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ALREADY SETTLED.

Bristol Courier.

The Atlanta 'Constitution' has given notice that in '96 it will not support any candidate for the Presidency who hails from the eastern states. And as no candidate who fails of securing the powerful support of the 'Constitution' can cherish even a remote hope of election, it follows that the whole matter is virtually settled and if the democratic party hopes to win it must go west or south for its candidate. Not only so, but the party leaders will not dare present the name of an eastern man to the nominating convention.

To our mind this also puts an end to any aspirations after a third term which Mr. Cleveland may be secretly entertaining. There might of course be a popular uprising, such as in 1892 carried Mr. Cleveland to Washington over the protests of the politicians. But Mr. Cleveland had as well understand first as last that dealing with the 'Constitution' is a very different thing from dealing with Tammany and Bourke Cochran. He may therefore get his 'cuckoos' together and set sail for some quiet, sea-girt isle in the political ocean. Already he is falling into 'innocuous Jesuetude,' being, so to speak, 'killed by his own patard.'

We cannot help but think however, that the 'Constitution' has been a little premature in its action. Cleveland is a good man, or at least he is so considered by the masses of the people, and the sin of vetoing the Bland-seignior age bill and pushing through the repeal of the Sherman bill is not so heinous in their eyes as in those of the 'Constitution.' And despite the countless array of statements which the editor fancies are thunderbolts of argument, and the further fact that he is backed up in his editorial utterances by Sam Jones, D. D., and a dozen Georgia farmers, still there are a few individuals left in the back counties and in the villages who have not yet fallen under the weight of the 'Constitution's' sledge hammer logic, and who honestly and demurely, and after mature reflection, have decided that all the evils under the sun cannot be traced directly to Mr. Cleveland's supposed partiality to silver, and who resent the idea that a man who approves the free and unlimited coinage of silver is a traitor and a marplot. It is as clear as a noonday sun to the 'Constitution' that the gold bug is at the bottom of hard times, but there are other men as sincere as Clark Howell, though perhaps not as brilliant, who see difficulties in the way of accepting this theory.

But the time for argument seems to have passed. Clark Howell, has spoken, and no gold bug, nor eastern Democrat nor 'white house cuckoo' need apply. It is perhaps well enough to have the matter settled at once, as it will save a deal of wrangling. The county owes a debt of gratitude to Clark Howell which it will not bestow in repaying. It must be a great

strain upon one man to bear upon his own shoulders the weight of the whole Democratic party. Yet this is what Mr. Howell does. He outlines the party policy, controls the conventions, nominates the candidates, whips in the recalcitrants, and guarantees the success of the party and the property of the county. It was due wholly and solely to his efforts that Cleveland was elected to the presidency; he, and not Mr. Cleveland, is the great popular leader. He is the moulder and maker of Democratic sentiment. He puts men up and pulls them down and no man can say him nay. He is indeed a great and good man. Long live Clark Howell! vive la Constitution.

Morganton Herald: Last Monday Uncle Bartlett Sisk, was in town and as usual held forth to quite a large crowd of friends. Finally he became talkative about politics. "Gentlemen," he said, "I've always been a Democrat and I expect to continue to vote the Democratic ticket even if Congress gives the United States to Canada but this country seems to be getting in a bad shape, a mighty bad shape. Why, sirs, if something ain't done we will be ruled by kings in fifty years—regular kings,—not in name, but in principle. "These times remind me of the old woman and the owl."

A Mother's Duty.

The woman was up before the court for whipping her husband, and as it was not the first time, the Judge was disposed to be severe.

"Prisoner, he said sternly, "you have been here before on the same charge, but knowing the kind of a man your husband is I have been lenient. Now what have you to say? Why do you persist in your conduct?"

"Well, your honor," she said, decisively, "I've got it to do. I have four girls growing up and like as not they'll marry good for nothin' husbands like I did, and, your honor, I am settin' them a good example, that's all," and the Judge let the case go by.—Detroit Free Press.

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North Carolina, Watauga county, In the Superior Court Daniel Yates vs Ida Yates

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga county, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony which now exist between the plaintiff and defendant. And the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the 8th, Monday after the 1st, Monday in March 1894, at the court in said county in Boone, North Carolina and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 20th day of March, 1894.

JOE B. TODD, C. S. C.

One dollar pays for the Democrat one year.

Standard Keeper's Notice. The people of Watauga will take notice that I have procured a room in the court house where I will attend at the commissioners' court the first Monday in each month for the purpose of sealing the weights and measures for the people. The law requires this to be done every two years. J. H. COOK, STANDARD KEEPER.

Times are bound to get better. The people will yet take charge of this government. They will not always submit to misrule. Till they do this, we will have to 'grin and bear it,' but let us do it as cheerfully as we can. N. M. Allen will help all he can by making reductions on his tin-ware, glass-ware, crockery, and hardware.

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