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Political and Otherwise.

The Democratic leaders of Congress has issued an address to the country, showing up "Fat Tom" Reed's rulings without a quorum. It is an able address and should be read by all.

The President nominated B. K. Bruce, for Recorder of Deeds Dist. of Columbia. Senate confirmed the nomination. Geo. T. Hummer was confirmed post master at Bristol, Tenn.

The Ohio Legislature will redistrict the state. It is now thought that the Democrats will gain ten or more Congressmen which will make a change of 20 in the next Congress.

The Democrats elect A. D. Heffner and John M. Pattison in Ohio successors of Representative Lawyer and Senator Ashburn, deceased, by increased majority. This indicates that Ohio will be like Senator Brice recently said that "Ohio will be eternally democratic."

Speaker Reed of Congress is about to back down from his arbitrary ruling, he finds that the country is getting too hot for such a would-be autocrat. The best element of his own party denounce him and the Democrats of House are 'setting the hair' on him.

Harrison, Dudley, Quay, Tanner and last but not least Tom Reed of Maine have demoralized the Republican party so badly that they can never return to power again in the nation.

Senator Vance made a speech in the Senate the other day on the race question opposing Senator Butler's bill to emigrate the negro to Africa. Senator Vance is in favor of letting the colored man alone in the South. But, says the Senator, to satisfy the North "we will let them have their proportional part of the negro."

The Senator raised the blisters on Senator Ingals, replying to his speech made on the same subject. The South has the advantage on the race question, we are willing to let them stay with us and do the best we can, or they can go and do the best they can.

The Republican majority in Congress with their speaker Tom Reed, are running things their own way, and have disgusted all fair minded men with their arbitrary power. Under the speakership of Blaine, Randall, Carlisle and infact ever since Congress has been established the minority in Congress have had proper recognition and could always be heard. Not so now. Speaker Reed snubs the minority, so much so that the country is speaking out in condemnation. Many of the better elements of the republicans are severe on the autocrat speaker. The Democrat members are pouring hot shot into the speaker. They read speeches of Reed made

in Congress two or more years back, defending the minority. His rulings now as speaker of Congress, completely ignores his own arguments, and every precedent of other speakers of Congress. It is now Reed against Reed and the rulings of all other speakers.

We suppose that our Billy Cowles wanted to fight, the other day on the above account.

A Few Days on Watauga River.

We left on the 30th. Jan. to open up an iron mine on the 'Big Ridge' located between Watauga river and Beech Creek, three miles from the Tennessee line. We hired some good men to dig in the Big Ridge to find the vein of ore that has been hunted for by others, and we found. It is a good one and we are pleased about it. We were in plain hearing of the blasting on the 3c's R. R. and such a lumbering noise we never heard since the war. It was almost a continuous noise like distant artillery.

Near by where we were at work is the Flanery silver mine, blasting was going on at a lively rate, we hope that this silver mine will turn out rich. The present prospects, we are told, are flattering. To be in a position to hear at the same hour and often, simultaneously work going on building rail roads, opening up silver mines at Flanerys and iron mines at Cranberry and Big Ridge, makes one feel that western N. C. and particularly Watauga county, as we hope, will in a few years be the grandest country, in many particulars, to be found.

While we are proud of many things we see and hear of, there are other things going on that are ruinous to the country and to the people who are engaged in it, we refer particularly to the damage being done along Watauga river in the lower part of Watauga county and the upper part of Johnson county Tenn.. The finest poplar trees that ever grew are being cut and hauled to the river to raft them down some where below. Millions of feet of fine timber will thus be lost. The owners do not get enough to pay them to cut and haul. If the people would be patient and hold their timber a few years longer the rail road will be built, then the timber will pay.

