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## RICHMOND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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For County Commissioners,  
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## REPLY TO THE AN-GLO-SAXON.

### Take YOUR Crow, Neighbor.

Last week the Anglo-Saxon, the would be oracle of Democracy, and self-constituted and conceited dictator of the Richmond Democratic party, had something to say of the Headlight's spurious Democracy; of its spreading itself in an effort to stir up opposition to Democracy in its own ranks; of it having to take its dose of crow; that it did hope it would change its tune somewhat after, (in substance) the primary. Then in another sentence, it contradicts itself by saying, we didn't expect it. We didn't even suspect it. Now which does it mean? It can't mean both. Can it be suffering from a fit of lunacy? or is it because it doesn't know when it contradicts itself? Or is it because it has no regard for what it says? We deny the charge emphatically. Now we demand that our contemporary prove what it has uttered here, for its assertions are absolutely of no weight. We offer any and every issue of the Headlight to refute these false assertions.

The Anglo-Saxon is a kind of "rule or ruin machine," that would place in front of its insignificant self, the whole Democratic party and command it to go forward at its command, ready at the slightest difference of opinion in any one in the ranks, to slap him in the mouth, and bid him do as commanded, for "it assumes to be the Democratic party of Richmond" and all besides, are fools, independents, renegades, or radicals. Why, this very spirit of the Anglo-Saxon, has done more to create dissatisfaction in the Democratic party than all things else combined, and its policy is to drive the

Democracy of Richmond to victory or to hades—and to hades it will go if that paper persists in its course. Tyranny has no place in Democracy. The voice of the people is the voice of God—let the will of the majority rule, we say, but you would say, "if its my will"—"My will, not thine, be done."

We love Democracy, and all the insinuating slurs of the Anglo-Saxon can't drive us out of the party, nor prevent us from voting for its nominees, and this is not "a dose of crow for us, for before the primary, we decided to support the nominees, and said so before and after the primary, but it is a nauseous draught to see the Anglo-Saxon perched upon an imaginary, self-erected throne, as a kind of Democratic Deity. The former won't gag us—the latter does. If this wouldn't make anyone sick, what would do it?

We don't want to fight our party. No, God forbid. Nor do we wish to wound the feelings of many of the good Democrats who have seen proper to differ with us on some minor points, but we do wish to hurl back into the teeth of the Anglo-Saxon, the unkind, unfair, unfounded criticisms it has made in reference to the Headlight, and to show to the world how foolish, vain, arrogant it is. Now, as to our editorial of last week, we are willing that every man, woman and child in Richmond should read it, and if any two persons, not connected with the Anglo-Saxon, will say it smacks of independentism, then we'll admit we are not much wiser than the Anglo-Saxon. We leave the whole matter to the decision of the people.

We regret to take this space from our readers, but this is the third unprovoked attack that paper has made upon us. We have never criticised it except in defending its attacks upon us, but as it seems to mean war, we say let it come, and we'll amuse it indefinitely, and hereafter, we shall feel at liberty to fire a shell into its camp at our pleasure, and hereafter will be aggressive, and take special delight in calling our contemporary down as occasion arrives, but we will always have the TRUTH on our side.

The following is the editorial upon which the Anglo-Saxon based its unjust and discourteous attack upon the Headlight. We want the people to read, and we leave them to do their own thinking: "RICHMOND COUNTY POLITICS." "The primaries have been held, and we had hoped that all Democrats would vote in them and be satisfied with the result. In this however, we have been disappointed, as about one-third of the Democratic voters of the county, among whom are some of our best citizens, did not vote, and some of them are clamorous for an independent ticket. That the Republicans should desire to put out a ticket, seems perfectly natural, but that there should be two Democratic tickets seems to be rather odd, and not for the best interest of the Democratic party. It be leaves all good Democrats to pull together and present a solid front to our common enemy, the Republican party. It is no dead, as some may suppose. And it too, now claims to be 'illy white,' and many of those people who voted with us in 1898 will naturally return to their first love.

Then too, many of the Populists who came from the Republican party, will go back to it. If these things be true, the Republicans may be more numerous than one might suppose, and hence the necessity for Democrats to stick together. But, says one, I don't like the way the primaries were managed, and I won't support its nominees. Well, this is a free country, and the negro has been practically eliminated from politics, and you have the right to vote, or not vote, and if you vote, you can vote as you please. But if you don't vote for the nominees of your party, you ought to have a good reason for not doing so. These are things that should have our serious consideration. The nominations generally, were not unanimous. Some of the candidates were not voted for, and some voted against, by the substitution of other names, but all received majorities in the county primary. This was a great surprise to the people at large, for they expected a second primary. While the majority is not always right, it should be so, therefore the will of the majority should rule unless good cause can be shown to the contrary."

