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THE STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Walter Clark, of Wake.
 For Associate Justices, Platt D. Walker, of Mecklenburg, Henry G. Connor, of Wilson.

Superior Court Judges,
 2nd Dist.—R. B. Pebbles, of Northampton
 4th Dist.—C. M. Cooke, of Franklin.
 6th Dist.—W. R. Allen, of Wayne.
 8th Dist.—W. H. Neal, of Scotland.
 10th Dist.—B. F. Long, of Iredell.
 11th Dist.—E. B. Jones, of Forsyth.
 13th Dist.—W. B. Council, of Watauga.
 14th Dist.—M. H. Justice, of Rutherford.
 15th Dist.—Fred Moore, of Buncombe.
 16th Dist.—G. S. Ferguson, of Haywood.
 For Solicitor Eighth District—L. H. D. Robinson, of Anson.

For Corporation Commissioner—Eugene C. Huddingfield, of Wake.
 For Superintendent of Public Instruction—James Y. Joyner, of Guilford.
 For Congress, Seventh District—Robert N. Page, of Montgomery.

For Senators Twenty-Second Senatorial District—H. A. London, of Chatham, and U. L. Spence, of Moore.

County Ticket.
 For the House of Representatives—A. S. Dockery.
 For Sheriff—T. S. Wright.
 For Clerk of the Superior Court—John L. Everitt.
 For Register of Deeds—W. S. Thomas.
 For Board of County Commissioners—W. C. Leak, E. C. Terry and E. D. Whitlock.
 For Coroner—D. Gay.
 For Surveyor—N. A. Graham.

The Republicans are not only trying to get white men to take the places of their disfranchised negroes, but they are using the same methods to get them that they used to use to hold the negroes in line—holding little night meetings about here and there without giving public notice; beating the bushes and circulating false reports. The Democratic candidates are going before the people in a public way, addressing them in large crowds at well advertised meetings. If the Republicans have a worthy cause why don't they bring it out to the light. If Democratic officials have not done their duty, why don't they meet them on the stump and tell them so. The Republican ticket was nominated in a second-story back room and prefers to make its canvass in a still hunt. This kind of proceeding was good enough to hold negroes in line, but it will hardly inspire the confidence of good white men.

One good point made by Maj. London in his speech at Roberdel last Friday night in regard to Pritchard's deserter bill, is that his bill reaches only the most inexcusable class of deserters. There was one class of deserters, Maj. London said, whom he had never found it in heart to criticize so harshly—those who, when desolation was spread all over our Southland and sickness and starvation was found in many homes, laid down their arms out of an overpowering sense of duty to their families at home. These are not reached by Pritchard's bill. His bill only includes those who not only deserted the Confederacy, but put on the uniform of the former enemy, and turned their guns on their former comrades. And the Major got almost wicked in telling about how long and how hot it would be before he would vote for the man for the United States Senate who passed that bill.

We hope that no Democrat in the county will fail to register and vote this year because he thinks it of little importance. It is of great importance that we should give such a majority to our county ticket as will establish beyond question the supremacy of our white man's primary.

The Republicans failed in their efforts to protect their negro voters in their right to vote, and now they are trying to get white men to take the place of the disfranchised negroes.

THE RECORD!! THE RECORD!!

A Complete and Faithful Account of the Democratic Stewardship in Three Years of Control in Richmond County, Which Every Citizen Should Read and Reflect Upon—If the Negro Issue be Dead, Justice is Still a Living, Vital Principle—Let Every Voter in the County Compare the Record of their Officials and Stand by them or Condemn them as their Record Shall Merit.

The Republican party has again come to the front to dispute the right of the Democratic party in Richmond county, composed of fifteen hundred white men, to continue the good work it has done in restoring good government, good order, good schools, decent politics and economy and honesty in the expenditure of the public funds.

The Republican Executive Committee has nominated a ticket which they ask the people to elect in opposition to the Democratic ticket.

