, and he becomes a mere chattel, a slave whose only rights are to pay taxes, perform other duties for the government and serve the rich at their bidding. To this condition of affairs, I am unalterably opposed. The Democratic party favors it, consequently I must sever my connection with it.

Yours truly,

W. H. COX.

## CALDWELL and KLUTZ.

Hon. M. H. Caldwell and Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, Fusion and Democratic candidates respectively for Congress in the Seventh district, spoke in joint debate here Tuesday, Sept. 27th, in the afternoon to an audience of about 300 voters.

Mr. Caldwell opened the discussion in a speech of one hour. He said he had belonged to the People's party for five years and stood by every plank in the platform, although since leaving the Democratic party he had been grossly persecuted by members of the bar and the Democratic papers; that Mr. Klutz, his opponent, was one of the few lawyers who had treated him like a gentleman.

Mr. Caldwell showed the inconsistency of the Democrats for condemning the Republican administration for issuing bonds to carry on the war, when Cleveland's administration was forced to issue \$262,000,000 worth of bonds in time of peace and selling them to the money power "between suns" at an increased profit to some one very near the Cleveland administration. Mr. Caldwell said the Populists had offered to join hands with the Democrats for free silver but the Democrats were insincere and did not want free silver and completely ignored the Populist proposition down at Raleigh by sniffing up their nose at it like it smelt bad, and some of them even went so far as to say that they would have to go out and spew. He also scored the Democratic party for hollowing "nigger" and showed where the Democrats had more negroes appointed to office than the Republicans had. He touched upon government by injunction, saying we now have the spectacle of an irresponsible Federal Judge acting as a tool for the Southern Railway by forcing the Governor of North Carolina to move his case to test the lease of the North Carolina Railroad from the State to the Federal Court.

He said the Penitentiary had been costing the tax-payers of the State \$75,000 a year and that the first year the fusionists took control they turned over to the State a profit of \$2,400, and it was now the best managed prison in the South. He said that Francis D. Winston, who is going about organizing white government unions was the same Winston who wrote to negro George H. White, who was at that time Solicitor and who now holds a seat in Congress that he hoped he (White) would put in a word to help secure his (Winston's) nomination of Judge. While there is not much hope for an election, still the remote possibility of riding the district with you is a great pleasure. This is the man who is going around organizing "White Government Unions."

Mr. Caldwell denounced Secret Cir-

## HON. M. N. HARSHAW

Co-operation Candidate for Solicitor, will speak in Hickory Friday night, Oct. 7th, at 7 o'clock, p. m. Everybody cordially invited to come out and hear him.

cular Simmons for trying to cheat the State out of large sums of money which Simmons claimed in connection with the Carteret oyster cases and Treasurer Worth refused to pay.

Mr. Caldwell said the Democrats rotten egged Butler and Shuford and other candidates in 1894, but were now saying, we know we rotten egged you and did you wrong, but let's let that pass. Just come back home. We will treat you right. But the Populists will not go back to a party that kicked them out of the back door and persecuted them as the Democratic party has done. He read a letter from Mr. Z. I. Walser telling how a white man swore out a warrant against his wife in Davidson county before a negro magistrate and the negro asked the lawyers to move the case before some white magistrate as all the parties concerned were white, and the Hon. S. E. Williams who spoke here in Hickory several weeks ago was the woman's attorney and refused to allow the case to go before some white magistrate. Williams is a Democrat and wanted it tried before a negro so he could hollow "negro rule coming west." You see the inconsistency.

We are glad to say that Mr. Caldwell held his own with his opponent in Hickory and all the comment we heard on the speeches from the Democrats was that they thought he made about as big a burst as their man Williams did when he spoke here. Old Catawba will do her duty for Mr. Caldwell when the time comes she can be relied upon.

Mr. Klutz opened his speech in a calm way and spoke on national issues, but could not to save his life tell what the Democratic party stands for nationally. He then came to state issues and tried to apologise to the Populists for the snubbing the Democrats gave them by kicking them out the back door at Raleigh. He tried to show up the corruption of the State administration but failed in every instance. He also tried to show up the east and read letters from Rev. J. H. Page and Rev. A. W. Setzer, but they had no weight with the people, as they had already seen a letter from one of these preachers denying that he ever said Greenville had a negro postmaster.

We don't think Mr. Klutz convinced any body that the Democratic party is right. If he did we have not heard of it.

## BAD TO EIGHT.

A Mysterious Couple in Jail.—The Man an Ex-Convict.

About two weeks ago, a man and woman came to W. H. Queen's, in Howard's Creek township and secured employment. On Monday they demanded a balance of 25 cents which Queen owed them and on his telling them he did not have the money, they pitched into him, cussed him out and tried to lick him. When Deputy Sheriff Beal went to arrest them Tuesday, he came near getting a licking from the woman. They were tried before Esq. S. P. Sherrill Tuesday, found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10, and costs. Not being able to pay up, they were sent to jail.

They gave their names as W. H. and Mary Lucas and claimed to have been married. Lucas claims Swain county as his home and confessed that he had only recently been released after serving a term in the penitentiary, where he was sentenced for the larceny of a watch, of which crime, however, he was, of course innocent. He is a hard-looking case. The woman, if clean and well dressed, would be very handsome. She says she came from Ireland twelve years ago and that her father, named Pittman, lives at Rock Hill, S. C.

There is something behind them, probably a crime.—Lincoln Journal.