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LOVELY WATAUGA.

O! 'tis a pleasure Far beyond measure, During the hot summer days, To find a retreat In Watauga's hills And gladly repeat On her winding rills Wataugas unbounded praise.

Her scenery grand As famed Switzerland Everywhere strikes the vision; The picturesque view Of lovely mountains Enwrapped in deep blue, Of crystal fountains, Is fair as fields Elysian.

And the deep, rich soil Pays the sons of toil Its rich and varied supplies; Heavy grasses wave And thick forests grow, Dashing streamlets laves The vales as they go; fairest of lands beneath the sky.

And the people too, Open, frank and true, Give welcome in every home; So kind and so free, So jovial too, 'Twere joyous to be With them all life through; 'Tis a sorrow from them to roam.

The maidens are there So sweet and so fair, their beauty no artist can draw; So noble the heart, So ready the hand, True deeds to impart And error withstand; 'Tis a wonder that love is not law.

O! fair Watauga, Lovely Watauga, With your evergreen mountain spires; With a thousand vales Of grass and grain, With your gentle gales And summer rain.— Honor to thee from sons and sires! H. C. MOORE.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

For the Democrat

Paradoxical as it may appear, the recent extreme warm spell seems to have cooled public interest in the proceedings of Congress, and thinned out that body to about the required number to constitute a quorum and transact business. The old adage "he who can wait will eventually get anything he desires" was never better demonstrated than by the action of the present Congress. The old hands, the queen bees, the old sheppard dogs of the flock, have acquired to a great extent what they had panted for, and are now dozing amid leafy bowers along the sea. While the public is anxious to have all discussion dropped is the opportunity for the mediocrity of the national legislation to approach the second table and reduce the surplus. The action is comparatively unnoticed, uncared for and unsung. Many millions of dollars are appropriated every day, with a brief word of explanation made by the members in charge of a bill regarding its contents. When the members of either House are sufficiently aroused, they direct their shafts of wit and sarcasm at the other branch respecting its deliberation in passing bills and appropriating the public funds. They are equally guilty, however. The House has charged the Senate with passing bills at the rate of a 120 per minute. Its record in passing public laws has been shown to have exceeded this rate, but was not as fast as that of the House. The private bills are usually disposed of on evening sessions, when they are usually dumped, like a load of coal in a bunch. The republicans of Congress seem to act as if they were preparing to break up camp, and were perfectly regardless of furniture. They have certainly acted in a manner this session that would justify such a feeling of despair on their part. They have planned for the appropriation of enough money, this session, to pay the National Debt. After they go out, at the next election, they will probably try to raise a sentiment against their successors on account of like of money to discharge public obligations and individual hopes, created by the gang last discharged.

The House silver bill has been reported back favorably from the Finance committee to the Senate, and offered as a substitute, by Mr. Morrill, for the Senate Bill. It contains important amendments that materially alter it in a direction unsatisfactory to the free-coinage men. The provision making the certificates legal tender is struck out; also that making redeemable in bullion at the option of the Secretary of the Treasury; and the section providing that when the

market price of silver is \$1.00 for 371 1/4 grains of silver; it shall be lawful to receive bullion for coinage, and the purchase of bullion be suspended. He was followed by Mr. Avarts who gave a very interesting review of the history of silver legislation. He said that in 1873 the two metals, gold and silver, were on a parity, and had been since 1803. That no trade or law of nature had broken that parity, but that it had been accomplished by the "wit and wisdom of man". That in 1873 Congress, while in a hypnotic condition, had passed the law demonetizing silver, which eventually reduced it 30 per cent in value. Mr. Vance followed him in denouncing that act of Congress and said that the tariff laws had contributed further in spreading bankruptcy and ruin amongst the farming community.

Speaker Reed, last week, announced the appointment of Mr. Mills of Texas to the committee on rules. He notified the Speaker that he declined to serve. His friends say that his refusal to serve on a committee with the Speaker is based on personal grounds. The peculiar rulings of the Speaker during the present session, and his utter disregard of the ordinary courtesies due the minority has provoked a feeling of unfriendliness on the part of Mr. Mills that would make service on the same committee distasteful to him.

A caucus of the republicans will be held on about the 18th, to consider suggestions to be offered by special committee now struggling with the subject of federal elections. A Bill will undoubtedly be provided containing the supervisory provisions and the worst features of the bill introduced by Messrs Rowell, Lodge & McComas.

The conference report of the anti-trust bill has been rejected and another conference ordered with instructions from the House committee to recede from the House amendments.

Edward K. Valentine, the republican nominee has been elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

The House devoted the most of Saturday in paying tribute to the memory of the late Samuel J. Randall. The principal oration was delivered by Mr. O'Neil of Pennsylvania, who was followed by many others in unstinted praise of the late statesman. Washington, June 16,

The extravagance of the present Congress is indeed marvelous. It votes away millions of dollars as if child's play. Exclusive of pensions the regular appropriations will exceed those of the last year of Mr. Cleveland by \$35,000,000. The Baltimore Sun thinks it will be not far from \$100,000,000 in excess.

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ADDRESS TO THE DEMOCRATS.

ROOMS OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE EXECUTIVE COM. RALEIGH, N. C.

To the Democratic voters of North Carolina;

At a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee held in this city on the 20th inst., it was resolved that the Democratic State Convention be held in the city of Raleigh, on Wednesday, the 20th day of August, 1890.

