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Time to Act.
The recent Republican Convention held in Raleigh that nominated Judge Russell for Governor opens up the question again, will the Republicans fuse with the Populists this year? The few office hunting Republicans that attended the convention say fusion is an accomplished fact and the Republican combine will carry the State. Unless the Populists ignore their every declaration of principle there can be no fusion at least with the Republican party. This party has placed the free coinage of silver above every other issue and it is known that the Republican party with McKinley in the lead is uncompromisingly opposed to silver and is seeking to drown the money question in the protective tariff. The Populists favor an income tax, the Republicans are its bitter foes, the Populists who were once members of the Democratic party believe in a white man's government, the Republicans favor negro supremacy, the Populists are for the economical administration of the government, while the record of the Republicans has been one of extravagance and useless expenditure. If the above is true and the declaration of Senator Butler is correct that there will be no sacrifice of principle this year, how can the Populists fuse with the Republican party unless they are willing to sacrifice every principle of honor in the greed for office? From what we have seen of the Populists in this county there is no desire to fuse with Republicans this year. We have talked with some of the most influential members of the party and all with one accord say there will be no fusion only on the line of principle and they stand ready to co-operate with any party on a just basis that will aid in solving the financial problem and giving the State that stable white man's government that is so dear to our continued prosperity. If principle is to be the controlling element in fusion, if there is fusion, it can only be accomplished by a combination of the forces of the Democrats and Populists. With perfect consistency these two parties can unite their forces and save the State from the humiliating scenes that will be enacted should a man like Russell be elected Governor. These parties in principle at this time differ only in name, free silver is the battle cry of both, income tax is the desire of each, white man's government governed by white men dispensing its blessings to all alike is the slogan of each. If this is true why cannot we come together forgetting the past, press forward to the future and give to old North Carolina that continued good government that has made her one of the most prosperous and happy States in the Union? Is it not time for us to come together, and save North Carolina from Russell and his gang?

Can we Get Together.
We have been rocked into a Democratic cradle and believe we are as well grounded in the principles enunciated by the Democratic party as any one, but we belong to that wing of the grand old party who wish to devise some means to save the State and Beaufort County from the blight and curse of Radical supremacy and believe the only way to do it is to take up candidates that can be supported by Populists and Democrats. It is very certain with these tickets in the field the chances are for the success of the radical party. With the Populists and Democrats united we are confident we can save the State. If this is true what is the duty of every son in North Carolina in whose veins flows the blood of his Anglo-Saxon ancestors? The answer is plain, the road marked out to save the State from negro supremacy and Russellism is before us and it is in united effort. The Radicals do not advocate a principle that the Populists have held to and how any member of that party can combine or affiliate with the gang is one of the enigmas of the age. Can it be done without they deserting every principle and openly confessing that they are a humbug and a fraud? What every truly patriotic son of the State might do is to vote regardless of party for State officers who are pledged against Republicanism and negro rule. The issue that will come nearest to our homes in the coming campaign, the one that affects every fireside in the land is Home Rule for North Carolina. We can live under McKinleyism and its protective tariff much better than we can live under Radical rule. There is not a middle aged citizen in the State but what remembers the dark days of Radical supremacy and if Russell and his cohorts are elected what assurance have we that the dramas of those days will not be re-enacted. The negro is making more demands this year than ever before, and as his demands increase the influence of the white Republicans who have been the conservative element in the party heretofore is ignored and he believes the time is auspicious for him to take the reins of government and with relentless hand make square all scores of imaginative injury and revenge. We do not advise or counsel the slightest surrender of principle. We do not ask any sacrifice of honor, but we do ask the good white people of the State to see if they cannot get together on some honorable basis and save us from the disasters that are surely awaiting us if we remain divided. This is the time for sober, candid, reflection, the future looks dark, the sky is overcast but by a united effort we may gild the clouds with so much dread with a silver lining.

The King's Daughters.
The King's Daughters, whose convention has just been held in Chapel Hill, was first organized in New York January 13th, 1886, and is now spread nearly over the entire world. It first commenced with ten women. For some time this was only a circle, but soon took on vigorous life. Every country except Tibet that recognizes the Man of Gallilee has noble women enrolled as workers under its banner. At the beginning only women were made members, but in 1887, the name was changed to King's Daughters and Sons. The growth of the order has been marvelous. Last year it numbered 30,000 circles, all doing a noble work. North Carolina was one of the first States to enter the work, its first circle being organized in 1888 at Wilmington. Since that time the circles number over one hundred. Yearly they meet somewhere in the State. The circle in Washington has been a blessing to many homes.

The greatest River and Harbor bill ever created has just passed. It gives \$12,200,000 for new and \$64,000,000 for old contracts—total \$76,200,000. They are piling up the burdens on the tax payers.

Bayboro Road.
We called the attention of our friends in the section of Palatia and Aurora to the opportunity that was now offered to complete the long needed road from head of South creek to the Pamlico line. The mere calling their attention to it and its importance to the section through which it will run and the surrounding country will accomplish nothing unless the people in the vicinity are willing to move in the matter. The parties to whom the lands belong through which the road will run and open up to market are only interested in the matter from a business standpoint and they are aware they are losing nothing by delay as lands have rapidly increased in valuation in that section in the last few years. So true is this that we do not believe any portion of Beaufort county has advanced so rapidly in wealth from natural causes as this section. Lands only a few years ago, that could be bought from ten to twelve dollars per acre are now worth from fifty to seventy-five dollars. The people of this section must learn the work of the convicts are not going a begging, that the Commissioners are receiving numerous applications for them from various parts of the county, and if they want them to build this road they must make some effort of their own to get them. We are sure they can get the hearty co-operation of the owners of the land through which the new road will pass. But our Board of Commissioners will naturally want to know what the Commissioners of Pamlico county are disposed to do. If they are ready and willing to act at once it will be a strong inducement for our board to co-operate, but if they are disposed to delay their end of the work much of the work that we might do will be thrown away. It is useless to delay this work until winter as it cannot be successfully done at that season of the year. Now if the people who are to be the benefited ones in this new improvement do not take some interest in the matter who will?

