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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

FOR JUDGES SUPERIOR COURT.

First District—George H. Brown, Jr. of Beaufort.
Second District—Henry R. Bryan, of Craven.
Fifth District—Thomas J. Shaw, of Guilford.
Sixth District—Oliver H. Allen, of Lenoir.
Seventh District—Thomas A. McNeill of Robeson.
Eleventh District—W. A. Hoke, of Lincoln.

REPUBLICANS RUN THE WHOLE THING.

Dr. D. Crisp, Republican clerk in the Lenoir postoffice, writes that the statement that the Populist county convention was held in the postoffice at Lenoir conveys "the impression that the Populists are ashamed to hold their convention in the court house or any public place." Mr. Crisp is very much mistaken. The impression conveyed by our article was that when the Populist convention in Caldwell county was controlled by Populists it held its meetings in a public place, but since the Republican office-holders have obtained control of the party, its meetings are held in postoffices or other places where it suits McKinley's office-holders. That is the impression our article was intended to convey. That is the impression it did convey to Populists and Democrats.

Mr. Crisp says that the reason the convention was not held in the court house was because a magistrate was holding court there at the time. Is there no other place in Lenoir except the postoffice, held by a McKinley appointee, in which the Populists could hold their convention?

RUSSELL AND THE POPULIST CONVENTION

A correspondent asks us if it is true that the Populist State platform contains an endorsement of Governor Russell's administration.

The platform as originally offered and adopted by the convention, contained no reference to Russell's rotten administration, but just before the convention adjourned, Captain R. B. Davis, who had just been appointed Quartermaster by Russell, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That this convention commends Governor Daniel L. Russell for his honest efforts to give to the people of North Carolina a clean and economical administration of the State government, and more especially for the brave fight he is making to secure for them just and reasonable railroad rates and freights. In him we recognize the true friend of the common people in their resistance to the aggressions of the powerful few."

There isn't a decent Populist in the State, who has learned how Russell traded away the State's right of appeal, how he begged the Railroad Commission not to reduce rates and how he is now holding confabs with Jim Young and Abe Middleton to keep the State under negro rule, who is not ashamed that such a turn-out and blather-skite received endorsement at their hands.

Georgia gets four winter camps, South Carolina three, and North Carolina none. Why? Because the public men of Georgia and South Carolina were calling the attention of the authorities to eligible sites while Senator Pritchard and other men who ought to look out for North Carolina were begging Hanna for money to buy the election in North Carolina this year.

KI GUDGER'S FALSE STATEMENT.

News comes from the mountains that one Hezekiah Gudger, who quit the Democratic party and joined the Republicans upon a promise of a bigger piece of pie, is cavorting over the country making bitter speeches instead of staying in Central America and attending to the business for which he is paid.

We do not recall an instance in the State where a person appointed to the diplomatic service left his field and came home to engage in the heat of a partisan campaign. It has not hitherto been regarded as the correct thing for a representative of this country abroad to get down in the mire and dirt of the lowest kind of politics while holding a position of that character. But with North Carolina Radicals no precedent or claim to decency has weight. "Ki" got his present job by vilifying the white people of the State and he has no doubt been ordered by Pritchard to keep it up in this campaign as part payment on account.

The last heard from Gudger he was telling the people of the mountains when the Democrats were in power they appointed scores of negro magistrates, more in fact than the Republicans. Now he knows better or he has lost his memory.

What are the facts? When the new county government system was first adopted, the Democrats out of a generosity that is now used against them, consented to permit the Republican members of the Legislature to name some of the magistrates in their counties, in some instances as many as one-third. When the Republicans, accepting this generous offer, gave in the names of the minority of magistrates, in some cases they named negroes as magistrates and they were elected. In at least one county the Democratic member promised the people on the stump that he would have appointed as magistrates the men chosen by the votes of the several townships. In one or two Republican townships, the Republicans elected negroes, and they were appointed. These are the only two methods by which a Democratic Legislature ever had anything to do with the appointment of negro magistrates, and it occurred only at the first session of the General Assembly after the new plan of appointing magistrates was adopted. Before another session of the General Assembly had taken advantage of their generous treatment and foisted negro magistrates on the people, the Democrats thereafter selected the magistrates and only white men were appointed.

It is therefore clear that at no time has the Democratic party elevated negroes to this important position, and that the few who were selected in 1877 were chosen by Republicans. This fact was established by Hon. Tharmaduke S. Robins, in a recent letter, and is well known to all men of all parties who knew anything about the Legislative history of that time.

To-day, under Republican rule, the East is crowded with negro magistrates, elected by the Legislature and by the voters. The white people cry out to their brethren of the East for protection, and the only answer that such pie-eaters as Gudger can make is, "When the Democrats were in power, they appointed negro magistrates." We have shown that the only negro magistrates we ever had were foisted on the people by Republicans, and now that they are in power the East is again filled up with them. In all the years of Democratic rule no negro was named except by Republicans, and when the Democrats surrendered the reins of government in 1894 there was not a single magistrate in office in the State. That fact effectually answers Hezekiah Gudger and all others who are going about the State seeking to palliate negro domination by statements which every intelligent man in the State knows is false.

REV. MR. STRINGFIELD ON THE ANGLI-SAXON RACE.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, financial agent of the Baptist University, is one of the best men in North Carolina and one of the most effective pulpit and platform orators in the State. He is known literally, from Cherokee to Currituck, having spoken in nearly every county in the State. Wherever he has gone he has made friends by his sincerity, openness, and ability. His travels over the State have made him familiar with the social and political conditions all over North Carolina. He is a plain spoken man, a man who has a habit of saying what he

thinks, and better still, he has a habit of thinking right. He is a successful Christian minister who believes that patriotism is next to Christianity, and that they are of close kin.

