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## NOTICE.

Hotel Property for Sale.

On account of failing health  
of myself and wife, I offer for sale  
my hotel property in the town of  
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sell low for cash and make terms  
to suit the buyer, and will take  
real or personal property in ex-  
change. Apply soon.

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## NOTICE.

Parties putting papers in  
my hand for execution will  
please advance the fees with  
the papers and they will re-  
ceive prompt attention, other-  
wise they will be returned  
not executed for the want of  
fees. D. F. BAIRD SHEFF.

## FOR SALE!

In the town of Boone, a com-  
fortable dwelling house with  
6 rooms and five fire places,  
with nine acres of land, good  
spring, some apple, peach and  
chestnut trees, situated some  
300 yards from Main street.  
It is a desirable private resi-  
dence. The place will be sold  
cheap on terms to suit the  
purchaser. For further partic-  
ulars apply to I. W. Thom-  
as, Hibriten, N. C., or W. B.  
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## Terms, Fair and Timely.

The newest political party  
will have to find better en-  
dorsers than Mrs. Lease and  
Jerry Simpson before it is tak-  
en seriously by the country.

The democratic party might  
go farther and fare worse  
than it would by following  
the advice of Gov. Fishback,  
of Arkansas, and making Ad-  
lai Stevenson its next Presi-  
dential candidate.

Chairman Wilson and his  
democratic colleagues on the  
House Ways and Means com-  
mittee should consider the  
abuse they are getting from  
republicans, because of the  
tariff bill, the very highest  
praise that could have been  
bestowed upon them. It is  
certainly regarded as such by  
all other good democrats.

Those who thought the  
National democratic plat-  
form of 1892 a meaningless  
document now realize that  
they were mistaken.

It is easier for a camel to  
go through the eye of a nee-  
dle than for a believer in a  
protective tariff to be a good  
democrat.

A large number of more or  
less prominent men would  
be willing to pay liberally for  
the power to recall hastily ex-  
pressed opinions on the Haw-  
aian policy of the adminis-  
tration, and yet a goodly  
percentage of the same men  
"shoot off" their mouths just  
as prematurely at the first  
opportunity.

Powderly has been at the  
head of the Knights of La-  
bor so long that it will prob-  
ably go very hard with him  
to have to go back to work-  
ing for his living.

Failing to get a desired of-  
fice is a mighty poor excuse  
for a man's changing his pol-  
itics; such an excuse indicates  
the absence of political prin-  
ciples.

Gov. McKinley says the  
voice of patriotism alone  
should be heard, which is all  
right enough; but he makes  
the mistake of confounding  
himself with patriotism which  
is all wrong.

The Hawaiian tempest in a  
teapot has simmered down  
until it is away below the boil-  
ing point.

There are some republicans  
who seem to have an idea  
that the presidential cam-  
paign is already on. Better  
turn off some of the pressure,  
boys. You haven't fuel en-  
ough to keep it up for three  
years.

W. K. Vanderbilt evidently  
isn't feeling the hard times.  
He has just started with a  
party of friends for an exten-  
ded eastern cruise in his new  
steam yacht. The estimated  
expense of the voyage is one  
hundred thousand dollars.

If New York City really  
wants rapid transit the mat-  
ter should be turned over to  
Chicago men.

Edwin Gould is going to  
move from New York to New  
Jersey to escape the pay-  
ment of taxes on personal  
property. How philanthropic  
these millionaires are.

The writers who have to ab-  
use Minister Willis for what  
he is doing without having  
the slightest idea of what he  
really is doing have a task  
envied by none.

The Wilson tariff bill is all  
right, notwithstanding the re-  
publican howl against it.  
In fact, that howl is enough  
of itself to convince any dou-  
biting democrat that the bill  
is all right.

The number of employees  
of the agricultural depart-  
ment has been reduced 500  
since Secretary Morton took  
charge. This is in accord with  
democratic ideas of economy  
in public expenditures.

Men prominent in all lines  
of industry believe that the  
scare is over and that from  
now on things will steadily  
grow better.

It would be an excellent  
thing if the professional la-  
bor agitator could be muzzled,  
if not permanently, at  
least until there is greater de-  
mand for labor.

Ex-boss Clarkson hitched  
himself to the tail of the Mc-  
Kinley kite with reckless ala-  
cidity.

## The "Modern Instance."

There is any amount of  
humbuggery about the pro-  
tective tariff business. Mem-  
bers of the present ways and  
means committee recall the  
fact that when the McKinley  
bill was in process of prepara-  
tion one of the largest man-  
ufacturers of steel rails in the  
United States appeared be-  
fore the finance committee of  
the Senate and said that a  
duty of \$8 per ton on steel  
rails would afford ample pro-  
tection to the American man-  
ufacturer. Notwithstanding  
this statement the duty was  
put at \$13 and so remains.

