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THE PAMLICO TROUBLE.

BAYBORO, Pamileo county, N. C. August 15, 1900.

EDITOR JOURNAL -- You will please rant me space to make a few statements affair. I am a Democrat and an old resident of the county. I once served the people of this county as sheriff for eight years, and never before have I seen peole behave themselves as they did while the Canvassing Board was in session, August 4th. I might say just here that the Democrats nominated by a primary elec-tion a ticket composed entirely of up-right high-toned Christian gentlemen. This class of men did not please the Republicans and certain others, therefore instead of making their grievances known to the convention, these men who would bring no good excuse for complaint, at an unknown hour made arrangements to fuse with the Republicans and Populists. At this time the fusionists had the county Election Board who had appointed registrars and judges of election nearly all on the fusion side, with W. T. Caho as political adviser. After the State Board of Election learned the true situation they turned out two members of the county Board of Election and appeinted two Democrats on the Board, A. B. Campen and W. T. Mayo. This change was a bomb in the camp of the fusionists. They began to grow more and more angry at the Democrate until the canvassing board began

this did not please certain men. They then set in to cursing and abus ng the canvassing board together with Mr. L. G. Daniels who has simply worked for the success of the Democratic ticket. This howling threatening mob nuch disturbed the pesce, yet the Mayor lesse L. Riggs, was there, also other offiers, and I learn that magistrates and leputy sheriffs did not claim to be offiers of the peace that day. They were fusionists. In my judgment we were nuch in need of Naval Reserves who would command the peace.

canvassing the vote. The Board, I under

stand and believe, followed the law, but

My residence is only about eighty rards from the court house, and so great was the excitement that my wife in bepesought them to stop their awful career ret they did not heed her petition.

I would say most earnestly and emphatically that the indignation meeting aeld August 8th, which was, it is said, lanned by W. T. Caho, who is politicaly, professionally and personally opposed L. G. Daniels, was unjust and unwise I did, as well os others, advise Mr. Danlels to go away for the afternoon of August 4 for we believed there were men who would, if they could, stir up strife, and do him some bodily injury of serious nature. He took our advice and went away to New Bern we afterwards learned.

sent out men all over the county and in- around his neck and dragging him down vited the Republicans and Populists to the stairway. The Board did not take a come up to Bayboro, Wednesday August recess. 8th, that they had a chance to jump on Mr. L. G. Danlels with both feet. They came, delighted with the chance to down Democrat or inflict a wound of any that the Naval Reserves had been ordered kind upon pure Democracy. So far as by those who were present and saw that we could ascertain more than nine a catastrophe might be looked for at any tenths of the men who took part in the time. We then felt relieved, because we meeting of the 8th were not present thought they would arrive before we adduring the session of the Canvassing Board, and the remainder were nearly our deliberations until the Navel Reall in the crowd that took part in the disgraceful affair at the session of the

Mr. Caho, it will be remembered, was spokesman for this crowd of hungry radicals. He poses before the public as a Democrat; but the Democrats are aware that the "Golonel's"? paper has never said anything for the Democratic ticket of the county; and to show that he is guilty of duplicity. His paper was adopted as the official organ of the bitterest enemies of Democracy. Chas. d. McClease, consus enumerator, offered the resolution endorsing "Billies" paper. The Republicans all voted for the resolution. McClease made speeches against Alex Jones, Mr. Geo. Dees and the other men on the W. H. Parsons Democratic tichet during the campaign.
We would ask the impartial public to

ever may have interceded in getting the Naval Reserves to come to our sid. We like to see you arrest anybody here, and do not wish to say that the soldiers were needed at the time of their arrival, but we feel that the rumor on the evening Rice, Jr., Say, if all were of my opinion those who were threatening violence to turns and tear them up. in regard to the Pamilio county political disperse. We would take this method I saw one John Barrington pass out of of thanking Gov. Russell for his prompt through his prompt action and the form-

> on that night. The acts of the Board were all the way through controlled by the wording of the law. The first act that seemed to agitate the spectators was the throwing out of the illegal ballots which were not cut of the size which was prescribed and advertised by the County Board of August 17, 1900. GRo. R Dixon, J. P.

The next was the throwing out of th oxes of Baird's Creek precinct. This we did because of the many illegal acts onnected with the registration and the

holding of the polls. When we came to the consideration of board that if we should throw out unother box they (the fusionists) lutended to run in and destroy the election records. These threats caused the board to hesitate, there being three boxes, the legislative, county and amendment that had been stuffed. To what extent the board could not determine. The only alternative forced us to throw them out At this juncture many left the room making remarks that the single member of the board that voted "no" was the only gentleman on the Board. In a few seconds Jas T. Lincoln came to the Court room door, and shouted with a 1 and voice for all anti-flar Island men to come down. He meant these who had opposed the Democratic ticket. Sheriff W. E. Hooker had been previously sent for by the board and requested to remain while the board was in session and keep order. He left the room soon after he came in and did not 'return. If he left any deputies the board was not aware of it, in fact Mr. Jesse L. Riggs

