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It is now believed that the Richmond and Danville R. R. Co. will extend their road from Wilkesboro to either Bristol or Johnson City. We clip the following from the Johnson City Comet:

"The Richmond and Danville people have virtually bought the Atlantic and Danville road from Danville to Norfolk, and as soon as the Danville and New River narrow gauge is widened they will only have to build a short line from Patrick Court House to Winston, and a portion of that is built, to have a through and independent line from Norfolk to Johnson City. The E. T. V. & G. people are taking hold of Johnson City and mean to make it a great rail-road center and they never fail in an undertaking.

An exchange says "The present generation will see men worth 500 millions of dollars." This is no doubt true if the rich still oppress and grind the poor as they have been, and are now doing. Zeb Vance says when he first went to Washington, a millionaire was hard to find, but now there are hundreds of them. "The rich are growing richer and the poor poorer", is as true a saying as ever fell from the lips of any man. There must be something wrong that causes all this. The manufacturers are the millionaires, the farmers and laboring men are the poor. The following will throw light on it, we think: A farmer in Nebraska kept an account of the amount of tariff he paid in one year, which amounted to \$142.02. This all went to the manufacturers. His City, County and State tax was \$76.82, or \$65.20 less than what he paid to the manufacturers.

It was our pleasure to spend several days on Upper Beaver Dams during the past week. This section of our county was almost entirely new to us. Although we are personally acquainted with most of those thrifty citizens, we had never enjoyed their hospitalities at their homes with their kind families. Many of these enterprising farmers have built splendid new dwelling houses and barns, and have greatly improved their farms, on which there are now growing splendid crops of corn, grass, oats, buckwheat and now and then a good field of wheat. Those people on Beaver dams ought to be happy and enjoy life, for they have no debts or mortgages, but have most of the good things of life. Our object in visiting this interesting section was to explore for iron ore, in which we feel interested, as we are convinced that if our iron veins in Watauga were opened they would greatly increase the prosperity of the county and cause rail-roads to be built, and capitalists to invest their money with us. Our county is full of minerals but it will take large amounts of money to develop the numerous mines. We are trying to get these mines brought to the attention of monied men who are willing to invest in them, and hope we may succeed.

Sands, N. C. June 16th 1890.

Editor Democrat:

"My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke, my father at a distance of you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." -1st Kings, 12-17.

This was the language of the wicked successor of King Solomon in answer to the prayers and petitions of his people, for relief from the unjust taxation and grievous burdens to which they had so long been subjected. He had turned his back upon the old men and despised their advice, and was directed by his young and profligate associates. It seems to us that the present Congress furnishes a striking illustration of the folly of this foolish King. For five long months they have been receiving the petitions of an over-taxed and burdened people. The farmers and laborers from all over this land have been begging their representatives to grant them relief from the toils of the extortioner and monopolist. A wail has penetrated the Capital of the nation from the farmers and laborers from every nook and corner of this union, asking for the enactment of laws that would insure equal and exact justice to all, and that taxes on the necessities of life should be reduced, and what has been the answer? The Republican House of representatives has, as did the wicked King, Rehoboam. They have despised the voice of the farmers and consumers, cast aside their petitions, and like vultures the manufacturers, bondholders, mortgages and money-changers have flocked to the Capital and filled its corridors, and instead of giving relief, the answer goes out to the people, "Our fathers made your yoke heavy, we will add to your yoke; our father also chastised you with whips, but we will chastise you with scorpions." And in order to pay the debt they owed to those who furnished the money to purchase the Presidency, they have very greatly added to the already heavy burdens of the people. They have doubled the tax on tin plate, a necessity in every poor man's house, and placed diamonds on the free list. They have doubled the tax on women and children's coarse dress goods, and placed silk on the free list. They have increased the tax on cotton ties and iron ties, for baling hay and cotton and hooping tubs, more than 200 per cent, and they propose to pay a bounty of one dollar on the pound on all silk raised in this country. They have raised the tax on men's common clothing and reduced it on fine goods and many of the luxuries used by the rich. They have raised the tax on many other things that I might mention, but I have quoted enough to show that they have added to our yoke.

No wonder the farmers are organizing and demanding relief, when they reflect upon the fact that they are worth less, by many millions, than they were ten years ago. Sir, it is their duty to organize, and if possible to better their condition. It is their duty to buy where they can buy the cheapest and sell where they can sell the highest. Don't the merchant do that way? Don't every one do so? Why any one should take exceptions to the efforts they

are making to improve their business surpasses my comprehension. Do they not deserve to prosper as well as the ballance of the community, and are not they the main stay of all other callings? And yet when they organize to protect themselves they are accused of trying to break down the business of others. And just here let me remark, that the man who tries to baffle their efforts to relieve this country from unjust and illegal taxation, and to restore honesty in government, reminds me very much of the bull that undertook to butt the rail-road engine off of the track, for like the said bull he will soon be found in the ditch.

But I have digressed. I desired to tell what Congress has not done. They have failed and refused to pass a bill for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and to restore it to its old democratic position as a part of the currency of the country, and for no other purpose than to make the money of the capitalist more valuable and enable them to tighten their grasp on the poor. They have not repealed the Internal Revenue laws, but they have made its furnaces seven times hotter than they were wont to be. Have they passed the Blair bill? Just examine the Congressional Record and you will see that they never intended to pass it.

And now my friend 'John', your correspondent from Moritz Mills, is informed that "Alexander Bill has not pulled the hole in after him, but has been quietly watching the signs of the times, and he has come to the deliberate conclusion that old Grover Cleveland was right when he said that "The simple and plain duty Congress owes to the people was to reduce taxation to the necessary expenses of an economical government, and to restore to the business of the country the money they hold in the Treasury through the perversion of governmental powers." Had his advice been taken, it would not have become necessary for the farmers all over this broad land to organize for their own protection, but now like the revolting tribes of Israel, they are demanding that their yoke shall be made easier and their burdens lighter. Two millions strong they have stood before the 'King' and made their demand, and the answer was rolled back like a wave of the ocean, "Our fathers made your yoke heavy, we will add to your yoke; our fathers also chastised you with whips, we will chastise you with scorpions." But now friend 'John' when the ides of November comes again there will be another wave that will roll throughout the length and breadth of this union, when these same farmers shall assemble at the poles, with ballots in their hands, weapons potent as "the voice of God." Then will the shout arise from their ranks and be heard above the din and roar of the battle, "To your tents O Israel, now see to thine own house." ALEXANDER BILL.

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Johnson City, Tenn., June 15 1890.

Editor Democrat:

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Our popular friend, W. R. Lewis, formerly of Watauga county, committed suicide on the 13th by taking ten grains of morphine. He took the fatal dose about 9 o'clock and died 20 minutes before 7. Two of the leading physicians of this place were called in but all their efforts to revive him proved futile and death soon came to his relief. It was some time after he completed the act before he let it be known. He will be badly missed here, for he was noted for generous hospitalities. The people all seem to sympathize with the bereaved family very much. J. M.

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