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## HARD WORK NECESSARY.

Some Democrats will not entertain a thought of even probable defeat of their party at the approaching election. They count it practically settled in advance that Cleveland will be the next President of the United States and that Fowle will be the next Governor of North Carolina. They have magnified the feeling of assurance to the point of virtually folding their hands in security till the time of spreading them in acclaim when the trumpet of rejoicing shall have been sounded. It is well to have faith but an overweening confidence is most to be dreaded of all, because of its result in inactivity and the lack of vigilance. It was this that came near losing the State in the election for members of the Legislature two years ago. In the class referred to is a large part of the "stay-at-home" reserve. Neglect to go to the polls, on the part of this large reserve, is the danger to be feared more than any other possible contingency. If the white people can be got to the polls there is little question about their voting for the continued supremacy in power of the Democratic party. We may say almost solidly, for in the present issue of affairs in this country there are stronger reasons than ever before for white voters to stand together, and we believe the white men are more alive to that fact than ever before. Many of them may stay away from the polls in perfect innocence of heart, not dreaming that their votes may be actually needed in determining the result, and certainly not wishing any other result than Democratic victory. On the other hand the Radical contingent of 105,000 negro voters, more or less, may be expected to "git there" all the same. The whites, however, outnumber them largely; and all that is necessary to outvote them is that the whites, to a man, go to the polls and discharge a duty which they owe to their race and country. Simple carelessness on their part may result in the re-establishment of negro rule in North Carolina. The white contingent that will stand side by side with the negroes at the polls is insignificant as compared with the mass of patriotic white voters of the State provided the latter, in their full strength, shall exercise a plain duty and privilege on the day of the election. Think of it. In the election of 1880 the 27 eastern counties of the State, which had been worst afflicted by negro rule, cast more than 78 per cent of their combined Democratic vote, that is, out of upwards of 50,000 votes, more than 40,000 were cast in support of the Democratic ticket. For obvious reasons, considering especially the large negro majorities in those counties and the motive the white voters had for maintaining Democratic control of the State, it was with them more directly a matter of self preservation. Hence they were more alive to their duty in the premises. The central and western counties combined cast only about 50 per cent of their Democratic vote in the same election, which only confirmed a principle of human nature growing out of the fact that those counties stood not in such jeopardy of negro rule and were content to rely upon the East, more vitally concerned, to see to it that its united strength should be cast at the polls and thus perpetuate Democratic rule. The consequence of such careless conduct was that Gov. Jarvis' majority was less than 7,000 when it ought to have been, and would have been if the whites in the centre and west had turned out as well as did those in the east, more than 30,000. Now here is where the hard work is to come in, preparatory to the next election; let precinct committees, as Gov. Jarvis suggests and advises, canvass their respective districts and get the names of voters; then see them personally and talk with them and urge upon them the importance, indeed the necessity, of every man going to the polls on the day of election; then, after thorough preliminary work to

this end, let these committees see that no man, on account of infirmity or age, shall miss his opportunity to vote from the want of a conveyance to get him out to the polls. This would be the business, more than anything else, of the Democratic clubs in the townships. It is well to hold frequent meetings of the clubs in the interest of enthusiasm and organic union, and let these keep the campaign spirit at fever heat. Public speaking will serve an excellent purpose in arousing the people to a sense of the danger of negro rule that threatens and to bring the facts before them; but at last the important duty of campaign organizations is to get the voters to the polls and the votes into the box. The recent letter of Gov. Jarvis to W. J. Yates, Esq., written in far off Brazil, should be read before every Democratic club, and the lesson it teaches should be taken to heart by every Democrat in the State. The gist of that letter is advice along the line of work which we have indicated.

## Democratic Meeting.

EDITOR ROCKET:—A large crowd of simon-pure Democrats met at Little's Mills on Saturday, 25th, to hear a speech from Mr. W. C. Douglass, of Troy. The meeting was exceedingly harmonious and orderly. Mr. Douglass held the crowd for sometime, pleasing all, and made one of the best Democratic speeches we have heard. After the speaking, a Cleveland and Fowle Democratic club was organized. R. A. Robinson was elected President. Vice-Presidents were J. L. Baldwin, J. S. Crouch, John Reynolds, Alfred Baldwin, Z. H. Lowdermilk and Ed. Bruton. J. P. Little, Jr., and D. C. Stanback were elected Secretaries. Seventy-eight members joined, and the club will soon number over one hundred. On motion of W. F. Brookshire, working committees for neighborhoods were appointed. The Democrats of Steele's township are wide awake, and will do good work this year. We intend to have the banner Democratic township of the county. S. Little's Mills, N. C., Aug. 28, 1888.

## A Suggestion.

Correspondence of The Rocket.  
MR. EDITOR:—I notice in a recent issue of your paper a few suggestions in regard to probable candidates for the various county offices, and, as a Senator and Representative was named from lower Richmond, I rise in advocacy of a Representative from this section. As you and every one else are well aware, old Mineral Springs has never had a Representative or any other county officer in several decades, and it has been several years since upper Richmond has been represented. I think it is time for this immediate section to have a voice once in a life time. Therefore I am an advocate of this cause and I will now name a man for the office of House of Representatives whom I think is in every way fully competent to serve his people in that capacity. That man is J. M. Hines whom the people all know to be a true patriotic Jeffersonian Democrat of the "first water." Mr. Hines is a man who has always been true to his party and has ever been an enthusiastic worker for the good of that party. He has never asked anything at the hands of his party and has always worked hard for the men whom the people have seen fit to nominate. Mr. Hines is the model farmer of Richmond county and is well posted in agricultural affairs and his capabilities in that direction will fit him to serve his party and the people in our next Legislature. Yours &c., DEMOCRACY.