The people ought to get together and lay their demands before the Commissioners and a committee appointed to meet the Commissioners of Pamlico county in conjunction with a like committee from that county. If some measures like this were adopted then our board would be in a position to decide in an intelligent manner for the best interest of all concerned. There is an old adage and it is a true one, unless you blow your own horn no one will blow it for you, and if the people of this section have not interest enough in this matter to push it to the front it will be a tomorrow before the road is cut. This road has been in contemplation for twenty years, delay may delay it twenty years more.

The Output of the Kangaroo Black and Tan.

The Messenger has all along insisted upon two things—first, that Russell is "the brains of the party," and secondly, that there would be, finally, fusion between the two factions, as was the case two years ago. The Messenger furthermore insisted that Russell "would get there." He has "got there," but just how is not yet fully known. It was charged in the Jumbo meeting at Raleigh that he had bought up negroes who were delegates. But he is the candidate. He is, by odds, the ablest man in his party. He is very shrewd, bold, aggressive, and not very popular anywhere. It was because of that fact that the Messenger all along has been favorable to his nomination. It believed him to be intellectually the ablest and personally the weakest candidate that could be nominated. He is not any more of a demagogue than Dockery, and has many times his sense. We are very glad that the Colonel has been drawn from his farm and put forth as a gubernatorial possibility. He is as bitter, as hostile, as uncompromising a Radical as Russell is, for he never put on record that he objected to or protested against any of the villainous and high-handed

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Very truly,
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outrages that were perpetrated in North Carolina by the Black and Tan gang marshalled by the scallawags and the carpet-bagger.

If Russell cannot be defeated there is no other Republican of any prominence who cannot be elected. We recognize fully his uncommon abilities, his party management, his genius for making the worse appear the better, but compared as a candidate needing votes he is weak. If the Democrats, aided by all good and true men who would save North Carolina from the plagues of ruin and the "besom of destruction" cannot whip out Russell, they cannot defeat any other man who might have been chosen.

Russell knows the need of fusion and in his speech in the Jumbo he showed it. His election may probably depend upon the Populist vote.

Can the Populists who believe in a low tariff tax for revenue only support Russell who is a high robber tax advocate and showed his colors in his speech.

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"I am no politician," said Dr. Scruggs, "but I desire to register my eternal and everlasting protest against the effort that was made here last night to array the black man against the white man. It is wrong. It is wrong; it is unjust, it is dangerous and damnable," thundered the speaker, and the crowd went wild. "Hold your political meetings if you wish to," he continued, "be Republicans, if you desire to, as I am, but for your sake, for my sake, for your children's sake, for your country's sake, and for God's sake, keep down such inflammatory political harangues as was delivered in this hall by Daniel L. Russell last night. The white man and the black man live here in this Southland together, it is our country, our homes are here, our interests and our firesides are at stake. We have no wars with our white friends. We don't want any, and it is our duty to spurn any man who attempts to arouse the prejudices of one race against the other. I condemn such vile utterances, I despise them and any man or men that utters them, and if I were a god I would forever damn the man who utters them."
E. A. Johnson, the colored lawyer, declared that no unbought, self-respecting negro could support him for Governor. Dr. Shepherd, of Durham, spoke of Russell as the meanest judge that ever sat on the bench in North Carolina and declared that no self-respecting negro would vote for him.
Rev. R. H. W. Leak was the next and last speaker. He scored Russell and said that Russell had declared that the negroes always followed the rascals, but Russell was one rascal they would never follow. He paid his respects to J. C. Logan Harris, and produced the copy of the Signal in which Harris had said that the negroes smelled worse than the rankest brand of guano.—Extract from report of meeting held by Republicans in Metropolitan Hall, April 30th, 1896.

It is rumored from Madrid that the Spanish Prime Minister has been instructed to present to our government a formal protest against its attitude in Cuban affairs. The Spanish Minister at Washington denies the report. It is also stated that Spain will send 40,000 troops to Cuba in September.

Capt. Gen. Weyler has issued a proclamation ordering the farmers and peasantry during the next twenty days to transport to the towns in their vicinity all of the corn and other grains stored upon their farms. After the expiration of the time all grain found upon the farms will be regarded as contraband of war and seized.

The Supreme Court of Illinois, a northern State, has decided that a dealer can legally refuse to sell soda water to a negro on account of his color. Yet some of the people in that section complain of discrimination in the South.

The Republicans are fishing for the Pops by failing to nominate candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer and Secretary of State. Will they swallow the pill, or spew it out of their mouth?

With reference to the statement published that Mr. Julian S. Carr would support his brother-in-law, Maj. Guthrie for Governor, the Raleigh Observer is authorized to state that Mr. Carr will support the nominee of the State Democratic convention this year as he has done every year since he has been a voter.



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