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National Democratic Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT: WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, OF NEBRASKA. FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: ARTHUR SEWALL, OF MAINE.

Democratic State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR: CYRUS B. WATSON, OF FORSYTH. FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: THOMAS W. MASON, OF NORTHAMPTON. FOR SECRETARY OF STATE: CHARLES M. COOKE, OF FRANKLIN. FOR TREASURER: BENJAMIN F. AYCOCK, OF WAYNE. FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL: FRANK I. OSBORNE, OF MECKLENBURG.

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FOR CONGRESS, 7TH DISTRICT: S. J. PEMBERTON, OF STANLEY.

FOR SENATORS, 20TH DISTRICT: W. A. SELF, OF CATAWBA. C. C. WRIGHT, OF WILKES.

County Democratic Ticket.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE: J. F. REINHARDT.

FOR SHERIFF: B. C. WOOD.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS: R. H. DELLINGER.

FOR TREASURER: H. J. CROOKS.

FOR SURVEYOR: L. P. SIFFORD.

FOR CORONER: LAWSON HOUSER.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: P. A. THOMPSON, H. E. RAMSAUR, W. M. HULL.

A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.

Let those who sing of the freedom of citizenship under the system of county government, now in vogue, enacted by the last Legislature, READ, PONDER and THINK as they read, Section 5, Page 186, Public Laws of North Carolina, 1895:

"That whenever as many as five electors of the county make affidavit to the Clerk of the Superior Court stating that in their opinions two additional County commissioners (to the three elected by the people), are necessary, for the proper management of the affairs of the County, etc.

"Then upon the petition of two hundred electors of said County, one-half of whom shall be freeholders, and so certified by the Clerk of the Superior Court, made to the judge of the district or the judge presiding therein, it shall be the duty of said judge to appoint two honest and discreet citizens of said county etc."

As you will see by reading the above that a hundred electors who own land must sign the petition for appointment, before the judge can act upon said petition. No matter if ten thousand good citizens all of whom are worthy and substantial men, but own no real estate, and unless one hundred names on the petition represent land owners, the judge cannot appoint any additional commissioners. No renter's name will be worth any thing on this petition. Does this not deprive some as good citizens as are in our County from privileges that others have? This is the freedom

the last Legislature gave us; while the Democratic Legislatures have always recognized the name of an honest poor man, as much as that of a land owner. Which do you like best, that law that gives every man the same rights and privileges, or that that gives the property owner more rights and privileges?

A CHANGE OF BASE.

What Mr. William McKinley thought in 1890 when he was signing his name to notes to the amount of \$118,000 as security, while he was not worth one quarter of that amount, as shown by his speech delivered in Congress May 7, 1890 (see Congressional Record page 4,265 in volume 21, first session of Fifty-first Congress:

"When merchandise is the cheapest, men are the poorest, and the most distressing experiences in the history of our country—aye, in all human history—have been when everything was the lowest and cheapest, measured by gold, for everything was the highest and dearest measured by labor."

And what he thinks now since Mark Hanna has paid off his \$118,000 due on notes and filed these notes away so he can show them to the Major should he be so fortunate as to be elected president and Mark should want any legislation enacted specially favoring trust and monopoly robbery. Who knows but that Mark Hanna might change his mind as McKinley has if he could get \$118,000 by so doing. What do you think of the evidence? Vote according to your judgement.

We said in last week's paper that L. A. Abernethy, the Republican candidate for Legislature, in this county, if elected, was pledged to support Pritchard for United States Senator, and sent Mr. Abernethy a copy of the paper so he could see it and deny the charge if it was not true. So far we have not gotten any denial, and we do not expect any. The candidate for Register of Deeds, (J. F. Killian, a gold bug Republican), was heard to assert, positively, "that if Abernethy did not pledge himself to vote for Pritchard, he would not vote for Abernethy." And now Killian says he is going to vote for Abernethy and McKinley, and Abernethy is going to vote for a goldbug for United States Senator. Yet, Abernethy says he wants Free Silver. Which is so? Does he want it, or is he fooling the people?

