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### To the DEMOCRAT:

Will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper, to correct, and denounce, the vile report that is being circulated on me by some of my personal enemies; the substance of which, is, that during the last campaign I bought votes, and otherwise disposed of my goods in an illegal way for the purpose of making my election certain. This report is being circulated by men who are either too mean, or too thoughtless to investigate before talking, and I denounce it as a falsehood, and defy any person to bring a man in Watauga Co. that will tell me that I ever bought, or offered to buy a single vote during the campaign. I have learned since the election, that some of my goods were squandered for the purpose of buying votes, and other purposes, equally as low and detestable, but this was done without my knowledge or consent—indeed, contrary to my express orders. How many of my goods were used in this lawless and abominable way, I can not say, but have reasons to believe that a considerable amount, for this, and other vile purposes. If any friend of truth and justice wishes to know the particulars, I can furnish them.

If, during a heated, political campaign, my political enemies were to circulate such reports on me, to defeat my party ticket, I could look with some degree of charity upon them, and never ask space in a paper to denounce them. But almost 12 months after the election, for men, who pretend to be blessed with a reasonable amount of common sense, and to be living monuments of honesty, to thus try to injure me, be they Democrats or Republicans, I can say no more than to brand them cowardly liars. Then, for some Republicans to talk about my using money, when they know, I never did, (more than to run a paper at an expense of about \$400, out of my limited means,) being induced to do so by the sweet promises of

about 30 of the leaders, saying they would pay me from five to twenty-five dollars each, not more than half of which has ever been paid. In the language of a "Watauga Divine," this is what I call the "Quint essence of vile ingratitude."

Then, to "cap the stack", some of the patriots, who never did so much for the Republican party as to go on a county official's bond, to become disgusted because they failed to get the position of a fourth class post master, and "cuss" me for not having, for not having some Democrat "Wanamakered" (for great is me of the "Patriarchs") and fall into line, and go to circulating such stuff, for no other reason under the sun, only that I failed to make a "stamp-licker" of some favorite son. This needs no adjectives to qualify it, as an act of "pluperfect" ingratitude. The kind reader will please bear in mind that I do not charge any political party with these vile falsehoods, but a few designing men, who are not fit to belong to any party.

To the good people of Watauga, I desire to return my sincere thanks for the generous support they gave me last fall. How well I performed the duties, that they demanded of me, I leave for the public to say. I have been both criticised and congratulated for the course I pursued. I am not ashamed of my record, and under the same circumstances, I should vote and advocate every measure that I did, if I had my work to do over again.

No matter where my lot in life may be cast; I shall always remember the good people of Watauga, and look up on them as being a part of the best people in the "Old North State." Resp.  
J. A. Crisp.

### FEDERAL INTERFERENCE.

It is apparent that there is to be a strong effort made by the Republicans to pass some such bill as Senator Sherman introduced at last session, with the purpose of controlling the elections at the South. The provision of the Constitution that applies reads as follows:

"The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the plans of choosing Senators."

The members of the House of Representatives are to be chosen by the people of the several States; and the elections are to have the same qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislature. The Legislature then is to fix the qualifications of the voters, and the Congress may make regulations as to the time, place and manner of holding the elections. But it does not appear that Congress can hold such an election. The

difference as it appears to us is plain. It may fix the time which it has done, it may fix the polling places, and it may prescribe the manner. But the Constitution does not say Congress shall have power, to hold the election; to have officials present to count the vote and declare the result.

The question may be asked if not, why not? The reason is plain. What ever power is invested in congress in regard to the election of representatives is also invested in Congress in regard to the election of Senators, except as to the place of choosing the Senators. The Legislature cannot be required by Congress to meet at any place but the State Capitol. Leaving out that difference as immaterial, the power of Congress to provide for the election of Senators is the same as in regard to the election of Congressmen.

Would it be consistent with the frame of our duplex system of government for Congress to appoint officials to count the ballot cast by the Legislature and declare the action of the Legislature at an election of Senators?

