

The Commonwealth.

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REGISTER! REGISTER!

LET EVERY DEMOCRAT SEE TO IT THAT HIS NAME IS ON THE REGISTRATION BOOK.

NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, IS THE LAST DAY ON WHICH YOU CAN REGISTER. AT COUNTRY PRECINCTS AT 12 O'CLOCK M. THE BOOKS WILL CLOSE, AND ALL WHO HAVE NOT REGISTERED WILL LOSE THEIR VOTE.

Let every white man who loves the honor of his State and reveres the virtuous womanhood of Halifax county see to it that his own name is registered. Let every one be a committee to see to it that every other white man is registered.

SATURDAY'S EPISODE.

It is the opinion of the people of Scotland Neck that the men who came here last Saturday to speak to the negroes, were using a vehicle and team belonging to the State. They were the State's officials—at least Pope and Higgs were, as we have been informed. We do not know about Wood.

If such is the fact, that they were using the State's property for which the honest farmers and others of the State are taxed to purchase and keep up, it was putting the property to a use which the State never contemplated, and for which they had no claims or right. The more the people of Scotland Neck reflect over the matter the more they feel the insult. That a crowd of colored people who were at their homes attending to their work should have been drummed up for Scotland Neck that day by a white man, and then the State's property used to convey other white men here to stir up the colored people in public speech.

But they did not speak.

OUR CANDIDATES.

The following is the personnel of the county Democratic candidates nominated at Halifax last week. They are too well known to need any introduction to our readers. Every white man in the county ought to be proud to vote for them.

State Senator—E. L. Travis. Members of the Lower House—H. S. Harrison and W. P. White. Sheriff—J. A. House. Register of Deeds—J. H. Norman. Treasurer—J. P. Futrell. Clerk of the Court—S. M. Gary. Coroner—Dr. G. E. Matthews. Surveyor—W. R. Neville. County Commissioners—W. F. Parker, J. W. Northington and W. R. Harvey.

These gentlemen are well known throughout the county and are worthy of the confidence and support of every white man in the county. Most of them have already held office in the county before and nothing but words of appreciation for their service could one elicit from the people of the county who know them.

By electing our Legislative ticket every part of the county will be represented; and by electing the other gentlemen whose names will be on our ticket we shall be assured of good and economical county government.

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NEGRO'S SHOT WHITE MEN.

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About three o'clock in the morning the negroes crept up near and fired on the guard, inflicting wounds on three white men. The marauders escaped, but later blood-hounds were secured and ten of the leaders were caught and confessed their connection with the affair and implicated others.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. per bottle at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store.

THE HANDWRITING PLAIN.

Den Russell and Jeter Pritchard have caused to be sent out over the country the declaration that the President will perhaps have United States troops sent to North Carolina to guard election precincts. A greater insult was never offered to a worthy people.

Negro rule will now certainly cease in North Carolina. The next State Legislature will be Democratic.

Dan Russell may expect impeachment. While supremacy will win on November 8th.

THE RACE ISSUE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Washington Post Oct. 24. Every thoughtful and humane citizen, from one end of the country to the other, will be appalled by the prospect now discernible in North Carolina. It is no longer possible to believe that the clamor of the whites is merely revival of the old Democratic trick, to hitch votes and ride into official place and perquisites. On the contrary, we are confronted with the admissions of prominent Republicans to the effect that the question is far deeper and more vital—that it is, in fact, a question of simple civilization. We are carried back thirty years to the dark and bloody episode of reconstruction, and see once more the menace of the struggle between anarchy and organized society.

That menace is obliterating mere party lines and bringing together the whites, without reference to political affiliations, in a solid phalanx of self-defense. The issue involves the preservation of enlightened institutions, of honest government, of law and order, of the integrity of the Caucasian race. It is an issue that can have but one termination.

