

Watauga Democrat.

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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

It has been, and still is, our intention to give space to short articles touching the Constitutional amendment, which subject is now paramount to all others in North Carolina, as on its success or defeat depends the liberties of the white people within her borders. We repeat, that it is just and right for this matter, in all phases, to be discussed in public print, for, if it is wrong, we, with thousands of other North Carolinians, are anxious to know it, but let us say right here that it will be hard to make any one believe that any white man, be he learned or illiterate, will be debarred from the election franchise by its workings, or that negro supremacy in North Carolina should be perpetuated. But to the point. From time to time we have been publishing some strong anti-amendment articles by Wiley A. Harman, which we gladly did, but now we have before us another article from the same scribe of considerable length, that is nothing more or less than a rehash of the matter contained in the former letters, and with the best of feelings for our correspondent we most politely decline to publish any more matter for him until he can get some new ideas on the subject, at which time we will be ready to give them publicity.

Some of the republican papers in North Carolina have taken the privilege of copying some anti-amendment articles that have appeared in our columns, crediting the same to the DEMOCRAT, without publishing our comments that have always gone out with those articles, thus putting us on record as being against the amendment. The papers, to be sure, have the right to copy the articles if they wish, but we would be glad for them to state that the sentiment contained therein are entirely in opposition to those of the DEMOCRAT, for it will fight to a finish for white supremacy in North Carolina, and always be found ready to denounce as false the pie-eater's cry that the illiterate white man will be disfranchised. The scheming republican politicians are playing on this string, not because of their sympathy for the illiterate whites, but for the sake of again riding into power in North Carolina by the aid of the negro vote. Only this and nothing more.

The case of Brigham Roberts, Congressman-elect from Utah, is causing quite a sensation in congress these days. His case, with all the petitions, evidence, etc., touching it, is in the hands of a committee, and from present indications he will never be allowed his seat. Our sympathies have all the while been with Roberts, but if the charges of polygamy, unlawful cohabitation, etc. be true, he is indeed a vile wretch and to seat him in the halls of Congress would be a blot on our government. But it seems to us that the proper time to have defeated him was at the polls.

In Memory of Hardin Baldwin.

Died at his home at Blowing Rock on the morning of Dec. 5, 1899, Hardee Baldwin. Hardee was about fourteen years old and lived with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Will Austin. He was ill less than forty-eight hours, and very few of the neighbors knew of his sickness; none knew or thought he was dangerously ill, and his death was a great shock to all.

He was a most excellent boy; had many friends and had few, if any, enemies. He was one of those bright, cheerful fellows, whom you are always glad to see, as he ever came with a smile and when he left you were sure to ask him to come again. He was good and kind to all, and a favorite with his playmates. He was honest, truthful and trustworthy.

In his death Blowing Rock loses a useful, noble boy, and there is a vacant chair around the fireside and a void in the hearts at home that none can fill. He will be missed by many, but by none more than (except in his immediate home) than by this poor scribe, who writes this humble tribute to his memory.

Although the day was cold and bleak, a goodly number of his friends and relatives followed his remains to the grave and there mingled their tears together.

We cannot now understand why one so young, so kind, with such bright prospects should be taken from us, but we sorrow not, for we know that whatsoever our Heavenly Father doeth is for the best, and that all will be revealed in the great hereafter. Then let us dry our tears and try so to live that we may meet Hardee in that world where there is no more death.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me write blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth sayeth the spirit, yea, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." C. J. B. Blowing Rock, Dec. 8.

Is Baby Too Thin?

If so, there must be some trouble with its food. Well babies are plump; only the sick are thin. Are you sure the food is all right? Children can't help but grow; they must grow if their food nourishes them. Perhaps a mistake was made in the past and as a result the digestion is weakened. If that is so, don't give the baby a lot of medicine; just use your every-day common sense and help nature a little, and the way to do it is to add half a teaspoonful of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

to the baby's food three or four times a day. The gain will begin the very first day you give it. It seems to correct the digestion and gets the baby started right again. If the baby is nursing but does not thrive, then the mother should take the emulsion. It will have a good effect both upon the mother and child. Twenty-five years proves this fact.

