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Catechism for the White Men of North Carolina.

Lesson No. 1. WHICH THE NEGRO PARTY.

Question.—What party nominated the negro White for Congress? Answer.—The Republican.

Question.—What party nominated the negro Williamson for Solicitor of the Second Judicial District? Answer.—The Republican.

Question.—What party nominated three negroes for the Legislature in Edgecombe, two in Halifax, one in Vance, one in Granville, one in Craven, one in Pasquotank, one in Warren and various other Counties? Answer.—The Republican party.

Question.—Do the Republicans nominate negroes for County offices as well as for Congress, Judicial and Legislative offices? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Why do the negroes claim the office of Register of Deeds in all fusion arrangements where possible? Answer.—Because that office pays well.

Question.—Is there a party in North Carolina which does not rely on the negro votes? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Is there a party in this State which has not nominated a single negro? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Is there any other party which has put no negro on its ticket? Answer.—No.

Question.—Who controls Republican Conventions in most of the Counties of the East? Answer.—The negroes.

Question.—Name some Counties in which the negroes had a majority of delegates in County Convention? Answer.—There were out of 120 delegates to the recent Wake County Republican Convention, 85 negro delegates.

Question.—What candidate for Judge was nominated by a Convention composed entirely of negroes—not a white man in it? Answer.—Chas. A. Cook.

Question.—How many negro voters are in North Carolina? Answer.—110,000 legal voters and 10,000 fraudulent voters.

Question.—What party do they vote for? Answer.—Solidly for the the Republican party.

Question.—What party does the negro regard as the negro Party? Answer.—The negro knows the Republican party is the negro party, and he votes that ticket.

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Lesson No. 2. NEGRO RULE.

Question.—Are there any negro Justices of the Peace in this State? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—How many? Answer.—About 300.

Question.—When were they appointed or elected? Answer.—All were appointed or elected since the Fusionists came into power in 1895.

Question.—Before 1895, and until the Democrats lost the State, were there any negro Justices of the Peace? Answer.—None, except a few who were appointed by Republican Clerks of the Court to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation.

Question.—Are there any negro policemen in the State? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Who appointed them? Answer.—The Republican Boards of Aldermen of those cities.

Question.—When the Democrats were in power, were there any negro policemen? Answer.—Not one in the State.

Question.—How many negroes now hold office in the State? Answer.—Nearly a thousand.

Question.—Are there any negro store-keepers and gaugers in this State? Answer.—A negro, Jas. E. Shepherd, of Durham.

Question.—Are there any negro Collectors of Customs in North Carolina? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Who is John C. Dancy? Answer.—The negro Collector of Customs at Wilmington.

Question.—How many members are there in the State Senate? Answer.—Fifty.

Question.—How many men did the fifty members of the Senate in the Legislature of '97 employ to help and wait on them? Answer.—One hundred and twenty-three.

Question.—What did A. L. Swinson, Enrolling Clerk of the last Legislature, say about the extravagance in that office? Answer.—He said that he had been forced by the Legislature to employ men at a cost of \$1,500 to do work that THREE MEN could have done in THREE DAYS.

Question.—Have the Fusionists decreased the expenses of the State government? Answer.—No.

Question.—The Fusionists have the honor of levying special taxes on these articles. Answer.—How did the Fusionists treat the widows orphans?

Question.—They levied a special inheritance tax upon the pittance which was left them by their husbands and fathers and this special tax in addition to the regular ad valorem tax.

Question.—Who ordained that the bodies of poor people, without consent of relatives, might be turned over to medical students to be dissected and cut to pieces? Answer.—This horrible law is the work of the Fusionists.

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on billiard tables and raised the taxes on horses, cattle, hogs and farm implements?

Question.—What party decided that the farmers falsely valued their hogs, cattle, horses, etc., for taxes, and gave the Railroad Commission power to increase the value beyond what their owner had sworn their true value to be? Answer.—The Fusionists.