All men who want the free coinage of silver, know one man who is running for the Legislature from this county who does want the free coinage of silver and is not afraid to say so, and that man is Jack Reinhardt. He will not vote for any man for United States Senate who will not vote for the free coinage of silver. All people who are in earnest about this matter should vote for Jack Reinhardt and not vote for a representative who will support a goldbug for United States Senate, or McKinley for President.

It is reported that a Mr. Leonhardt is telling around in his vicinity that the Chairman of the County Executive Committee has made a mistake in sending out money to buy votes with and sent \$15 to one Wesley Huffstetter, a Republican, with instructions to spend as above. Where upon Wesley would not accept the money, but returned it. I dare say Leonhardt did not hesitate to accept Mark Hanna's boodle when it was sent to him by Holton the other day and from reports he (Leonhardt) is getting the good out of it, buying new suits of clothes and setting up the boys at a still house to the tune of \$10. When was he known to be liberal before? "Come easy, go easy." That's right old boy, enjoy it. But lets look into the facts a little. In the first place did anybody ever know a Republican to refuse money when it was tendered him or he could get his hands on it. That is their religion and politics both, to get hold of every dollar they can no matter how. The statement gives the lie to itself and it is unnecessary for any one else to do so. Mr. Leonhardt evidently got this county chairman confused with the Republican State Committee man who sent a Democratic gentleman in Statesville a check to buy votes with and the Democrat published the mistake. These are facts, but the report on our county chairman is absolutely false.

MOTT'S CONVERSION.

How some people understood Mott's speech in the court house Monday night. It being the night before the Robinson's Circus in town, some darkies were heard (by a gentleman who was present) in reply to Mott's statement that the Democratic party was a party of promises for tomorrow, "to say 'Yes it's gwine, it's gwine, shore. I always goes when a circus comes along'. These people whooped and cheered Mott, every time some fellow sitting back in the corner gave the signal by striking his cane on the floor two or three times, and thought he made a great speech. So he did, if charging across the stage shaking his head and hands in a dramatic style, using no argument except the necessity of the Republicans being elected, but if reason based upon principle is an essential then he failed.

READ what one of their party has to say about Chas. H. Rhodes and Treasurer Yount, in this week's paper, and see if you, as a tax-payer and a voter, can endorse such official conduct as settling with the Treasurer by borrowing the county's funds of him and paying up the deficit in the taxes etc., to said Treasurer. This is a matter of individual interest to all tax-payers, and should be considered by them when they go to cast their ballots. B. C. Wood would never have diverged from the path laid down by the law this way, nor would H. J. Crooks. If they would, they are not the men we want for these most important positions. Nor would I as a tax payer be willing to vote for any man whom I knew would, or had done as Jack DeLane says these officers did.

Vote for the men you know will not trifle with your funds.

RUSSELL AT LINCOLN.

Four Political Speeches to a Circus Crowd.

Special to the Observer. LINCOLN, Oct. 13 '96.—Judge Russell spoke here this morning. It was not thought last night that he would tackle the circus, but he did. He was introduced by L. B. Wetmore. The audience was not large. There was a good sprinkling of negroes and Populists.

Russell began his speech by saying that the men sent out by the State committee to speak with him could all make better speeches than he could, and that he wanted them taken down.

The judge then said that he had not refused to have a joint discussion with Watson; that he wanted a joint canvass in the western counties, but that he did not want it in the east, where there was danger of stirring up race trouble.

The speaker then paid his respects to "the fraudulent, disfranchising Democratic machine," and said that the great bulk of the Democratic politicians were not in favor of free silver; that they did not believe in it any more than they did in Greely in 1872. He said that free silver was a Democratic dodge to catch the Populists, and that as soon as the Democrats get in power they will again be Jeffersonian Democrats!

