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EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL—SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO NONE.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Big talk this is, about Democrats carrying Wake county. They carried it in 1894 and 1896 till the vote was counted.

C. C. Fagan sends us greeting and says that Martin county will come up this year with an increased fusion majority over two years ago.

Ask A. C. Green, W. J. Peele, or any consistent silver man, what they think of John W. Backwater, the recommended candidate of the D. O. P.

Fusionists, go quietly to the polls on the day of election and vote your honest sentiments. Your cause is just and no man has a right to question your privilege.

Boys stand firm and another grand victory awaits the fusion cause. The Democrats see the handwriting on the wall but are now whistling to keep their courage up.

The Democrats all over the State admit that their chances are shaky for the election of even one member of Congress. Then where are their hopes for carrying the State.

Theophilus White says Hertford county is in line, and tells the West to keep up their row, and the East will have theirs weeded out and in good growing condition by the 8th.

Dr. McBrayer, of Cleveland county sends greeting to the East, and tells them that the West is more solid for fusion than ever before, as will be seen after the 8th day of November.

Water never flows up hill, but Atwater is trying to pump himself up to Washington, but the poor old fellow is not cutting much frozen water—ice. He'll have a freeze next Tuesday.

Look out, be alert, for just on the eve of election, all kinds of misrepresentations and bugaboos will be sprung by Democrats. See that they deceive no one. Do your duty and all will be well.

Our friends and subscribers all over the State are loud in their praise of last week's big addition of THE HOME RULE. It is no small job to get out such an addition, and we are glad that our efforts are appreciated.

Any method short of an open, free ballot and a fair count in this State is in violation of the laws of the State, and any man or set of men, who attempt anything short of this should be arrested at once and given the full limit of the law.

We have heard of candidates being "independent," "nominated," and endorsed, but Mr. Atwater is a new issue and entirely unique; he is simply recommended. Better get a patent on it before election, as it will be too late afterward.

All the Populists and Republicans will have to do on the day of election is to buck right up to the bull-dozing Democrats and let them know that you intend to vote your sentiments or die in the attempt, and that will end the controversy.

All of our speakers that we have seen bring the most cheering news from the rural districts and say that the fusion ticket is in better trim than it was two years ago. We carried the State forty thousand majority two years ago and with still brighter prospects, where will our majority go to?

They do say, that since O. H. Dockery, Jr., skinned Pou at Smithfield, when Pou got Dockery "caught," Pou's friends say if Dockery comes to Smithfield again they will whip him. Maybe you will. We advise you to try on the man the Goldsboro Democrats said would leave "in box" if he spoke in that town.

The Wake County "middle-of-the-road Populists" do not conceal their disgust at the action of the Democrats on the Congressional matter.

John Atwater and Frank Ferrell are said to be advising people to vote for Secret-Circular Simmons-Avery Cleveland-gold ticket. Who art thou?

Is John Atwater "fusing with a bull yearling," as he declared at the State Convention he would do if the Democrats refused our proposition to fuse? He will if he can.

This is the most important campaign the State has had since 1860. Upon the right solution of this question of right of suffrage hangs the future of generations to come.

The Democrats deny that they will disfranchise any citizen if they attain power. They may deny it, but they can't take it back. If they openly advocated disfranchisement, they would be less likely to do so, as they never keep a promise.

Better have the South Carolina election law than the Payne law. Under the former you don't vote and under the latter you think you vote and the machine counts it for your opponent. The former saves time and labor.

Remember that the Democratic party claims all the honor, chivalry, brains and manhood, and that during each election year they claim all the votes till the voters vote, when they are —. Just so, when they measure up beside other men they are not so mighty as they think.

John Braddy, the old Poulist patriarch from Gates, says Joe Daniels and his negro pitures have solidified the Populists and Republicans in Gates, and the rotten-egging of old Brother Burns, a one armed Confederate soldier, has given all fusionists a determination to show the Democrats that their rotten-egg-warfare is contemptible in the sight of all decent people.

