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### To the DEMOCRAT:

I saw in your last issue that the Democratic convention held in Boone Sept. 17, 1888 had nominated me as their candidate for Treas. of Watauga county. After my due regards to the honorable nomination—I will accept the nomination. I have never asked the people of Watauga county for any office but as they have asked me to be a candidate for the office of Treasurer, I will do the best I can and will try to out-run my cousin L. A. Greene I will not give up the race till after the 6th. of Nov. '88. All I want is a fair race and a fair count and if I am beaten I will submit my claims cheerfully. Success to the Democrats of N. C.

W. E. Greene.

### The Home Market.

People say they can't understand the tariff. We don't blame them for getting things mixed, considering the Republican arguments and the actual facts. For instance, the Republicans assure the people that the "Home Market" is the best thing for them. The Home Market, the Home Market, they all cry. Let's see what the Home Market is. Gen. Garfield, the last President who will ever be elected by the Republican party, has given us a practical explanation of the Home Market. Gen. Garfield said that he had seen salt made here in the United States carried across the Lakes over into Canada and sold there at one dollar a barrel less than the same salt was selling for here on this side of the Lakes. That is, if it cost \$1.00 a barrel to make that salt, the manufacturers sold it in Canada at \$1.75, and sold it in the Home Market at \$2.75. The beauty of the Home Market is thus very evident. It may be hard for the people to appreciate it, but there is indeed nothing like the Home Market. Everybody who has anything to sell ought to have a Home Market. Indeed a Home Market might be defined to

be an institution to give a manufacturer full swing to charge what he pleases. Some manufacturers who have no conscience use the Home Market to defraud their neighbors. The Home Market is an inseparable part of the tariff.—News-Observer.

We have often discussed the very excessive taxation for the twenty-three years of Republican supremacy. We have given the statistics of the immense waste and extravagance of the General Government; have exhibited the hundreds of millions that were misapplied and wasted, and have been able to give also some indications of the vast sums actually stolen from the people by corrupt and rascally Republican officials. In the great campaign of 1876, under Tilden's masterful leadership, the facts and figures were produced with most convincing effect as the results showed. Since then in the other Presidential campaigns more or less of this work was done. This year we do not hear so much of it. The issue was formulated and joined by the heroic, brave President who leads the Democratic party in this important conflict. It is necessary now and then to remind our readers of the past. People will forget and condone.

We have shown how the people of North Carolina have been robbed by the Radicals and how these incapables heaped up tens of millions of debt in the State and ruined and blasted and impoverished the people, who were helpless.

Dockery is now, in this year 1888, in favor of paying a great debt that was created by thieves and bunners. It is believed that it would literally bankrupt the State to pay the Special Tax Bonds.

The Democratic party in North Carolina deserves the confidence of all because it has done so much to restore public confidence and public credit; to bring back hope to the people; to induce foreign capitalists to invest within our State; to develop the great natural resources of the State, and to heal the jealousies of the two races by benignant and wise legislation.

It deserves well of the people because it has so greatly reduced the taxes. It has lifted a great burden from the backs of the people in State matters and would lift even a far greater burden in the matter of the huge, remorseless, grinding War Tariff. If it had built no railroads; if it had erected no asylums for the smitten and afflicted; if it had not expended millions for education—giving to both races equally; if it had not built thousands of school houses for whites and blacks, it would richly merit the full confidence and hearty support of all tax payers.

Bearing in mind what we have said about the great crushing burden of taxation

—the curse of any land—now examine the following figures which may be relied upon as correct. They will show the tax-payers how they have been helped and who really are their friends. Read, reflect, and be sure to register and vote for the only party that has ever protected the honor and interests of North Carolina—vote for the only party that proved by its acts that it sought to benefit and bless the whole people.

