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The ROANOKE NEWS today completes the 30th year of its existence. For the past three decades it has been going into the homes of the Halifax county people and to the friends of hundreds of friends scattered throughout the Union.

It is needless to make any promises for the future. Our thirty years' record has shown our devotion to the grand principles of Democracy, and along the same well beaten track we intend to adhere in the future, believing that the cause we advocate is founded upon principle, justice and equity.

If there ever was a time when sound judgment and conservatism were needed to help pull the old ship from the breakers ahead, now is that time. Many of our friends have turned away from us and are carried away with every wind of political delusion. To all such we extend the right hand of fellowship and will gladly welcome them back into the ranks in which their forefathers lived and died.

This is a year of the most vital importance to the people, and we intend to gird on the armor and to the best of our ability be found laboring to uphold the grand old Democratic party.

SOMETHING NEW.

A sensational piece of political news is now being discussed at the National Capital, says the Washington Times.

It is no less than a scheme hatched by a combination of leading Democrats to capture the Presidency by organizing a split at the Chicago convention. In brief the idea is to put two Democratic tickets in the field and then have the two wings of the party come together in the electoral college and select a candidate of that party, provided, of course, that the so-called regular Democrats and the bolting Democrats have jointly a sufficient number of electoral votes to turn the trick.

If the silver men can control the convention a silver man is to be nominated on a 16 to 1 platform. If the sound money folks are the stronger they will select one of their number.

Then will follow a bolt by the losing faction, and two Democratic tickets, one on a sound money platform and the other on a silver platform. The sound money ticket will be run to win in States where that sentiment is supposed to control and the silver ticket in States where the masses are believed to be of that way of thinking.

The originators of this scheme claim that the presidential electors would be perfectly free to vote for any they might agree upon, even though his name had not been before the people, the theory being that the electors are responsible only to the party they represent.

The New York Tribune says: It is not only in civilized countries that woman plays a predominant role in the direction of the course of events, but also in barbarous lands, where the fair sex is generally supposed to occupy a position of moral and social inferiority beyond the exception of their Western sisters.

Thus, in China, it has been the empress Mother who has retained in her hands for nearly two score years the control of that mighty Empire, her predominance remaining unimpaired even after the crushing defeat of her country by Japan. And in Abyssinia it is an elderly woman, the consort of emperor Menelek, who has been the moving spirit in the resistance offered for more than a decade to all the attempts on the part of Italy to secure possession of the country by means of intrigue and force of arms.

Our thanks are due Mr. T. J. Anderson, general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, for a beautiful little pamphlet issued by the company, entitled "From the Pacific to the Atlantic," in which we find some excellent brief outlines of the principal battles of the civil war, with maps showing their geographical positions. The little book is quite a gem in its way and beautifully gotten up. The cover is in white and gold, with the gate leading into the "Gate City" of the west in the upper left hand corner, while the statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" stands in the lower right hand corner. In the center is a sectional view of the interior of one of the famous vestibule cars of the Seaboard Air Line. Every old Confederate should have one of these little books and they will be sent free to any address on application to T. J. Anderson, Portsmouth, Va.

No small objection which young folks had to the old time spring medicines was their nauseousness. In our day, this objection is removed and Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the most powerful and popular of all as pleasant to the

He was not only a successful cotton mill owner, but was the largest in the State. He served in the State Senate for one term, and was Speaker of the House in 1855. He was President of the North Carolina railroad for twelve years and was active and efficient. He was also President of the North Carolina State Agricultural Fair for eight years and did faithful service. He was nominated by the Democrats for Lieutenant Governor and was Governor for two years later.

He was a safe, true and discreet executive and was a most valuable and useful citizen. He was a public spirited and patriotic citizen and his death deprives North Carolina of one of her noblest sons.

He leaves a wife and a large family of children to sorrow over his death, and his many friends everywhere will sincerely mourn his demise.

The Democratic State executive committee, met in Raleigh last week for the purpose of fixing the time and place for the state convention.

The convention was called to meet in Raleigh, June 25th, to nominate candidates for Governor and other state officers, to elect presidential electors at large, to elect a state executive committee, to elect delegates to the National convention, and to transact any other business that may come before it.

It was one of the largest meetings of the executive committee ever held and the sentiment of the meeting was favorable to silver.

Senator BUTLER gave notice in the Senate Monday of the following amendments for improvements of rivers and harbors in North Carolina:

Town creek, \$5,000; Fishing creek, 15,000; Roanoke river, \$51,000; North East (Cape Fear river) \$75,000; inland water route from Norfolk harbor, Va., to Albemarle sound, \$10,000; Cape Lookout harbor, \$10,000.

Senator Pritchard also gave notice of an amendment to the river and Harbor bill, appropriating \$75,000 for a harbor of refuge at Cape Lookout, N. C.

AMONG the great movements of the present day in this country none ranks higher in importance, both economic and social, than the movement for better roads, maintains Public Opinion. Low prices of farm products at the place of production and the high prices of the same products at the place of consumption are the result very largely of the unnecessary cost of transportation involved in the use of bad roads. Thus producer and consumer suffer equally and are equally interested in correcting the evil.