Mr. E. W. Pou said in his speech at Smithfield, in his joint discussion with Dockery, that all white men were already in the Democratic party, except some WHITE TRASH. Well, that's what we always knew these aristocratic Democrats considered the poor Populists and Republicans—most of whom are farmers—poor white trash. How that takes us back to slavery time—poor white trash.

Wake County Democrats at their first County Convention begged Populists to fuse with them by a vote of 171 to 17. Now they swear this same set are unfit to rule. Wake County Populists wanted no fusion with you because your record was before them. Every good citizen knows the county is well managed under fusion rule and they refuse to enthuse at the Democratic rout of "nigger."

The News and Observer, Charlotte Observer and such ilk call Populists who refuse to bow the knee to them and their party, white-livered cowards. Choice epithets this for Joe Daniels, who has been cowhided, slapped down and sat upon by men of his own party. What kind of a white-livered coward is he? He is devoid of backbone, liver, gizzard, or any organ common to the human species.

Buck Kitchen says that he never voted the fusion ticket. When he was candidate for Railroad Commissioner this was charged on him and he said it was true, but that he advised all Populists in Halifax to decline to vote, because he knew it would be counted for the Democrats, and if they did not vote, it would keep down the Democratic majority, for they would steal all in the boxes.

## RIOTS.

We need expect to hear nothing from now until election. But riots, riots, and race riots. It is all riot.

If one man strikes another it is a race riot.

If an officer arrests a man for crime, it is race riot.

Sensible people will pay no attention to any such riot-howling.

We are aware that the enemy will try in every possible manner to bring about all such troubles, but because Republicans and Populists would not let them have justifiable cause for it. Be men—brave men, and have the courage to do your whole duty to yourself, your country, your God, and on the 8th of November don't forget who it was that kept you so long in political slavery, and who would to-day gladly consign you to even a worse condition.

## POU, SIMMONS AND POU.

This is the triumvirate that is leading the Democratic hosts. Simmons broke into Congress from the black district by fraud and corruption, stole the State for gold in 1892 and is selected to do the same thing this year in the State.

The Pous, by the same methods, held Johnston county in thrall. E. W. Pou was elected Solicitor by the most flagrant deception on ignorant voters in Johnston county in 1894, and tried to get into Congress in 1896, while holding on to the judicial seat, by printing his name on the McKinley tickets and such base methods should be forever stamped out, and such men condemned by all honest voters. Your days are numbered.

## WAKE COUNTY.

The Democrats are making Herculean efforts to carry Wake county, but from a review of the situation we are glad to be able to say they have no hope of doing so. Every man who loves liberty and hates oppression should do all in his power to bury that corrupt Democratic machine beyond hope of resurrection. Be up and doing and see that none of their work shall take root in your community. Nigger, nigger, nigger, is their only slogan. If they get control the white man who refuses to do their bidding will be not as good as the nigger.

## THEN AND NOW.

Joe Daniels said to a gentleman while enroute to the Congressional Convention, in 1890 that it was a badge of dishonor for any Democrat to be elected to Congress from the Second District. Now he is doing the bidding of this same man and wearing the same badge, a white button, a tag to let people know he is white. The other side of that button is a color corresponding to his political record and cowardly heart.

## THE WEST GAINING.

All the reports from the Western counties are very flattering for the cause of fusion; a number of the counties that sent Democratic members to the Legislature two years ago will elect the whole fusion ticket this year. Therefore the friends send greeting to their Eastern brethren, and ask them to stand firm and the registration will be overwhelmingly for fusion.

## INTOLERANT.

If you do not declare yourself a tool of the machine, you are a bad egg, but if you bow the "pregnant hinges of the knee" you are all right at once. Well, as for our part, we had rather be a dead dog than the tool of any set of men. The Democrats may get some cotton-string backboned fellows by their methods, but they will get no MEN.

