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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The time for the Dollar proposition has expired. Everybody was given an opportunity to accept it. Many have done so. Many have not. We want to do the best we can for our subscribers and still receive enough funds to keep our own "heads above water."

The COURIER is now in a prosperous condition.

The regular subscription hereafter will be \$1.25 per annum strictly cash in advance. For 6 mo., \$0.75.

In trade or on time the price is \$1.50. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

We are thankful for the encouragement the COURIER is receiving from all classes and we shall endeavor to merit it.

A COPY OF THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN, published in 1823 at Salisbury, by Philo White, has been placed in our hands, and it is really an interesting relic of ante-bellum journalism. It contains part of an account of the battle of King's Mountain. Among the advertisements we find one offering a \$20 reward for the capture of a runaway slave; another giving notice that a slave had been captured and placed in jail in Guilford county. We publish a few items in another column, under the head of "An Old Journal." We will print a few other extracts next week.

THERE IS AN ORGANIZATION, formed in Washington in 1890 called the "Daughters of the American Revolution." Some of the objects of the society are to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the American independence, and "to foster true patriotism and love of country and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty." The requisite for eligibility is "proven lineal descent" from ancestors who aided in securing our independence; provided the applicant is not under 18 years of age. There are no doubt many such in Lincoln county. Should any of our readers want further information, it may be had by applying at the Lincoln post-office.

REPUBLICANS IN CONVENTION AT LINCOLN.

Last Saturday was a red letter day for the Republicans of Lincoln county. That was the day for their county convention.

We propose to give the facts about this occasion as near as we gathered them and to add some comments suggested by the facts. We want truth for our watchword during campaign as well as any other time.

The first thing on the programme at this convention was a speech by Mr. J. B. Fortune of Shelby. He took a very decided stand against prohibition and the anti-liquor laws of the State and counties. He said the Republicans of his county were going to have candidates tell how they stand on the liquor question. He condemned the appointment of all prohibition judges in the prohibition election in Cleveland county. He said Shelby is tied up so no election can be had on prohibition. He stated that a number of Democrats of Cleveland county would go with the Republicans on account of Prohibition, (but forgot to state whether a number of Republicans would not go with the Democrats on account of the same question.) The speaker said that if the doctrine preached by Prohibitionists was true then all our old forefathers were at the Devil, a condition he did not believe existed.

He spoke at some length on the money question, and admitted that it was one that is hard to decide and one upon which many were divided in opinion. He made a bid for the Alliance by saying there ought to be in circulation \$50. per capita. (But forgot to illustrate how the Republican administration has made it millions of dollars per capita for the few and no dollars per capita for many.)

He opposed the idea of the government's loaning money and gave an illustration of the result by referring to the Argentine Republic which had set up such a system and said the result was that the currency so

depreciated that it took \$400 of paper money to get \$100. in gold. He said he thanked God that no Democratic Congress would be able to repeal the McKinley law within the next ten years. Here the speaker became eloquent and eulogized McKinley in the highest terms.

He read from a book about a Sheriff sale in Ohio in 1842 under low tariff when wagons and stock were sold at some ridiculous figures, and tried to make the impression that this condition of things was due to low tariff! (Now if Mr. Fortune will just step down to South Carolina and attend some of their public auctions he will find property sold at equally as low figures, under this great McKinley high protective tariff.)

The speaker declared that he was proud of this Third Party movement because it made people more independent. As he referred to this Third Party he smiled as if it were delicious to his taste, and no doubt it was because this movement is the only hope of the Republican party. Mr. Fortune made a very fair speech from a Republican standpoint. At the close of his speech the meeting took a recess for about three fourths of an hour.

At the afternoon session, Mr. J. T. DeLane (is it possible?) called the house to order and Mr. L. A. H. Wilkinson of Denver was called to preside and Mr. Wm. Mollen was elected secretary.

Upon motion of Mr. DeLane a committee of three was appointed to draft a plan of organization. The committee was Marcellus Burke, A. C. Lueberger and M. J. Shelton.