GENERAL FITZGUGH LEE, of Virginia, has been nominated by the President to be Consul General of the United States at Havana, Cuba, vice Raymon O. Williams resigned.

It is agreed on all sides that General Lee will go to Havana in thorough accord with the President's views on matters pertaining to that island, and having the instigation of a military office thoroughly implanted by years of service, will be capable of dealing with the subject of the rebellion there as the President desires it should be dealt with.

COL. W. C. P. BRECKINRIDGE, of Kentucky, is canvassing the district again to run for Congress this year, and the old movement of the ladies in the district is being reorganized, and Colonel Breckinridge will have the women against him as he had two years ago. Then the race for the nomination between Breckinridge and Owens was close. Now the friends of Kentucky's silver-tongued orator express the fullest confidence in his success.

NEW MEXICO is in a fair way to become a State. It is understood that the United States Senate is willing to pass a Statehood bill and the House Committee on Territories has just decided in favor of that measure. The Territory has waited long and patiently for promotion.

JUDGE RICKS of the United States court at Cleveland has rendered a decision of great importance to railroad men. He declares that the preferred stock of a railroad does not constitute a lien on the property.

A free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 factory was in full blast at Great Falls, Mont., when the officers of the law stepped in, arrested the managers and shut up the institution.

Downs in Kentucky, in order to show their high estimation of a young lady, her friends got up a dog fight in her honor. And it is said that the young lady thought it was perfectly "lovely."

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Choice Bits of News Dished up and Served in Good Shape.

Since our last letter nothing of very much importance has occurred within the city limits.

The majestic Roanoke which has been rising for a while is now subsiding and has resumed the even tenor of its way.

The Roanoke Rapids power Co. is now engaged in laying out a road from the new bridge through the estate of the late Dr. Thomas out to the public road. When this road is completed it will be a great advantage to the citizens of our sister county and will give them free access to this town and Weldon. To use a much abused expression of the Press "it will fill a long felt want."

This Company has contracted for 500 cords of wood to be used for the brick kiln and the axmen have very nearly finished their contract.

General Manager Maxwell reports a large output of goods and everything running smoothly.

We are pleased to note the return of Mrs. Maxwell to the Rapids and as was predicted sweet strains of music can often be heard issuing from her residence. Miss Minnie Foste has also returned and is a very welcome addition to the society of the town.

There was a very large meeting of the Social Club at the residence of Capt. J. B. Fitzgerald and it goes without saying that all of the members had a very pleasant time as they always have when assembled at his hospitable mansion. The Club has grown rapidly and 22 members were present at the last meeting. The evening was spent very pleasantly as some of the members favored the audience with dialogues, recitations, and music. The company dispersed at 11:30 P. M., and it was voted by all that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

This town is getting to be very fashionable and we noticed a very shiny silk hat covering the cranium of one of our citizens the other day. The wearer evidently would not be outdone by the girls, so he got out his Easter bonnet.

We are sorry to chronicle the departure of Mrs. T. L. Eury, as she was quite a favorite and will be missed by all of her acquaintances. She has returned to Richmond where she resides in a handsome flat on 3rd street, which is one of the prettiest of Richmond's pretty streets.

We have an addition to our vocal talent in the person of Mrs. Annie Savage, of Richmond, who not only is a finished performer on the piano and organ but sings charmingly.

We noticed Mr. Charles Eury here last Sunday out driving with two handsome and popular young ladies and hope that they will soon repeat the visit.

Rev. Mr. Benedict preached at the school house on Sunday to a large and appreciative congregation. That building will be moved into the town before next Sunday and will be more convenient of access to the young students during the week and the worshippers on Sunday.

The workmen from York, Pa., who are here putting in a wheel for the Roanoke Mills company have nearly completed their labors and in a few days the wheel part will be ready to run the machinery.

ENFIELD LETTER.

News Notes from Our New Tobacco Market.

Miss Pattie Jones, of Rocky Mount, is visiting Miss Mattie Partin.

Mr. Herring, of Wilmington, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. F. Parker.

Miss Annie Simpson, of Wilson, is visiting Mrs. S. Pierson.

At the Baptist church Sunday a. m. Rev. McKaughan, poured hot shot into dances and card parties.

The Moccasin club are painting up their boats, the "Stella," "Missie" and "Irene," and will soon be in trim to have some fun on the pond.

The colored ball which was to have been in an empty store house here Saturday night was broken up by the police.

Nearly all of the carpenters around here are employed on the tobacco warehouse which is rapidly going up.

Mrs. Hersey and her son, Master Willis, of Providence, R. I., who have been visiting the family of Mr. George B. Curtis, left for home today. Willie seemed delighted with the South and carries back with him quite a collection of bugs, cotton bolls, sweet gum, etc. He says the study in sun bonnets here on Saturday afternoon was extremely interesting.