## JUST LISTEN TO THE AN-GLO-SAXON.

Last week it said, "The Democratic party in Richmond county has not been more united, better satisfied, and with less cause for dissatisfaction since the war," and turned up its holy nose at the Headlight because it said there was some dissatisfaction. My, my! Gone off half-cocked again. Why, that paper is only about 3 years old, and the editor, where, oh where has he been for the last 37 years?—not in Richmond we know. Then the paper don't know anything about what it says. But we do know what we said and know it to be true, and will prove it by the statement of some of the county's best citizens, some of whom were born in Richmond "befo de wah" and have always lived in it, and voted in it, and have always voted the democratic ticket. We regret that we are forced to this measure, for we would not willingly hurt our dear old party, but we feel it our privilege and our duty to PROVE that our statement is true.

We wrote several parties at different post offices in the county and have statements from them that there is much dissatisfaction. These we may publish next week or later. In the meantime anybody can see them by calling at our office.

## INDEPENDENT TICKET.

We shall take no part in an independent movement, but we have heard a great many people say that there will be an independent ticket for all, or nearly all, the county offices. We hear, also, that the Republicans will put out a ticket. We can't tell how it will be, but should there be an independent ticket that would be evidence of dissatisfaction. As much as we regret it, it is no use to deny the fact, or to try to hide it. If everything connected with the primary was open and fair, which we do not question, what have we to fear? Why not recognize the true situation and fight for the success of the ticket nominated? It's no use to close our eyes against the fact that, there will be a hard contest.

## NO DISSATISFACTION.

Ah! No dissatisfaction! Would the Republicans have dared to marshal their forces had they not seen that there was dissatisfaction in the Democratic ranks? No indeed, and the sooner the Anglo-Saxon admits the fact, and enters upon the work of pacifying dissatisfied Democrats, and using every possible means to unite the grand old party, the better for it and the party. You may drive Democrats out of the party, but you can't force them to remain in. Now, neighbor, change your tune and sing, "Come all ye dissatisfied Democrats, and let us make a grand charge against our common enemy. We have tried to 'cuss' you out, but we need you now. Help us once more, and we'll turn you loose until we need you again.

## PEACE, SWEET PEACE.

The Anglo-Saxon may sing its "Siren Song" of "Peace, Sweet Peace," in the face of an organized enemy, and "cuss out" every Democrat that does not worship at its shrine, but if it persists in this suicidal course, it must fold its righteous hands and close its eyes to the result and continue to enjoy peace, sweet peace.

## The Anglo-Saxon says,

"The very people whom it, (the Headlight) falsely claimed to represent in its campaign of discontent walked right up to the ballot boxes and voted solidly for the old order of things." Well, a large portion of them did vote, and some who did, say they are sorry they did it. We honestly regret that there is considerable dissatisfaction throughout the county, but it is true, and there's no use to deny it, and if the Saxon can't see it now, we hope it never will. We wish we were mistaken.

## The Anglo-Saxon says,

"Some of the candidates who had been heading the Headlight's fairy tales of discontent, may have been disappointed in the number of votes they received." If that paper has any backbone let it give the names of the parties to which it alludes. It is due the parties, who, of course are defeated candidates.

## The Anglo-Saxon says,

"We are enjoying the fruits of that victory now." Yes you are at the tune of a little five dollars a day job in the legislature. "Oh how we apples float," and we're determined to float on and on—mind ye!

## The sooner the Anglo-Saxon finds out that it can't

dominate the people of Richmond county, the better it may be for it.

## If the Anglo-Saxon would serve

its party to advantage we suggest that it fight Republicanism instead of Democrats—that it strive to LEAD, instead of DRIVE.

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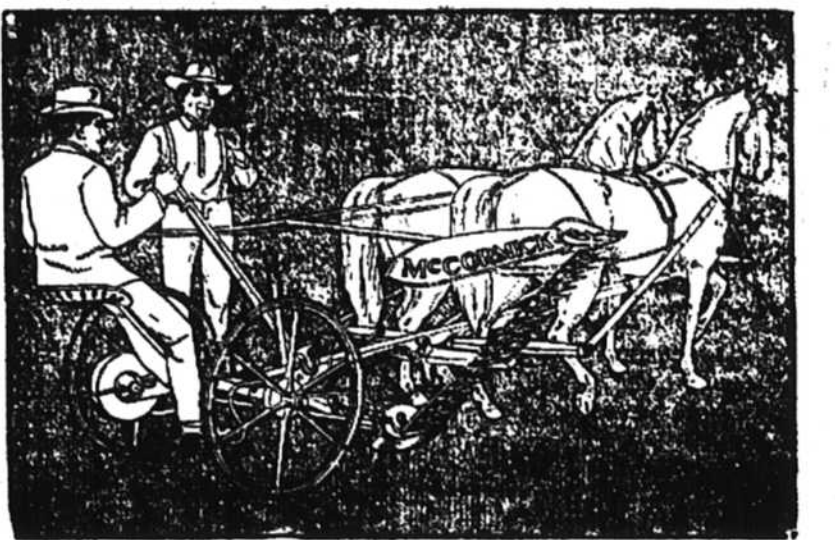
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