deputy sheriff for that day. The wild stamping and obsering that was going on below caused the Board in nalf of the members of our family and the face of other indications, to look for he peace of the community went into a mob to enter the door at any time. this threatening crowd and earnestly | Our Chairman stood up and summoned all the men in the room to consider themselves as officers to maintain peace while the Board was in session. This seemed to quiet the people inside the building but the noise still prevailed outside. The Board thought they were in langer and especially should they remain until after night to finish the canvass and declare the election. We then sent a messenger to the telephone to consult a lawver as to whether it would be legal for the Board to take a recess until Monday; Mr. A. D. Ward and Mr. Stevenson were consulted and they advised that it would be legal. The Clerk of the Board asked the Board net to Under the advice, we learn, of W. T. take a recess because certain papers and Caho, (perhaps we should say "Colonel" digures would be left in his hands and he as he would have strangers think he is feared the consequences of an attack, a prominent man") the men who engaged news already having come to him that in the diagraceful conduct of August 4th they were talking of putting a rope

had denied to the Board that he was a

After night we heard of threats that they would mob us, blow up the building, or take the records, etc. We learned journed. We were advised to prolong serves arrived.

We learned that the men who were threatening an attack dispersed after they learned that a company of cool headed citizens had been formed with guns loaded with buck shot.

We then proceeded and made the an nouncements of the election according

To these facts we affix our several signatures, this 13th, day of August, A. GRO. R. BRINGON, D. 1900. Chairman of Board.

GRO T. PARNELL.

Clerk of Board. B. A. Sadler, B. Potter, Sr. J. B. Ferrebes. J. A. Morrie. J. M. Mason Catone Milia.

before, that they were coming, caused we would go up stairs and take the re-

the court house yard gate and J. T. Linbe court house yard gate and J. T. Lincolu began cursing him, call him a damn
of a —, with others with him
chouting come back here you damn —
of a —. There were numerous threats response to the call. For we feel it was coin began cursing him, call him a damn ing of a company of citizens with double shouting come back here you damn --barrel shot guns that we owe our safety of a -. There were numerous threats boisterous languages, etc. It was rumored that they would kill the board if they came down and if they didn't come down they would blow up the house.

Sworn to before me an acting Justice of the Peace for Pamilico county, this

1, W. T. Pate, do hereby certify that 1 heard Charles McCleese say shoot right over in the Bar. G - D - kill some body. I further say, that there were so many threats made and cursing that I could not tell all I heard, but it looked the Bayboro precinct, news came to the like there was going to be trouble. The words seemed to be against the Democrats. This trouble was on August 4:n. W. T. PATE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this August 18, 1900. S. J. CLARK, J. P.

ALLIANCE, N. C., August 8, 1900. I, Alex Lee, say that I heard John Hardison, a member of the Board of County Commissioners (a fusionist), say Saturday night August the 4th, 1900 that he proposed to the mob to go in the ourt house and throw the whole crowd out of the window and tear up the record election returns, etc.,) and was then endy to go and to it. ALEX LEE.

I Thos. J. Hodge do hereby certify hat I was in Bayboro on Saturday Aug not the 4th 1900 and furth r state that I heard J. T. Lincoln say he was in favor of going into the Court House and taking out every one of the Board out and stretching them to a limb. He also cursed them grossly calling them thiev-- also as Mr. Rob Woodard and another man pass through the Court House gate J. T. Lincoln said there goes two of the G- D- S- of B--'s and slipped up his sleeves and said if another 8- of a B- - passed through

he was going to kill him. He also said if Lewis Daniels, Claud or Albin Dan-lels, come on this ground I will leave T. J. HODGE. Sworn to and subscribed before me his the 18th day of August 1900.

W. T. CREDLE, J. P. I, J. W. Smith do hereby certify that I went into W. E. Hooker's house with Jesse L. Riggs and Hilard Gibbs with me and Jesse L. Riggs brought out a jug of whisky and we all took a drink, I plso heard J. T. Lincoln curse and call John Barrington a G- D- short leg 8- of a B- and dared him back and said he would stamp hell out of him I earnt up that night, August 4th 1900.

J. W. Smith. Sworn to and subscribed before m this the 18th day of August 1900. W. T. CREDLE, J P.

I, W. T. Dillon do hereby certify that heard J. T. Lincoln say that we will drop them or stop them at the door, I don't know which, I do not know all that talked but there was threats after that made against the Election Board. I heard J. T. Lincoln say that he did not want to catch Albin Dantels or Claud Daniels on that ground, and there were so many threats made, and from the threats made I thought there would be rouble, it seemed to be a serious matter It was on Aug. 4th 1900. W. T. DILLON. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th day of Aug. 1900.