Hardly. No one will say that. The power, then, does not extend to holding the election for Senators; but we have seen that the power in relation to Congressmen is the same as in regard to the Senators. It is neither more nor less. If, then, Congress cannot hold the election for Senators, it cannot hold the election for Congressmen. It can regulate both. It has in fact undertaken to regulate the manner in choosing Senators, and it may regulate the manner of choosing Representatives. But it cannot hold the election. That must be done in both cases by the State officers.

The bill offered by Senator Sherman proceeds on the assumption that Congress may hold the election for Congressmen, and it provides that the President may appoint a board of three men in each district who will hold their places for life, and who may appoint the precinct officers. That also is unwarranted by the Constitution. But we need not go into that now further than to say that Congress cannot vest the appointment of inferior officers except in the President, in the courts of law and in the heads of the department.

—News and Observer.

### Proclamation by the Governor. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Whereas, information has been received by this department that recently, in certain counties of this State, evil minded and lawless men, have banded themselves together, and under the cover of darkness and disguise, have terrorized and assaulted the officers of the law, broken open prisons, violently taken therefrom, persons who were held in custody to await the trial guaranteed by the Constitution, to every citizen accused of crime, and murdered them.

And whereas, the perpetrators of crimes so conceal themselves that their names and present whereabouts have not been discovered, and thereby they have, so far, escaped arrest and punishment.

And whereas, the growing frequency of these crimes and the apparent immunity from punishment of their perpetrators has caused grave apprehensions among the intelligent and virtuous citizens of the State, and have brought great scandal and disgrace upon our community.

Now, therefore, I, Daniel G. Fowle, Governor of North Carolina, do issue this my proclamation, enjoining all officers, and especially those charged with the administration and execution of the laws in the localities where the offences mentioned have been committed, to energetically exert themselves to arrest and bring to justice these offenders against the stability of society. The laws must, and shall be maintained. The Executive is ready to exercise all the power conferred upon him, including the offering of rewards and the employment of special agencies, to preserve the peace of society and protect the good name of the people of the state.

While it is a cause for profound sorrow that these evils should have any existence within our borders, there is some consolation found in the fact that they are confined to very few and restricted localities. The great body of the people are sober, industrious and law abiding. They have ever been remarkably distinguished among the States of the Union for reverence for the law and steady support of its ministers. To this people I appeal to aid me, and their other servants in suppressing the evils referred to. A sound public sentiment, making itself heard and felt fearlessly on all proper occasions, will not only encourage those who are charged with the difficult, and often dangerous duty of executing the laws, but will soon so impress the criminals themselves, that they will not dare attempt to accomplish their wicked and dangerous purposes.

Done at our city of Raleigh the 17th day of September, A. D., 1889, and in the 114th year of American Independence by the Governor.

DANIEL G. FOWLE

S. F. TEEFAIR Private Sec.

Our excellent Governor has taken proper steps, we think, to put down Lynch law in our State. The recent lynching of two men in Morgan county, has caused the people to speak out in strong language. Lynching has become too common all over the land. When reckless men take the law in their own hands they inaugurate a lawless spirit, and cause men to disregard the laws of the country. Our laws are sufficient to punish every crime. Let all our people look to the better enforcement of the laws, and all wrongs will be legally punished.

### WAR IN ILLINOIS.

#### A BLOODY FIGHT BETWEEN WHITES AND BLACKS

Chicago, Sept. 16.—A dispatch Lawrenceville, Ill. says: A race war between the whites and blacks occurred here Saturday night. A few days ago a St. Lewis negro named Slick came to town, and Saturday afternoon in a quarrel with a white man attacked him with a knife. The latter escaped after receiving two wounds, and then Slick dashed down the street slashing at everyone. Judge Barnes of the county court, ordered the negro to stop. The negro attacked the Judge, but the latter retaliated by knocking him down. The negro was then disarmed and arrested. Meanwhile, the blacks hearing of the arrest, determined to rescue the prisoner. A few white men rallied around the Judge. There was a hard fight in which the negroes were beaten back, and one of the ring leaders arrested. The prisoners were taken to the county jail, and the sheriff and his deputies were ordered by the Judge to guard the building. The negroes quickly organized, and made an attack on the jail. The sheriff was ordered to fire on them, but refused and the negroes forced their way into the jail and rescued the prisoner. Judge Barnes organized the whites and attacked the blacks at the jail. There was a bloody fight, in which pistols, clubs and knives were used. Judge Barnes was cut and shot, but his wounds are not fatal. Dr. John Lambly and three other white men, were seriously hurt. Two negroes were shot and half a hundred heads were broken. The whites won and the ringleaders were again put in jail, and a heavy guard placed around the building. The riot has caused great excitement.—Observer.

