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The Third Party.

Some years ago Mahone and Riddleberger formed a new party in the State of Virginia ostensibly for the purpose of readjusting and compromising the enormous debt of the State. They called themselves Readjuster Democrats. So popular was this movement that Mahone soon found himself at the head of a majority of the voters of the State. He and Riddleberger were elected to the U. S. Senate as Democrats, but almost before they were warm in their seats at Washington, they began toicker with the Republican party, and to the great astonishment of many of the Readjusters they waked up and found themselves in the Republican party. Many deserted him as soon as his mask was thrown off, but with the whole power of the national administration behind him, it was a mighty struggle on the part of the true people of Virginia before the power of this unprincipled demagogue was finally broken. This was the entering wedge that was to split the solid South. The next move to break the lines of Democracy was in North Carolina. The voters here were to be betrayed into the Republican fold, but under the guise of the great Liberal movement; and led by such men as Col. Wm. Johnson, Charles Price, Tyre York and others of less note, this piece of treachery bid fare to be a success; but when the smoke of the battle had cleared away, it was found, that like Benedict Arnold, their leaders had landed themselves into the Republican camp, but without any perceptible following.

The Democratic party being founded upon the eternal principles of justice, gathering strength and power from every engagement, completely routed the party of monopoly, trusts, high taxes, force bills and billion appropriations, in the last election, and seemed to be on the very threshold of another great national victory. But treachery is again in the very air. A few unprincipled, ambitious demagogues having been elevated to high positions in a noble order, seem to be completely intoxicated by the up per air, and hope that by the disruption of old parties and the general wreck of matter a fortunate wave may lift them to the front. But this, like all other attempts to dis member the true party of the people in the Old North State, is destined to meet with an ignominious failure. Ambition must have got in its per feet deadly work, before L. L. Polk invited the leaders of the so called peoples' party, (a party formed principally by dissatisfied, sore-headed, Kansas Jawhawkers) to come to North Carolina to proclaim the unsearchable riches of this new plan of salvation. But we are not alarmed at the advent of this new party, for when the people have spoken you will hear no more of the party of Simpson, Peffer & Co. in North Carolina, and we firmly believe that such men as U. S. Hall, Dr. R. L. Beall and J. C. Scarborough will yet preserve the farmers' Alliance and save it from the destruction that now seems imminent through the machinations of its highest officers.

"Deacon" White the head of the New York firm that got choked to death with corn a few days ago, was a republican Representative in the Fiftieth Congress, and was jocularly known as "the member from Wall street," although it was a Brooklyn district that he had represented.

The republicans are sending campaign specimens of tin-plate around, accompanied by the statement that it was made by Major McKinley personally. The Major certainly is not a skilled workman. If he without any experience can make tinplate, why should the alleged manufacturers of tin-plate wish to import skilled workmen from abroad to do this work? There is nothing but humbuggery in this tinplate question, view it from any standpoint you please, and the American users of tin in its various forms are to-day paying out a great deal more money on account of the increase in the price of tin-plate, made necessary by the McKinley tariff, than will be necessary to pay the wages of all the American labor that will be employed in the tin-plate industry for five years to come. Oh fraud! one of thy most seductive aliases is "protective tariff."

It looks very much as if the Blaine boom was being manipulated solely to keep other possible competitors off the track in order that Mr. Harrison may get all the necessary wires laid for a re-nomination. When this becomes certain lookout for a mutiny in the republican camp, but it will be too late, unless all present signs are at fault, to prevent the consummation of Mr. Harrison's designs. We would much prefer Mr. Harrison as the republican candidate as he represents everything that is most vicious in the republican creed more fully than any other one man in that party, and will therefore be the easiest man to defeat.

Some people are disposed to criticize Representative Mills because of his recent Ohio speech which took the ground that the supreme issue in the contest between the republican and democratic parties and that all other issues are secondary, but no good democrat should do so. Mr. Mills is right. The tariff is the one issue upon which there is no division in the democratic ranks and for that reason, if for no other, it must be kept at the front. Let us get possession of all branches of the Government first, then we can take up and settle inside the party all the other questions.