As we came up the river on our way home, we met with a number of men locating a church site for a new church at Antioch. To see 25 men with rations, axes and tools, voluntarily meeting to locate and build a church house, reminds you, forcibly, that the church will be built. L. W. Farthing Esq. will give off of his lower bottom, ground on which to build. A nice location, a good spring, a large congregation and withal a large membership of near two hundred, demand a large, comodious house. We hope the good people will build a house that will be satisfactory to the church and splendid neighborhood. The church house will be located on the left bank of the beautiful Watauga, wishing the brethren good success, we passed on to our old friend N. N. where we took dinner. Our old friend had lots of good words to say about the DEMOCRAT which pleased us. He will write more for the DEMOCRAT.

The Human Tongue an Agent for Evil.

No agent on earth, perhaps, is so prolific of evil as the human tongue, unless it is carefully guarded, and this is one of the very hardest things to do.

The Bible tells us of the difficulty and duty of governing the tongue. It says that "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity," and that every kind of beasts, birds and serpents have been tamed by mankind, but the tongue can no man tame. "It is an unruly evil, and full of deadly poison."

How often we have occasion to think of this wonderful lesson, in connection with others, but oftener still, with ourselves. "A little member truly," yet its poison is more to be dreaded than the venom of the tarantula of Africa. None are exempt from its baneful influence. Somebody's tongue will wag at your choicest, best efforts. No difference how much you strive to please, and exhaust your energies and rack your brain for new devices and plans to please, someone will find fault, and the next thing you know, your own tongue will be going at lightning speed, and so it is, the world over.

It can attack the minister in the pulpit, and the spotless ecclesiastical ermine that he has worn so faithfully and well, falls from the shoulders of him, who has always been a synonym of goodness and uprightness, and trails in the dust, all because somebody's tongue would wag. It can attack the virgin immaculate name, and with few words, 'whispered for shame', and lo! a stain is left on one whose heart is as pure as the newly fallen snow. It can take the purest, noblest efforts of the soul, efforts made for others good, and hurl them back anathemas in your face. How nice it would be if each and every one, could learn to govern this 'unruly member'. What a diminution there would be in the world of hard feelings, heart aches and tears!

One of the first things we learn on starting on life's pilgrimage is to talk, which is one of the greatest earthly blessings, but how much abused.

A foreigner on being asked, on his return, how he liked the Americans? expressed himself as being pleased, but, continued he, "They are talking themselves to death. They will talk all day, without cessation, and would like to compel you to listen to them at night." While I believe this to be exaggerated, yet I think no place can beat them. Talk we must and talk we will, and we daily say things that when casting up accounts at night, we would be glad had never been uttered. But alas! they are gone, and no earthly power can ever recall them. "Thoughts unexpressed may often fall back dead, But God Himself can't kill them when they're said."

How careful then we should be of what we say! A thoughtless, angry, hasty word, and the brightness of noonday is changed into the inky darkness of Erebus. Guard well the tongue, for it is more dangerous than the execution knives of the savage African Balgola tribe for they

injure the body alone, while the tongue can cicatrize the heart and plow deep furrows on the brow. Guard it well, so that when the grass grows green over your sleeping dust, no one can say that the "ready, swift and tuneful tongue" of yours ever injured the world by having been in it.

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Commissioner's Court. February Term.

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Petition for a stock law for Watauga township was granted, and J. M. Shull appointed to register voters. W. H. Calloway, J. C. Shull, G. W. Caudle and Joseph Phipps to hold the election on the 27th day of march, 1890

The following good and lawful men were drawn as jurors for Spring Term: Henry Shook, G. W. Watson, James Church, Jesse Green, W. H. May, Abram Roton, J. C. Cook, John Green, J. C. Moretz, A. M. Shery, G. W. Phipps, T. A. Critcher, H. H. Farthing, Reed Holloway, J. H. Phillips, R. F. Brotherton, Luos Stansberry, S. S. McBride, L. L. Taylor, John Phipps, J. M. Brown, W. L. Coffey, L. A. Wilson, Thos. Carlton, W. C. L. Hulcher, F. M. Cannon, J. M. Earnest, G. W. Canter, Nathan Harrison, Wm. Triplett, L. M. Trivett, J. N. Simmons, J. H. Mast, Jr., J. C. Chapel and J. L. Glenn.

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