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**COL. JOHN D. CAMERON.**

We saw it stated in the Raleigh Chronicle last week that the above name gentleman will be a candidate for Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives. Col. Cameron, was Clerk for six consecutive sessions, and discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all. We see no reason why he should not be elected again.

While editor of THE RECORDER and other papers of the State, he did a power of good, and those that were guilty of wrong doing smarted under his sentences.

Since boyhood he has enjoyed the confidence and respect of the people of the State, and especially of Orange and Durham counties. Nothing would give us more pleasure than to see this venerable gentleman occupying the position of Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives of North Carolina. A better man can't be found.

**THURMAN HONORED---HIS ADDRESS.**

**Cleveland's Great Speech.**  
The Philadelphia Times of the 13th inst., says:

"Seventy-seven years ago Allan G. Thurman was born in Lynchburg, Va., and to-night at Columbus, Ohio, the anniversary of that event was celebrated by one of the greatest political banquets that this country has ever seen.

After the toastmaster, John J. Lentz, chairman of the club, had rapped the great crowd to order the speaking began, and in response to the toast, "Our Guest," Judge Thurman, who was greeted with another outburst of applause when he arose, said in part:

I am not here to-night to make an elaborate speech. I am here to express in a few sentences my heartfelt appreciation of the honor you have so kindly seen fit to do me; to thank with my whole soul my neighbors, my fellow-citizens of Ohio, and the distinguished gentlemen from other States for their mark of friendship and esteem. I am here, at the age of 77, to repeat my testimony, so often given, of my confidence in the beneficent effects of free institutions and my firm belief of their duration on this continent and their gradual but certain extension over other and larger portions of the globe. I hope that it is not presumptuous in me to say that I think that I have some of the necessary qualifications of a witness on the subject.

Short as my life has been in comparison with the lives of nations, it has been long enough to see my native land, under free institutions, increase in population more than sevenfold; in wealth in a far, very far, greater degree; in extent of territory more than double its area; in the general well-being and prosperity of its people and in their educational advantages and religious privileges without a rival in the world, while its magnificent works of internal improvement, its wonderful agriculture, its great mines and manufactures and its marvelous means of communication, the creation of science and skill surpass anything before known by the human race.

**THE CHANGES HE HAS SEEN.**

And in these same seventy years the Constitution of nearly every government in Europe has been ameliorated by the introduction of more liberal principles. Central and South America have become a congeries of republics, Canada and Australia are substantially republics without the name, and even in the far East Oriental Japan becomes more free and liberal with each revolving year. And more marvelous, yet light seems to be breaking over benighted Africa, and men of sanguine and philosophic disposition are predicting, without exciting ridicule, her redemption from her barbaric sleep of centuries. In a word, freedom seems to be gradually circumnavigating the globe, and proud thought for us, the polar star of the navigator is our own Republic of the United States. What I have said may seem to some like extravagant optimism. If so, I have only to reply that I have always preferred optimism to pessimism, and common sense to both.

My friends, it is seventy-one years since, at six years of age, I became a citizen of Ohio, and have been one of her citizens from that day to this, and I will no doubt remain one of her people until I shall be laid in my final resting place on earth, under her sod.

It would be the performance of a grateful duty on my part to speak of the uniform kindness that I have received from the people of this State, of the honors they have conferred upon me beyond my deserts, of the numerous and dear friends I have made, and whose attachment can never be forgotten for a moment or remembered without emotion of the distinguished men of Ohio whom I have seen and with many of whom I was intimately acquainted, and of the just pride with which I have witnessed the wonderful growth of the State until her name is known and commands respect throughout the whole civilized world.

**NOT A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE.**

Before I conclude there is one statement that I feel it my duty to make. In one of our town papers a few days ago I saw my name suggested as that of a proper candidate for the Presidency or Vice Presidency in 1892. I regretted very much to see the suggestion, for appearing in a paper known to be very friendly to me, and published in the place of my residence, it might naturally be suspected by strangers that it was inspired or at least, approved by me. But such was not the fact. I had no idea that such a suggestion would be made until I saw it in this paper. My friends, let me say to you, in all sincerity and without the least mental reservation, that I am not nor shall ever again be a candidate for office. I have been sufficiently honored by my party and neither ask nor desire any further than continued friendship and good will. Gentlemen, I have said enough, more, indeed, than I expected to say. Once more, let me return to you my sincerest thanks. You have gladdened the heart and brightened the footsteps of an old man, your devoted servant.