Question.—Did the Fusionists empower the Railroad Commission to increase the value of bank stock, solvent credits, bonds, jewelry, etc? Answer.—No.

Question.—What did the Republicans promise about the price of cotton? Answer.—When McKinley was elected President they were to get at least 8 cents for cotton.

Question.—What are the people getting for their cotton? Answer.—The first year of McKinley prosperity enabled them to get 6 cents and the second they got 4-1-2 and 4-7-8 cents.

Question.—What do Republicans say they have put up in price. Answer.—Bull yearlings.

Question.—The great demand for beef for our soldiers has run up the price of beef cattle and the Republicans claim credit for that, and when charged with their mislead, cry out that bull yearlings are higher than ever.

Question.—What party controlled the Legislature of 1897? Answer.—Republican and minority Populists.

Question.—What party promised to abolish useless offices, reduce expenses and cut down salaries to the base of the price of farm products? Answer.—The Populist party.

Question.—How many offices have the Fusionists abolished? Answer.—None, but they have created many new ones.

Question.—What salaries have the Fusionists reduced to a parity with gold standard prices? Answer.—None.

Question.—Have the Fusionists reduced expenses? Answer.—No.

Question.—Who is now charging that the Democrats will disfranchise the negro? Answer.—The Fusion Populists.

Question.—What party is denouncing the Australian ballot? Answer.—The Fusion Populists.

Question.—What party put in its platform in 1894 a plank favoring the Australian ballot? Answer.—The Populist party.

Question.—Who said in the beginning of this campaign that he would not be drawn into a discussion of the negro question? Answer.—Senator Marion Butler.

Question.—What speaker is now devoting most of his time in discussing and apologizing for negro rule in North Carolina? Answer.—Senator Marion Butler.

Question.—Which is the only party that ever issued a campaign book and omitted to discuss in it any of the principles which that party professed to advocate? Answer.—The Fusion Populists.

Question.—Why this omission? Answer.—Because these office-holding Populists did not wish to hurt the feelings of the gold-bugs and monopolists with whom they are trying to yoke the Populists party.

Question.—What party advocates silver and votes with gold bugs? Answer.—The Fusion Populists.

Question.—Who is furnishing the money to run the Fusion campaign? Answer.—Mark Hanna, financial agent of the gold-bugs and monopolists in the United States.

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\$20,000 to a State campaign in an off year? Answer.—Because Pritchard and Holton told him and he saw the point, that if the Fusionists carried the State this year it would be easy to carry it for McKinley in 1900.

Question.—Is there any party in the State composed entirely of white men? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Is there any party in the State composed of a majority of negroes? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Which is the white party and which the negro party? Answer.—An idiot can answer this question.

Question.—In what way do the negroes propose to secure negro supremacy in North Carolina? Answer.—By voting the Republican Fusion ticket.

Question.—In what way only can white men secure white supremacy in North Carolina? Answer.—By voting the Democratic ticket, supported by 155,000 white men.

Question.—What are the qualifications of a voter in North Carolina? Answer.—That he shall be a male citizen and 21 years of age.

Question.—Who fixes those qualifications? Answer.—The people in the Constitution.

Question.—Who can change those qualifications? Answer.—The people, and only the people.

Question.—How can the people change those qualifications? Answer.—By changing the Constitution.

Question.—How can the people change the Constitution? Answer.—The Legislature first has to adopt the proposed change by a two-thirds majority.

Question.—Cannot the Legislature provide that no illiterate man shall vote? Answer.—No.

Question.—What does the Constitution say about it? Answer.—The Constitution gives the right to vote to every male citizen 21 years of age.

Question.—Is there any party that is now proposing to amend the Constitution in this or in any other respect? Answer.—No.

Question.—Have you not heard that certain campaign speakers and papers charge the Democratic party with the purpose of disfranchising the illiterate voters? Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Why is it a foolish lie? Answer.—Because all the illiterate white men in North Carolina are Democrats, and Democrats would be disfranchising a large number of their own voters, and they are not such fools as to do that.

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