The judge then went on to criticize Watson for saying he would not discuss State issues, and accused the Democrats of stealing the Populist platform. He said the Democrats ought to have joined the Populist and not have committed a burglary on the Populist platform. He said that the Democrats wanted the Pops. to be the Jonah while they wanted to be the whale.

Before the war, the speaker said, the Democratic party was a great party. It did what it promised. It stood for States' rights, nullification, and the right of secession. It never deceived anybody about its principles: Since the war that party had stood for everything and had carried out nothing. Continuing, the speaker said that the workingman knew now what they did in 1892 when they voted Cleveland into power. Cleveland had done more than Lincoln. Lincoln freed four million of negroes from human slavery, Cleveland had freed forty millions of American people from their jobs.

The speaker paid his respects to the Wilson-Gorman tariff law by saying it gave protection to New England and put Southern pro-

ducts on the free list. On the money question, the speaker said that Jefferson, Jackson and Benton were all gold-bugs, and the Democratic party, by adopting free silver, had departed from the faith of the founders of the party.

Taking up State issues, he said that there was no difference between Republican and Populist on the State issues; that both these parties oppose the Democratic machine and fraudulent elections. The judge was very severe in his condemnation of the so-called machine methods of the Democrats and their alleged disfranchising of thousands of voters in 1892 and 1894. Russell then urged the Republicans to stand by local fusion with Populists. Under no circumstances, said he, should Republicans go to Democrats for advice. He then appealed to the negroes to vote the fusion ticket and not be led away from their party by the Democrats. The Democrats may be honest in their every day business relations, but it would never do, said the great Russell, for Republicans to get their political ethics from them. He told the negroes to find out what the Democrats wanted them to do and then to go and do the other thing.

The speaker was high in his praise of the last Legislature, and said it had done great things for North Carolina. He said that the coming election would be the only far election held in North Carolina in fourteen years.

The speaker gained considerable applause from the Republican part of his audience when he told about alleged frauds in elections in eastern North Carolina. He claimed his recital of these frauds was not extreme in the least; that they were really worse than he pictured them. The speaker used these alleged frauds as a reason why the Populists and Republicans should now stick together and not let the Democrats get possession of the State this year.

The speech, on the whole, was not so bitter. It was strong, however, in its ridicule of Democracy and the past record of the party. It seems to be the intention of Russell and Mott to cement the opposition and try to beat the Democrats by exciting prejudice as to State issues. They pay little attention to national politics.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson followed Russell. He was introduced by L. A. Abernethy, fusion candidate for the Legislature. Thompson had only fairly begun when the circus parade passed the court house and the crowd left. He began his speech by talking about the recent conversion of the Democrats to the silver side.

Russell, Mott, Cowles and other Republicans were in the audience and smiled when Thompson scored the Democrats.

BEDDINGFIELD AND MOTT.

Hon. E. C. Beddingfield and Solicitor Marshall Mott had a joint discussion on the issues of the day last night. Contrary to expectation, Mott consented to a division of time. Russell and Mott were billed to speak here to-day, but it being circus day, the local Republicans thought it best to have the speaking last night. It was Beddingfield and Lucy's appointment. Judge Russell did not speak. He was in the audience, however, and heard the joint discussion. He sat beside the high muck-a-much local Republican leader, school teacher and politician, Muldrow.

Beddingfield opened the discussion in a speech of one hour, and made a very clear-cut and forcible presentation of the silver issue, and showed up Hanna's candidate and the Republican party in no enviable light. He noticed the Republican objections to Bryan's candidacy and the arguments against silver.

He paid much attention to the stock arguments of the gold-bugs, and was especially strong in his utterances in regard to the 58-cent dollar, intrinsic value, and whether we could maintain silver coinage.

Mr. Beddingfield's speech was oftentimes eloquent and he was always forcible.