Look at this scrutinizingly. The rate of taxation in North Carolina was, in '69 under Rep 80c on \$100 p'y  
1874, " Dem. 31% " "  
1875, " " 39% " "  
1876, " " 29% " "  
1877, " " 29% " "  
1878, " " 29% " "  
1879, " " 28% " "  
1880, " " 24% " "  
1881, " " 28% " "  
1882, " " 28% " "  
1883, " " 25% " "  
1884, " " 00% " "  
1885, " " 25% " "  
1886, " " 25% " "  
1887, " " 20% " "  
1888, " " 20% " "

But this is not all. Let us see what the Legislatures have cost:

The Rep. Leg. of 68 cost four hundred and thirty thousand nine hundred and fifty eight. The Rep. Leg. in 70 cost two hundred and twelve thousand, eight hundred and ninety six. In contrast behold this:  
The Dem. Leg. of 72 \$169,396.  
" " 74 \$109,234.  
" " 76 \$81,823.  
" " 78 \$55,259.  
" " 83 \$57,478.

We believe the Legislature of 1885 and 1887 cost no more than these. We have not the figures at hand.

With these trustworthy facts and figures looking an honest tax-payer squarely in the face he may not, without exceeding stupidity and folly vote for a return to power of a party that brought shame, degradation, spoliation dragonading and financial ruin upon an old Commonwealth that before the war stood at the head of all States in her public credit, and that recklessly, shamefully, brazenly robbed and abused the toilers and the tax payers.—Wilmington Star.

### KILLED BY A WOMAN.

The Lone Highwayman Of Texas Put Out Of The Way

Chicago, Sept. 24.—A dispatch from San Antonio, Texas, says: The notorious "Lone Highwayman," who has for the past two years been a terror to travelers in the vicinity of Kerrville, has, without the assistance of a single confederate, robbed stage coaches, rifled mail bags and gone through as many as six commercial travelers in broad daylight without the slightest inconvenience or resistance, has been killed. He was shot by Mrs. Lizzie Hay, formerly Miss Gibbons, at her home on the head prong of the Rio Sabine, Bando county, last Monday. The scene of the occurrence is so remote from railroad and telegraph service that the news did not reach town until today, when

Mrs. Hay visited the city with a company of friends. To your correspondent she told the story of the killing as follows:

"Last Monday morning I was sitting in my room when suddenly a masked man appeared on the front gallery. I told him to leave or I'd kill him. He laughed and said: 'You're a plucky woman but I'll have what I want out of this house or burn it down over your head.' By this time I had a needle gun and he had entered. I drew it down on him within 18 inches of his heart but it snapped and he said: 'I'll kill you.' at the same time producing a long, keen-bladed knife and aiming it at my throat. I ward off the blow but the next time he struck the end of the knife stuck in my forehead, making an ugly gash. At the same time I reversed the ends of the gun and struck him over the head, felling him to the floor. Before he could rise I had reversed the gun and pulled trigger. This time it fired, taking effect in his left side. He gave a yell and rolled out on the porch. I looked for another cartridge but blood was streaming down my face so I could not find them. I wiped it off with my apron and reloaded my gun as soon as I found the cartridges. He had by this time almost reached his horse. I took good aim but I don't think I hit him. My husband was up in the canon, but when he came home a few hours after dark he immediately organized a party of rangers. They traced him for a distance of 20 miles by his blood and found him dead. His name is unknown but he is recognized to be the same man whose bold depredations have for two years past terrorized the whole of Bando County.

### NOTICE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Mortgage deed executed to myself and wife by J. P. Fry and wife Mahala, dated Feb. 23rd, 1888 and recorded on pages 359 and 360, book (B) of the records of Watauga county, to secure a note executed to me, February 23rd, 1888 by the said J. P. Fry for the sum of \$175.00 one hundred and seventy five dollars with interest at 8 per cent. I will sell for cash in hand to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Boone, on Monday the 5th day of Nov. next, it being the first Monday, the tract of land described in said Mortgage, containing 123 acres more or less and lying on or near the road leading from Blowing Rock to Boone, some two miles from Blowing Rock, being the land on which said J. P. Fry now resides, to satisfy above note with interest and costs.

Wm. Elrod, Mortgagee.  
Per J. F. Spainhour, Atty.  
Sept. 27th, 1888. Imo.

H. K. BOYER.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
Sparta, N. C.  
June 6. 88. 1y.

T. E. LATHAM.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
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