Now comes the speech of speeches! When the committee retired, one Mr. S. D. Brown, of Gaston was called upon to make a speech. This man Brown is well known in Gaston politics as a dirt-eater and agitator and "snake". He was at one time Reverend Brown; but he fell from that position; then wishing to retain at least the first three letters of his title he became Revenue Brown and became fond of sitting by the "still" worm and sucking from the public pail. In the last presidential campaign he tried to fuse the Republicans with the Knights of Labor by making speeches in Gaston and elsewhere and thus acquiring the title of "agitator." We always respect the opinions of good honest Republicans, but Brown is a Southern political puke.

His speech is not worth noticing but here is a point or two. He said "I am opposed to Prohibition notwithstanding the preachers and all the best people are for it!" He said the action of the representatives of Gaston on prohibition in the last Legislature would elect a Republican ticket this year. His speech was a mere dirt-slinging harangue, such as none but Brown can utter, and he spun it out till the delegates became restless and began to move about among each other, seemingly as a signal for him to stop.

We have other notes from his speech with appropriate comments on the same but have decided that he is not worthy of further notice.

After plan of organization was read and adopted, the following delegates were elected to the State convention: J. T. DeLane (!) and F. A. Barkley; alternates, R. M. Beal and Julius Hoyle.

The Present Administration Condemned

Now comes the resolutions of honor (!). Mr. Julius Hoyle had a word with Mr. DeLane and then he asked to introduce some resolutions. He, being permitted, delivered them to the Secretary. We asked for a copy of the resolutions but they were refused.

The resolutions started off "Resolved that we disapprove of and protest against the present administration in continuing in office so many Democratic postmasters and especially do we feel aggrieved because of the retention of the present postmistress at Lincolnton!" Then followed the recommendation of Mr. J. P. Mullen for the office at Lincolnton. Pending a motion for the adoption of the resolution this man Brown of Gaston, the great Reverend, Revenue, Labor Agitator, Anti-prohibitionist Republican got up and vented another portion of his spleen against Democrats for holding office under Republican administration and assured his audience that Mr. Wansnamaker would remove the lady and put in the gentleman if the facts were properly presented! He said there was some "sneak" Republican aiding in retaining the office in the hands of the present postmistress.

This speech was a beautiful exhibition of Southern honor! A wonderful display of chivalry! Think of a man, who is a citizen of a land that boasts of its high sense of honor, standing up before an audience, pleading for the removal from her position of a noble and accomplished lady to give place to a man! We looked over that audience and watched it carefully when the resolution motion was put to a vote and not nearly half present voted, the remainder, he it said to their credit, hung their heads in shame and did not vote at all, seeming to regret such action on the part of their brethren.

Now with the exception of the postoffice resolution it was a harmonious Convention. Every other proposition was carried without any wrangling and without a dissenting vote. To be plain it was the largest, most harmonious Republican convention ever held in this county to our knowledge. We regret that such is the fact, but it is true nevertheless.

Now what do these facts indicate? No thoughtful man can fail to see the point. No one detests the Republican party principles and administration more than we do; but that does not hinder us from knowing that Republicans have eyes to see and ears to hear and plenty of shrewdness to act. They see the split that will occur in the Democratic party if the Democrats in the Alliance go off after this Third party nonsense. If there was ever a time when the Democrats of Lincoln county should gather themselves together it is now. Every Democrat whether in the Alliance or out of it, who hopes for any reform in our national government should with vigor and emphasis put his foot down openly and boldly upon this Third party folly. If this is not done throughout the country, it needs no prophet to foretell the result, namely: the Republicans will continue in power and naught but a civil war will get them out.

Friends, the facts are before you. "Choose ye this day whom you will serve." If you are for Baal declare it. If you are for God and your country say it. If you are for the Third party out with it. If you are for Democracy (for God and your country) confess it openly and without reserve.

We have no time for sneaking or secret politics.

THE MINISTER'S SALARY.

We were glad to learn that the articles on the above subject have caused the members of some of the churches in the county to determine to raise their pastor's salary. At least so we have been reliably informed. We learn that the statement that a certain congregation in this county of about 100 members paid a salary of only \$25, fit a certain church west of Lincolnton with the exception of the fact that there were 180 instead of 100 members! We are sorry that such a thing exists in our dear old county. We feel sure those people have not considered this matter seriously or they would not have allowed such a thing to exist. One hundred and eighty members paying their pastor the pitiful sum of \$25 per year! An average of only a little over 13 cents each, and a fraction over 1 cent per month! No wonder these people have determined to increase their pastor's salary. Now in this case the fault cannot be with the preacher, for the congregation has given a unanimous call for his services another year. There is no church in this county, we care not of what denomination, so poor that its members cannot pay at least ten cents per month.

