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Our republican friends in Watauga, as well as every where else, are left in a 'hole' by the actions of their party in Congress. Their party has control of the whole country by having the President, Senate and Congress. There has never been in the history of our country, such an aggressive majority in Congress as now, under the leadership of Tom Reed as Speaker. He has full control of the republican members in the House, and there is no kicking against him, for he is boss. The minority, which includes the democrats, in the House have no showing whatever, for the republicans in caucus legislate and any bill agreed upon by this caucus is passed through the majority of the House at the direction of Speaker Reed. What has this Reed aggressive party done? The Blair educational bill was killed "too dead to skin", and even the revenue on tobacco has not been repealed. The McKinley tariff bill has passed the House, 'tis true, but what does it do for the poor and oppressed? Does it lighten the burdens of the people? The tariff bill passed is favorable to the speculators and money kings who are now worth their millions, but the secret about it all, is that these money lords furnish the money to buy votes with which the President, Congressmen and Senators are elected. Then this Senate and Congress are under lasting obligations to enact such laws as will keep up the high tariff by which these millionaires can coin money off of the great masses of the laboring people. Who made the Vanderbilts, the Goulds, the Rockafellows and hundreds of others rich, who are now worth from one to two hundred millions of dollars? If we were to say that every merchant, farmer, etc. in Watauga helped do it, we would be hooted at by our republican friends. Now for the proof. Every man, woman, and child in this County wear clothes, hats and shoes, and most of them drink coffee or tea; while all the farmers use iron tools such as harrows, plows, hoes, threshing machines, etc. Our women use tin-wear, table-wear, stoves, sewing machines, etc. Now most all of the money kings have and are, dealing in what is known as 'trusts and combines', which is fostered and protected by the high protective tariff that we have heard so much talk about for the past years. Take sugar and coffee to illustrate. Those money men are able to buy, at the various centers of shipment, all of these articles that are offered for sale, and by that means control the markets of the U. S., and have agents in Europe to look after their interests. The result is that we now pay 25 cts. for every pound coffee we use. In this article alone, we pay from 12 1/2 to 15 cents on every lb. we buy, to help swell this crowd of swindlers who are

making millions of dollars every year from the people of the U. States. So Watauga pays her part on coffee and everything else we buy, in proportion.

Now suppose that foreign markets were opened to us, what would be the result? Then the products of the farmer would bring a good price and he could ship his surplus and exchange it for such articles as he and his family needed, and the prices of each would be equalized. "Trusts and combines" on our products and necessary commodities could not prey upon us, any longer. But the 'iniquitous, tariff laws kept up by the republicans in Congress, forces us to sell in the cheapest and buy in the highest markets. Friends and republicans, are you not tired and weary of voting for such a party? Look at it squarely and give your answer as honest men. When our fat cattle were shipped to foreign markets from Watauga, we made money by raising them. Now we have to sell them in our markets, which is always overstocked. This is why our cattle are so low; this is why we are going down hill; this is why we have no money.

Think of these facts and vote hereafter for men and measures that will better protect your interests.

**STATE ITEMS.**

Morganton and Hickory want waterworks.

The cars are now within 8 mile of Wilkesboro.

Geo. Vanderbilt has purchased four more estates near Asheville for \$165,000.

Judge Wm. M. Shipp, aged 71, died at his home in Charlotte on last Saturday.

The Judicial Convention in this district will be held in Morganton on Thursday July 31st.

Rev. J. A. Wetson of Hickory, has made arrangements to have his book on Marshal Ney published.

Prof. R. L. Patton will have charge of Moravian Falls Academy during the next year.

Mitchell county failed to levy a special tax for Confederate pensions. According to law her pensioners will get nothing.

The Jefferson *Optic* says: Prof. Wakefield commenced school the 23rd. of June with 43 scholars. Rev. Mr. Smith's meeting is doing good, 15 conversions.

Burke county has three of the finest mineral springs in the state. Glen Alpine Springs, Connelly Springs, and Piedmont Springs can not be surpassed on the Atlantic slope.—*Herald*.

A grand 4th. of July celebration and political mass meeting will be held in Bakersville. A Silk Banner will be presented to the county for being the banner republican county in the 9th. district

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**LINVILLE DOTS.**

Linville, June 27. The grading of Burke street continues. And Linville avenue is being extended south, while grading at the head of Carolina avenue was commenced some two weeks ago, and is proceeding southward as fast as six mules, two large new scrapers and a corps of men under J. P. Gibbs can do the work.

New project by private parties are coming to light every day. Waitzell Aldridge has to enlarge his blacksmith shop by taking the room heretofore devoted to woodwork for another set of tools. He is erecting a new building for woodwork, on Ash street, on the lot adjoining the blacksmith shop.

Mr. Church is stacking sixty thousand bricks, to which fire will be set next week. The first stack of bricks proved to be O. K. The weather for making bricks has been admirable for the past month.

The Hotel Boyer is receiving a second coat of paint. It is colonial buff. Whatever "colonial" may mean I know not, but the paint is a bright straw color, and is well laid on by J. T. Rathburn. The trimmings are in white, and the painting sets the appearance of the house off nicely.

Five stamps for crushing ore which is found in what has been known as the Gragg gold mine passed through this town this week. A new name has been given the mine, which I have not learned. Mr. John H. Todd, an Englishman, but now a resident of Knoxville, Tenn., as the head man. He boards at Hotel Boyer, and lives high.

W. G. Scott, of Logan Co. Ky., is here arranging for carrying the daily mail from here to Cranberry for the year commencing July 1, 1890. The Western Carolina stage-coach Co. has engaged to carry it. J. S. W. June 30.

Mrs. Parker's sewing circle for younger misses is growing each week.

On Saturday last Mr. Henderson Aldridge brought to town a young bear, which of course, was the attraction of the hour. A month or so ago Mr. A. was out bee-gum hunting with axe in hand, when his dog scared up a she bear, which pursued the dog. The dog ran by his master, and bear and man stood facing one another. The bear stared at the man; the man stood firm with uplifted axe and stared in turn. The bear turned and retreated, leaving two cubs, which became victims or prisoners to Mr. Aldridge. He sold one to a Mr. Pritchard and the one he had with him to Mr. Foulke, of this village.

Mr. Charles E. Harris, of this (Linville) township, was married to Miss Leta Eaton of Cranberry, Sunday, June 29.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Linville Improvement Co. will be held in Hotel Boyer, on Wednesday, July 16. Some have turned seers, and predict that after the holding of the meeting the works here will be curtailed, while others prophesy that it will be doubled. I am one of the latter.

Crops generally are looking well; corn in particular, in these parts.

The weather has been dry and warm for a week past. To-day we have had a shower, which has revived things.

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