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The Major Finds Now That He is Not Eligible to Office and in Deep Trouble

He Never Killed a Negro, Never Belonged to a Secret Political Society, Red Shirts Nor Ku Klux, and Hence Cannot Hold Office.

Well, not much. Erbout the only things I kin think ov are my own troubles. They are purty nigh gittin' the best ov me.

You say fusion in our State was necessary in order to overthrow the Democratic oligarchy. How did fusion accomplish this? Simply by securing a majority of the votes. It is manifest that it was only necessary for the People's party to have secured a majority to have done the same thing.

When I had the State that I would git up ter the pie counter early in the game an' git in the trough with awl my feet. So I went around an' got a petishun signed by a w'l the prominent an' official dymakrats in my seckshun. I left the place blank that I wanted, so if I missed fire on one I could be sure ter git another.

I have sinned again: light and knowledge in this matter of fusion. More than one promising movement since the war has been killed by fusion. Must the People's party share the same fate?

GEORGE E. BOGGS. Waynesville, Aug. 26, 1898.

The above was written as will be seen, several months ago; but Mr. Boggs, finding fusion decided upon, thought it best not to publish it until after the election. -Eds.]

ALLIANCE MATTERS.

It was my pleasure last night to attend a meeting of Hillsboro Sub Alliance. This Sub. has been steadily growing for some months, and is continually adding good material to its membership. They have for some time past been drilling themselves in the new work, and its team last night did some fine work in initiation.

Ordered their new regalia. This regalia is as follows: The President's collar is made of red with narrow white border on outer and inner edge, the Vice President's is the same, except the president will be entitled to three stars on each side of the lapel of the collar while the Vice will have only two. The Secretary and Treasurer will have collars of green bordered by narrow white as above the Lecturer will have a yellow collar (range) also bordered with white. The Chaplain will be pure white; Steward will be sash of blue bordered with white, crossing the right shoulder and fastened by a rosette at the left hip, the two ends hanging below; the Door keeper and Assistant will have sashes of white bordered with blue with an inner cord of red. The members will wear white collars bordered with red, with blue cord about one inch from border; all their collars will be fastened together by rosettes of red white and blue in front.

STATE FUSION vs NATIONAL FUSION.

Special Correspondence of Progressive Farmer.

In your comments on Senator Butler's somersault at Greenville, Texas, you say some things in defence of State fusion whilst condemning National fusion, which I wish to notice briefly. You say 'National co operation has never been anything but a snare and a delusion, a product of the brain of the most treacherous element of the Democratic party.'

It is right to co operate to defeat wicked and secure just legislation in the State, then it is equally so nationally. In one respect, State fusion is, in my judgment, the worst-it poisons at the fountain head.

They are equally destructive. They not only cut off recruits but diminish our forces. This has been the result whenever tried. Look at our party in our own State. In 1893 we had 47,000, Democratic count. Mr. Wilson, our State Chairman in that contest, says he can prove that we were cheated out of 17,000 votes. This would give us 64,000. Now what was our vote in 1896? As there was opposition in our party to our candidate for Governor, I will take the vote of Mr. Dockery.

It was 32,000—just half the vote of 1893. Surely no comment is needed. In 1894 all the advocates of fusion said we will not have fusion but this one time. I insisted that this was a delusion, as an evil course once started on would be continued in until retribution, that is inevitable, overtook it. Besides this, as fusion would not only stop growth but diminish our numbers, fusion would be continued in indefinitely, in order to retain what was gained. This you now, in effect, defend. Under these conditions what becomes of our National organization? If our party is stifled in the States continuously by fusion, will it ever be worth anything nationally? As our greatest wrongs are National, will it be wise to maintain a party that by mismanagement in the States actually blocks the way to real National reform? I throw not. True reformers will sooner or later demand something more than this. A young reform party cannot continue to live at this poor dying rate. It must go forward or die out.

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THE THINKERS.