Representative Mills about sized up the financial situation when he said in his opening speech in Ohio: "Let us not be deceived by superficial appearances. It is the scarcity of money in the pockets of the people who earn it that produces the distress. If our circulation was today double what it is, and it was all in the pockets of a hundred thousand people, our condition would not be bettered but it would be worse than it is. It is not the small circulation, it is the small distribution that plagues us."

The Tennessee legislature declined to accept the responsibility placed upon it by the Governor of that State when called in extra session, and the convict lease law still remains upon the Statute books of the State to make future trouble.

The "ex" seems to be ahead in the race for office at Washington.

Nothing slow about the robbers that 'touched' that London bank to the tune of a million dollars. They may be expected to visit the United States this winter in the guise of foreign noblemen.

Philadelphia offers a better field for Christian missionary work than China, although the fact does not seem to be fully recognized by the powers that direct missionary work.

The present negro colonization scheme is like its predecessors—it exists only on paper and in the imagination of its promoters.

From Sugar Grove.

Editor Democrat:

The common wealth of N. C. has written her history on the pages of fame and honor. She has the honor of being one of the thirteen colonies which fought, bled and suffered for eight long years for independence. Their long struggle was crowned with victory, and liberty is her heritage, which her sons has ever guarded with zeal and devotion. Her sons have ever distinguished themselves in war and in peace. I am glad that I am a native of North Carolina, and a citizen of Watauga county.

Our county is located in the northeast end of the great plateau formed and lying between the Blue Ridge and the higher range of the Smoky Mountains. This great and elevated plateau embraces the Western division of North Carolina and contains 5,000 square miles. The Grandfather peak or mountain, the highest elevation of the Blue Ridge, is 5,897 feet above sea level. Boone, the highest county seat east of the Rocky Mountains, is 3,242 feet high. The valleys of New River, Cove Creek, Watauga River and Banner Elk are respectively 3,169; 3,000; 2,917 and 3,696 feet high, or that number of feet above the level of the sea. Thus we see that the altitude of our mountains and valleys which are well watered and drained by the New and Watauga rivers and their tributaries, give us one of the most desirable sections of W. N. C. Its soil, climate and production embracing all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables and timbers which are common to the Temperate zones.

With all these natural advantages, our people are making rapid progress in developing our resources, building up and improving our highly favored "land of the sky." On every hand we note enterprise, industry and energy. Our farms are neat and well cultivated. On every hand we see neat, convenient and comfortable dwelling houses; many good school buildings, and quite a number of good church houses; and a pretty fair grade of public roads. And still better, our moral, social, and religious attainments are of a high order. Our churches, our ministry, our Sunday schools, are elevating the public mind, while our common schools, academies and seminaries are educating our young people and fitting them for future usefulness. We have many schools of high grade in Watauga, yet we see many parents sending their sons and daughters to schools in other counties. This should not be. Would it not be better to patronize our home schools and

aid, encourage, and help to build up a higher and better system of education. We have the material, the talent then why not cultivate it? Ho! every one that thirsteth for knowledge come ye to the fountain and drink deep from the well of science and knowledge.

Sunshine, fair weather and the hot wave have blessed us for the last fifteen or twenty days. So much so that fodder is saved in good condition. Seeding of rye and wheat is done and being done in good order. And better yet, the late crops of corn are ripening nicely. We have an unusually fine crop of buckwheat here on Cove Creek and the cabbage crop was never better. With the wheat, rye, buckwheat and the extraordinary corn crop, our grain supply will be abundant for the ensuing year.

Oct. 5th, '91. R. V. W.

REMOVAL!

We have just moved our stock of goods to the house recently bought of J. B. Clarke,

"The Old Stand,"

Where we will be pleased to meet and serve all our friends and customers.

We are receiving a full and complete stock of

FALL AND WINTER GOODS

and will guarantee

Quality and Prices

Equal to anybody in this country.

Call and see before buying.

Respectfully,

H. C. MARTIN & CO.,

Sept. 25th., '91.

LAND SALE.