Apparently, the white Republicans have gone too far in their efforts to keep control of the North Carolina patronage. They have simply repeated the malign and sinister performances of the carpet baggers of '68-'76, and invited a similar catastrophe. The Southern people have shown already that they cannot and will not submit to negro domination, with all that that implies. The negro has proved to the satisfaction of the entire country, that he is incapable of conducting a civilized and wholesome government. As far back as 1869, the Northern men who went South to invest money and make for themselves permanent homes and legitimate careers, recognized the unquestionable fact that local negro rule was hopelessly inconsistent with social order and material prosperity. They accordingly joined the native whites in all matters connected with domestic politics, while voting the Republican ticket in all national contests. It was with their aid and sympathy that the South threw off the incubus, and, after eight long years of tragedy, stood erect at last. It seems, however, that the North Carolina leaders have forgotten the lesson of thirty years ago, and are about to revive the horrors and calamities of that abominable episode. We draw this conclusion, not from the outcries and imprecations of Democratic demagogues and office seekers, but from the solemn utterances of white Republican officials. Let us quote, for example, from the public declaration of Mr. McKinley's postmaster at Wilmington, made in form of an open letter to Senator Pritchard: "There is a greater feeling of unrest and uncertainty about the maintenance of order than I have ever seen, and many, even the most conservative, feel that a race conflict is imminent, that nothing could be more disastrous, not only to this city and county, but to our party in the State, and rather than have riot, arson, and bloodshed prevail here, I, Republican though I am, advise giving up the local offices in this county, as there are no national political principles involved in this contest."

"I had thought at first that it was merely the usual political cry and the fight for the offices, but I am now convinced the feeling is much deeper than this, as it prevades the whole community, and there seems to be a settled determination on the property owners, business men, and taxpayers that they will administer city and county government."

This is from Hon. W. H. Chadbourne, a Republican of high personal character and of good social standing and responsibility. He is a friend of Senator Pritchard, and, as we have already shown, Mr. McKinley's appointee as postmaster of Wilmington. He states that there are thirty-six negro Magistrates in that county alone, to say nothing of negro Register of Deeds and various other officials of greater or less importance. This means that the places through which the people and the government are brought into the closest and most intimate contact are administered by negroes, while the business men, the taxpayers, and the classes most interested in government are, in the proportion of at least 95 per cent., whites. Is it conceivable that the representatives of practically all the property, the education, the enlightenment, and the civilization in North Carolina will assent to an arrangement so preposterous—so impossible? We think not. There is no reason why we should mince matters. The experiment has been tried, under the most favorable auspices, and it has proved a dismal and a tragic failure. Even Gen. Grant, who had conquered the Confederate armies in the field, could not, with all the civil and military power of the country at his back, force negro rule upon the Southern whites. The thing is out of the question. It cannot be. And those who engage in such a desperate enterprise will reap only the harvest of dismay and ruin.

WANTED—SEVERAL TRUST-WORTHY PERSONS in this state to manage our business in their own and nearby counties. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight \$900 a year and expenses—definite, bonafide, no more, no less salary. Monthly \$75. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope, Herbert E. Hess, Pres., Dept. M., Chicago.

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WHITE FLASHES.

Let everybody read the editorial in this issue taken from the Washington Post.

Any man who votes fusion or Republican ticket in the face of present conditions in North Carolina, need not be surprised at any ostracism that obtains against them.

Will white men of Halifax county vote a fusion ticket on which is the name of a white man whom the negroes even would not allow to speak to them at Tillery?

Which ticket will you cast, white man of Halifax county—the one that gives Scotland Harris and James Arrington as negro representatives in the Legislature, or the one that gives H. S. Harrison and W. P. White as representatives of our county's interest?

Will white men in Halifax county any longer vote to sustain a party which fosters influences to burn stores, as in Roberson county, and then encourage negro desperadoes to slip up in the dark and shoot white men from ambush when they are simply guarding their firesides and families?

The negro does not regard as his equal the white man who puts himself with him just to secure his vote. The colored people have more sense than fusionists credit them with, and they know the purpose of every political bargain. In the end the white man who votes the Democratic ticket holds the highest esteem of the colored people.