Frank P. Webster, a leaf tobacco broker, of Madison, who mysteriously disappeared from that town several weeks ago, has been arrested in Lexington, Ky., charged with abandoning his wife. He has been living with another woman. He will be tried in Rockingham county.

Mr. W. R. Bond, of Kinston, dealer in furs, hides, &c., was tried in that town before A. J. Duffin, U. S. Commissioner on the charge of using the United States mail for fraudulent purposes. He was bound over to the Federal Court at New Bern in the sum of \$300. Court begins on the 25th of this month.

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News Notes as Called from Our State Exchanges.

There is an epidemic of measles at the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Granville county Republicans endorse Settle for Congress and Dockery for governor.

In Mitchell county two men were killed by a mica mine caving in on them.

Wilmington will invite the next session of the Southern Baptist convention to meet there.

The first ripe strawberries of the season on a Wilmington garden were gathered last week.

It is stated that Carolina Beach near Wilmington will not be opened as a summer resort this year.

The News and Observer says that a large acreage will be planted in hops at Southern Pines next fall.

Miss Mary Jane Spivey, of Moore county, has mysteriously disappeared and no trace of her can be found.

The Hickory Press has changed hands and from being a straightout Democrat it is to be a Radical exponent.

The Waynesville dispensary (liquor traffic conducted by the town) has made a profit of \$1,936.47 the past year.

The Fayetteville people are moving to secure the re-establishment of the United States arsenal at that place.

The cold has killed three fourths of the peaches at Mr. J. Van Lindley's nurseries, says the Greensboro Record.

The Greensboro Record says the wife of a bank cashier at High Point gave birth to three girl babies Tuesday morning.

The quarrel between the Dockery and Russell factions of the Republicans has well nigh attained the dimensions of a feud.

Senator Pritchard has introduced a bill to donate part of the public lands to the Normal and Industrial school at Greensboro.

The Concord Times says at least three fourths of the Democrats of Cabarrus county are opposed to the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Albert Franklin and his wife charged with poisoning Foy Green, Mrs. Franklin's first husband, were found guilty of murder in the second degree at Lenoir.

At Lenoir last Thursday fire destroyed the fine residence of Mrs. A. F. Neal. Loss on building \$4,000, insured for \$2,000. The furniture was damaged \$500.

At Onslow court last week Mary Shepard, colored, charged with murdering her child, submitted to murder in the second degree, and was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary.

Mr. H. A. London, editor of the Chatham Record, will be the orator at Washington, N. C., on memorial day. His subject will be "Life and Services of Maj. Gen. Bryan Grimes."

Mayor Russ, who heard the case of Mrs. Pattie Arrington, refused to grant Whitaker's motion to tax her with costs and upon her failure to pay the same to send her to the workhouse.

It may not be generally known, but for twenty years there has been fusion of Republicans and Democrats on local offices in Caswell county, and it is said that as one of the results the Democrats there are torn all to pieces.

The News and Observer says Supt. Howell, of the Raleigh graded schools, has induced the bookstores of that city to discontinue the sale of the Police Gazette and other papers of like kind, half dime novels and the like.

Martha Lowry, a sixteen year old white girl living at Mt. Airy was unmercifully beaten and then covered with tar by white caps. Two of the guilty parties have been arrested. Mt. Airy is stirred up over the outrage.

Mrs. Grissom, wife of Dr. Eugene Grissom, died last Wednesday in Denver, Col. Dr. Grissom was for years superintendent of the North Carolina Insane Asylum at Raleigh, and is himself now under treatment in an asylum at Denver.

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The colored people of Baltimore, Md., are demanding colored teachers for all the colored schools, and the school authorities are making arrangements to let them have their way.

A western man whipped his wife because his breakfast was cold. His mother-in-law came upon the scene and threw a kettle of boiling water over him. It was hot enough for him then.

A Chicago newspaper has figured out that by the census of 1900 Chicago will contain 200,000 more people than New York city.

This country has a great future. It also has a great past. The recent enunciation of the Monroe Doctrine and its probable application in the near future will have a most potent influence in determining the destiny of these United States. But far reaching and powerful as that influence will certainly be, it can never rank in importance with that famous Declaration which made this a free people and these States a united and sovereign power.

The scenes of conflict and triumph in the troublous times of 1776, 1812 and 1861, are almost venerably regarded by our people, New Orleans, Montgomery, Atlanta, Kansas Mountain, Abbeville, Raleigh, Durham, Petersburg, "The Crater," Richmond, "The Wilderness," Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Washington,—all these names recall memorable historical events which have made our past and shaped our future course.

A beautiful little pamphlet, entitled, "From the Pacific to the Atlantic," an excellent brief outline sketch of many of the great conflicts of our past wars, together with an interesting short description of the most picturesque and historic part of our country, may be secured free of cost, by addressing T. J. Anderson, G. P. A. Portsmouth, Va., of the Seaboard Air Line, on whose great through line between the East and the Pacific Coast, the above and other points of great historical interest are located.

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