This Republican Executive committee was acting under instructions of a Republican county convention.

This Republican county convention instructed it to do so upon motion of Republican H. C. Dockery, whose motion was to instruct the Republican Executive committee to select a ticket not later than October 4th, so that the people of the county would be given the opportunity to vote against "the giant enemy of good government—the Democratic party."

The ticket thus selected by a Republican Executive committee, in obedience to such instruction from a Republican county convention, has no sort of right or title to any other name than that of a straight Republican ticket, and so far as we know or have heard, it does not stultify itself by claiming to be the Democratic party.

But as they represent the expressed idea that the Democratic party is a "giant enemy" to good government in Richmond county, let's go to the record and contrast their administration with that of their Republican predecessors, and if they have not given you a better administration, as they promised you they would do, vote them down. But if they have fulfilled their pledges; if they have saved the people's money and been zealous of the public welfare in all matters, have the justice and the patriotism to support them at the polls as they deserve.

In taking up the record we could not do better than begin with the public schools, a part of our system of government which comes closer to the people than any other, and upon which depends the momentous question of whether or not a very large per cent. of our boys and girls shall be prepared by a common school education at least to meet the duties and battles of life in this the most progressive and enlightened age in the world's history.

Here is a history in brief of the public school system of the county for the last year of Republican government:

FROM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 1st, 1899.

WHITE.		NEGRO.	
Total amt. apportioned schools (deducting amount apportioned to Scotland).....	\$2 816 54	Total amt. apportioned schools (deducting amount apportioned to Scotland).....	\$3 027 73
Average salary paid teachers.....	23 57	Average salary paid teachers.....	26 29
Average length school term 12.3 weeks		Average length school term 13.2 weeks	

FROM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 1st, 1902.

WHITE.		NEGRO.	
Total amount apportioned.....	\$5 162 26	Total amount apportioned.....	\$5 354 58
Average salary male teachers.....	26 50	Average salary male teachers.....	23 00
Average salary female teachers.....	23 00	Average salary female teachers.....	21 00
Average length school term 20 weeks		Average length school term 18 weeks	

You will see from this that matters are considerably reversed from what they were in the Republican record. Note the figures carefully. They form a part of Richmond county's history of enough importance to justify your reading them over again and taking in their full meaning and importance. Note that while less money was apportioned to the negro schools, that even they have benefited by Democratic control for they have been given better schools, and FIVE WEEKS MORE OF SCHOOL IN THE YEAR. Note that the white schools have been increased in length TWO WHOLE MONTHS IN THE YEAR. You should also take note of the fact that not only have the school terms been much increased, but the general efficiency and character of the schools have been wonderfully increased. It is well known that the public school system under the old regime was worse than a farce. But with the schools which are now being run by the Democrats in every neighborhood, there is no reason in the world why every boy and girl in the county cannot obtain a good education without paying one cent of tuition. All this has been done without increasing the general tax levy one cent.

How can any one stand up before the people of Richmond county, in the face of their record, and represent the Republican party, and ask the good citizens of the county who can not be bought with the promise of a little revenue job, to support them at the polls?

The showing made for the public school system as shown above is a fair sample of what has been done in every department of the county affairs.

The Republicans seem to be lodging their greatest complaint against the Democratic Board of County Commissioners. Well, let's see what they have done with the people's money, and if they do not make a better showing than their Republican predecessors, vote them down.

That you may be assured of the accuracy of these figures, we give first the certificate of W. S. Thomas:

NORTH CAROLINA, Office Register Richmond County, of Deeds.
 I, W. S. Thomas, Register of Deeds for the county and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the following statements are true and correct transcripts, as appear on the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, on the 1st day of September, 1902.
 Witness my hand this, 29th day of September, 1902.
 W. S. THOMAS,
 Register of Deeds and Clerk of the Board.