## FUSION PROSPECTS BRIGHTER EVERY DAY.

Hon. Hill E. King, a close observer of current events, returned yesterday from an extended canvass in the 4th Congressional District, also through a number of Eastern counties and reports, without fear of contradiction, that the fusion cause is even in better condition than it was two years ago. Our people are not making a big bluster and parade, but are more determined than ever to give the Democrats a set back that they will not recover from for some time to come.

Mr. King was also present at the great advertised white men's meeting at Goldsboro, and from actual count there was not exceeding fifteen hundred people present. He says the First North Carolina Regiment of volunteers would have made a longer procession, and this was their crowd, after a big advertisement in every Democratic paper in the State for the past thirty days.

They are badly beaten and they know it and are now lying to keep up appearances.

## HONOR BELOW PAR.

The Morning Post gives forth the statement that Mr. Strowd will support Mr. Atwater. Now, if after Mr. Strowd went into convention, took his chances, was defeated for nomination, and Mr. Atwater, who helped to nominate Mr. Jenkins, and went out and proclaimed himself an independent candidate against Mr. Jenkins, be true, then honor is at a discount, and Messrs Atwater, Strowd & Co. have descended so low in the scale of political honor that no political balance will weigh them. Populists said that Strowd, Atwater & Co. were Democrats, and this proves the assertion. Now, if men of honor can thus degrade themselves and debase their honor as to traitorize themselves politically, it is only the strongest evidence that there is neither cause nor purpose of character in any man to support them, and the people of the 4th District are not fools enough to be led into any such combination. Remember that we once lionized Strowd and this writer was among his best friends and strongest supporters, but after such demonstrations as have already been made by said Atwater & Co., it is impossible for any honest Populist to support them and when they design to impeach the integrity of J. J. Jenkins as a Populist, then they have before them a task which will be hard to prove.

## THE SEVENTH DISTRICT ALL RIGHT.

Mr. Morrison Caldwell, writing to a friend at Raleigh, says he has just returned home from a thorough canvass of his, the 7th Congressional District, and is satisfied that his majority will be fifteen hundred at the lowest calculation. Populist and Republicans were never more determined being fully satisfied that if the Democrats were to carry the State this year, it would put an end to the poor people's privileges, so far as voting is concerned.

The Democrats of North Carolina have enough troubles of their own, in the way of ignorant negroes, and yet more despicable white men.—Charlotte Observer.

It is not the negro that bothers this set, but white men, their equals in morals, intellect, standing and capacity, and superiors in honesty and good citizenship. These gentlemen, honest voters and good citizens are dubbed white-livered cowards, hounds, vagabonds, and other choice epithets of the slums. You are scared; well you may be, for honesty shall control this State.

## COULDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING ELSE.

For Wm. A. Guthrie's opportunities and social relations, he has done less and made more mistakes than any man in the State. For a number of years he passed as a Republican, but his party friends never knew when to risk him in any important position for fear he would fail them when the pinch of the game came. He next joined the Populist party, and the Populists, for lack of other legal talent in its infancy, advanced him, as they found out afterward, far beyond his true worth, as was fully demonstrated, when they placed his name at the head of their ticket for Governor in 1896, as his course will show, having started out to carry their banner to victory, and before the campaign was over, changed about face, and advised his friends to vote for Cy. Watson, the Democratic candidate, his opponent, for Governor; a thing unprecedented in the history of nations. He is now booked as the Grand Mogul of the Goldsboro Democratic negro racket meeting, and it is well enough for them (the Democrats) that the election is so near at hand or we would not be surprised to find him again affiliating with either one of the other parties or some new party, if it was possible for a new party to be found before the election comes off.

As to Mr. Guthrie we are not surprised to hear of any new freak from him, but unfortunately for the party that he affiliates with, it seems to succeed better without his help, as such has been the case, both with the Populist and Republican parties.

## WE TOLD YOU SO.

Last week we said the way to be great was to leave fusion and declare for the Democrats. The advice was taken by two men, for whom it was intended: W. A. Guthrie, who tried to sell his party out in the last election and W. E. Fountain, who tried every way to deliver the Populists into the hands of the Philistines, and after being denounced as a midnight assassin by Democrats and having all the starch scared out of him, goes over to his maligners. You are welcome.

