

His Grace, the Duke of Richmond, since his self-heralded entry of the political arena, has contributed some rich gems to contemporary political literature.

This aristocratic personage, this only living Carolinian Duke, has been chosen by the combined hosts of the Populists and Republicans as the golden link that would bind them into one grand and indissoluble union.

Whatever the Duke says goes. Whatever the Duke writes is forthwith flashed in the public eye through those monster electric search lights, the Asheville Register and the Hendersonville Times, and is worn in the hat bands of every truly loyal Coalitionist from the Tennessee line in the West to Harry Skinner in the East.

Such facts give to these published utterances, however trifling they may seem at first reading, a significance and potency that will warrant all Democrats in giving them careful and prayerful study.

It is said that when a rat finds that the preserves are too far for him to get them out by himself, he does not fume or cower with another rat, but simply locks paws or tails with him so as to reach the goods.

Democrats, read, ponder and inwardly digest. Read over and over again and then read between the lines. Each word is fraught with meaning. Each line is portentous. Each sentence sounds the death knell of a thousand Democratic hopes.

The edict has been issued. The decree, as changeless as the laws of the Medes and Persians has gone forth. It thunders from the castle on Richmond Hill and is whispered by the clansmen on Pogy and Potato Top.

Close your eyes for an instant and give play to your imagination. See the strange sight which the seer of Buncombe has conjured up. See a writhing, wriggling mass of political rats, their tails lovingly and inseparably locked, their noses high in air, their nostrils distended, their teeth shining, their mouths watering as they sniff from afar the Democratic preserves.

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Partners for the next set! Balance all! Forward on the head! Swing corners! Forward on the sides and do a lot! Steady all! Look Tails! Chase all! On with the dance, let joy be unconfined! Look at the couples, in the thick-

est of the fray and behold Pearson and Butler, Skinner and Mott, Pritchard and Greene, Wilcox and Wakefield, Rom Linney and Little Bill Teague, Edward Stanley Walton and Robert Alexander Cobb!

A curious mode of attack you think, this tail locking business? And yet it has its advantages. By locking tails the Republican and Populist rats look in different directions and can thus both look upon their widely divergent party platforms.

The disadvantages of the situation will probably not be apparent until the preserve jar is reached and the question has to be decided which rats are to do the holding on and which are to be let down to enjoy the sweets.

But let us thank the Duke. He puts us all on guard. He tells us months in advance how we are to be attacked and he tells us what the foe is after. It is not the people who are to get the preserves, mind you, but the leaders.

Democrats, be on your guard! The rats are after your preserves. For eighteen years you have been laying them aside until your pantry is well stocked. There are the big jars of "Good Government," "Public Schools Restored," "State Hospitals for the Insane," "Schools for the Deaf and Dumb," "The University," "The Girls' Normal and Industrial School," "Public Debt Settled," "Cheapest State Government in the Union," "A Pure Judiciary," "Free and Honest Elections," "Good and Economical County Government," "State Credit Restored," "State Name Respected," "State Treasury with a Surplus." No wonder you are proud of the display.

Don't let them do it. Drive the hungry horde away. Keep the good things your economy and thrift have prepared for the people forever out of the reach of Pearson and his lean and ill-favored tail-locked rats.

A few more speedy trials, convictions, and sentences like that in the homicide case last week, would render resorting to lynch law a great deal less frequent. Morrow and Williams, both Larmless enough when sober, had little more than time to sober up fairly before they were dumped inside the penitentiary walls. That's the way that justice ought to be meted out—swiftly and certainly.

Mr. Geo. E. McCook, of Pennsylvania, knows a good thing when he sees it. His talk about Western North Carolina to the Washington News, published elsewhere is about as enthusiastic as was that of Hon. W. D. Kelly from the same State. Pennsylvanians are already doing much to assist in building up Western North Carolina, and there is room for many more of the same kind.

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There is no reason why children should be allowed to suffer from lathsome scrofulous sores and glandular swellings when such a pleasant, effective and economical medicine as Ayer's Sarsaparilla may be procured of the nearest druggist. Be sure you get Ayer's.

PRESERVE THE FORESTS.

We have received a very interesting illustrated pamphlet telling of results at Biltmore Forest, on Mr. George W. Vanderbilt's estate near Asheville. The people of Western North Carolina should be particularly interested in any experiments that go to show how a forest can be preserved and beautified and at the same time yield a revenue. The axe of the woodman is not only removing from the forests the "merchantable" timber, but careless felling and reckless cutting away of the young growth, followed as it frequently is by the scourge of fire, is rendering desolate large tracts which ought still to be bearing a vigorous, healthy young growth.

