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MORRISON LEADING.

That the voters of North Carolina are flocking to the sane leadership of Cameron Morrison is evidenced from reports being received from all over the state. The cry, "Back to the Constitution," is causing people to ponder; and the more one views the record of the three candidates, and studies the issues for which they stand, the more favorably they are inclined towards the famous leader of the "red shirt" brigade of white supremacy days. In the east and west Morrison sentiment is growing by leaps and bounds; and it is generally admitted that his candidacy is now being accorded the most support by the progressive leaders and newspapers of the state.

The New York Times, considered the most reliable newspaper in the world, carried a survey of the North Carolina political situation in its Sunday edition, and in view of the unquestioned accuracy of its reports, its analysis of the gubernatorial race is interesting.

"There are three Democratic candidates for Governor in the field," says the Times dispatch. "Each is making a hard fight, but the greatest strength at present is shown by the anti-suffrage candidate, Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, who, since the state convention endorsed suffrage ratification, against what is believed to be the will of the Democratic majority, has been gaining steadily, especially in the extreme eastern and western sections of the State. The other candidates are Lient, Gov. O. Max Gardner and Robert N. Page, brother of the former Ambassador to Great Britain. Mr. Page served fourteen years in Congress and declined to stand for re-election to enter the race for Governor. Gardner is an avowed advocate of woman suffrage and it was his friends who got the convention to endorse ratification. Page is said to be against suffrage."

"Morrison, the anti-suffrage candidate for Governor, was one of the

leaders in the fight for 'white supremacy' in 1898. He donned the red shirt, with thousands of other Democrats of southern and eastern North Carolina and helped to keep the negroes away from the polls so that the Democrats would get in power and thus restore the state to white rule. The constitutional amendment was then passed, under which negroes were barred, under what was known as the 'grandfather clause.' That has expired and eligibility to vote now depends upon educational qualifications."

Jule Warren, a Raleigh newspaper reporter recently sent out a report that two men in Cleveland county have bet a thousand dollars that Gardner does not carry his own county. The Cleveland Star offers a hundred dollars for the names of the men, and ends up by saying it understands that there is a man in each part of the state who is willing to bet ten thousand dollars that Gardner will be in the lead on the first primary. The boys are talking in big figures, but when a man offers to bet either Morrison, Gardner or Page will not carry their respective home counties, he can be put down as an easy mark. County loyalty, if nothing else, will put the candidates across in their native haunts.

Though The Journal considers Mr. Morrison the most competent man in the race for Governor, we wish to commend Mr. Page for his frank advocacy of revaluation. Tax reform is the most progressive undertaking of the Bickett administration, and it should be endorsed by all candidates.

A judge and a preacher are handling Mr. Gardner's campaign. Judge Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, is his campaign manager, and Rev. T. W. Chambliss has charge of the publicity. Regardless of the outcome of the race, Mr. Gardner is certainly in good hands.

A warm gubernatorial race in this county means more votes for Congress. This is why Judge W. O. Lemmond refuses to worry over the frequent exchange of verbal barabbages between Major W. C. Heath and Editor J. Z. Green.

"Come on Monroe, what ails you?" asks the Charlotte News, in giving the census returns. Your same trouble, neighbor; Winston-Salem has our boys.

We have more than held our own. Monroe is having a slow, but sure growth. We never did claim to be a manhood town, anyhow.

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We Are Living in Days of Madness.
 (From The Baltimore Sun.)

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We need not consult Mars or any other planet for an answer, or summon interpreters and sooth-sayers from the vasty deens of space to solve the trouble. War generates a moral and mental gas of madness, more poisonous and far-reaching than the diabolical concoctions of the military chemists. It dries up the milk of human kindness in the hearts of men and leaves in its stead the inflaming passions of hate, selfishness and discord. Strong minds find it hard to maintain their balance in a poisoned atmosphere of excitement and suspicion, and weak and unsound minds turn on individuals or society with unreasoning ferocity. They are like gunpowder upon which a spark falls.

The world is something like an immense lunatic asylum just now. If its inmates are to be cured, the conservators of thought, the ministrants to sanity, the healers of the sick must maintain their own balance and calmness, their own self-control and common sense. The wonder is not that some weak brains have given way. The wonder is that many more have not. Let us keep sane ourselves and help the world back to sanity.

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