## THE SAME OLD RESORT.

The Democrats, as in all other campaigns, first opened their campaign by a big flurry with trumpets and loud-mouth henchmen, going up and down the State hollering nigger, nigger, and failing to produce arguments or reason. Their next resort is Ku-Klux, late name being Red Shirts, and even failing to scare the people with this bugaboo. Simmons now gives out word all along the line for his henchmen to claim everything in sight, and now, it is amusing to hear these little fellows, sitting around on the street corners and goods boxes, and with no argument and no nothing, saying, "oh, we are going to beat you," and sometimes they modify their statement by saying, "if we cannot carry the State we will get the Legislature anyway," and bless their little hypocritical souls, if this is any consolation to them; let them sing this song from morning till night. Two years ago they sang the same song. Twenty thousand majority is what they claimed and it turned out that the fusionists carried the State by forty thousand, and from the best information that can be obtained from all parts of the State, there will not be a thousand difference in the majority for the fusionists from two years ago.

Therefore let us say to our Populist and Republican friends to pay no attention to the Democrats claiming the State, they are only whistling now to keep their courage up. They are beat bad and they know it.

## BUCK KITCHEN TAKES THE LAW IN HIS OWN HANDS

### And Forces a Registrar to Resign.

#### THREATENS TO KILL HIM IF HE REFUSES—B. B. STEPTOE IS THE REGISTRAR.

B. B. Steptoe, a regular appointed Registrar of Halifax county, has just arrived in the city and we have the report from his own lips, who says that Buck Kitchen, his son and a number of other Ku-Klux Democrats, came to his house on last Saturday night and forced an entrance after the family had all retired to rest, not even waiting to give his wife time to dress—Ku-Klux like, and told Steptoe that he had to resign his position as Registrar, and if he failed to do so they would kill him, and having no means of resistance and to avoid violence he complied with their request. Steptoe is here appealing to the law for protection as an American citizen in the faithful discharge of his duties.

We learn that warrants for the arrest of these violators of the law will be issued for their appearance before the Supreme court at once, to answer the charge against them.

Ain't this a pretty state of affairs? But old Buck is just carrying out his threats made at the Democratic State Convention, but thank God there is a remedy for all such lawlessness as the above, and we are also thankful that there are enough good citizens in the State to see that such law breakers will receive their just dues, and that peaceable citizens will be protected.

## EDITOR OF THE RECORDER FAVORS DISFRANCHISEMENT.

Editor Bailey of The Recorder, is on his high horse. In a circular stating the plan of the Democrats to disfranchise illiterate voters, an extract from Mr. Bailey's editorial, favoring that proposition, was produced and he was spoken of as a Democrat. Now Mr. Bailey is attempting to deny the charge and says, "And we still stand for the disfranchisement of illiterates."

That is just what was charged and Mr. Bailey proves the truth of it by declaring what we have above quoted from the last issue of The Recorder.

We are informed that nineteen thousand tickets were sold on Thursday of the State fair as entrance fees, a much larger number than at any time since its existence. If the Democrats were in power they would, of course, claim that, this grand success was all attributable to Democratic good government, but as they are not in we wonder if they will let the party that is in have any credit for the State's grand success for the past two years? Of course not, but rather say it is because the Democrats are out.

## THE REGISTRATION.

The registration in Wake county has progressed very satisfactory to the fusion party in the county. Now, if all our friends will come out and vote, our majority will be much larger than two years ago.

## WARREN V. HALL, PRESIDENT.

We are glad to announce the election of Mr. Warren V. Hall for President of the Young Men's State Republican Club. This is a very wise selection, as there is no better worker in their party than young man Hall.

If I say that the man who votes must own \$300 worth of property before he can vote, why shall not some other and wealthier citizen say the minimum should be \$5,000 or \$100,000.