Now, here are the figures for the last two years of

REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION:

Expenditures for year 1897, general county purposes.....	\$12 525 75
stock fence.....	1 091 00
Total.....	13 616 75
Expenditures for year 1898, general county purposes.....	\$15 261 84
stock law fence.....	2 736 62
Total.....	18 000 46
Total for the two years.....	31 617 21

DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION.

Expenditures for the year 1899, general county purposes.....	\$11 157 71
stock fence.....	549 94
Total.....	11 707 65
Expenditures for the year 1900, general county purposes.....	\$12 950 76
stock fence.....	541 20
Total.....	13 491 96
Total for the two years.....	25 199 61
Republican.....	\$31 966 20
Democratic.....	25 199 61
Total.....	57 165 81

AMOUNT IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION.
 So you have in plain and undisputable figures that the Democratic administration saved the tax payers of the county in two years the

handsome sum of \$6,766 59. But this does not begin to measure the superiority of the Democratic over the Republican administration. While the Republicans spent the people's money with a lavish hand among their favorites, it is a fact known and well remembered by the citizens of the county that whenever they had an honest claim against the county they got pay for it in script which they could not get cashed, and thousands of dollars of which is now outstanding against us. The best they could do was to sell it to some favored dealer in county script at a considerable discount. Every claim that has been allowed by the Democratic administration has been promptly paid by Sheriff Wright. Not a single man has presented a proper voucher to him which was allowed by the Democratic Board of Commissioners which has not been promptly paid. "You don't have to serve the county now on its juries, in its courts, on its bridges, in burying its poor, or in any other capacity—and take pay for it in discredited script. Isn't this a condition of affairs which should be appreciated by every good citizen of the county?"

TAXATION.
 The next inquiry should be: "What has it cost?" The Democrats have given us better school houses, two months more of public schools a year in every district in the county; has cared properly and humanely for our large number of afflicted and indigent poor; has built good bridges whenever needed, guarded our people against infectious diseases, met all the obligations which present themselves against our county, and has at the same time paid for all these things promptly, where did it get the money to do it with? It must have levied heavier taxes upon the people. Let's see.

The Republicans levied taxes for the year 1898 in Richmond county as follows: [We continue to use figures given under certificate of W. S. Thomas.]

REPUBLICAN LEVY FOR 1898.

For general county purposes.....	23 1/2 cents on \$100 and	.71 cents on poll
outstanding indebtedness.....	10 " " " "	.30 " " "
Court House Bonds.....	.03 " " " "	.09 " " "
Poor House bonds.....	.01 " " " "	.03 " " "
Fence (on real estate).....	.02 " " " "	.06 " " "
Totals.....	47 1/2 " " " "	1.13 " " "

The Democrats reduced this levy in 1899 5 cents on each \$100 of property and 15 cents on each poll, and levied for the years 1901 and 1902 as follows:

DEMOCRATIC LEVY FOR 1901 AND 1902.

For general county purposes.....	23 1/2 cents on \$100 and	.71 cents on poll
outstanding indebtedness.....	10 " " " "	.30 " " "
Court House Bonds.....	.03 " " " "	.09 " " "
Poor House bonds.....	.01 " " " "	.03 " " "
Fence (on real estate).....	.02 " " " "	.06 " " "
Totals.....	35 1/2 " " " "	.62 " " "

So the tax payers of the county are actually paying 12 cents a year less on every one hundred dollars worth of property owned by them and 21 cents less on each poll, than they paid under Republican administration, when their schools were worthless and their county script hawked about the streets and sold to the highest bidder. What honest, patriotic, public-spirited citizen of the county, who has not been seduced with a promise of a revenue job, will find it in his heart to vote against an administration which has done these things for them?