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Letter from Ridsen, N. C.

Seeing such a nice letter in your last issue from Rev. I. W. Thomas, of our county, induces me to write a few items from this section.

Wheat is looking nice and green for Christmas.

Julius Coffey is manufacturing and shipping a quantity of cider. He says he has an order for 2,000 gallons.

Elijah Moore and wife have moved to Colletsville to occupy a nice cottage, leaving Walter and Bettie in charge of the home place.

There are from eight to ten thousand feet of lumber being hauled to the railroad daily from Mulberry;

Can any one in Watauga beat Caldwell's 574 pound hog butchered by John Coleman?

We bid all Watauga's good citizens who wish to come to our county a hearty welcome.

If our friend 'H. A. D.' who said in your last issue "Give us Roberts," and Roberts should happen to come and take his wife, daughter or sweetheart, as the case may be, he would then "Give us a shot gun, please."

A. M. MAST. Ridsen, Dec. 11.

A Correction.

Editor Democrat.

I saw in your locals of Nov. the 26th that for fear of danger when the stars should fall one of Watauga's teachers dismissed school on Saturday, but will begin again on Wednesday if nothing serious should happen. If I am the man referred to, it was not the fear of danger that caused me to dismiss, but it is well known by my neighbors and school patrons that I am in bad health and am teaching near five miles from home; have four motherless children left at home and no one with them, some of them being small I expected they would be frightened if anything unusual should occur, so I wanted to be at home with them on that night and not being able to go back and forth so much, I stopped until Wednesday. This accounts for why my school stopped. E. N. Miller.

Another negro, Dick Coleman, was burned alive at Maysville Ky. on Dec. 6th, for the murder of Mrs. Rushbrook. This lynching business is the blackest stain on Columbia's fair name. Pres. McKinley has again repeated his ideas on this subject in his message to Congress. He says, "That lynching must not be tolerated in a great and civilized nation like the U. S. Courts and not mobs must execute the penalties of the law." This seems to be just and right.

Miss Kate Halley, of Laurel Hill, Richmond county, died Saturday night of typhoid fever at the State Normal and Industrial College. Hers made the eighth death from the fever since the epidemic began.

John I. Blair, one of the richest men in the United States, died at his home in Blairstown, N. J. Saturday night, after an illness of several years. He was 97 years old, and left \$60,000,000.

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You best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen clear brain high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

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Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The trust magnates throughout the United State must have snickered in their sleeves when they read the arraignment of trusts in the President's message. They know he doesn't mean it.—Landmark.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, random feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaho, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It give me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at M. B. Blackburn. Every bottle guaranteed.

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W. C. Coffey 19 days at \$2.00 per day	\$38.00
Total	\$38.00
W. L. Holsinger 17 days at \$2.00 per day	\$34.00
Trav 221 miles at 5 cts per mile	\$11.05
Total	\$45.05
A. Ruten 18 days at \$2.00 per day	\$36.00
Trav 288 miles at 5 cts per mile	\$14.40
Total	\$50.40

BEST FOR THE BOWELS

If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're sick, or will be. Keep your bowels open, and be well. Force, in the shape of violent physic or pill poison, is dangerous. The sweetest, easiest, most perfect way of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take

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KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN

It is kind in Japan to allow our army and men route to Manila to stop and browse in her back yard. Thus the innocent but festive mule becomes the connecting link to strengthen the friendship between that country and this. At least President McKinley seems to think so.—Raleigh Post.

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NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Lucinda Wall, I hereby notify all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same duly authenticated within twelve months from the date of this notice or it will be plead in bar of their recovery. Nov. 16, 1899.

L. D. LOWE, Executor.

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