Very recently the Concord  
correspondent of this paper  
quoted Mr. Giles Crowell, of  
that place, who has lived in  
the Argentine Republic, as  
saying that one can buy the  
McCormick binders, Ames  
shovels, and other articles of  
American manufacture 25 per-  
cent. cheaper in that country  
after they have been freighted  
8,000 miles, and paid a du-  
ty there of 35 per cent., than  
they can be bought for here.  
We have all heard the like of  
this before, but it has a kind  
of reality, when we hear it  
from a next door neighbor  
who knows that it never had  
heretofore.

In view of the two forego-  
ing instances can it be won-  
dered at that disgust seized  
ordinary people when the  
manufacturers of steel rails,  
binders and shovels scream  
that the tariff must not be  
touched lest the 'business in-  
terests' of the country suffer?  
Hasn't Congress done about  
enough for these manufactur-  
ers? Isn't it about time for  
it to look after the balance  
of us for a spell?—Charlotte  
Observer.

## A Minister's Farewell.

A reader knows of a coun-  
try minister in a certain lo-  
cality who took permanent  
leave of his congregation in  
the following pathetic man-  
ner:

"Brothers and sisters, I  
come to say good-bye. I don't  
think God loves this church  
very much, for none of you  
ever die. I don't think you  
love each other, because I never  
marry any of you. I don't  
think you love me for you  
have not paid my salary; your  
donations are mouldy fruit  
and wormy vegetables, and  
by their fruits ye shall know  
them." Brothers, I am going  
away from you to a better  
place. I have been called  
to be chaplain of the peni-  
tentiary. Where I go ye can-  
not follow, but I go to pre-  
pare a place for you, and  
may the Lord have mercy on  
your souls. Good-bye.—Rams  
Horn.

## Secretary Foster's Admission.

Press and Carolinian.

Ex-Secretary of the Treas-  
ury Chas. Foster says in re-  
ference to the Hawaiian  
question:

"I don't know that any-  
body knows what has been  
done. Everybody seems to  
take the Gresham letter as ex-  
pressing the administration's  
feelings, and the local con-  
clusion of that letter seems  
to be the restoration of the  
Queen of the islands to the  
throne.

"If that is true, then Presi-  
dent Cleveland has made a  
great blunder. The Gresham  
letter covers everything. It's  
a resume of Blount's report,  
and the point made is that  
the marines landed from the  
United States ships and es-  
tablished the provisional  
government, with the aid of  
the United States Minister,  
and without that kind of  
force the new government  
would not have been estab-  
lished.

"If that is true, then the  
government has been wrong.

"I don't think there is any  
question of doubt that the  
provisional government re-  
presents the great business  
interests of the islands, and  
and they ought to be sus-  
tained. How on earth the  
government can do anything  
else, when the provisional  
government has been recog-  
nized, not only by the Harri-  
son administration, but by  
Cleveland's as well, and how  
he can tear down and put up  
the old I don't know."

Foster said that of course  
no one knows what the in-  
structions of the government  
to Minister Willis really are.  
He considers Willis a very  
able man, perhaps above the  
average, who has had a  
great deal of public experi-  
ence.

"What reports were re-  
ceived by the Harrison ad-  
ministration?" was asked.

"The Harrison adminis-  
tration went on the information  
that the provisional govern-  
ment was established with-  
out any aid from the United  
States authorities, and you  
know that the United States  
Minister was reprimanded for  
acknowledging the independ-  
ence of the government by  
the Harrison administration.  
The business interests of the  
islands were recognized, but  
whether a majority of the na-  
tives were for or against the  
new government was another  
question."

## A Stormy Passage.

Senator Gorman is said to  
be much disgusted at pres-  
ent over the Hawaiian policy  
of the Administration, as it  
is said to be. It is reported,  
how true we do not know,  
that he has held many con-  
ferences with prominent dem-  
ocrats in Baltimore and New  
York. There is a reported  
very strong opposition among  
democrats to the plan  
of Mr. Cleveland, who is un-  
derstood to be resolved upon  
the restoration to power of  
the old ex-Queen, who is a sort  
of fat Biddy and with a bad-  
ly damaged moral character.  
It is said that the disap-  
proval is so pronounced and gen-  
eral as not to be a party ques-  
tion at all. It would be bad  
for the country if it was a  
party question. But the trou-  
ble and the fear are that the  
democrats will be shouldered  
with the responsibility. There  
is talk of opposition in the  
Congress even after the ac-  
tion of the administration.  
A special from Baltimore of  
the 22nd ult., to a N. Y. Dai-  
ly says:

"Some of Mr. Gorman's  
friends have suggested a plan  
as desperate and bold as any  
Cleveland ever devised in his  
own personal interest. It is  
urged that the democrats by  
openly repudiating Mr. Cleve-  
land and his policy may save  
the party from the ignominy  
and disfavor he has brought  
upon it. Senator Morgan, of  
Alabama, chairman of the  
foreign affairs committee of  
the Senate is said to be in fa-  
vor of this course.

