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NEGROISM IN LENOIR COUNTY.

In a recent issue we showed how the fusionists were trying to break the force of the race question in the approaching election by nominating only white men for office. In fact it has been given out over the State that no more negroes must be nominated, and Jim Young, recently, in the Wake county Republican convention, told the negroes that now is an inopportune time for them to be nominated for office and that he would go to Craven county and try to get some of the negroes taken off the ticket. He told them that they could afford to wait.

By this course they admit the form of the issue. They realize the danger that threatens them and by this means are trying to avert it. But they deceive no one. "The leopard cannot change his spots, nor the Ethiopian his skin." And soon the "sow will return to her wallowing in the mire." It is with difficulty that the party leaders can now restrain the negroes from asserting themselves and they only succeed with promises for the future.

Our people are disposed to congratulate themselves upon the fact that they have escaped the evils of Republican rule that afflicts Craven, New Hanover and other eastern counties, where they have negro magistrates, policemen, deputy sheriffs, etc. But let us consider (1) what we really have in Lenoir and (2) what we have barely missed.

We have now in Lenoir county four negro magistrates, who have jurisdiction throughout the county, and a number of negro school committeemen, who have a voice in selecting white teachers and the right to inspect white schools, which right has been exercised in at least one instance in this county in a school taught by a white lady.

We have a jury box that seems to be crowded with negroes, though in pursuance of their new policy the commissioners seem to have avoided putting on the usual number for next court.

We have the humiliating spectacle of negroes sitting around the court room to be called into the box as talismen and of seeing their expectations gratified.

An examination of the insolvent list for last court shows that Chas. F. Dunn drew as half-fees twice the amount of any other magistrate in Lenoir county and that indicates that he is binding over twice as many persons to court as any other justice of the peace and putting twice as many in jail.

This same Charles F. Dunn, has since he has been a magistrate, issued a civil warrant at the instance of a negro, one Pettiford, against as respectable a white lady as there is in Lenoir county and tried the case.

Another instance of the exercise of his jurisdiction: One Faulkner was selling potatoes from his cart on the streets in Kinston, when some negro walked around and asked if his measure had been stamped by the standard keeper, which had not been done. Ignorant of the fact that the law had been changed making this failure a misdemeanor, this same Charles F. Dunn had Mr. Faulkner to appear before him and answer the charge of not having his measure examined and stamped.

We have recently given an account of his issuing warrants against five white boys from the country at the instance of Levy Morgan, the negro constable.

These are samples of what we have. Let us see what we have barely missed: (1) A negro postmaster for Kinston. It is well known that for a long time it was in doubt

as to whether the negro would be appointed or the present incumbent. (2) Kinston, like many other eastern towns, was redistricted and so arranged that we might have had four negro commissioners and one Democrat. In fact the purpose was to control the town government. By some means the Democrats have managed to defeat the plan. Last year two negroes were elected from one of the wards, but the Democrats managed to succeed in the other two. If this plan had succeeded Kinston would likely have had a negro policeman.

It is useless to say this would not have occurred for there are people living in Kinston today who have seen two negro policemen in town and seen them arrest white men. One of them, Sylvester Lawhorn, terminated his term of office by shooting on the streets a white man, Herman Bryan, well known to our older citizens.

This is not all, but enough for the present, and enough to put our white people to thinking.

THE FREE PRESS takes pleasure in publishing the article elsewhere from Mr. M. G. Koonce, who has been as strong a Populist as any man could be. Mr. Koonce was honest in his convictions as a Populist and he still holds those same convictions, but he sees and realizes the situation and is going to do what he can to better the situation.

There are many other Populists halting between two opinions. They believe firmly in the principles that caused them to leave the Democratic party, and on the other hand see that the leaders of their party have practically landed the Populist organization in North Carolina in the Republican camp. They scarcely know what to do. It seems a hard dose to swallow to return to the Democratic, but they are not in line with the Populist organization or machine in going over to the support of the negro party.

We wish such white men to reflect on the fact that they are voting contrary to all their principles in supporting the Republican ticket, whereas most of their principles are represented by the Democratic party.

We urge all such white men to come out in favor of the Democratic ticket—the white ticket—in this campaign anyway.

The fusionists used to curse Democratic rule for 6 and 7 cent cotton. Under McKinley and Russell prosperity it is 4 to 5 cents. We are sorry the price is so low. Putting the fusion party in power in North Carolina has certainly not made cotton bring better prices, but certainly has caused bad government.

Judge Augustus Van Wyck, who was nominated by the Democratic convention of New York, is a brother of the mayor of Greater New York. The convention failed to affirm the Chicago platform and the Chicago platform Democrats will put out a ticket of their own.

HANCOCK AND FOWLER.

A Stormy Session of the Convention at Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, N. C., Sept. 29.—After a stormy session lasting until 8 o'clock tonight, during which there were many charges of corruption by both sides, a resolution by Hancock, of Craven, endorsing the State committee's action and refusing to nominate a candidate, was passed.

Oscar Spears and Sion Buchanan and other white leaders attacked the State committee in vigorous speeches, and at 3 o'clock Spears called for a show of hands for a nomination, and all but three or four voted for it. But while Abe Middleton, who, it is said, is paid \$1,000 by Fowler, occupied time in a long speech, Hancock was calling out negro delegates one by one and presumably buying them. Hancock, it is charged, bought the negro chairman at the start and just enough delegates to defeat a nomination. Buchanan and others say they will not vote for Fowler.

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TAX NOTICE!

I received the tax list of Lenoir county for the year 1898 on Monday, Sept. 5th, and request the people to come forward and pay their taxes promptly.

Respectfully,
BENJ. SUTTON,
Sheriff of Lenoir County.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself an independent Democratic candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lenoir county, and respectfully ask the support of all my friends. If the people will elect me I will serve them to the best of my ability.

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Opening of Campaign in Lenoir Co.

A big rally, big barbecue and picnic, and big speaking on FRIDAY, OCT. 7th, at SPARROW'S STORE, Trent Township.

Our distinguished speakers, COL. THOMAS W. MASON, HON. F. D. WINSTEAD, and other good speakers are expected. All our County Candidates, including our Senatorial Candidates, will be on hand. The ladies are especially invited to be present. Do not hesitate to bring your wives and daughters, we want them to come. Speaking begins at 11 o'clock a. m.

The County Canvass will continue until complete at following times and places.

Trent Township, Sparrow's Store.....	Friday, Oct. 7
LaGrange.....	Saturday, " 8
Institute.....	Monday, " 10
Falling Creek Depot.....	Tuesday, " 11
Vance Township, Mewborn's X Roads, Wednesday, " 12	
Contentnea Neck, Rose of Sharon,	Thursday, " 13
Sand Hill.....	Friday, " 14
SouthWest, Kelly's Mill.....	Saturday, " 15
Neuse, Parrott's School House.....	Monday, " 17
Woodington School House.....	Tuesday, " 18
Pink Hill, Davis' Store.....	Wednesday, " 19
Kinston,	Saturday, " 22

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