A few days ago, at the King's Mountain Association, Mr. Stringfield was speaking on Foreign Missions, and declared with fervor, "The Almighty has made the Anglo-Saxon race his hope in the world's evangelization." That is a truth that all the world now accepts. The announcement of that truth, connected with a discussion on Foreign Missions, offended a Fusion pie-eater who had gone to the association to electioneer, and when he heard the word "Anglo-Saxon" he thought Mr. Stringfield was making a Democratic speech, and he made a spectacle of himself by getting up and walking out. Mr. Stringfield then proceeded to tell a few truths that ought to be known to every man in the State. A reporter of the Cleveland Star said of his address:

"In the course of his address on Foreign Missions, Rev. O. L. Stringfield had occasion to refer to negro domination in Eastern Carolina and he made some statements that must have had a good effect on all honest men. Mr. Stringfield has travelled all over the State and he told the people that NOT ONE TWENTIETH OF THE HORRORS OF NEGRO DOMINATION HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE PAPERS. THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO FAINT THE PICTURE AS BLACK AS IT REALLY IS, and he urged the white men in the west to come to the rescue of their brethren in the east at the ballot box in November. It is said that one Populist candidate in this county who was present, arose and walked out of the house thus manifesting his unwillingness to hear the truth even when it came from the pulpit. All of the visiting ministers from the East, and those who have travelled over the State, in private conversation with the editor, confirmed the statements made by Rev. Stringfield and expressed their willingness to make affidavits to these statements. Will any man in Cleveland county get so low down as to say that ministers of the gospel would be guilty of assisting in circulating what some worthies are pleased to term 'Democratic lies'?"

The word of Rev. O. L. Stringfield will stand against those demagogues who deny the horrors of negro supremacy in order to get enough white voters to vote with the negroes to keep them in pie. Mr. Stringfield has done the cause of decency good service by telling the plain truth.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

We printed some days ago that when the Republican convention met in Newbern to nominate magistrates, Carl Duncan, Revenue Collector, was present and at his instance the convention was postponed until a few days before the election. Why? Because all or nearly all the magistrates nominated will be negroes and Duncan didn't want the white voters in Western North Carolina to know how fully the East is under negro rule.

On Saturday the Republican county convention in New Hanover met and adopted a resolution to adjourn until October 29th, when a ticket will be nominated. Why? Because the Republican bosses do not want sufficient time between the nomination and the election for the white voters to see how completely the people of Wilmington are under negro domination. Of the twenty-four magistrates to be nominated twenty will be negroes.

PRITCHARD'S GAIN OF TWO CONGRESSMEN

The Charlotte Observer, noting Pritchard's statement in Washington that "we will gain two Congressmen in North Carolina" points out that the Fusionists now have all but one, and that if the Republicans make any gain it will be by robbing the Populists.

What Senator Pritchard doubtless meant was that in the Sixth district, Dockery, an 1898-99 moss-back Republican, had defeated Martin, the Populist, for nomination in a Populist convention, and that J. J. Jenkins, a Republican-Populist, had defeated Hon. W. F. Strowd, a straight Populist for renomination. That is the way "we" gain two Congressmen, and that is the only way.

Is it any wonder that Populists all over the State are repudiating fusion with a party that uses money and office to control its conventions, turn out Populists, and nominate Republicans?

Elsewhere appears the account of the fine meeting held at Milton, which was crowded out of earlier issues. The good news from Caswell is in keeping with the reports from other parts of the State. Evidently the ground swell is rising.

In Plymouth some days ago an ex-Confederate soldier, charged with drinking too much, was arrested by a negro constable and tried by a negro magistrate. This is what we get under this reign of Negro Supremacy.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

"HIT THE BULL'S EYE."
Wilmington Messenger.

The cartoon in the Friday's Raleigh News and Observer is highly realistic. It is a fine work of art. It is true to nature, it is genuine. Its title is "The Source of the Governor's Inspiration." The portrait of Russell is wrought with fine precision and effectiveness. It is faithful to life. A little child would know it. He is well decked too. On his expansive bosom glitters a pin representing the jigger. His entire coat of office is literally covered and adorned with innumerable pictures of negroes—their heads—

and they set him off in fine colors and with becoming gaiety and splendor of decoration. Russell looks more than ever like he felt he was the State and was the biggest bow-wow ruler of the age, even greater than the sycophantic Ol. Dockery said lately of his master. But the "source of inspiration" is yet to be named. Jim Young, nigger all over in his regimentals, has got a ladder and resting it against the mighty Goliath of Gas, he has climbed up until he reaches the ear of the Governor, he grabs it with his left hand, and speaks to the receptive ponderosity—"Do this—Do that," and of course it is done at once. On Russell's left lapel is a big medal, (probably made of brass) written upon it—"Negro Rule." The cartoonist has done his best work here and it is decidedly clever. He "hit the bull's eye."

BUYING "NIGGERS."

Wilmington Messenger.

The money was all around and about at Fayetteville when the black Radical convention met to nominate a candidate for the U. S. Congress. The game was to buy up the kickers and they did it. But for money Fowler would not have won. He bought the chairman at the start, says the Observer. The members, including a nigger preacher, were bought like "dumb driven cattle," and in open daylight and on the floor of the convention. The negro preacher received \$30 from S. H. Buchanan to vote for him, but he got a bigger price from Hancock and deserted his man. He was made to disgorge or get licked. He threw up all or a part. The Observer publishes this: "We are requested by several prominent colored citizens to publish the following:

"Rev. T. B. McCain got \$30 from S. H. Buchanan to vote for him for the nomination for Congress, but he voted against the nomination, being bought last by S. W. Hancock, J. E. Fowler's agent."

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