Biltmore Forest is the first practical application of forest management in the United States. Biltmore estate, of which the forest is a part, lies near Asheville, in the western part of North Carolina. Before its purchase by Mr. Vanderbilt the small farmers to whom the land belonged had pastured their cattle in the forest, had burnt it over to improve the pasture, and had cut a large proportion of the trees which could be used for fuel, for posts or sawlogs. At the time when the management was undertaken comparatively few large, sound trees of white, black and scarlet oak and short-leaf pine, which are the most important species, were still standing in the forest, and the condition of a large part of it was deplorable in the extreme.

The prime object of the management at Biltmore is to pay the owner while improving the forest. To this end "improvement cuttings" were begun in some parts of the forest, to remove old trees which had reached a merchantable size and were standing over and injuring good young growth. In other places the only measures required were to exclude cattle and fire, and give the forest absolute rest.

In the process of felling the timber the trees to fall were first carefully selected and marked, then sawed down and reduced to one cordwood or sawlogs or both. Great care was used in selecting the place for each tree to fall and in throwing it so that the top would not crush the young trees among which it fell. The trees were cut probably 95 per cent. in the condition of the young growth over that which usually follows ordinary lumbering, and the increase in cost was not more than 2 or 3 per cent. The output of the forest was sold at market prices in open competition, but most was consumed by the various departments of the estate simply because the price charged made it worth while for them to purchase.

During the first year a great improvement was effected in the condition of the forest at a very small cost. Out of a total expenditure of nearly \$10,000 the net cost of the improvement was somewhat less than \$400. During the year 1893, however, with woodmen more fully trained and the forest in better working order, the management yielded a net profit of rather more than \$1,500.

The evidence in the Pollard-Breckinridge suit is not all in yet. It is estimated that the late crop of improved early vegetables and melons along the Atlantic Coast line alone to the extent of \$1,000,000.

The reports from the North-West say that the winter wheat crop has been greatly damaged. Reports from New York to the effect that the vineyards have been nearly wiped out by the cold.

Alfred Holt Colquitt, Mexican veteran, Confederate Major General, Member of Congress, Governor of Georgia, and since 1882 representing Georgia in the U. S. Senate, died in Washington last Monday in his seventieth year.

William Fredricks, a noted tough, walked into the San Francisco Union Savings Bank, at an early hour last Friday morning, and demanded a money order of cashier Wm. A. Herrick. His demand being refused, Fredricks shot the cashier dead. He was afterwards captured by the police.

Simmons' Secret Circular.

It has just transpired that John B. Eaves, the Republican chair man issued a secret circular from his headquarters two weeks before the circular prepared by Simmons were sent out. Eaves cautioned his henchmen to see that no Republican voter failed to have his name recorded and his age, etc., sent forth in exact accordance with the decision of the court in Harris vs. Scarborough. His object evidently was to get the publican registration in good shape and then challenge Democratic voters for failure to comply with the law. When Simmons issued his letter instructing his subordinates to have defective Democratic registrations corrected and to cause new entries to be made correctly, a half dozen copies of it were delivered to Eaves in two days. It was mailed to no one but county chairmen, who were the truest Democrats of the counties. Who sent the copies to Eaves?

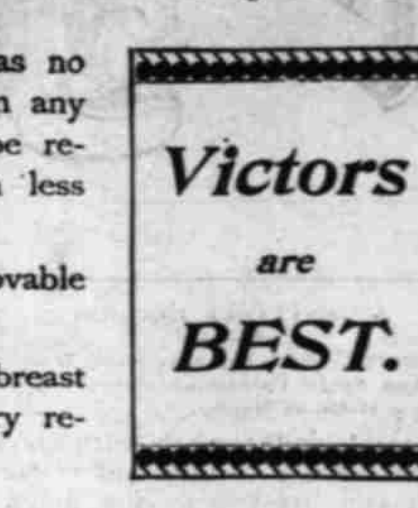
Your correspondent thinks it absurd to reflect on Eaves or Simmons for giving information which was legitimate and should have been disseminated by both among their respective assistants. But whether the Simmons circular was fished from the mail in transit, stolen by a detective from Democratic headquarters or furnished Eaves by a treacherous subordinate, there was a breach of faith and honesty that ought to have been exposed and punished. If there had been any moral or legal turpitude in sending such information to political aides-de-camp charged with the special duty of bringing their respective neighbors and followers to the polls, it wouldn't lie in the mouths of the coalition to complain, because Simmons' forces were under better discipline and obeyed his commands more promptly and universally.