It will devolve on this convention to nominate for vacancies now filled by appointment of the Governor, a chief justice and one associate justice of the Supreme Court and judges of the Superior Court for the first, fourth, fifth, eighth and tenth districts; also judges for the Supreme Court for the second, sixth, seventh and eleventh districts to succeed the present incumbents whose terms expire.

The convention is called to meet later than in 1888, to suit the convenience of the great masses of democratic voters, so that a fuller representation, reflecting a more general sentiment, may be insured.

The democratic party congratulates the people of the State upon the material and moral advancement made under the beneficent administration of affairs, and, having redeemed its pledges in the past, presents its claims to them for a continuance of that confidence to which it is justly entitled, feeling assured that they will be recognized and the interests of all classes thus subserved.

The term for which Hon. Z. B. Vance has been elected to the Senate of the U. S. will expire next March and the Legislature to be chosen for the present year will be called upon to fill it. It behooves us to see to it that no republican is elected to the Senate from this State.

The committee most earnestly requests a thorough early organization in every township and locality in the State. It is essential that this preliminary shall be done at once, so that we may be ready for an active, energetic campaign as soon as the convention adjourns. It will not be assumed that our opponents, because they are inactive now, have no life. They can organize with celerity and stand ready to take advantage of any apparent lethargy on our part, and if we wish to prevent opposition, we must demonstrate by our organization and strength, its futility.

In 1882 our confidence and apathy nearly resulted in the loss of the State, and again in 1886, from the same causes the control of the House of Representatives of the State was lost to the democrats and given to our opponents. Such a result must be carefully guarded against this year.

It is important that the various county conventions be called at such times as will best suit the masses of the

party to the end that a full and free choice of candidates for the offices may be had and no discontent be engendered.

The republican party of today is the same as in the dark days of reconstruction, and only awaits the opportunity to inflict upon our people the same disgrace and humiliation.

Its action in the Federal Congress indicates too plainly that it is a party of force, without respect for law or order.

The despotic usurpation of the petty tyrant who has been placed by them in the Speaker's chair, only to dishonor it; the deprivation of legally elected democrats of their seats in both branches of Congress and the seating of republicans in their stead, without the least vestige of right, for partisan purposes, and the efforts to perpetuate themselves in power by the passage of a Federal election law, by which the Congressional elections will be transferred from the State authorities to the hands of irresponsible agents appointed at the dictation of unscrupulous partisans at the national capital, thus striking a serious blow at our cherished institutions and the rights of the sovereign states; the reckless appropriation of the public funds for illegal and unnecessary purposes, by which not only is the surplus, left in the treasury at the end of Mr. Cleveland's benign administration, entirely swept away and a large deficit created, but also the opportunity of giving relief from the burdens of taxation retarded; all admonish us that our only safety lies in a return to democratic rule in the country and its continuance at home. Should they succeed in their aims we might expect Federal supervisors, backed by Federal bayonets, to be stationed at the polls, and a reenactment of the scenes of 1868 in our own and our sister states.

Utterly indifferent to the interests of the Southern farmer, all its legislation has been at our expense for the benefit of other interests and other sections, and the only hope of the agricultural South to throw off the legislative shackles that have crippled our prosperity and bound us to poverty, is to move forward on the lines of those great principles of relief which the democratic party has steadfastly advocated. To obtain these ends the cooperation of all patriotic men, who have at heart the prosperity of our agricultural and industrial interests, and the national welfare of our Southern people, is earnestly asked, and they are urged to enroll themselves beneath the democratic banner.

Let every democrat realize the responsibility that rests upon him and meet it. There can be no doubt of a grand victory if we do our full duty. Unceasing vigilance is the price that we must pay for success, but when we consid-

er what defeat means to us, the sacrifice is small. Overestimate the enemy, and go in to the fight determined to win it. All must prove equal to the emergency, and when the first Tuesday in November shall have passed the victory will be certain and white supremacy, which is synonymous with democratic rule, will be assured to us for a further term.

By the Committee, ED. C. SMITH CH'N'S, B. C. BECKWITH, SEC.

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Moretz Mills, N. C., June 14th, 1860.

Editor Democrat: I see in the DEMOCRAT of June the 12th, a communication from Soda Hill in which the writer gives you a "slight punch" to remind you that he still exists. Really it requires a great deal of punching to keep the people aware of the fact that he does exist.

Prof. Wike commenced his school at Elk Knob Academy, June the 11th, with a large attendance, we are informed. We are glad to see the people awakening to the necessity of a more thorough education than the public schools afford, and it is especially gratifying to see the young men more interested in education and learning to rely more upon themselves for their education. Some writer has truly said that "if a young man expects to arrive at any degree of greatness he must work his own way through, not relying upon others; and especially is it detrimental to his interest to depend upon the government, that is, for office". Yet, there are young men in Watauga whose self reliance is so limited or desire to hold office so great, perhaps both, that they place themselves before the people even before they have become 21 years old; and not being successful in obtaining the prize for which they sought, must console themselves with the belief that they are as well qualified for the position as any man.

I notice that John poor, patient John, of Moretz Mills has again stepped to the front and it is with great pleasure that we note the improvement which John has made in the languages especially Latin. Respectfully H.

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