In and by virtue of a certain mortgage deed executed on the 20th of Aug., '84, by C. Martin Rimer and wife Mary Rimer, to the late Phineas and A. H. Horton both deceased, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga county, in book 'B', pages 234 and 235, we will, on Friday, Oct. 16, 1891, at the court house door in the town of Boone, offer for sale at public auction for cash all the interest of C. Martin Rimer and wife Mary Rimer, in a certain tract of land in Watauga county in Elk township, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a rock on the top of a small knob near the Mary cabin, John R. Hodges and Eli Rimer's corner and runs north 30 poles to a dogwood, then N. 70 west 20 poles to a small ash at the branch in the corn field and then up the meanders of sd. branch, 30 poles to a black walnut sprout, then north 84 west 14 poles to a small dogwood on top of ridge, then south 45 west with the ridge 60 poles to a span ish oak, then south 40 west with the ridge 52 poles to a stake in Eli Rimer's line, then east with his line 75 poles to a white pine, John R. Hodges' corner, then S. 50 poles to a beach on the bank of stove-tree branch, then up the meanders of the west prong of sd. branch to a stake, J. R. Hodges' corner, then with sd. Hodges line a north east direction to the beginning. S. L. Patterson adm. of Phineas Horton; Mary V. and H. V. Horton adm's of A. H. Horton. Sept. 14, 1891.

W. H. Bower Atty.

Spring Announcement

—OF THE—

Spot Cash Store.

We Are Head-quarters for
—This Part of The Earth—

DON'T You be the last to find out where the best goods are sold the cheapest. We are now opening and displaying the largest stock of seasonable goods of the highest merit ever brought to this town, which will be sold lower than ever. Our motto is good goods, fair dealings and low prices.

Dry Goods.

Consisting of Ginghams and Prints in all the latest styles. Suitings, outer-cloth, Simpson's zephyrs; shirtings and lawns in all the spring colors. HESPERIA cloth in the spring stripes which is all the go for spring wear.

LARGE STOCK of black

Sattines; Silk for trimming in all colors. All kinds of Laces in Hem Stitch and Vandike Points. Let us call your special attention to our 4-4 Fruit of the Loom Bleach Domestic at 10 cts per yard. Lin on Shal-larries both solid and striped. Our stock of ribbon is equal to a regular millinery department. Jeans, cottonades, Plaids, Domestic, Bed-ticking, and hundreds of things we cannot mention.

Shoes.

This department is very complete, and at the prices we are offering them they will not stay long, in fact, we didn't buy them to keep, and our customers have found that out judging from the way they buy them.

Clothing.

Now we hit you. In this department our stock is, without doubt, the choicest that has ever been offered to the people of the mountains. Prince Alberts, double and single breasted in solid black and fancy colors. FARMERS, we can fit you in anything you want in CLOTHING: Something nice and durable.

Groceries.

In this department you will find nothing but first class goods. We carry nothing but the best sugar and coffee. In flour we carry from a medium to the very best grades. Corn and meat at lowest prices. Salt Hams Bacon and Lard always kept in stock.

Hardware.

In this line our stock is large. Nails, Iron, Plows, Hames, Trace-chains, Mattocks, Shovels and all kinds of shelf-hardware at prices that moves them.

We thank our many customers for raising our sales to the handsome sum of \$25,000, last year, and for the present year we have our figures placed at \$35,000, and by low prices, good goods and polite attention, we expect to reach the mark.

They all sing the same song:

We've found the store where buyers get the very best attention. With great variety of goods too tedious to mention. So low in price are they, too beat the lowest calculation, which makes us, as a family, sing out like all creation. And that is the reason we trade with

JONES & VANCE,

ELK PARK, N. C.

March, 23, 1891

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Firm Of

Coffey & Councill,
Elk Park N. C.

Was dissolved by mutual consent on the 16th day of March 1891, Mr. W. E. Coffey retiring.

The firm of I. L. Councill & Brother, Consisting of I. L. Councill & W. B. Councill Jr. Successors to Coffey & Councill, will carry on a

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

business at Elk Park, N. C.
—Will buy and sell—

COUNTRY PRODUCE

Of every description, keeping constantly on hand a

COMPLETE STOCK OF

DRY GOODS

GROCERIES,

PROVISIONS,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

The new firm wishes to call the attention of the public to their new

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Stock of

DRY GOODS,

NOTIONS,

HATS,

SHOES, Etc.,

recently purchased on Northern and other markets which it will always be their pleasure to show.

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Will be dealt liberally with, in the exchange of goods for country produce or cash.

All mail orders promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed.

Respectfully,

I. L. COUNCILL & BRO.

May 21, 1891.