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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

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In this issue we publish a card from John L. Council, in which he severs his connection with the democratic party. He has turned his back upon his whole line of ancestors, and cast his lot with those whom they have fought from their earliest existence, and for what? From principle we hope, but from the tenor of his card one can clearly see that the young man is to tally blind or basely ignorant of the workings of the proposed Constitutional Amendment in North Carolina. If he can show us where one of our "best citizens" will be disfranchised by the Amendment, we will fight it until the sun goes down on the evening of the election. This is all Tommyrot John and you only put such stuff in print to try to ameliorate the crime you have committed, and we urge that you read the amendment before you comment any farther thereon. When you read it for yourself and not rely wholly on the judgment of scheming politicians, it you can find one paragraph therein that will disfranchise a single white man, be he ever so illiterate, we will vote with you in the future. They do say, John, the prospects of a Federal office rather beaded you, and when you received your appointment at the hands of the administration the republican light had to be turned on so that you might discern the figures on your gauging rod and enable you to sign your pay rolls for six dollars per day. Good by, John. May your "figured stick" be a strong prop to you in your declining years, and may your anticipated pleasure in the g. o. p. be fully realized.

A New York Dispatch says that a man by the name of Newan under twenty indictments, and who skipped the country in 1886, has returned and surrendered himself: He went to Amsterdam in Holland and succeeded as a diamond merchant and has returned to settle up if he can. He had defrauded one firm out of \$200,000, and the firm had to assign.

Some of the papers are suggesting that President McKinley appeal to France to vindicate Dreyfus. As he is not likely to gain anything by the effort, but the enmity of France, it would be better to let the affair rest. France has always been kind to us, and it would be best to keep her friendship if we can. While all feel sorry for the persecuted Jew, and in so far as the principles underlying it, yet the United States is powerless to aid in the dark tragedy.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, of N. Y. whose wealth is estimated at \$125,000,000, died at his palatial home last week. His vast wealth could not give him another moment's lease on life, and he died as other men die, and is now on a common level with the millions who have preceded him, and is with them, trying the realities of the great beyond. He surely had all the pleasures of this life.

Some "Ruminations."

Editor Democrat: I have been "ruminating" lately upon the peculiarities of President McKinley as shown by some of his recent acts and utterances.

He is now engaged in a war of conquest and extermination upon the people of the Philippine Islands; using all the means and power of the United States to subjugate a brave and patriotic people—a people whose only offense is that they wish to govern themselves—a people whose government has been modeled after that of our own—a people who, when we needed help and friends, were willing and did lend a helping hand, and no doubt but they saved the lives of many of our brave soldiers in our war with Spain. Yet, our President in a recent speech to returned soldiers, declared it to be his policy to "subjugate the Filipinos for their good" and "with charity towards all." That, within itself, is somewhat peculiar, but recent acts are moreso.

Not long since he sent Gen. Bate to the Sultan of the Sulu Islands and formed or made treaty by a bribe of \$10,000 of the people's money, in which that group of islands became to all intents and purposes a part of the territory of the United States. The treaty binds this government to defend the islands and protect its officers. The Sultan is absolute Monarch, a Mohamedan in faith, a polygamist by practice, having twelve living wives. The government tolerates slavery in its worst form, and encourages piracy, by which the people mainly make their living. Not one of these atrocious practices or customs does McKinley ask them to abandon, thus violating the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

When we "ruminate" upon these things and remember his treatment of the Philippine government, whose head is christian in faith, having but one wife, with a government forbidding slavery and encouraging christianity and with churches in every city, we are wont to exclaim, this is peculiarity or craziness which? H. A. D. Brookside, Sept. 18.

The republican party has at last discovered a counterbalance to conscience and honesty, and that is corruption and the boodle. With this they hope to succeed all over.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF COD-LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES

should always be kept in the house for the following reasons:

- FIRST—Because, if any member of the family has a hard cold, it will cure it.
SECOND—Because, if the children are delicate and sickly, it will make them strong and well.
THIRD—Because, if the father or mother is losing flesh and becoming thin and emaciated, it will build them up and give them flesh and strength.
FOURTH—Because it is the standard remedy in all throat and lung affections.
No household should be without it. It can be taken in summer as well as in winter.

A CARD.

Editor Democrat: My attention has been called to an article appearing in your paper of date Aug. 24, 1899, in which it is stated that "John L. Council, of Vilas, a young man whose democracy has never been questioned, is holding the position of brandy gauger, etc."