The electoral contest of November 8, resulted in the election of a General Assembly in which the Democrats have a large majority; the election of the Democratic judicial candidates, and of seven Democratic Congressmen. The election was so largely Democratic, and followed a campaign so fraught with bitterness and with doubts, that the danger now is that the successful candidates will begin to glorify the party organization or the party name and forget the transcendent fact that the people rule, and that to them every thing is owed.

It is invariably the case that when the Northerner comes South he changes his views on the negro question. Southern Pines is the only town in North Carolina in which negroes are not allowed to live. They are not even employed as servants, the hotel help being white girls and white men being employed for other menial duties. And yet Southern Pines is a Northern man's town. Look at it every way you will, the truth stands that the negro's best friend is the Southern white man.

The cry of "nigger" was scarcely heard of until the campaign began about six months ago. Then the Democratic paper began to rise the "nigger" cry. The "issue" was magnified until it became the overshadowing "issue" in the campaign. In addition to the work of the Democratic press car loads of literature were sent out from Democratic headquarters. Everything ugly a "nigger" said or did was taken up and magnified for political effect, and charged up to the "fusionists."

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You ask me will the factory continue to run? That depends on you. If you patronize it, it will run, and succeed at that. If you do not patronize it, of course it can't run. Orders are coming in, but not fast enough. Stir yourself up, brother Allianceman. Lay aside that long face. Quit saying the Alliance is dead. Get the new Rituals. Drill yourselves in the new work. Make up your new regalia, and let's get to work. We have been playing a

dead march long enough. Change the tune; get a lively quick step, and let's make the coming year the finest in Alliance work for years.

Yours for life and liberty, J. T. B. HOOVER, Sec'y Treas. N. C. F. S. A.

HESSIAN FLY IN THE UNITED STATES.

"The Hessian Fly in the United States." This is the title of Bulletin No. 16, new series, Division of Entomology, soon to be issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It was prepared, under the direction of the Entomologist, by Herbert Osborn, Professor of Zoology and Entomology, Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa, and contains many facts concerning the life history, food habits, and parasitic enemies of this farm pest.

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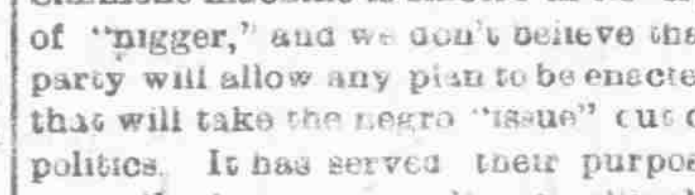
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notwithstanding that party, as presently organized, is dominated by the gold trust. There can be no success over monopoly in the South so long as the "nigger" issue is brought up in every campaign in order to appeal to the passions and prejudices of men. But we do not believe the Ransom-Simmons machine is sincere in its cry of "nigger," and we don't believe that party will allow any plan to be enacted that will take the negro "issue" out of politics. It has served their purpose so well that they will not willingly give it up, and if that element dominates the Legislature, we predict that it will preserve the "nigger issue" for future campaigns. It will be especially useful to them in 1900 to keep Bryanism and Populism in the rear.—Charlotte Peoples' Paper.

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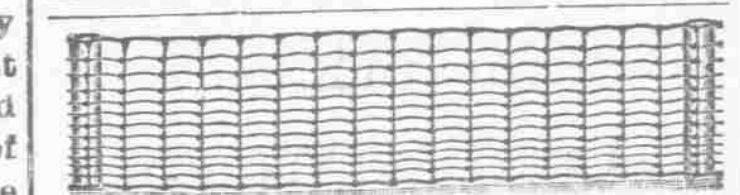
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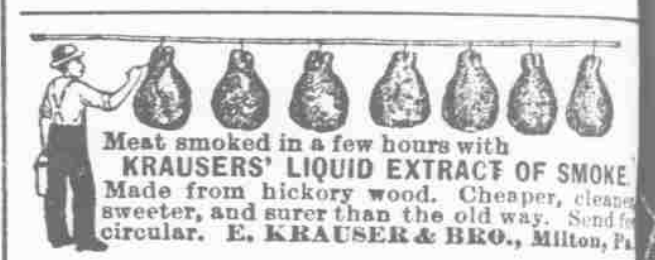
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