It is a choice between white supremacy and negro rule. Which choice will you make on 8th of November? Which ticket in the county represents the interests of the people of the county? Will you vote the white man's ticket and help save the State, or will you vote the black ticket and thus put one more stain on the white race in the State?

As has been said a thousand times over in this campaign, there are only two sides in the present conflict—white and black. The man who votes the Democratic ticket votes the white man's ticket; he who votes the fusion ticket, votes the black man's ticket. This is the unvarnished truth, whether it is pleasant or not.

There is a determined purpose amongst the Democrats that if any serious troubles arise in the election the white people who have led the negroes and stirred them up over the State will be the first sufferers. This has been stated in public time after time, and it might as well be understood before any trouble comes.

Race feeling is high in North Carolina, and every man who has voted the Republican or fusion ticket has helped his little to bring about this state of affairs. Many have seen the error and have forsaken their folly, have returned to the white man's party and will vote the Democratic ticket. Those who persist in remaining Republicans, Populists or fusionists will be culpable to a much greater degree, now that the light of events is shining full in their faces.

Take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for all those dangerous affections—severe colds, pleurisy and grippe—which Fall and Winter bring along. It is the greatest cure for bronchitis and all throat and lung affections.

COMPLIMENTARY TO "THE COMMONWEALTH."

EDITOR THE COMMONWEALTH: I was in your town not long ago, and noted the improvements made in the last few years. I remarked that some of the citizens were progressive. Several of the most prominent ones were present and all said that you had done more towards the improvement of the town in establishing new enterprises than any man, by your efforts through the columns of your paper and otherwise.

If the farmers in your section had heeded the advice so frequently given by you, we to-day would see a general improvement in their condition all through the country, and they would not be dependent upon 44 cent cotton and short of nearly every thing else. I think cotton has run its race in this country, not that the farmer willingly quits planting, but he is forced through the low price.

REMARKABLE RESCUE.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store, large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

Administrator's Notice!

HAVING QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR before S. M. Gary, C. S. C. of Halifax county and holding letter of administration, upon the estate of the late James May Whitaker, this is to notify all persons having claims against my intestate's estate to present them to me at once or before the 27th day of October, 1898, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please pay at once and save cost. This 27th day of October, 1898. T. LEE WHITAKER, Adm'r of J. M. Whitaker, deceased. F. H. WHITAKER, Attorney, Enfield, N. C. 10 27 6t.

SUICIDE IN MARTIN.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

HAMILTON, N. C., October 24, '98. On Saturday as early as ten o'clock people were even wending their way into our little town from every direction.

It had been made known that Mr. Claude Kitchin, the gifted young orator of Eastern Carolina, would address the Democrats here that evening. The county candidates were to speak here also. The different candidates announced themselves and Mr. Stubbs who will represent us in the next Legislature, after making a short speech in his usual happy style, introduced Mr. Kitchin to the audience. From the first Mr. Kitchin held the undivided attention of the large crowd. He scored the men who are responsible for the present condition of our State. He discussed the Populist party thoroughly and told how they had drifted into the Republican ranks and brought disgrace upon our grand old State and her noble womanhood.

Each Democrat left his presence determined to do all they could to redeem our grand old State on the 8th of November. Mr. Lewis K. Purvis, a prominent farmer near here, committed suicide last week by shooting himself through the head. Mr. Hodges, of Greensboro, who taught school here last year, was in town last week. His many friends were glad to see him. Miss Willie King, from Parmele, was in town Sunday.

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Three Doctors in Consultation.

From Benjamin Franklin. "When you are sick, what you like best is to be chosen for a medicine in the first place; what experience tells you is best, to be chosen in the second place; what reason (i. e., Theory) says is best is to be chosen in the last place. But if you can get Dr. Inclinatum, Dr. Experience and Dr. Reason to give you the best advice that can be taken."

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

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For the next thirty days I will sell my entire line of Carpets and Rugs at cost for cash.

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