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## North Carolina Politics.

### OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US.

We give below a long extract from the Chicago *Times* on the political parties of this State. While the views set forth are not always correct, in the main they give a pretty fair picture of politics as seen from the outside:

RALEIGH, N. C., July 11.—[Special.]—The contest in this State is exciting a great deal of attention, not only within its borders but in the surrounding States and far beyond. No State in the Union probably enjoys politics more than the people of the old North State. A North Carolinian can discuss political issues, it matters not whether national, State, or county, with more satisfaction than any other man in the country. Here the people, as a rule, are never too busy to discuss the political situation with a stranger. Under these circumstances it is easy to see that it is not a difficult thing to get up an exciting contest in North Carolina.

Ever since 1873 the democrats have been in control of the government, and since that time no determined warfare has been waged between the two contending parties. The republican leaders, as a rule, were and are federal officeholders. Their greatest concern was to keep their places, and in the contests regarding the election of Senator Vance as governor in 1875, they have only kept up a show of fighting in order to retain their places. The liberal cyclone which struck Virginia last year was not slow in reaching the tar-heel State. When it first made its appearance here many of the old republican leaders looked upon it with disfavor, and not a few openly declared that they would not fight under its banner. The word, however, passed along the lines that

met the hearty approval of President Arthur and the cabinet, and that those who threw obstacles in the way of its success would have nothing to hope for from the government. This had its effect. With the largest revenue service of any State in the country, with the exception of two or three, this is not to be wondered at. These revenue officers readily control the machinery of the party. The managers, nearly all, are employed in this branch of the government service.

When it was made known to the most influential of these that the president desired the liberal movement to thrive and flourish in North Carolina, the work was soon accomplished. It was through the aid of these that the anti-prohibition convention, which assembled here June 7, was called. It was the same methods that the republican convention which assembled on the 14th of June declared in favor of an alliance with the independent democrats. The coalitionists and the Bourbon have put their tickets in the field, and the work of the campaign has set in in good earnest. Both parties have put up excellent names for congressmen. Mr. G. H. Dockery, the choice of the republican party leaders year in and year out without ever being recognized. These, he thought, were manifesting a disposition to cut loose from their former friends, the independent democrats. It is very likely that the liberal will gain large accessions to their ranks from this class.

THE OLD RACE ISSUE. It is, to some extent, dying out. The thousands of young men who have grown up since the war, and who have been kept in party traces by this cry, see that so long as it is continued, so long will they be heavers of wood in politics. The old racers whoop up the young democrats, and then gobble up all the votes to see this. While they do not love the negro very much better than in other days, they manifest greater readiness to swallow the darky for their own political advancement. The young North Carolina politicians have for years chafed by quietly and allowed the carpet-bagger to utilize that element for their advancement, when they could as readily have made stepping-stones of them for the improvement of their own fortunes. The change has been slow, but it has nevertheless been certain. It is not natural that the young Southerners will stand by longer; and so others make ear's-paws of the blacks. It is already manifest that in this State, as is the case in Virginia, the rising generation of statesmen begin to appreciate the value of the colored man as a voter. It is from this enterprising class that the Liberals expect to get a great deal of assistance this year. The campaign promises to be the bitterest known in the State since the days of Knowlton. The democrats know full well that if they are defeated this year it will be next to impossible to get into power again. Their leaders will endeavor to draw the color line upon every stump in the State. The whole man will be called upon to rally again to prevent negroes from coming into power. This cry will not fall to rally the whites, except that class already referred to.

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## Georgia is Feeling Her Oats

[Written for the *Outlook* and the *Times*.]—Six months ago the people did not see how they would get through the winter. Everybody was gloomy especially the merchants and the farmers, for they are mighty close kin in business, and what hurts one hurts the other. I'm a hopeful sort of a sinner myself, but I had the blues, for it looked like the country was broke and couldn't be mended. I didn't apprehend any starvation at all, but it looked like the farmers who had been on a strain for a year or so would just collapse and have to sell their stock and hire out as laborers. But they didn't. I don't know one who gave up the ships. Somehow or somehow else they worried along and kept making oats, and they sowed more wheat and more oats than they ever did before, and they just reaped an abundant harvest, and everybody is calm and serene. This shows how foolish it is to borrow trouble and mope around with the blues; and it shows another thing—the wonderful resources of a country where the soil is fertile and the people are industrious. We thought we never could tide out of the wreck of war, but we did and did it quick. There wasn't but one cow in my country when Sherman left there, and I give \$3,000 in Confederate money and a suspended debt of \$500 on a good man for her for Mrs. Arr had a baby at the breast and human milk was scarce, and I would have given any thing I had to give for a cow, but in three years there were thousands of em, and where they come from I never did know. One thing is certain, the hard times last winter come from too much cotton, and the farmers saw it plainer than they ever did before and they are changing base, and if we have a good season there will be more corn made this year than in the last two years put together. Such an out crop was never heard of as has just been harvested. Our county reports 400 thousand bushels. Five farms in Wilkes have made 25 thousand bushels. All this is splendid and encouraging and the only trouble is what are we going to do with the surplus. A few months ago oats were selling for 90 cents a bushel, but now, and you can't get a grain dealer in Atlanta to offer you the half of it. The market is glutted now, and these farmers own money and want to pay it, and right now they haven't got anything else to sell. That's the trouble with me. I took a fool I went in debt and I've got to pay a little more, and I've got to pay by the first of July, and I can't find anybody that will make me a bid on my oats, and so I have got to shindig around and bridge over or do something. Mrs. Arr told me not to make that debt, but I put on financial airs and says I just look at the oats—just proof oats and Burr oats, and white Russian oats. They've had a month to sell a thousand bushels of Jesso! And now she knits away and says every day or two what does the papers say about the oat market? The paper! What is a paper worth about markets? Why the *Constitution* has had oats quoted for three weeks at "75 cents and firm," and you can't get a dealer in that town to offer you a bushel of oats for a man to strut around and feel his oats, but if oats won't sell and pay debts, why the farmers will go to planting cotton again.

## THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

Judge Russell, of New Hanover, one of the most prominent republicans in the State, a few days ago, in speaking of the prospects of the success of the new movement, said: "At the last election Gov. Jarvis was elected by the democrats by about a four to one majority. I do not think, however, that they polled off their strength in that contest by a good deal. I think that they can do much better than they did then."

"What do you think, Judge, of the prospects of your party in the approaching canvass?" "Why," said he, "we have a good prospect of winning." "Do you expect," asked the writer, "to be able to do as well as Malone has done in Virginia?" "If we had such issues," said he, "as Malone had in that State, the Liberals could sweep North Carolina by an immense majority."

As to the question of the repeal of the county government system, which the Republicans rely on to about four to one, Judge Russell did not seem to think that it was a very far-reaching one. But he expressed the belief that there were any number of young Democrats who have grown tired of following their party leaders year in and year out without ever being recognized. These, he thought, were manifesting a disposition to cut loose from their former friends, the independent democrats. It is very likely that the liberal will gain large accessions to their ranks from this class.

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