INSOLVENT AND DELINQUENT POLLS.
 Another point which the Republicans seek to make much of is that Sheriff Wright made return of 1148 insolvent and delinquent polls for the year 1899. A large list was returned for that year because settlement was being made between Richmond and Scotland counties, but a large number of those returned was afterwards collected and turned into the treasury, which would considerably reduce the number, and for the year 1901 his entire list of insolvent and delinquents was only 345. The Republican Sheriff for the year 1898 returned 1164 insolvents and delinquents, a greater number than returned by Sheriff Wright for the year of settlement with Scotland.

COST OF COUNTY OFFICERS.
 The county officers all received a great deal more for their service to the county under the Republican regime than have been paid Democratic officers. We gave the figures some time ago, showing a great saving to the county in the administration of the Sheriff's office compared with his predecessor. We now have the figures of the Register of Deeds. R. J. Pence was paid for his services as clerk to the Board of County Commissioners in 1898, outside of fees collected from individuals for recording papers, issuing marriage license, etc., the sum of \$1,418.68. W. S. Thomas was paid for the same service in 1901 the sum of \$525.95.

Bear in mind that these figures are taken from the public records under certificate of the Register of Deeds. Now what are the people going to do about it? Are they going to vote against these men, who have been so faithful to their interests in all matters, and who have been renominated in a primary participated in by more than a thousand of the good white people of the county? Or are you going to turn them down and vote for a ticket nominated by seven Republicans; a ticket representing the old Republican ring which dominated over you for years, squandered your money, left the county heavily in debt and insulted your manhood by putting negroes in office over you?

The record is with you.

The Republicans have circulated the report that registrars are refusing to register certain white men. There isn't a white man in the county who has been a resident of the county and State the length of time required by law who is not entitled to register, and who has been or will be denied registration. There may be three or four who failed to pay their poll tax as required by law, but even these are entitled to register, but are liable to be challenged if they offer to vote at this election. Every white man ought to register now, and he will never have to register again.

Chairman Simmons requests that every Democrat familiarize himself with the names on the Democratic State ticket as printed at the head of this column, as he has reason to fear that bogus tickets will be circulated on election day. There is no Democratic State ticket without each of the names as given at the head of this column on it.

Tobacco.
 Mr. J. P. Leak, who is already demonstrating that the raising of thoroughbred beef cattle for market can be made a profitable business in Richmond county, expects to try a crop of tobacco next year if he can make suitable arrangements for doing so. He thinks it is a mistake for farmers to stake everything on one crop which is frequently a losing crop. Tobacco raisers have been the most prosperous class of North Carolina farmers, and this year has been the best year they have had in a long time. There are plenty of lands in that county which tobacco is successfully grown in other sections of the State, and we hope Mr. Leak and others will be able to give it a thorough trial.

London and Spence.
 Messrs. London and Spence, Democratic candidates for the State Senate from this district failed to reach here in time to fill their appointment last Thursday night, as the train was several hours late, and the speaking at this place had to be postponed. They spoke to a good crowd at Roberdel on Friday night, and strengthened their cause among the good people of that village. These gentlemen should receive

a cordial support from the people of Richmond county. They are both men of ability and of experience in public affairs. They will represent all interest fairly, and will be a credit to the district. They were nominated in a convention in Hamlet which was attended by about two hundred delegates, from the four counties of the district. Their recent opponents, Meacham, of Rockingham, and Patterson, of Scotland, were nominated by an outpouring of eight people according to our information. Maj. London was in Hamlet the next evening after their convention was held, and having a curiosity to know who his opponent was to be inquired of the proprietor of the hotel the result of the convention of the night before. After pondering over the subject for some time it finally dawned upon him that seven or eight gentlemen had secured an up-stairs room from him the night before, but he knew nothing of what their purpose was or what they had done. All we know of these Republican nominees is that one of them, Mr. Patterson, was a fusion member of the forever odious fusion Legislature of 1895.

Eighteen-Thirty.
 Mr. T. C. Leak has a copy of the old Raleigh Register of 1830. These old newspapers are always interesting to look over. One thing you will always find in any old newspapers printed before the war is a batch of advertisements about

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