measure which invades every home in the land with higher prices declares that "cheap and nasty go together, and this whole system of cheap things is a badge of poverty; for cheap merchandise means cheap men and cheap men mean a cheap country," indignantly repudiate such an interpretation of American sentiment. And when another one high in party councils, who has become notorious as the advocate of a contrivance to perpetuate partisan supremacy by outrageous interference with the suffrage, announces that "the cry for cheapness is un-American," we scornfully reply that his speech does not indicate the slightest conception of true Americanism.

**THE COUNTRY BETRAYED.**

What was the occasion of these condemnations of cheapness and what had honest American men and women done, or what were they likely to do that they should be threatened with the epithets "cheap," "nasty" and "un-American?" It is hard to speak patiently as we answer these questions. Step by step a vast number of our people had been led on, following blindly in the path of party. They had been filled with hate and sectional prejudice; they had been cajoled with misrepresentations and false promises; they had been corrupted with money and appeals to their selfishness. All these things led up to final betrayal to satisfy the demands of those who had supplied the fund for their corruption.

This betrayal was palpable; and it was impossible to deny or conceal the fact that the pretended relief tendered to the people in fulfillment of a promise to lighten the burdens of their life, made by the party entrusted with the government, was but a scheme to pay the debts incurred by the purchase of party success, while it further increased the impoverishment of the masses.

The leaders of the party which was caught in the act of robbery and which was arraigned by the people for a violation of its trust were forced by their sad predicament to a desperate expedient. To attempt to reverse the current of true Americanism and discredit the most honorable sentiments belonging to American manhood were the disgraceful tasks of those who insulted our people by the announcement of the doctrine that to desire cheapness was to love nastiness and to practice economy and frugality was un-American.

Thus do we plainly see that when the path pointed out patriotism and American citizenship is forsaken by the party in power for schemes of selfishness and for unscrupulous conspiracies for partisan success, its course inevitably leads to unjust favoritism, neglect of the interests of the masses, entire perversion of the mission of Republican institutions, and, in some form, to the most impudent and outrageous insult to true American sentiment.

And first of all we should be profoundly grateful that the elements which make up the strength and vigor of American citizenship are naturally related to our situation and are so simple. The intrigues of monarchy which taint the individual character of the subject; the splendor which dazzles the popular eye and distracts the attention from abuses and stifles discontent; the schemes of conquest and selfish aggrandizement which make a selfish people have no legitimate place in our national life. Here the plain people of the land are the rulers. Their investiture of power is only accompanied with the conditions that they should love their country, that they should jealously guard and protect its interest and fair fame, and that all the intelligence with which they are endowed should be devoted to understanding of its needs and the promotion of its welfare.

These are the elements of American citizenship, and these are the conditions upon which our free institutions were intrusted to our people in full reliance, at the beginning and for all time to come, upon American manhood, consecrated by the highest and purest patriotism.

**THE QUESTION OF CHEAPNESS.**

Upon the question of cheapness and economy, whether it relates to individuals or to the government, the Democratic party, true to its creed and its traditions, will unalterably remain attached to our plain and frugal people. They are especially entitled to the watchful care and protection of their government; and when they are borne down with burdens greater than they can bear, and are made the objects of scorn by hard taskmasters, we will not leave their side. Thus when the question is raised whether our people shall have the necessities of life at a cheaper rate, we are not ashamed to confess ourselves "in full sympathy with the demand for cheaper coats;" and we are disturbed by the hint that this seems "necessarily to involve a cheaper man or woman under the coats."

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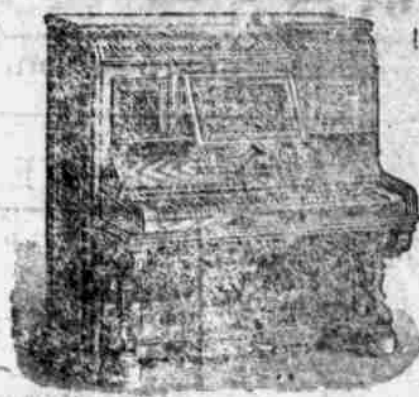
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