Mott followed Beddingfield in a speech of an hour. He began by saying that he had no apology to make for the Republican party; that the Republicans referred with

pride to their record. He said these were religion in promises of what the Democrats would do in the future, but there was damnation in their record of yesterday. He said he would discuss what the Democratic party had not done, not what they promised to do in the future. He referred to the campaign of 1892, how the Democrats knew Cleveland was against silver, but yet nominated him and elected him and were now calling the President a traitor. Here Mott appealed to that class of Democrats who wanted to be called consistent, to that class who read and think.

The speaker then held up a silver dollar and accused the Democrats, under the lead of Cleveland, of repealing the only law by which such dollars were coined. The speaker then said he was for silver, that the Republican party was for silver, but that they wanted every dollar to be as good as a gold dollar.

He referred to the plea of free coinage advocates, that free coinage would help the farmer, and said that the government could not stamp 53 cents worth of silver and make it a dollar; that if the Democrats were so anxious to help the farmer they ought to pass a law to make wheat bring a dollar and a half a bushel. Such a law would be helping him without any doubt. "If you are going to help the farmer, help him," said the speaker.

The speaker then in a very dramatic way told about the Democratic party using the party of tomorrow. He said the Republicans pointed with pride to their yesterday. Mott closed with an appeal to the negroes to vote the Republican ticket and not to sell their votes, but be men and American citizens. The negroes loudly cheered Mott's utterances, and especially when he addressed them.

Beddingfield, in his rejoinder of 15 minutes, accused Mott of dodging the issue and not discussing the money question, the real issue. He told Mott that it was on one of the yesterdays of the Republican party that silver was demonetized, that it was in the yesterdays of the Republican party that all the legislation hostile to the people was enacted and from which the people are now suffering; that the 4th of next March the Republican party would be always a party of yesterday.

The crowd was about equally divided. Beddingfield's good points were loudly cheered, and his eloquent plea for Bryan in his rejoinder called forth prolonged applause.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson was in the audience and seemed to be much amused by Mott's abuse of the Democrats. He came here with Mott and Russell from Shelby last evening. He was circulating around the North State Hotel in the company of Russell and Mott.

DELICATE WOMEN SHOULD USE BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR.

IT IS A SUPERB TONIC and exerts a wonderful influence in strengthening her system by driving through the proper channels all impurities. Health and strength are guaranteed to result from its use.

My wife was bedridden for eighteen months, after using BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR for two months, is getting well. J. M. JOHNSON, Malvern, Ark.

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Wanted!

General Agents, Local Agents and Solicitors for the largest Mutual Natural Premium Life Association in the world. Liberal contracts. Address, W. F. MOODY, MANAGER, Charlotte, N. C.

Mortgage Land Sale.

By virtue of a power invested in me by a mortgage deed executed to me by H. F. Carpenter and wife Mary A. Carpenter Nov. 4, 1894, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in Lincoln, N. C., on

Monday, October 19th, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M., a tract of land, property of said H. F. Carpenter and wife Mary A. Carpenter, containing 26 1/2 acres more or less, lying and being in Lincoln County, N. C., known and designated as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone on the bank of Michael's creek, thence and Frank's corner and runs S. 85° E. 1/2 mile with a stone pile, thence S. 75° E. 1/2 mile to a stone on the line to a stone on Thady's line, thence a new line S. 85° E. 1/2 mile to a stone on a stone on the North bank of the branch, thence N. 25° E. 1/2 mile to a stone at the mouth of a branch where it enters Michael's creek, thence up the creek to its various meanders, with Frank's line to the stone to the beginning, containing 26 1/2 acres by the same more or less. Adjoining lands of Frank, Thady, Hoke and others, and lying on the waters of Michael's creek. For reference, see mortgage deed, as recorded in the Register of Deeds of Lincoln County, N. C., Book No. 75, Page 61. This September 12, 1896. J. W. BURNELL, Mortgagee. Sept. 17-41. J. C. ALLEN, Collector. 11-29-96-17

Racket Store.