Cleveland Would Accept.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 14.—The Daily Journal to-day publishes a letter from Grover Cleveland, which removes all doubts that he will be a candidate before the Chicago convention. Mr. Cleveland writes in response to the letter from Gen. Edward S. Bragg, of Wisconsin, the author of the famous phrase "We love him for the enemies he has made." The following is the full text of the correspondence:

FON DOLAC, Wis., March 5, 1892. Hon. Grover Cleveland, New York.

SIR:—But a few months since the promise of Democratic success in the coming national election, with the resulting deliverance from excessive taxation and the more iniquitous tributes to favored classes which our tariff laws inflict on the people, was bright and cheering. In every quarter you were looked to as one who, by your former official conduct, your abilities, character and courage, stood foremost as the embodiment and expression of the popular cause and the popular hope; and upon you an almost universal expectation was fixed as the proper representative and leader of the cause and the party. But recently distraction has distressed our counsels and cast a cloud over the prospect. In some part contributory to this have been reiterated reports that you would not stand for the presidential nomination, and a want of the concert and organization requisite to give form to the popular purpose. Friends of your candidacy have found themselves on different sides of minor questions whereas their co-operations might have been effected with benefit. I need not suggest to you that the political action of a great people can only be wisely directed by means of intelligent and trustworthy leadership, organization, concentration and continuity of effort, with distinct ends in view not less than clear principles. Your reserve has been in worthy keeping with your high station in the public regard, your distinguished public service

and your personal dignity. But the danger to the public interests which a failure of the Democratic party would involve seems to me now to require the open avowal of your willingness to submit to any service to which your party and the people may assign you. Many entertain fears that you decline further public duty, which none but you can effectually remove, and your voice will be everywhere heard with benefit and effect. I believe your usefulness to the national Democratic party to be greater now than ever in the past to carry to victory the cause of tariff reform, and to restore the blessings of good government to our people; and as your fellow-Democrat and fellow citizen I ask you to say to your party and the people that your name may be presented to the national Democratic convention as a candidate for its nomination to the presidency and that you will accept that nomination if the convention shall make it, and again undertake the duties of President of the people shall, as I believe they will, choose you for that office. Sincerely yours, EDWARD S. BRAGG.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Lincoln County, in the Superior Court. R. M. Roseman, Admr. of D. Thorn vs. William Thorn, Peter Thorn, John Thorn and all persons heirs of Daniel Thorn, deceased.

State of North Carolina to William Thorn, Peter Thorn, John Thorn and all persons heirs of Daniel Thorn, Greeting:

You are hereby notified to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Lincoln county within twenty days after the expiration of the publication of this notice, which expires March 25th, 1892, and answer or demur to the petition of above plaintiff, R. M. Roseman, administrator of Daniel Thorn, now on file in this court, and take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or demur to said complaint within the time prescribed, judgment will be taken according to the prayer of the petition.

This is a proceeding begun by R. M. Roseman, Administrator of Daniel Thorn, in this court to sell the lands of his intestate, situated in this Lincoln county, to make assets to pay the debts of said intestate. Witness my hand and seal of office this 16th day of Feb'y 1892. C. E. CHILDS, C. S. C.

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Two Wolves Near Cherryville

On the 13th inst, some one from the neighborhood of J. H. Roberts came to town and said there were two wolves in that section killing sheep, pigs, dogs, cats, and everything that came in their way. The merchants and citizens mounted their steeds, and with guns in hand sallied forth to meet the foe.

All but CARPENTER & LEONHARDT, who did not have time to leave, as they have just put up a

Bran New Stock

of goods consisting of: Coffee, Sugar, Rice, Flour, Bacon, Lard, Pepper, Spice, Nutmeg, Ginger, Oatmeal, and a General Line of CAN GOODS, such as is kept in a First Class GROCERY STORE.

Our stand is in the L. H. Long building, near the depot.

We invite the citizens of the town and surrounding country to call and examine our stock before buying elsewhere as we are determined not to be undersold.

We buy all kinds of country produce and pay the highest price for it. Come