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to transmit my message to Mr. Daniels. I asked Mr. Whitehurst to say to Mr. Daniels that there was a crowd of about 100 or 125 of men surrounding the Court house seemingly very much in an agitated condition and there was current reports of blowing up of Court house and other violent threats against the Election Canvassing board and the current rumor was they would kill said board when they came down to hear the results of Election and after the reports of the coming of the troops the mqb began to disperse immediately.

JOHN C. BARRINGTON. Sworn to before me this 16th, day of August 1900.

ALEX C. BRINSON, J. P.

RESTABORO, N. C., August 14th 1900 .-A. J. Holten, Jr., being duly sworn deposes and says: I was registrar of Reelsboro precinct in Pamlico county, and boro precinct, deposes and says: He was was present at Bayboro, Saturday, Aug. Aldridge, a fusionist, say 1 will lead the resent at Sayboro, N. C., on the 4th ust 4th 1900, with the canvassing board way up stairs if the crowd will follow day of Aug. 1900 during the session of from the time it met until about eight and demand the election of the Canvassthe Canvassing Board to compare the o'clock at night. I saw the sheriff fre- ing Board. Shortly after that James T. vote of the various precincts. Talking quently during the day and was present Lincoln said while in a crowd of agitat-Democratic tichet during the eanpaign.

We would ask the impartiel public to place the burdens upon the shoulders of those who should bear them.

Your Truly,

D. B. Hooken.

Bayboro, August 13.

We the undersigned members of the Eanboro. Pamilico county Election C. tavassing Board we have the dispress of the Pamilico county Election C. tavassing Board we have frainted from making a shomeon to the public as to the critical situation in which were placed, because we did not with the world to knew that. Pamilico county Election C. tavassing Board we have the court come frainted from making a shomeon to the public as to the critical situation in which were placed, because we did not with the world to knew that. Pamilico county contained such lawless man as those who who lossinged the Court house on those who look part in the dispracelul conduct of that day and those who were well the house, After the clittens had gathered with guns od there well on the chairman of said board, G. R. Brinson, departed to the board, "If you do right the interest had dispraced. They overshame to send the protect the Canvassing Board we the protect the Canvassing Board we the protect the Canvassing Board we the protect the Canvassing Board. They own the shelf came up where the board was it was should not hear the chirman of said board, G. R. Brinson, demanded his services the protect the Canvassing Board we the protect the Canvassing Board. They own the shelf came up where the board was the wisdom that gathered withing and the protect the clittens had gathered while guns of defense the protect the clittens had gathered while guns of defense the protect the Canvassing Board. The clittens had gathered while guns of defense the protect the Canvassing Board. The your shelf the level of the protect the Canvassing Board. They own the shelf came up where the board was the wild gun the clittens had gathered while gun the protect the control of the best of the prote

was accosted by one James T. Lincoln, lon W. J. Parker and ascertain whether cursed and abused, calling me d-s- of he would have the office of sheriff. and a b- and other violent language, and if he would, swing him to a limb. I frebeing urged on by the crowd, then the quently heard during the day of taking crowd holloaed to me, take that. I the election returns by force when the then went to Alliance to phone to Mr. board of of canvassers comes down to W. D. Barrington but could not get him, declare the results of the election and but I asked Mr. Whitehurst to transmit destroy them. It was a constant turmessage to New Bern. Mr. Whitehurst moil in the evening, and as night began asked me where was Sheriff Hooker, I to approach things began to look more said he would stamp hell out of him I said he seems to be with mob. Then Mr. serious. I heard threats upon threats I was passing by a crowd and heard some Whitehurst inquired where was Mr. L. can not recall the exact language. One one of that crowd say it was very likely that D. B Hooker's house would be Bern. I asked that Mr. Daniels be got chairman of the board of the canvassers to the phone. Tasked Mr. Whitehurst threatened having some arrest made. James T. Lincoln defied the chairman by saying, "I would like to see you arrest somebody. Who would you get to arrest them?" I am confident there was serious trouble anticipated by the fusionist, from personal appearances and of their congregating in such crowds, and giving vent to their feelings by cursing and swearing.

All of the above is true to best of my recollection, knowledge and belief.

A. J. HOLTON, JR. Sworn and subscribed to before me. an acting Justice of the Peace for Pamlico county, this 14th day of August,

Jos. M. REEL, J. P. [Seal]

I, Noah F. Bennett, of Arapahoe Precinct, being duly sworn deposes and say: I was at Bayboro on August 4, 1900 with and around the Canvassing Board during vote of the various precincts. Talking quantily during the day and was present Lincoln said while in a crowd of agitatand frequent rumors of disturbing the with said canvassing board when the distinguished cannot be chairman of said board called on the sheriff in writing to come up stairs and dragging G. T. Farnell down stairs, also J. T. Lincoln said willing the Canvassing Board when they come down or if they did not dome on J. L. Riggs, deputy sheriff and mayor down they would blow up the Court of Bayboro, and he refused. Then the House. After the citizens had gathered sheriff came up where the board was in