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## National Democratic Ticket.

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FOR FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS  
CLAUDE KITCHIN, of Halifax.

## MR. CARR AND MR. SIMMONS.

It may be true that Mr. Carr served only a few months in the Confederate army, but this does not alter the fact that he has been the best friend to Confederate veterans this State has known. While generous in all things he has been especially so to the old soldiers, and helped them every time an opportunity presented itself. This is no special recommendation for him as senator but is a recommendation for him as a man, and it is a sorry politician that would question the motive of acts committed years ago because he now aspires to the senatorship. The man who is poor in purse cannot be blamed for not giving, and surely we should not blame those who give of their abundance.—Durham Herald.

We agree with what the Herald says, but it seems to be true that, as expressed by the Tarboro Southerner, "It is evident that Gen. Carr's left hand has always been thoroughly acquainted with every movement of the right." "Charity vaunteth not itself," seems not to be appreciated by some of Gen. Carr's friends.

Others of Carr's friends have made most vicious attacks upon Simmons, personally and as head of the Democratic organization in North Carolina.

The character assassin can befall any name. There are none perfect. It is unfortunate that personalities have entered the senatorial contest. Friends of Carr and Simmons both are to blame for personal attacks upon both candidates, but Simmons was attacked first, and human nature is such that not to retaliate was impossible.

THE FREE PRESS has a strong admiration for Simmons as an able debater and hard worker. We don't think he has an equal in the State in debate. He will be able to defend North Carolina and the amendment in debate and in every way most effectively. He will rank with the best argumentative speakers in the senate. If anything can be accomplished in the senate for the good of North Carolina, Simmons will do it. He hasn't the money to give swell suppers, etc., to the nabobs, but will devote his time to the actual duties of the position as will best serve the interests of the people of his State.

We have heard Carr men denounce the methods used to accomplish the glorious victory last August and condemn Simmons for leading such a fight, the plain intimation or contention of such Carr men being that the victory was a stolen one.

Such purists—if their contention is false, are slandering Simmons and the entire Democratic party in North Carolina; if their contention is true, how can they consistently gather the fruit of such rascality? Don't they know that the receiver of stolen goods is equally guilty with the thief?

But the truth of the matter is that those friends of Gen. Carr who charge Simmons with election frauds, are only taking up the cry of Butler, Holton & Co. They are sustaining the contention of the negro party.

If elected senator, how could Carr defend the North Carolina amendment and North Carolina Democracy? More especially after his public talk of "a full vote and fair count"—a plain intimation of fear that the Democratic organization ("machine") would not give him such, and also an intimation that such was not had in the August election; or else it was a bid for Populist and Republican support, and he is getting their support. In this fight for Democratic preferment, only Democrats should be appealed to.

Some of Carr's friends say that Carr was only advocating honesty in his veiled attack on the Democratic organization; they raise a great cry in favor of honesty. Now if Simmons' election methods were dishonest, can such honest people accept office as the result of the victory thus won—can they do so honestly?

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It must be plain now why Judge Boyd delivered his charge at Greensboro, why Holton went a second time to the grand jury to get a true bill, and why Judge Boyd's charge is being distributed throughout the State. The Republicans hope to intimidate the registrars so that all the negro boys and convicts can vote as they did in 1896. One other thing is plain: The Republicans hope to carry the State in November. They have made no canvass in the east and so far have been "lyin' low and sayin' nuffin'." If they can see a way to rush all the negroes to the polls, they will do so on the morning of the election.—They are saying nothing now, knowing that activity on their part would arouse the Democrats.—Raleigh News and Observer.

West Virginia is a doubtful state because of imported negroes. The Washington Post says that Republicans in Washington admit, in a private way, "that it was necessary to import 3,000 negro voters, although illegal." This confession shows the shamelessness of Republicans.

It is less than two weeks to the election. Democrats should bestir themselves now and bring out a full vote for Bryan and Stevenson and Kitchin, and also for Simmons.

Bryan has been speaking to great crowds in West Virginia, arousing intense enthusiasm. It is now thought the Democrats have fine prospects of carrying West Virginia.

**A Slave's Cargo.**  
From the time we first got on board the slaver, says J. Taylor, Wood in The Atlantic, had we heard moans, cries and rumblings coming from below, and as soon as the captain and crew were removed the hatches had been taken off, when there arose a hot blast as from a charnel house, sickening and overpowering. In the hold were 300 human beings, gasping, struggling for breath, dying, their bodies, limbs and faces all expressing terrible suffering. In their agonizing fight for life some had torn or wounded themselves or their neighbors dreadfully; some were stiffened in the most unnatural positions.

As soon as I knew the condition of things I sent the boat back for the doctor and some whisky. He returned, bringing also the captain, and for an hour or more we were all hard at work lifting and helping the poor creatures on deck, where they were laid out in rows. A little water and stimulant revived most of them. Some, however, were dead or too far gone to be resuscitated. The doctor worked earnestly over each one, but 17 were beyond human skill. As fast as he pronounced them dead they were quickly dropped overboard.

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