## For Register of Deeds.

Correspondence of The Rocket.  
MR. EDITOR:—I wish to present to the Democrats of Richmond county for consideration the name of John W. Gibson for the office of Register of Deeds—a son of Eli Gibson, one of the first Democratic commissioners elected by the people. John is a young man of good habits and well equipped in every respect to fill the office creditably to himself and the people, as he is clever, kind, and courteous to all. John is a good scribe; a fine looking young man and would be an improvement in the office. Yours truly, DEMOCRAT.

## Federal Radicalism.

From the Wilmington Messenger.  
Col. Dockery is perhaps as reckless and unreliable in his statements as any man in North Carolina. For example, in his letter accepting the Radical nomination for Governor he asserted:  
"THAT THE REPUBLICANS HAD REJECTED 'THE PUBLIC DEBT' ONE-HALF AT THE CLOSE OF ARTHUR'S ADMINISTRATION."  
That is not accurate. As he says, the debt was \$3,000,000,000 in 1865; and in 1885, when Mr. Cleveland came in, the outstanding debt of all sorts was \$1,900,000,000. The reduction of the debt was not one-half. The reduction of "the bonded debt," however, was one-half. But how has this great reduction in the bonded debt been brought about?  
The bond holders had gotten their bonds at 70 cents in gold on the dollar, and the Republicans undertook to bring them up to PAR in gold at the expense of the people. To do this the bonds were boomed; heavy and burdensome taxes were laid, and the policy of rapid payment was inaugurated. The people suffered, but the bonds rose in value—and in 1870 reached PAR. That should have sufficed. The people then should have been given some respite; respite was given, but not to the masses. As soon as the bonds reached PAR the income tax was taken off of the rich, but the taxes paid by common folks were continued.

To favor the bond-holders still further, silver money was outlawed, and the bonds as they came due were renewed, and made payable in gold coin. The bonds at first were payable in currency or in coin, (silver or gold); the new bonds, substituted for the old ones, were made "payable in gold." More than that, all bonds originally were subject to "call." That is, the government had a right to call in any bond at any time and pay it off at its face value; but the Republicans in renewing one billion of them in 1877 made \$250,000,000 payable in 1891, and \$750,000,000 payable in 1907, depriving the government of the right to call them in and pay them off at their face value at any time. The whole policy was in the interest of the bond-holders—who were given every advantage over the people. The result is that those bonds payable in 1907 are to-day selling at \$1,270 on the \$1,000, and when the government buys one of them it has to pay that.

We repeat that at first heavy taxes were laid that the bonds might be paid off rapidly so as to bring them up to par value; and the bonds were so paid with the money raised by taxes out of the treasury. The Republicans would not reduce the revenues and the surplus money had to be used in that way to keep it from piling up mountain high in the treasury. In late years the bonds subject to call were being rapidly exhausted. It was evident that they would soon be all taken up and that if taxes were not reduced the time would soon come when bonds could no longer be paid, but would have to be bought. The Democrats favored reducing taxes to prevent that; the Republicans said, "no, buy bonds, even at a premium."

When Mr. Cleveland came in only \$200,000,000 of bonds remained to be paid. By July, 1887, he had paid all but \$19,000,000 of them. After that he still had to purchase bonds to get the money out of the Treasury, but he did it with great reluctance and with wise discretion. The bond-holders asked 1,270 dollars for a bond due in 1907, of the face value of \$1,000. The taxes come piling in. Mr. Cleveland says "stop collecting, so that I will not have to pay this bonus of \$270 to these bond-holders." Dockery's party says, "no, collect the money from the people and pay \$1,270 for a \$1,000 bond not due for 20 years yet." Which is right? The surplus money coming in every month is about ten millions of dollars; \$120,000,000 a year are thus taken unnecessarily from the people, and one-fourth of it, \$30,000,000, given as a bonus to the bond-holders, whose bonds have 20 years yet to run. Which is right?

## For Register of Deeds.

Correspondence of The Rocket.  
The friends of Mr. Addison Ingram present his name for consideration as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds for Richmond county. In this year of political turmoil it is but right and proper that the farmers should have a fair and impartial showing for the county offices, and Mr. Ingram is a successful farmer who has been between the plow handles since his youth. The party cannot do better than nominate him for Register. MANY VOTERS.

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## He Can't Vote for Free Whiskey.

CARLEISLE, Penn., August 25.—The Rev. J. B. Dangerfield, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at Harrisburg, and a very prominent colored minister of this part of the State, to-day announced that he would stomp the State and vote for Cleveland and Thurman. He says: "As a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and a life-long Republican, now that the old party has defaced her record by declaring to a civilized and a Christianized world that free whiskey is better than free wool for the country, it is time for every minister to stand upon the open platform, and use his political influence against such a party. I appeal to every worthy and intelligent voter to come out boldly and defeat the issue of the Republican party by voting for Cleveland and the 'Old Roman.' I am one who will go when the time comes and promulgate these facts to my people. I cannot advocate free whiskey."

## Fowle at Shelby.

SHELBY, N. C., August 23, 1888.—The largest crowd ever assembled in Rutherfordton was present to hear Messrs. Fowle, Finger and Davidson on their triumphant march. They were met by a cavalcade of six hundred horsemen headed by the Rutherfordton Cornet band and escorted to the stand. Judge Fowle was introduced by Col. A. Ford, chairman county executive committee, and spoke about two hours, during which time he severely ridiculed the Republicans, hitting heavy blows, gaining converts to the Democratic enthusiasm. Major Finger followed in one of his strongest speeches and Col. Davidson closed with an effort that made a deep impression. Judge Fowle's canvass is very successful and is being complimented by all. After the speeches Judge Fowle received an ovation at the hotel.

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