COMPLETE LINE OF SHOES

We have just received the best and most complete line of Shoes that we have ever had. We have it got-a Shody Shoe in our Stock. So if you want Shody Shoes, you will have to look elsewhere. But if you want value for your cash, come this way. We have the largest and best assortment of men's and boys' Pants that we have ever had in our house. We can fit you in any price pant you want, from a good 50 cent pant to the best \$5.00 goods on the market.

BIG LINE OF HEADWEAR.

How about Hats and Caps? We have just received a lot of 50 dozen caps for Ladies, Misses, Men and Boys. If you want a cap, come this way. You will find what you want. Our stock of Men and Boys Hats is complete.

CAMPAIGN HATS AND CAPS.

Men's and Boys Campaign Hats and Caps for both Democratic and Republican nominees. This is the time you want to show what side of the fence you stand on. Our stock of Dry Goods, Notions etc., is always full up.

ORGAN TO BE GIVEN AWAY DEC. 24TH, 1896.

Don't forget about the Organ to be given away on the day before Christmas. The tickets are moving away. You should hold a ticket on that day. You may be the lucky one.

J. L. KISTLER, Lincolnton, N. C.

FATHER OF LOW PRICES.

We promised to give you some prices last week but we were entirely too busy. We will call your attention to our Clothing. We have by far the largest line we have ever carried, and the prices are right. Children's Suits from \$1.00 up. Boy's Suits from \$2.00 up. Men's Suits from \$2.50 up. And we have a very nice line of Pants at prices to defy competition. We have a lot of odd Pants from broken suits that we are selling at cost.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

We have the largest and best line it has ever been our pleasure to carry. We have been trying ever since we have been in business to get a real good home-made shoe. We have struck it at last in the celebrated Randolph Shoe. We guarantee every pair of them to give satisfaction. We also have a few Gainesville Shoes which we will sell you at cost to clean them out. In fine Shoes we think we can suit anybody.

DRY GOODS! DRY GOODS!

We have not time or space to give you prices. We will only say we have the largest and cheapest line it has ever been our pleasure to show. Come and see us whether you wish to buy or not.

H. S. Robinson & Company.

ONE PRICE CASH STORE

This Store Contains an Ideal. It is our constant effort to attain it, always seeking to better our best. Want to be helpful to you in your merchandising; want you to feel that your best buying interests center here; that for every dollar you spend over our counters you will receive a just equivalent.

THE NEW FALL STOCK invites you. We are proud of our purchases, and feel confident that they will meet with your approval. Haven't been studying your wants all these years for nothing. DRESS GOODS FIRST. Your mind is on them now, what to buy and where to buy it—these are the all absorbing questions. Visit that up to date dress goods department of ours and see how easily these questions are answered.

See our 36 inch all wool dress goods bargains at 30 cents per yard. These are regular 50 cents goods. Think about it all wool dress flannels at 22 1/2 cents per yard. Beautiful all wool flannel Brocade dress goods only 12 1/2 cents per yard. All wool Serge 44 inches wide, 35 cents per yard. Handsomest lot of plain dress goods ever brought to this market from 15 to 50 cents. Very handsome line of the latest styles in black and fancy dress goods from 50 cents to \$1.75 per yard.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT. Our millinery department is full and overflowing with all the newest and latest things in Hats and Trimmings. Miss Parker, our Baltimore milliner, is with us again and is already crowded with work. Call to see our stock; we feel satisfied that we can suit you in anything you may want in the millinery line.

We are too busy to say more this week. Lookout next week for our ad on Ladies Capes, Jackets, Shoes &c.

JENKINS BROS.

N. B. We call your special attention to our stock of Men's and Boys' Pants. This is a new line that we have added to our business. Boys' pants from 25 cents up. Men's pants from 50 cents to \$4.00. This is a brand new stock at rock bottom price. We mean business, come to see us. JENKINS BROS.

Attention Housekeepers.

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