In the past two years the government has bought \$200,000,000 of bonds at a cost of \$231,538,366. It has bought, 80,000,000 of bonds that are not payable for nearly twenty years yet and has paid \$103,000,000 for them, making a bonus of \$23,000,000 given to the bondholders by the people to retire bonds not due until 1907, and bearing only 4 per cent interest. Money is worth to the people 8 per cent, but to call in 4 per cent bonds we have given away \$23,000,000 in two years. All told, the bonus is \$31,000,000. We had thought it was better to spend this \$31,000,000 on the education of the poor, rather than give it to the rich bondholders who do not need it. We do not believe that Congress has a right under the Constitution to give this bonus to the bondholders. Congress is invested with power to lay taxes to pay debts and provide for the general welfare. This bonus is no part of the debt, nor does it contribute to the general welfare to give it away to the bondholders. The News and

Observer is unalterably opposed to such methods.

A letter has been received at Raleigh, from Hon. Jefferson Davis, in which he asserts positively, that, his health permitting, he will be present at the centennial ceremonies at Fayetteville in November.

#### Expected to get Married But Didn't.

Last Spring an old man who hailed from Indiana appeared in the Brushy mountains in Wilkes professing to want to buy property and settle. He cared less for the land than for the improvements; he wanted a comfortable home. Hanging around the neighborhood of J. R. Combs, Esq. He became engaged to a maiden lady of about 40, and they were to have been married last week. He went back to Indiana on a trip to settle up his business and a few weeks ago for his bride. A day or two before the marriage was to have taken place he caused her to be presented with a marriage contract the terms of which stipulated that she was not to claim any part in his estate after his death. Thereupon she kicked and kicked hard. The old man insisted and she said if those were the conditions he could call off his dogs. Persuasion was of no avail and the result of it all was that the mountain maid threw the Indiana man overboard. The old man started back to Indiana last week (he is said to look all of 80 years) and a citizen of north Iredell at whose house he stopped for dinner on his way to Statesville to take the train, says he looked very much "cut up."

—Landmark.

#### Notice of Incorporation

I hereby give notice, according to law, that under, and by virtue, of section 677 of the Code of North Carolina, and acts amendatory thereto, I have this day duly incorporated

THE ARLINGTON COMPANY. The business proposed is to conduct, transact, and carry on, in all branches, the business of building, buying, selling, leasing, renting, equipping, furnishing, managing and conducting hotels, cottages, residences and other buildings to build equip and run livery stables, buy, sell, and hold real and personal property of every description, whatsoever, including stock and bonds and other evidences of indebtedness, including its own stocks and bonds, subscribe to the capital stock of corporations, loan and borrow money, mortgage, pledge and hypothecate any of its property. Guarantee the faithful performance of contracts and obligations of every description, whatsoever by whosoever made. Issue bonds of indemnity and suretyship. Grant indemnities, make abstracts of title and guarantee the title to property. Endorse notes, drafts, checks and bills of exchange. Form partnerships with individuals and with corporations for doing any business mentioned in these articles: Transact a general mercantile business and etc.

The place of business for said Company, shall be conducted in the town of Bowling Rock, Watauga County, or elsewhere.

The duration of the corporate existence shall be for the period of thirty years.

The owners of stock in this corporation shall not be individually liable for any contract indebtedness for liability of any kind whatsoever of said corporation. Joe B. Todd C. C. Sept. 17th, '89.