Whether it will be endorsed  
by a majority of the demo-  
crats remains to be seen. Pat-  
ronage and power are usual-  
ly irresistible weapons in the  
hands of the President, but  
there is a little doubt that  
the 'Hawaiian episode,' as  
Mr. Cleveland's friends light-  
ly call it, will not be finished  
without exciting and memor-  
able scenes in Congress."

Fat and dusky Queen Lil is  
so confident now that she  
will be restored by President  
Cleveland to her little throne  
that she has ordered new  
court dresses and uniforms  
for her army and ordered her  
waiting women to get their  
robes ready for the event.—  
Wilmington Messenger.

## Equitable Taxation in Sight.

It is safe to say that an in-  
come tax is favored by a ma-  
jority of the ways and means  
committee, and it appears  
that it will be one of the pro-  
visions in the new tariff bill.  
Some of the objections to  
the tax are of almost a pu-  
erile nature. Congressman  
Bourke Cockran, for instance,  
says that an income tax is  
class legislation of the worst  
character because it arrays  
the rich against the poor.  
Tribune agrees with Mr.  
Cockran, and makes this  
point:

The problem is really this,  
whether a small number of  
persons, perhaps one in five  
hundred of the population,  
can be made to pay a large  
part of the taxes for all the  
rest of the people.

Now, it must be evident to  
every thoughtful mind, so

far from being class legisla-  
tion, an income tax is direct-  
ed not against property or  
wealth. In point of fact, it  
is class legislation to have  
no income tax because wealthy  
persons whose property  
is in the shape of bonds, se-  
curities and invisible profits  
are then able to escape their  
just share of taxation. The  
Tribune's idea is hardly  
worthy of serious discussion.  
If a small number of people  
would pay a large share of  
the taxes under an income  
tax, it is equally true that  
the same conditions exist un-  
der our present system of  
taxing property. Would the  
Tribune have the owner of  
ninety-ninths of the real estate  
in a village of 100 inhabitants  
pay only the one-hundredth  
part of the tax levied or  
would it have him pay in  
proportion to his wealth?

There can be but one an-  
swer to such a question. The  
old threadbare argument  
against the equitable income  
tax; advocated by Jefferson  
and satisfactorily tested in  
England during the past fifty  
years, no longer have any  
weight. The Democrats on  
the ways and means commit-  
tee have thoroughly studied  
the subject, and they seem to  
be convinced that the pro-  
posed tax is the fairest mode  
of meeting the deficiency in  
the treasury that will be  
caused by the coming reduc-  
tion of the customs duties.  
Such a tax discriminates  
against nobody. It simply  
carries out the just and ra-  
tional theory that wealth  
should bear its proportion-  
ate share of the expense of  
the government which pro-  
tects it and enables it to ac-  
cumulate and find safe invest-  
ment. It is all wrong to put  
a heavy tax on a man with  
a cottage or a farm and let  
the bondholder with an an-  
nual income of \$10,000 go  
scot free. The country is to  
be congratulated upon the  
growing popularity of the in-  
come tax.—Constitution.

## Coming Back to the Folds.

It is stated that the third  
party will disband and will  
merge into a new party—the  
free silver party. This will  
be news to the third party  
folks in this country, and in-  
deed, it will be news to every-  
body, when we consider the  
fact that the reform move-  
ment is growing (?) so rapid-  
ly all over the State, as is  
stated by the third party pa-  
pers. If the reform move-  
ment is growing as rapidly  
as the third party papers  
say it is, long ago it would  
have swept the State like a  
cyclone. But the fact is, it  
is not growing. We have  
seen it stated by prominent  
men who are in a position to  
know the drift of things, that  
third partyism is on the de-  
cline. However this may be,  
there are, we believe, many  
people who went off with the  
third party and who, seeing  
their mistake, have come  
back to the party from which  
they can get relief—the great  
Democratic party, the party  
of the people. And before  
another year we expect to see  
large numbers of the good  
Democrats who were led off  
coming back home.