I do not know what others think of my democracy. I have voted with the democratic party. I resented the assertion of the republican candidates and speakers made at the last fall elections that the democracy harbored evil doings upon the ballot box, or that they intended to require an educational qualification for the exercise of the election franchise. I knew that the energy and moral qualities of many of our illiterate ancestors had contributed largely to the development of our common country. I knew that the burdens of State had been borne with Herculean strength by men who had made themselves intelligent, worthy citizens, who knew nothing about the elementary principles of English grammar, and in fact, in many instances, by men who could not read and write. Knowing this I was swift to resent any insinuation that the democracy would attempt to degrade this most meritorious class of our toiling tax-payers.

But since the action of our last Legislature in seeking to deprive a large per cent. of our best citizens of their right of suffrage, to claim therefore to be any longer a democrat would be the shereest hypocrisy on my part. I shall fight as with heart and hand, and with every other power God has given me in the beginning of my manhood life these most to be dreaded results. I will never give my consent to the dishonorable proposition to commit the entire election machinery to one party. I will never consent to an amendment to our State Constitution which drives out of existence all political parties except the one governing the election machinery. I believe that the arraignment of our public abuses at the bar of reason is the only hope of this republic. A party that fears this is not brave and unfit to govern a free people.

JOHN L. COUNCELL, Vilas, N. C., Sept. 11, 1899.

Programme.

For Centennial Services to be held with and for the Cove Creek Baptist Church on Saturday before the third Sunday, in Oct., 1899:

- 1. Sermon by pastor at 10:30 o'clock, a. m.
2. History of the Cove Creek Baptist Church, by W. S. Farthing and D. C. Harman.
3. Collection for orphanage.
4. Adjourn for dinner—dinner on the ground.
5. Progress of Baptist principles, by E. F. Jones.
6. Doxology,
7. Benediction.

As the Cove Creek Baptist church is a 'Mother in Israel' all the the daughters are invited to attend these services, viz: Zionville church, formerly called Ebenezer church; Bethel church Antioch church Pleasant Grove church and Brushy Fork church.

Hope all who can will attend. This done in church conference on Saturday before the third Sunday in Sep-

tember. J. J. L. SHERWOOD, E. SWIFT, T. P. ADAMS, J. J. GLENN, Committee.

Robbed The Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken and tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters, and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. per bottle at M. B. Blackburn's.

At the close of the disgraceful trial of Dreyfus in France 4,000 residents of Bologne attended an elevating (?) bull fight to divert their minds. To their very great pleasure, two bulls were killed, two horses crippled and a picador injured. It is reported as being a most enjoyable occasion.

Ease and Dis-ease.

Disease is the opposite of ease. Webster defines disease as "lack of ease, uneasiness, trouble, vexation, disquiet." It is a condition due to some derangement of the physical organism. A vast majority of the "dis-ease" from which people suffer is due to impure blood. Disease of this kind is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, saltrheum, pimples and all eruptions. It tones the stomach and creates a good appetite, and it gives vigor and vitality to the whole body. It reverses the condition of things, giving health, comfort and ease in place of dis-ease.

The Patron and Gleaner says that the time is near at hand when every town in the State will make education as free and wholesome as the air we breathe.

Chronic Diarrhoea Cured.

This is to certify that I have had chronic diarrhoea ever since the war. I got so weak that I could hardly walk or do anything. One bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me sound and well. J. R. Gibbs, Fincastle, Va.

I had chronic diarrhoea for twelve years. Three bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me. S. L. Shaver, Fincastle, Va.

Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Shaver are prominent farmers and reside near Fincastle, Va. They procured the remedy from Mr. W. E. Casper, a druggist of that place, who is well acquainted with them and will vouch for the truth of their statements. For sale by druggists.

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Queen Victoria in her dotage is nursing a fad that she is descended in direct line from King David the Psalmist through Zedekiah's eldest daughter.

Mrs. Lease is to take the stump against William Jennings Bryan. Such news is calculated to give one that proverbial "tired feeling."

Fine Nursery Fruit.

I have on hand a fine lot of fruit trees, such as apples, peaches, pears, prunes etc. etc. I also have a fine assortment of grape vines that are best suited to our climate. If you contemplate buying any trees or vines, I can sell them to you at about one half the price you would have to pay at other nurseries and then you have the satisfaction of knowing what you get. All trees delivered at my nurseries. Trees from three to six feet tall. For further particulars call on or address, W. L. COFFEY, Moretz, N. C.

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