The complaint reminds one of a game of poker that was said to have been played in Rutherford in old times. A gambler had fleeced some verdant young men by arranging a game for the next night, found an old bachelor friend who knew how to handle the "papers" and prepared to get their revenge. The black-leg got the deal, the bachelor friend being posted on his immediate left and the boys ranged still further to the dealer's right. Finally the dealer arranged to raise each other up into the hundred. Finally the dealer deliberately but with a confident air he was at first dumfounded when his eye fell upon the pair of queens and he heard his neighbor say, "Two pairs of aces." Forget the consequence, the black-leg in a terrible but impotent rage, "I'll be d-d if there ain't rascality around this board." The boys were re-vengeful, but the dealer never explained the nature of the trick that was played upon him. It is said that from that time forth he refused to throw another card, and after leading a blameless life for the rest of his days, died at last in the order of sanctity.

Butler and Skinner tried to steal control of the convention. Eaves and Hussey undertook to run the registration business. Simmons beat the whole board. "Hinc ille lachrymæ." The "Signal" provides in section 648 (7) that any one who publishes grossly inaccurate accounts of the proceedings of a court with intent to misrepresent or bring into contempt the authority of such court can be punished for contempt. Butler has willfully charged that the opinion in Harris vs. Scarborough was contrary to law and the usual practice of the court was withheld and certified down to the court of Montgomery till after Simmons' circular was issued in September, though it was filed in March. The truth of history is that Col. Kennan certified it down, as the law required, the last of March, 1892, and it was published in the Signal in March, 1892. The paper was circulated among the Republicans of the State, as many as 200 copies being sent to one county. It was published in April in the Southeastern Reporter, and in the Volume of Reports. Butler knew, or easily could have known, that what he wrote was false. Believing that the misrepresentation was willful, your correspondent insists that the court ought to teach this fellow a lesson and also haul Richmond Pearson over the coals for making substantially the same charge. Butler's ignorance may be pleaded in mitigation for him. But Mr. Pearson knows that his father, when Chief Justice, disbarred about one hundred of the leading lawyers of the State, with Mr. Moore, Gov. Bragg and Judge Biggs at the head of the list, for denouncing his conduct in sending out a political circular in 1868 advocating the election of the Republican ticket over his own signature. Mr. Pearson feels some of the physics that his father administered, but it should be in the shape of a fine out of the public treasury, prepared for the campaign, as it is no punishment to disbar a breathless barrister. By reference to page 401, 63 North Carolina Reports, Mr. Pearson will find that among those who were disbarred for contempt were not only Mr. Moore and Gov. Bragg, but "Hon. est Joe Davis," whom he so justly lauds in his letter, and "Z. B. Vance," without dignifying him by giving him his full name. Your correspondent would suggest another line of argument for Mr. Pearson's next letter to wit: If our distinguished Senator could be punished for contempt by his distinguished father, he ought to be permitted to register in the same name.—Cor. Char. Observer.

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Bridgewater's Budget.

Correspondence of The Morganton Herald. BRIDGEWATER, N. C., March 27, 1894.—We feel somewhat sad this morning as we look out on our wheat fields and the wheat looks as though there had been hot water poured on it. We consider our peach crop entirely destroyed, and a part of the apple crop also. I see ice sticks at my pump trough one foot long and as large as a chair post. But we are apt to look too much on the gloomy side of everything. We have the promise of seed time and harvest and by the sweat of our brow we shall have bread.

We are ready to plant corn, but owing to the cold snap we will put off planting for a while. Mrs. Yarborough and Miss Mary Kincaid are expected to return from Knoxville in a few days. Mr. Gound and family will come with them.

We notice that your correspondent from Ouray, Colorado, is a believer in woman suffrage. How would it look here in N. C. I don't hardly think there is a respectable lady in N. C. who would vote for anything. But we are not surprised at anything Colorado does since it cast its electoral vote for Weaver.

We are sorry to learn that your correspondent, "Short Off" is having affliction in his family. The old fellow himself has just pulled through a spell of the Grippe, and has been so busy on his farm that he would put off marrying a couple till rest day came around. Not many J. Ps. ever thought of this plan to save time. We hope to hear from him soon.

Dr. Great seems to be busy nearly all the time attending to his sick patients. Then he has some patients that are not sick at all, but they require some attention and he is not slow to give it.

We are sorry to hear that your associate editor, Erwin Avery, has been called from us; but we congratulate him and hope he may have good health and be successful in his new field of labor.

Col. Thornton has been having a nice time catching fish at his pond near Bridgewater this Spring. R. N. K.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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